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Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women

MISSION TODAY UNIT CHECKLIST FORM

Your Unit May be a Mission Today Unit! How many checks can you make?

- ___ 1. *We met our Unit's Pledge / Sent our Unit's Pledged amount to the District Treasurer.
Note: This criteria is required for Bronze, Silver, and Gold certification.
- ___ 2. *We used the *Prayer Calendar* at each of the general meetings.
- ___ 3. *We have at least 2 members who subscribe to *Response* magazine.
- ___ 4. *We are a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- ___ 5. *We used the *Program Book* at least twice during the year.
- ___ 6. *We conducted at least one Mission Study per year.
- ___ 7. *We had at least two members attend the Mission u school.
- ___ 8. We had at least two members (other than district or conference officers) attend each of the district or conference sponsored events.
- ___ 9. We wrote to / e-mailed five (5) persons in the *Prayer Calendar* at least twice a year.
- ___ 10. We added at least two members to our membership roster.
- ___ 11. We implemented the *Charter for Racial Justice* in at least one suggested way.
- ___ 12. We implemented at least one initiative using resources from National Office United Methodist Women's Website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.
- ___ 13. We have a *Response* moment at each meeting as a way to tell the mission story.
- ___ 14. We have at least two people from the unit, circle, or subgroup who completed one of the *Reading Program Plans* and reported on one of the books read.
- ___ 15. We focused on children at least once with actions that support children and youth, e.g., mentored/tutored students; sponsored a Children's Sabbath; or other children's initiatives.
- ___ 16. We had at least one person join the *United Methodist Women's Action Network* to receive and respond to legislative information.
- ___ 17. We had a district or conference officer who was not a member of our unit come to one of our unit meetings during the year.
- ___ 18. We have not used Styrofoam products during the year and are taking steps to become a "Green Unit".

NOTE: Required for Gold, Silver, or Bronze Certification: (1) Criteria #1 (Met the Unit's Pledged amount); (2) and any additional four (4) of the 7 asterisked (*) Criteria/items.

BRONZE Certificate: For Units that have completed eight (8) to (11) of the above criteria.

SILVER Certificate: For Units that have completed twelve (12) to fifteen (15) of above criteria.

GOLD Certificate: For Units that have completed sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) of above criteria.

(Mission Today Checklist: BWCUMW, May 2015)

Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Women
Mission Today Unit Checklist - Examples of Mission Activities
(Ideas for Meeting the Requirements of the Checklist)

Note: This is *an optional guide* with suggestions designed to help identify actions that can be used to meet the 18 stated requirements of the Mission Today Unit Checklist at the Baltimore-Washington Conference Local UMW Unit Level. **DO NOT** forward or attach this document when submitting completed Mission Today Unit Checklists.

