

Purpose

The United Methodist Women is 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.

Fall 2019

A Note From Mary Anjo-President

We are so blessed to live where we do, in the beautiful Finger Lakes. In the spring, we see the Earth come to life as trees, flowers, and shrubs burst forth with new life. Summer brings the beauty of ripening grains, vegetables, and fruits. Then a rainbow of colors spreads across the trees. Finally, we move into winter with its own mystery. Who hasn't been thrilled to wake up after a snowfall and look out at a sparkling clean world? I was reminded of these blessings while listening to a favorite hymn, "O, Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works Thy hands have made...." Often in our busy everyday lives we forget to just stop. Look around and see God. He is revealing Himself to us in so many ways. Let's ask ourselves and each other, "Where did we see God today?" When we take time to consider our incredible, awesome God, then we can't help but sing, "How Great Thou Art!"

A Note From Sylvia Mitchell-Spiritual Growth Coordinator

I always think of fall as a time of new beginnings. Our summer habits are changing to a new pattern in our lives. If you do not already use the Upper Room devotional for daily bible reading, this might be a nice time to begin this. I have read the Upper Room scripture suggestion and the short essay while I have my breakfast. This has been my habit for many years. I encourage you to start your day with this closeness to God's word.

A Note From Wanda Clement- Social Action Coordinator

As we look at our society these days, we will find many single women and men trying to raise their children. