

## **BWC-UMW MARCH 2017 FLAME NEWSLETTER – PART II**

1. Flyer of Epworth House Mission Project Committee's Annual Luncheon – Saturday April 8, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. Gertrude White, President & Committee
2. Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW Conference Projects February 2017 – Ann Price, Education & Interpretation Coordinator
3. Baltimore-Washington Conference UMW - Mission Today Checklist Form – Ann Price, Education & Interpretation Coordinator
4. Baltimore-Washington Conference, UMW Mission Today Unit Checklist – Examples of Mission Activities (Ideas for Meeting the Requirements of the Checklist) – Ann Price, Education & Interpretation Coordinator
5. Photo – Leadership Development Days in Charlotte with the National United Methodist Women's President, Shannon Priddy Rita Green, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
6. 1869 Campaign Presentation, John Wesley- Waterbury UMC, Crownsville, MD – Daisy Farmer, BWC Liaison, Legacy
7. UMW UniTea Youth Brunch, December 10, 2016, Baltimore-Washington Conference Center –Daisy Farmer, BWC Liaison, Legacy
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# EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE LUNCHEON



SATURDAY, April 8, 2017  
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost: Early Bird March 11, 2017 - \$35.00  
After March 11 - \$40.00

Final Deadline will be March 25, 2017

Theme: "A Call To Community"



"HATS ON PARADE"



Put on your pretty **SPRING BONNET** and join in the hat parade.  
Hats will be judged and prizes awarded.

**Everyone is encouraged to wear shades of green!**



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Please return your reservations by **March 11, 2017** for the Early Bird special, **\$35.00** to Jeanette Tolbert-Campbell, 2711 Judith Avenue, Forestville, MD 20747. After **March 11**, cost will be **\$40.00**. **Final Deadline: March 25, 2017.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please contact Jeanette Tolbert-Campbell at 301-967-6577, or Gertrude White at 301-656-9116.

**Baltimore-Washington Conference  
United Methodist Women**

**Conference Projects  
February 2017**

- 1. Baltimore Parish Work, Baltimore City, MD. Contact Person: Barbara Daniels, 410-922-1235.**  
Provides a unique opportunity through financial aid to enhance day camps and summer enrichment programs for youth and provides support to feeding programs, such as Manna House and Jacob's Well.
- 2. Epworth House Mission Project, Washington, DC. Contact Person: Gertrude White, 301-656-9116.**  
Provides yearly support to a selected female from overseas at Wesley Theological Seminary. The student serves as a Missioner-in-Residence and promotes a sharing experience between the UMW and the women overseas.
- 3. Family Crisis Resource Center, Cumberland, MD. Contact Person: Taness Cline, 301-759-9246.**  
Provides shelter and counseling to victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault/abuse through intervention and prevention. Hotline: 301-759-9244.
- 4. Scholarship Fund, Baltimore-Washington Conference. Contact Person: Pamela Randall, 410-257-7132.**  
Provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of United Methodist churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Applications are only accepted on-line at <http://:bwcumc.org> from January 4 thru March 1.
- 5. Shenandoah Women's Center, Inc. Martinsburg, WV. Contact Person: Kate Spriggs, 304-263-8822.**  
Provides counseling and shelter for sexually assaulted and abused women and children in the Tri-County West Virginia area.
- 6. Shepherd's Staff, Westminster, MD. Contact Person: Brenda Meadows, 410-857-5944.**  
Provides emergency services to children, adults, families, seniors, and homeless persons in a spirit of compassion and respect. A few of the services are financial assistance, medical necessities, food, and clothing.
- 7. Susanna Wesley House, Baltimore, MD. Contact Person: Isabelle Obert, 410-837-3787.**  
Provides group living in a home-like setting to nine women with a modest income and their children. The women are provided schooling, job training, and counseling.
- 8. YWCA Domestic Violence Counseling, Arnold, MD. Contact Person: Molly Knipe, 410-626-7800.**  
Provides individual and family counseling, computer training, parenting education, mentoring, after-school programs for at-risk children, and emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Domestic Violence Hotline: 410-222-6800 / Sexual Assault Hotline: 410-222-7800.

## 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](http://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 (undesignated 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/UMWomen](http://www.twitter.com/UMWomen) and @UMWomen 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](http://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](http://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](http://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



Elizabeth, Sabrina and Rita at Leadership Development Days in Charlotte with National United Methodist Women's president, Shannon Priddy



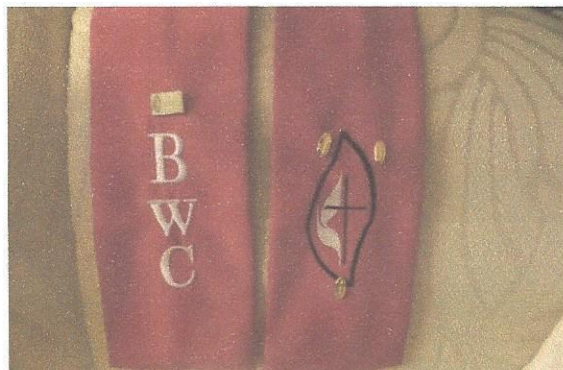


**1869 CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION  
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**UMW Unity Youth Brunch, December 10, 2016  
Baltimore-Washington Conference Center**

**BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE SCARVES!!!**



As you plan for the Assembly 2018 do not forget to place your order for the BWCUMW scarf. As a conference, we want to be seen from all over the convention center! Orders can be taken at any time. The more scarves ordered at one time, the cost is reduced.

The costs are listed below: **Checks should be made payable to: BWC-UMW**

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

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**PURPOSE**  
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**The United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.**