- **Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one suggested way:** Have a member attend special Charter Program events, e.g., 2015 Charter for Racial Justice Seminar, Blackstone, VA; Have unit members participate in on-going Voter Registration drives within our Conference; Invite diverse ethnic groups to participate in your unit activities; Identify upcoming programs of other diverse UMW units and arrange to attend them; Ensure your unit officers are as diverse as feasible; Review the BWC UMW Diversity Today Unit Checklist; Plan your units mission activities and support to accommodate various ethnic groups within your community; Sponsor a one half hour or one hour program on the Charter for the congregation, etc. [Item 11]
- **Focus on children at least once with actions that support children and youth, e.g., mentored/tutored students; sponsored a children's Sabbath or other children's initiatives:** Send UMW representative (s) to UM Church's annual ROCK Program in Ocean City, MD; Lead an activity in your local church that educates children and prepares them to participate in worship services, such as Women's Day, or Youth Day; Work with other church groups to sponsor a Children's Sabbath service, or use another occasion to present portions of the Children's Sabbath program; Contact community elementary schools to mentor children in reading and math during after school programs once or twice a week; Lead a vacation Bible school program for Children at your church; Donate school supplies to children in elementary and middle schools at the beginning and in the middle of the school year; Participate in local Christmas Angel Tree program for children with incarcerated parents; Sponsor a youth to the *Mission u* Youth School. There are so many more, Think, and then Act! [Item 15]
- **District or Conference Officer not a member of the unit come to a unit meeting during the year:** This one's easy! Are there specific areas of focus you would like a District or Conference Officer to discuss or provide information on to members of your unit, e.g., membership, nurture and outreach responsibilities, reorganization of your unit, UMW funding and mission activities, priority UMW social justice issues, special programs, UMW projects, etc.? Invite the desired officer, she will be delighted to attend your meeting and to answer any questions you may have. Another option is to invite district and conference officers to your local unit annual meetings, and you may wish to have an officer participate in the annual meeting, as well. [Item 17]
- **Five Star Unit contributing to all 5 channels of Mission Giving:** This one is specific: The 5 channels are (1) Pledge to Mission (2) World Thank Offering (3) Mission Recognition (4) Gift to Mission and (5) Gift in Memory; The unit's Education and Interpretation Coordinator or President will obtain leaflets on the 5 Channels of Giving (undesigned giving) from the UMW Resource Center to educate members and to ensure your Treasurer forwards to the district Treasurer monies designated for each of these 5 categories. Easy! [Item 4]
- **Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting (includes officers and members of your local unit):** The Program Resource Coordinator will obtain the Calendar from the UMW Resource Center. Use it to: Send cards or write to missionaries, staff members and retired persons; Appreciate and use the magnificent art displayed in the Calendar as display items; Focus on UMW National and International Mission Institutions and visit one in our vicinity; Identify where the UM Church is in mission and consider matching your efforts to one of these areas; Follow the daily scriptures and use them for your meetings and special programs; Share with the Unit UMW and UMC global mission emphases. [Item 2]

- **Two (2) members subscribe to response:** *response* is the mission magazine published by the United Methodist Women National Office. The unit is responsible for covering the cost of *response* for the education and interpretation coordinator, and may pay for other officers' subscriptions, also. *response* can be received by mail, and a new option is to subscribe to the on-line (digital) version at a lower cost. [Item 3] Easy!
- **Used the Program Book at least twice during the year:** The Program Resources Coordinator will obtain the Program Book from the United Methodist Women's Resource Center. Use it to personalize or adapt templates for programs your unit plans for the year, e.g. World Thank Offering, Pledge to Mission, A Call to Prayer and Self Denial Services, among 9 others; Use the 2015-2016 Program Book's theme service "Growing in Blessedness" to help your Unit share in a Program implemented across the United Methodist Women organization. [Item 5]
- **Conducted at least one Mission study a year:** Conduct a study emphasis each year including one or more of the current Mission u programs, or any other issue which the unit may choose or select. Design and implement the annual mission study effort to cover a minimum of one half to one full day session. Studies *could* address issues such as environmental justice, discovering Latin America, immigrant justice, criminal justice, women's issues, human trafficking, economic justice, etc. Consult district and conference officers, as needed, for support with study topic development, identification of guest speakers, and other program support. [Item 6]
- **At Least two members attend the Mission u school:** A unit should state in its By-Laws how it will support attendance at Mission u. This should include how much of the cost the unit will cover for designated persons, e.g., pay all, or a percentage of costs, or no cost reimbursement. All members and officers should be encouraged to attend Mission u, and units are encouraged to also sponsor youth to Mission u. Remind all that a commuter option is also available at a lower cost. [Item 7]
- **Two (2) members (other than district or conference officers) attend each of the district or conference UMW sponsored events:** These include annual meetings, prayer breakfasts, legislative events, designated retreats, UN Seminars, etc. Obtain a copy of both your district and the conference UMW calendars for use as a basis for developing your local unit's calendar so you will be able to arrange attendance at these events. [Item 8]
- **Wrote to / emailed at least five (5) persons in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year:** Send birthday, holiday and other greeting cards; email a brief prayer to recognize a birthday; send a Mission Recognition or Gift to Mission for mission personnel, UMW scholarship recipients, UMW and General Board Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church staff, and retired Deaconesses, Missionaries and Home Missionaries; Use www.twitter.com/UMWWomen and @UMWWomen to get daily birthday and prayer reminders, also. [Item 9]
- **Have not used Styrofoam products and taking steps to become a "Green Unit":** Purchase items that are recyclable and/or use washable dishes and utensils; visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climatejustice to obtain information on becoming a "Green Unit" and Sustainability. [Item 18]
- **Response moment at each meeting to tell the mission story:** This should be the responsibility of the education and interpretation coordinator, but may be done by anyone so designated. Purpose is to share with the Unit mission topics, special articles, President's message, tips on how to use Response, and much, much, more, to enhance awareness of UMW's mission impact here and around the world. [Item 13]
- **Implemented at least one initiative using resources from National Office United Methodist Women's Website:** www.unitedmethodistwomen.org: Visit the United Methodist Women website to find every resource you need to support your UMW activities: Action Alerts, UMW organization, staff information, mission projects, mission stories, grants and Mission Giving programs, leadership and training, educational support; mission institutions,

