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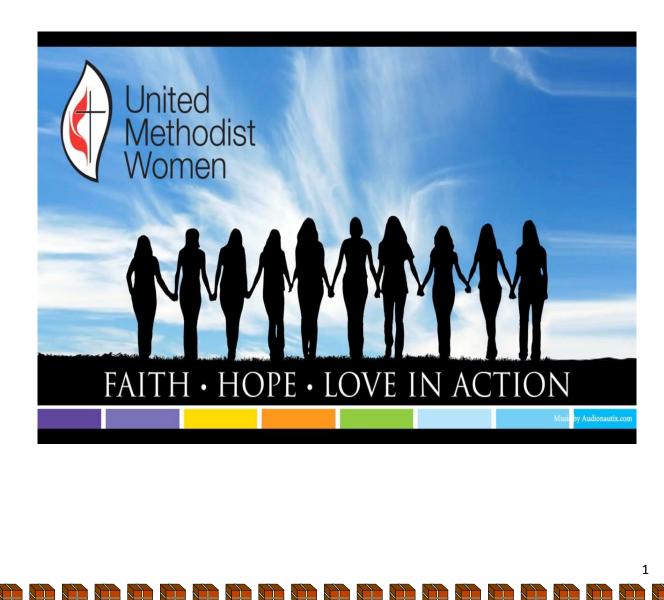


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Grace and Peace to You, my United Methodist Women Sisters!

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth." Isaiah 40:28 (NIV). Have you ever seen a spectacular sunset? There was one recently which continued for over 40 minutes, painting the western sky with canvas after canvas of cloud formations, colors and light. It took my breath away and had me giving thanks again and again for God's amazing creation! Our God is truly an AWESOME GOD!

As we travel along life's road, we puzzle over how there can be such beauty in this world, but also such ugliness. We, as United Methodist Women, are purposed to expand concepts of mission by pushing back on the ugliness around us and instilling hope wherever and whenever possible. One way to do this very thing is to attend the upcoming Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day event. On March 5, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., at Asbury UMC in Annapolis, United Methodist Women are teaming up with The Baltimore-Washington Conference Advocacy and Action Network to again offer the opportunity to visit with our State Legislators on issues near and dear to our hearts: Criminal Justice: School-to-Prison Pipeline; Environmental Care; and Immigrant Rights. Workshops will be offered and appointments will be made with our legislators in order to make our wishes known. Please see the registration form included within this newsletter.

I recently had the opportunity to attend Greater Washington District's Legislative Day event, held at Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. The three areas presented were Voter Registration, Voter Suppression, and the upcoming USA Census. If you would like to view the 37-minute documentary entitled "Suppressed: the Fight to Vote", by Robert Greenwald, please copy and paste this website into your web browser:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03DGjnlkTdl The speakers were very informative, and encouraged those of us in attendance to, in turn, encourage our neighbors, friends and church members to register to vote. We were also informed that each household will receive a letter in mid-March regarding the Census, which happens every ten years here in the United States. The letter will have instructions on how to fill out the questions online, or by telephone. We were reminded to complete these questions on or before April 1. Otherwise, we will be visited by Census takers at our homes so that all persons living in the United States can be counted. Census statistics are used, in part, to determine what services and programs are provided for neighborhoods in need.

It is with a joyful heart that I inform you that our Cumberland-Hagerstown United Methodist Women local units will be receiving this issue of the Flame through the gracious efforts of Penny Gaver ("Miss P"), BWC District Administrator of the C-H District. Thank you, Penny! Your Conference UMW Leadership Team will continue to take steps to involve and rebuild our C-H District Leadership for our UMW Sisters in our most Western regions.

Remember, there is still time to register for our Northeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women "Calling u" event, coming up on April 24 – 26, 2020, to be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in downtown Baltimore. This exciting gathering will give us the opportunity to gather, learn, and worship with our UMW sisters from all over the Northeastern United States. Don't delay! Visit the following website to register and reserve your hotel room. https://nejumw.org/

May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless and keep you and yours this day!

Linda S. Yost, President LJYost@verizon.net 410-239-0429 (h) or 443-605-8295 (c)

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

March 2020

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory for the great things God has done, is doing and will continue to do in and through us!

I would like to remind our readers that Lent begins Ash Wednesday on February 26, 2020. I encourage you to participate in a Lenten study or read a Lenten devotional to deepen your Spiritual Growth. Our response magazine also reminds us to visit the United Methodist Women website for Lenten reflections to help us prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Visit unitedmethodistwomen.org/lent

Plan now to attend Mission u, July 24-26, 2020. This annual event is an opportunity to spend time in worship and in-depth study of current issues impacting society with music, prayer, sharing, exploring and food for the body and the soul. Mission u is for women, men and youth. Registration information is included on pages 20-24 in this newsletter.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women



who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This will occur on Friday, March 6, 2020. The theme for the 2020 World Day of Prayer is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," and is written by the WDP committee of Zimbabwe. The theme is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. Jesus asked, "Do you want to be made well?" You are faced

with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. Attend a local event or visit worlddayofprayer.net for additional resources to host a World Day of Prayer gathering.

On another note, I had the opportunity to attend ROCK in Ocean City and once again witnessed the excitement of thousands of youth singing and worshiping God together. Lives were touched, and hearts were changed. Please offer prayers, embrace, support and encourage the young folks who attended from your church so that they can grow in their spiritual walk.

Blessings,

Rita Green Spiritual Growth Coordinator ritamgreen@hotmail.com



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2020 READING PROGRAM

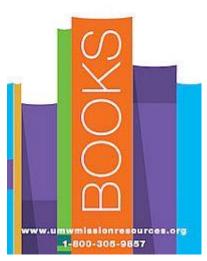
2020 **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM**





Reporting Form Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

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Please click on this link www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

Contact: Tangela Terry Secretary of Program Resources 443-694-0468 Mst2136@yahoo.com

FAITH * HOPE * LOVE IN ACTION

Hello District Education and Interpretation Coordinators,

There are numerous upcoming issues, activities and events that are directly or indirectly related to United Methodist Women. As we remain focused on our Purpose and Mission, we move forward as women of faith.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference Advocacy & Action Network and United Methodist Women are partnering to present the Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day, scheduled for March 5th, registration deadline – February 28, 2020.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women is having a "CALLING u ... EVENT" in April 24 – 26, 2020 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. Workshops are filling up fast. On-line registration is available.

In 2020, United Methodist Women General Conference Legislation will include (4) four new petitions to General Conference. For more details, refer to the Response Magazine: January/February 2020 issue.

The 236th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Church, 2020 Annual Conference will be held on May 27th – May 29th. One of the foci of the session will include General Conference's decision on "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation:" United Methodist Women will remain the primary mission institution for the church.

Mark on your calendar, support and plan to attend, the upcoming Mission u scheduled for July 24th – July 26, 2020, at the Bethesda Marriott. Continue to be cognizant of the importance of Mission Giving, Mission Today and Diversity Today. Support our Mission Projects and Mission Initiatives.

"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7.

Barbara Terry, Coordinator Education and Interpretation babswrightterry@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave..." Ecclesiastes 9:10 NKJV

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Welcome 2020!!!! In this new year, it is a great time to begin building our membership and reaching out to units to tell them the good news! The Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:4-42 boldly stepped out of her comfort zone to invite her community to Christ. We, too, must purposely reach out to churches in our districts and encourage them to take on the work that God has called us to! God is using us to build up His church, empower and transform the lives of women. We can never stop reaching out to a hurting world. Here we find a place to nurture faith, experience community and put faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth. (Adapted from United Methodist Women Handbook 2017-2020).

The Census 2019 link is open. The deadline for entering local unit membership count is Friday, March 30, 2020. The Census 2019 Link can be found on the United Methodist Women's website or the direct link: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019.

The Census is more than just numbers. The United Methodist Women are organized to inspire, empower, and equip, as well as connect more people to Jesus. We are part of a community that demonstrates the love of God in action. We have opportunities to create units or renew a unit, create circles of younger women or give youth opportunities to build community while learning about what mission is. Get your District in Gear and Be Counted, **this is the time to reach** out, roll up your sleeves, work with all your might, and continue building **membership in God's Kingdom.** Grace and Peace.

Daphne L. Hurd, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator (Appointed) daphnelhurd@icloud.com (410) 235-0103 (H) (410) 627-7877 (C)

COMMUNICATIONS



The ability to communicate effectively is essential. As United Methodist Women, we must know how to effectively convey and receive messages in person as well as via phone, email, and social media.