workshop resources, news items, priority issues, photographs, videos, other training materials, and so much more. Go there! [Item 12]

- **Added at least two (2) members to membership roster:** Be aware of women in your local church who are not members and share UMW information at intervals; Invite nonmembers to participate in your meetings and programs; Know that a person may become a UMW member who is not a member of your local church; Ask your district Membership, Nurture, Outreach coordinator for assistance. [Item 12]
- **Had at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information:** At minimum, the unit social action coordinator must join the UMW Action Network, and several other officers/members should join, also. Visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org to sign up, and while there, sign up for specialty networks, as well. Remember, any officer or member can, and is encouraged to, sign up for the UMW Action Network to receive both hard copy and email Action Alerts. Easy! [Item 16]
- **At least two (2) people from the unit completed one of the Reading Program Plans and reported on one of the books read:** Ensure awareness of all members of the Reading Program, the books and reading levels available; Have books on hand at meetings and programs;. Let members know how they can get the books; Request that persons who read books provide brief summaries at meetings as soon as books are completed. [Item 14]
- **Met our Unit's Pledge / Sent the Unit's Pledged amount to the District Treasurer.** There is no substitute for this requirement. This criteria must be met for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Mission Today Unit Checklist Certification. A Unit cannot qualify for Mission Today Unit Certification at any level unless this requirement is met. [Item 1]

Note: All local UMW Units participating in the 2016 *Mission Today Checklist* must complete and submit the *Mission Today Unit Checklist* dated May 2015 to the District UMW Education and Interpretation Coordinator or District President.

Prepared by Ann Price, Education and Interpretation Coordinator
BWC United Methodist Women, February 10, 2016

Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Celebration!

Theme: "Embracing Mission and Outreach through Love in Action"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 – 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Baltimore Metropolitan District hosting at:

TOWSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
501 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21286



REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST REFRESHMENTS – 9:00 A.M.
PROGRAM – 10 A.M.

VOICES FROM THE DISTRICTS – IMPACT OF OUR UMW INITIATIVES

LUNCH – 12:15 P.M.

AFTER LUNCH VISIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center, 7601 Osler Drive, Towson, MD 21204 - Department of Pediatrics to deliver infant hats
- Genesis Healthcare Center – 7700 York Road, Towson, MD 21204 to deliver lap robes
 - Please bring, as you are able, knitted or crocheted infant hats;
 - Knitted, crocheted or quilted lap robes;

OR

REMAIN AT THE CHURCH TO ASSEMBLE BIRTHING KITS FOR UMCOR

- Please bring items for Birthing Kits (see next page)

REGISTRATION SLIP- Conference UMW Annual Celebration – Oct. 22, 2016

BOX LUNCHES PROVIDED BY PANERA BREAD - \$10.00

NAME(S) _____

TURKEY _____ TUNA _____ VEGGIE _____ TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE SEND RESERVATION AND PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 12TH TO

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BALTIMORE, MD 21216

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL:
LINDA YOST, CONF. VP AT 410-239-429
GWEN BROOKS, PRESIDENT BMD AT 410-325-1325



BIRTHING KITS

UMCOR Birthing Kit

Birthing kits provide essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good aftercare.

All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations.

Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more. **DO NOT** include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.

These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

ITEM	QUANTITY	NOTES
small bar of soap	1	1 oz. to 2 oz. size do not remove from original packaging; small bars such as those found in hotels are acceptable.
gloves	1 pair	latex, surgical or thin rubber; gloves are not required to be sterile
clear plastic sheeting	1 square yard	<u>plastic must be 4 mil. thick;</u> plastic trash bags and shower curtains are not acceptable
cotton string	3	12-inch long pieces; must be clean; secure the pieces of string by bundling and tying them together; no yarn please
single edge razor blade	1	must be covered in paper or cardboard and taped to the bar of soap to prevent injury; no regular shaving razors please
receiving blankets	2	Thin fleece or flannel, 30" x 30" to 32" x 32" no heavy fleece blankets please
plastic bag	1	one-gallon size, sealable bags only

Fold the plastic sheeting and blankets so they will fit easily into the plastic bag.

Lay the loose items on top of the blankets and plastic sheeting.

Slide all items into the plastic bag. Squeeze the air out of the bag and then seal it.

The Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar

About Blanche Powell

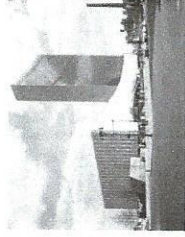
Blanche Powell was a member of the United Methodist Women with a passion for justice for all. She had an openly passionate view of the United Nations as a workable hope for peace, and was thoroughly committed to the UN and to the will of God. She became a Women's Division (now the UMW National Office) Director and was a United Nations' interpreter for the Women's Division. With roots in the Women's Society for Christian Service in the Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, Ms. Powell served as a Mission Team member at every level of the United Methodist Women's organization. She was an outstanding elder stateswoman within the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Women. Today, Blanche Powell continues to stand as an exemplary role model for women all over the world.

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New York City!

UN Seminar 2016

Join us again this year for another exciting United Nation's Seminar in New York City. Added attractions include:

- Tours of the United Nations Building
- Sunday Radio City Music Hall 2016 Christmas or Broadway Show Matinees
- Radio City Music Hall's 2016 Christmas Shows on Sunday or Monday Evening
- Holiday Shopping in the Big Apple
- Sightseeing in New York City

And, remember, an important point is that we can participate in UN Seminar 2016, and return on Tuesday, Nov 22nd to prepare for Thursday's Thanksgiving festivities!

Bus Parking Information:

The bus departs promptly at 7:30 AM Sunday, Nov 20th from Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 5602 Johnnycake Road, Baltimore, MD 21207 (Rte 40 & Johnnycake Road). The approximate return arrival time for the Bus in Baltimore on Tuesday, Nov 22nd, is 7:30 PM. For door to door directions, use your GPS or MapQuest on-line. You will receive additional directions when your registration is confirmed.

Blanche Powell Memorial United Nations Seminar 2016

Baltimore-Washington Conference



"Mass Incarceration"

Sunday, November 20, 2016 -
Tuesday, November 22, 2016

The One UN New York Hotel
One United Nations Plaza
New York, New York 10017

United Methodist Seminars
The Church Center for the UN
777 UN Plaza, 8th Floor
New York, New York 10017
Phone: (212) 682-3633
Fax: (212) 682-5354

WELCOME!

Clergy and laity, men and women, young adults and youth, are invited to attend the Baltimore - Washington Conference Seminar by United Methodist Women. This seminar will seek to develop and build on our understanding of mass incarceration in the United States and explores why we must fight the crisis of incarceration as a racial justice issue. It will include a basic overview of the statistics, conditions and racial and economic causes and consequences of mass incarceration. The seminar will also explore the reasons for the growth of the prison industry including aspects of privatization, the immigrant detention system and the "school-to-prison pipeline." The United Methodist Seminar Program is a joint program of the National Office of United Methodist Women and the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS).

2016 UN Seminar Topic
"Mass Incarceration"

Make checks payable to **BWC UMW**.
 Send registration Form / Check to:
 Zilpha Pinkney, Registrar
 6705 Ellerson Street
 Clinton, MD 20735

If you need additional assistance, please contact:
 Any UN Seminar Committee Member
 See contact list for telephone#

ACCOMMODATIONS AND FEES

Included in the cost is a \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee. The fees include hotel costs, bus transportation, UN Seminar fee, hotel porterage, and baggage storage for late check-out, with a one bag maximum, per person.