We should develop the following skills and use them daily:

- 1. Listening
- 2. Nonverbal Communication
- 3. Clarity and Concision
- 4. Friendliness
- 5. Confidence
- 6. Empathy
- 7. Open-Mindedness
- 8. Respect
- 9. Feedback
- **10. Picking the Right Medium**

Once we develop these skills, we should use all of them to introduce others to the United Methodist Women's Ministry Team.

Kim Marie Walker Communications Coordinator-BWC-UMW Burrwalker123@gmail.com



GREETINGS FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



The Nominations Committee is already busy at work looking to fill leadership positions. Membership will be voting on a new leadership team slate at its October 24 meeting. Elected members will then begin their work in January 2021. Before you see that slate, though, we're sure you want to know what positions we are looking to fill. We are looking for lovers of Christ who want to be servant leaders as part of our executive leadership. Specifically, we are looking to fill the immediate position of Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. Additionally, we are looking for Nominations Committee Members (3), Spiritual Growth Coordinator (1), and Education and Interpretation Coordinator (1) who will begin work January 2021. If you are interested, feel free to reach out to the incumbents and learn what the position "really" entails. You are also welcome to reach out to any nominations team member. Don't forget to complete your talent bank form and send it to us.

Pamela Roxanne Aulton, Chairperson Nominations Committee palexana@hotmail.com

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Areas of Special Issue or Concern

Secretarial	Recruiting Members	Publicity
Communications	Social Issues	Workshops
Computer	Creativity	Newsletters
Accounting/Bookkeeping	Recording Minutes	Retreats
Organization of Details	Public Policy	Music
Nominations	Public Relations	Youth
Program Planning	Community Building	Children
Administration	Inclusiveness/Pluralism	Other (specify)

Which office(s) on the Conference United Methodist Women's Team are you most interested in holding, given the opportunity to serve?

President	Membership Nurture & Outreach
Vice President	Social Action
Secretary	Spiritual Growth
Treasurer	Program Resources
Chair of Nominations	Communications
Education and Interpretation	
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Committee on Nominations

a. Membership

The committee will be composed of no fewer than three (3) members, including the chairperson.

b. Functions

The committee will:

1) Gain an understanding of the mission emphases and organizational form of the unit and the responsibilities of each office.

2) Work throughout the year to identify women for leadership roles in the local unit.

3) Ensure that the elected leaders of the unit and members of the committee on nominations reflect the diversity of the membership within the unit. Elements of this diversity include but are not limited to age, race, marital status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, sexual identity, gender expression, disabilities and employment in and outside the home. (Representation for racial and ethnic groups in proportion to their membership should be seen as a minimum requirement.)

4) Secure leaders for subgroups as requested by the leadership team.

5) Make nominations to fill vacancies that occur ad interim.

c. Meetings The committee will meet at least semiannually and on call of the chairperson.

Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Leader empowers women to understand, interpret and participate in United Methodist Women's mission with women, children and youth, and outreach of the church, as well as engage in raising funds for mission and outreach. She will:

- promote and interpret the need for Mission Giving to fund the program of a. collective mission outreach of United Methodist Women with women, children and youth;
- b. work with district mission coordinators for education and interpretation, provide resources and conduct training at least annually;
- develop and promote strategies for engaging in and growing Mission Giving c. at all levels of United Methodist Women:
- d. understand and interpret United Methodist Women mission projects and concepts of mission including the changing roles of mission personnel in The United Methodist Church;
- inform United Methodist Women members of transformative educational e. opportunities including Mission u and Leadership Development Days;
- f. promote mission studies, local mission opportunities, Mission u, Leadership Development Days, United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs, mission encounters/ Ubuntu Journeys and supply material resources for mission programs and projects;
- promote and utilize United Methodist Women print, online and audiovisual g. resources to tell the mission story;
- serve on the conference Board of Global Ministries and work with the h. conference secretary of Global Ministries on mission education and interpretation (The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016, ¶633.2); and
- serve on the following committees: Leadership Team, Program, Finance, i. Membership and Mission u.

https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/membersleaders/responsibilities/ education-interpretation

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Leader coordinates opportunities for spiritual and theological development as related to mission. She will:

a. understand and communicate the connection between personal spiritual development and mission as expressed through social and global involvement;

b. organize and promote special times and events for worship, prayer and meditation such as A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, ecumenical worship, retreats and devotions at meetings;

c. incorporate language and images into worship that are inclusive of and affirming to women, people of color, people with disabilities and thoughtful toward native peoples and social climates;

d. equip women to engage in and lead biblical, theological and doctrinal study, utilizing the annual spiritual growth study, issues of response, New World Outlook, the Program Book, Prayer Calendar, Reading Program, and "Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task" in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016;

- e. develop and curate spiritual growth resources (e.g. devotionals, worship services, retreat ideas, books, websites, etc.) to share with other units;
- f. attend each of the following events at least once during the course of her term: Leadership Development Days, Mission u, National Seminar and Assembly;

g. establish relationships with local and district stakeholders (nonprofits, local churches, primary and secondary schools, etc.) that undergird the missional focus of United Methodist Women for the purpose of extending our reach and impact within our communities and the world:

h. serve as contact person for district spiritual growth coordination leaders, provide resources and conduct annual training as determined by the Leadership Team and maintain a database of member names, emails and addresses; and

> j. serve on committees as recommended by the Leadership Team.

https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/responsibilities/spiritual-growthcoordinator

Northeastern Jurisdiction

Calling all Phenomenal Women of the Baltimore Washington Conference! The Northeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team sends greetings of grace and abundance to you. Well sisters, we are coming down the home stretch! Bags are being stuffed, t-shirts and program books printed and workshops have been planned. All we need now is **YOU**! Come celebrate with women from Maine to DC and beyond at the Northeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial **Event** April 24-26, 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront! You are Called to BE, Called to SEE, we are Calling YOU!

There is still time to register and much of the feedback that we've been hearing from participants who've done so already is that this is great because the event and hotel accommodations are all under one roof so come on down and park and get your praise on as we celebrate the **150 year** legacy of <u>United Methodist Women</u>! Visit <u>www.nejumw.org</u> to see the planned schedule of events, profiles of our workshop facilitators and links to event and hotel registration. The price for the event is now \$375 and that includes 2 breakfasts, lunch and dinner along with access to festivities on site and some dynamic workshops. Cokesbury Books and many of our National Mission Institutions will be on hand as well. So please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see and hear our keynote speaker, **Jennifer** Crumpton who is the author of Femmevangelical The Modern Girl's Guide to the Good News, which is one of the books featured in our reading program!

Event registration kicks off at 8:00am on Friday April 24th with Ubuntu experiences starting promptly at 9:00am at some of the historical places of American Methodism; The Susanna Wesley House, Lovely Lane UMC, Sharp Street UMC and Old Otterbein UMC. We also have an Ubuntu experience at the hotel for those who would like to work on gathering, sorting and packing items for the mission project which is **The Neighborhood Well.** For those attendees who are not participating in an Ubuntu experience, don't worry! We've got something for you! The Quadrennial meeting opens at 6:00pm on Friday evening with a parade of flags and worship. Come tour our exhibit area for all kinds of interactive displays and vendor spaces along with networking with new and old friends. And as always we are looking for a few good people so if you are interested in volunteering please contact us at

northeastern@unitedmethodistwomen.org. Emails will be going out soon to those who have already volunteered communicating schedules and assignments so please watch your email for more info. Registrations have

been brisk and a few of our programs have sold out but not to fret! We've added two new workshops so please visit www.nejumw.org to register for the event and hotel stay. Again, Cost is \$375 for the event and registration closes on March 31st 2020!!!

As I close this letter, I can't tell you how excited I am to be celebrating the legacy of 150 years of United Methodist Women putting Faith. Hope. And Love in Action and I want to do so with you. So grab a sister/friend and sign up to share in what I hope and pray will be an **AWESOME** event. Here's to 150 more years!

God Bless You,

Mikele Haskins-Delmore, Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW Vice President

Mission u

The United Methodist Women Mission u prepares leaders for faithful living and action through mission studies in geographical, topical/issues and spiritual growth. These studies are designed to transform the lives for those who participate: women, children and youth, helping them to become motivated, informed and enriched in global ministry as they show faith, hope and love in action.