Note our low early bird rates, and the **TWO** options for double occupancy!!

	(Early Bird By Oct 03 rd)	OCT 04 - Oct 22
Double (2 in Room) (One King Bed)	\$335.00	\$365.00
Double (2 in Room) (2 Double Beds)	\$335.00	\$365.00
Triple (3 in a Room)	\$355.00	\$375.00
Quad (4 in a Room)	\$375.00	\$395.00

Notes:

Above costs are to be paid by each person sharing a room. A separate registration form is required for each person. Registrations are on a first come-first served basis.

Each person must submit both a registration form and payment before being registered for the UN Seminar.

The Committee is not responsible for assigning roommates. Persons sharing a room must identify roommates on each registration form. Roommates should send their forms together.

The ONE UN New York Hotel is located across the street from the Church Center for the United Nations. We ask that you not contact the hotel directly.

We will confirm your registration with information on the Seminar after we receive your registration form and payment.

Bus and hotel accommodations are for persons attending UN Seminar 2016 only.

SEMINAR 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ / (CELL) _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

CHURCH _____

DISTRICT _____

ROOM CHOICE:

Double: 1 King Bed _____ OR 2 Dbl Beds _____

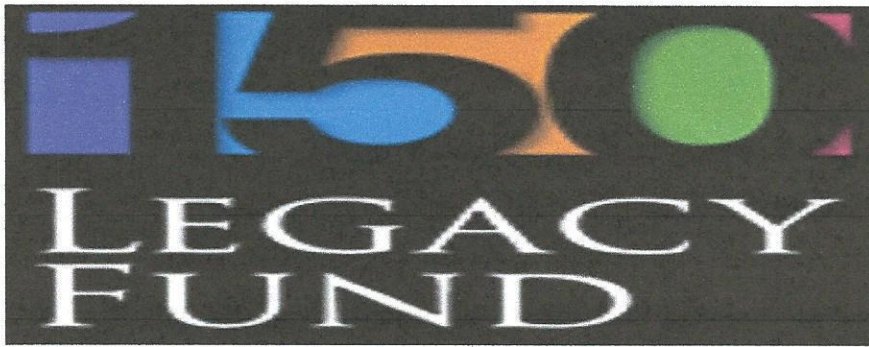
Triple _____ Quad _____ Single _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ CK# _____

ROOMMATE(S): (Each person must submit a separate registration form.) _____

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Laity _____ Clergy _____ Female _____ Male _____ Youth _____
 First Time attending UN Seminar? Yes _____ No _____
 United Methodist Woman? Yes _____ No _____



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**Women of God in UniTea fanning into flame the gift of
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*2ND Timothy 1:6 "for this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which
is in you..."*

Psalm 133:1 "how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Sat. Dec. 10, 2016 at 11 a.m.

at

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE CENTER
11711 East Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759

\$15.00 donation per person/purchase a table for ten persons at **\$10.00
donation** per person

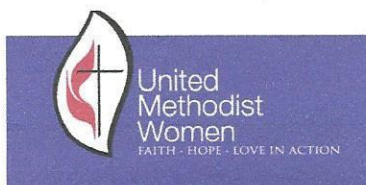
*We encourage all to join us for a Prayer Brunch & Social for and with our Young
Women as we celebrate 150 years of mission and prepare for the next 150 years of
mission work.*

United Methodist Women Legacy

We are excited to celebrate the past 150 years of mission work, and need to prepare for the next 150 years of commitment to mission. We can imagine the challenges our daughters and granddaughters will face as they take on the legacy of UMW. Partner with us and help us prepare a firm foundation so the next generation can affect real change through missions.

United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God's mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world!

Join us for our UMW Legacy Brunch & Social on December 10, 2016 at the BWC Conference Center!



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Scones, Prayer,
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**What we as UMW do:
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Grow * National
Outreach * Global
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