At Mission u, we grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context as we "learn together for the transformation of the world." This year's studies include: Spiritual Growth –"Finding Peace in an Anxious World" for adults and "Managing Anxiety" for youth. The issues study is "Pushout- the Criminalization of Black Girls in School".

A Special Publication: "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" will again be offered.

We encourage you to go on the conference website and register for Mission u and spread the good news that males are welcome to attend Mission u 2020, July 24-26, at Bethesda Marriott Hotel, Bethesda, Maryland.

Thank you for responding to the call for submitting the names of instructors for the Mission u school. Because of your connection we have selected outstanding teachers with spiritual gifts and experiences.

Mission education is essential in deepening spiritual growth and understanding of how God is at work in the world. Remember, the inward work of spiritual growth increases the outward expression of mission, as we engage in study, reflection and action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:13.

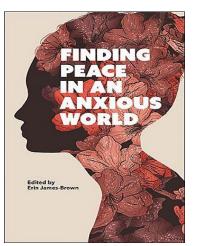
Peace of God. Elizabeth M. Stemley, Dean Mission u

Women – Men – Youth (grade 7-12)

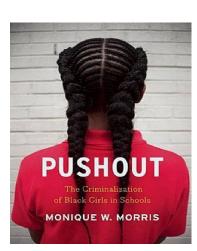
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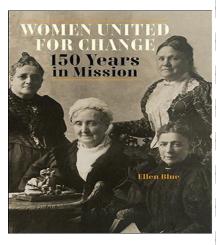
Each year, United Methodist Women and the BWC Abundant Health Ministries sponsors a weekend where participants prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. This year's studies are:



Finding Peace in an Anxious World explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ.



The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools study will raise awareness of this crisis in the lives of Black girls, thereby providing an opportunity for missional engagement and social justice advocacy by Christian women, congregants, and the community of faith.



First offered 2019, "Women United for Change" dives into the exciting 150-year history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. Learn what women organized for mission accomplished for the church and the world—you might be surprised!

DEAN - Elizabeth Stemley - 443-850-8544 or estemley1190@comcast.net DEAN, YOUTH SCHOOL - Sharon Milton - 301- 404-6628 or law2be@hotmail.com REGISTRAR – Rita Green – 301-330-9828 or ritamgreen5@gmail.com

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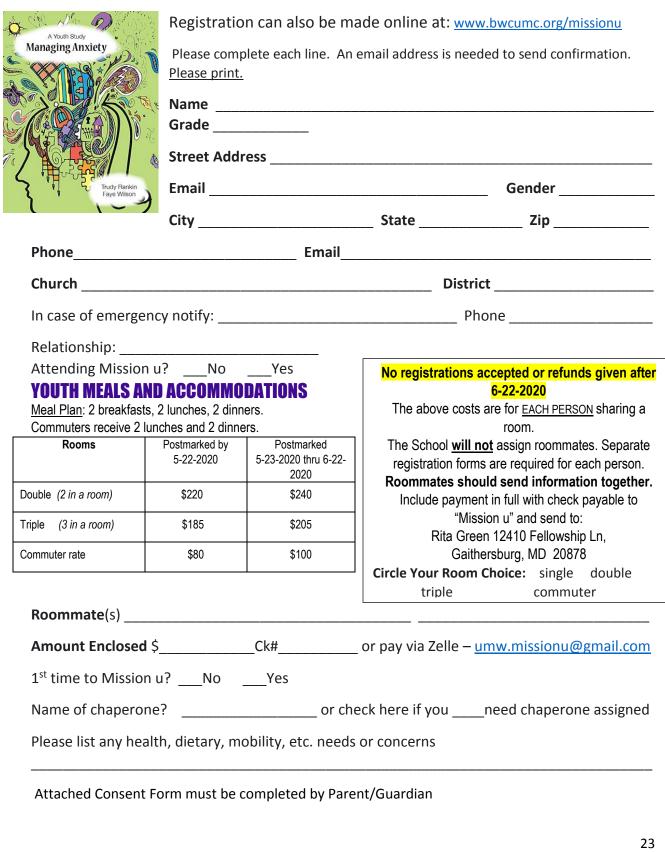
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Single (1 person)	\$430	\$450	registration forms are required for each person. Roommates should send information together.
Double (2 in a room)	\$320	\$350	Include payment in full with check payable to "Mission u
Triple (3 in a room)	\$285	\$305	and send to: Rita Green 12410 Fellowship Ln,
Quad (4 in a room)	\$270	\$290	Gaithersburg, MD 20878
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Managing Anxiety

Baltimore-Washington Conference MISSION U YOUTH REGISTRATION Adults should complete a separate Adult registration form



Mission u Consent Form

To attend and participate in activities sponsored by MISSION u /Youth School July 24-26, 2020. We (I) authorize an adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under general or special supervision and on the advise of any physician or dentist licensed under the provision of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or tretment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection withsuch medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to the authorization. Should it be necessary for our (my) child to return home due to medical reasons, or otherwise, the undersigned shill assume all transportation costs. The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) child to ride in any vehicle designated by the adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in activities sponsored by MISSION u. I consent to the use of my child's image or voice in photographs, audio and/or video recordings taken during the course of the event for the purpose of promoting MISSION u.

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BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Greetings from the Baltimore Metropolitan District where we are committed to honoring the **PURPOSE** of the United Methodist Women. The mission team and I continue to be committed to using our time, energy and effort to help make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth who are living in an unjust society. I continue to thank God for our collective spiritual growth and for a deeper understanding of how important the United Methodist Women are.

Our Annual training and mini Mission u were held at Eastern United Methodist Church on January 25th. I and the entire team wish to thank the ladies of that unit for hosting. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to health issues. Thank God for a very capable and willing Vice President, Denise Fitzgerald, who stepped in and made things happen. Denise reported that the team members stepped up and assisted her with anything needed. The women of the Baltimore Metropolitan District are true examples of the commitment it takes to be a United Methodist Woman. Thanks, my sisters and God bless!!

Each time I have the opportunity, I continue to feel compelled to make this statement. "Like many Districts we continue to struggle to get some of our units more involved. It is very true that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37. There are so many areas of need in our communities and in our world. Women, children and youth are crying out for help. I and my team members are praying to the Lord of the harvest to send us more workers. Women of the Baltimore Metropolitan District that have not been very active, please contact me or any District team member as soon as possible to get involved. We need you."

As a District we still continue to reach out to local units to assist in starting and or reinstating units. Several units are also asking for "refreshers" and the team is more than willing to do any of the above. In the very near future we will be reaching out to Chase and Essex United Methodist Women. If you need just ask.

Love & blessings

Gwendolyn Brooks-- gwndlynbrooks@aol.com President – Baltimore Metropolitan District

BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT

Peace and Love to all of my UMW Sisters!

Hope all of you have enjoyed the winter months. I personally cannot wait until Spring! It's the time of year you start to think of cleaning out old things and freshening up to welcome in the Spring!

"Spring breathes new life into the world around us."

The BSD UMW has planned the scheduled for 2020. We are all set for our Annual Spring Prayer Breakfast on April 4, 2020 at Ames UMC. Our theme will be UMW 101/Racial Justice; we will be refreshing all of our Units with new energy for the 2020. Please come join our District! Please contact me for all the details.

The BSD UMW goal again this year will be to rejuvenate the Churches in our District that are not active.

Let's continue to pray for one another and work together in building our Legacy!

Faith, Love and Hope!

Robin J. Henry, President, BSD 443-904-3954 Robinh386@gmail.com

"Listen to yourself and in that quietude you might hear the voice of GOD" Maya Angelou

Spotlight on the Districts

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT – Your Conference UMW President was invited to participate in an Officer Installation Service at Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Severn, MD. Jeanette Thomas, President of the local United Methodist Women unit, graciously hosted this event along with her welcoming team of officers. A bonus for me was the recognition of a new member who was joining the unit on the same day. Kudos, and keep up the good work!

BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT – Robin Henry, President of the Baltimore Suburban District, and your Conference UMW President were asked to conduct a Pledge Service and Officer Installation at St. Matthew United Methodist Church Turner Station in Dundalk. Olivia Lomax, President of the local United Methodist Women unit, and her team, welcomed us with radical hospitality.

WE WOULD LOVE TO PUT <u>YOUR</u> DISTRICT IN THE SPOTLIGHT! LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR UNITS ARE DOING WITHIN THEIR CHURCHS AND COMMUNITIES FOR PUBLISHING IN OUR NEXT FLAME. 

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EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE

Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Women Fifty-Sixth Anniversary Celebration and Silent Auction

> at Holiday Inn College Park 10000 Baltimore Avenue College Park, MD 20740

Hosted by the Greater Washington & Washington East Districts

Save the Date: May 2, 2020 - 11:30 AM



We are asking each UMW Unit to participate by making up a Basket or Shoebox with a special theme to be auctioned off at the end of the luncheon. All proceeds will go towards the Scholarship Fund for our Missioner-in-Residence, Wesley Theological Seminary

Committee Members for Silent Auction are:

Susan Howes, Hospitality Chair, 1-410-257-3210 - showes@chesapeake.net Gertrude White, President, 301-656-9116 - trudytil@aol.com Korla Frye, E&I Coordinator, 301-333-9257 - <u>fryekorla@ymail.com</u> Willa Kynard, Member, 202-716-8898 - msk3334@yahoo.com
Ellen Davis, Nominations Chair, 202-431-4804 - <u>davisellen39@gmail.com</u> Ellizabeth Stemley, Member, 1-443-850-8544 - estemley1190@comcast.net

EPWORTH HOUSE SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 2, 2020 11:30 a.m. Holiday Inn College Park, 10000 Baltimore Avenue College Park, MD 20740

The Epworth House Mission Project of the United Methodist Women of the Baltimore-Washington Conference provides financial support to an International Sister attending Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

The annual scholarship is administered through the seminary and there is an opportunity for you to become involved. You can make a \$5.00 donation for each special person you want to honor/remember. The patron names will be published in the Epworth House Program booklet at the Spring Luncheon, Saturday May 2, 2020

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Please make check payable to Epworth House Mission Project and mail to:

Jane Grays 7118 Piney Woods PI Laurel, MD 20707-9457

Patron sheets (see below) must be received by April 13, 2020.

Please contact <u>Ladyjanegra@aol.com</u> for additional information.

Print or	Type All	Information

Church Name	Contact Person
Telephone	

Name of the Person Honored/Remembered donation

Person making

Ex. Remembering my mother Flora Thompson

Jane Grays

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BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UMW SCARVES!!!!

As you plan for the Northeastern Jurisdiction in Baltimore MD April 24-26, 2020, don't forget to place your order for the BWCUMW scarf. We want to be seen from all over the Marriott Waterfront Hotel Harbor East! Orders can be taken at any time. The more scarves ordered at one time, the more the cost is reduced.



The costs are listed below: Checks should be made payable to BWCUMW

Amount	Cost
1-25	\$25.00 each
26-100	\$22.00 each
101-200	\$20.00 each
201 and more	\$18.00 each

Send your orders to:

Colleen F. Cates 5493 Moores Run Dr Baltimore, MD 21206-3703 410-488-539 (home) 410-598-9470 (cell)

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Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day 2020



Baltimore-Washington Conference

Advocacy & Action Network and United Methodist Women

Criminal Justice - Environmental Care - Immigrant Rights "School- to- prison pipeline"

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Wear RED!

Advocacy Training, Issues Discussions, Office Visits with Legislators,

General Assembly Hearings

8:30 AM: Gathering, Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 2 PM: Legislative Day Program Activities

Light Lunch/ Transport as needed to Lawyers' Mall

Asbury United Methodist Church

87 West Street

Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Rev. Dr. Carletta Allen, Pastor

Questions: Linda Yost, President, BWCUMW, LJYost@verizon.net Make sure to bring your photo ID.

Or Jeannie Lee Panesi, Social Action Coordinator, BWCUMW, jeannie53147@yahoo.com

..... Registration Form – deadline Feb. 28th

Name_____email_____

Workshop choice______Appointments with legislators will be made on 3 issues above.

Church

_____ Church District_____

<u>Registration Fee</u>: **\$12.** Send the Registration Form with a check made payable to BWC UMW to Jeannie Lee Panesi, 515 Crabb Ave., Rockville, MD 20850

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National Office of Mission Ministry

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Donation: \$18.69 + \$1.00

Checks payable to: National Office UNW [Call contact person for address] MARCH 28, 2020

BWC Mission Center

2.00 pm

RSVP/Contact. Daisy Farmer 240-533-6448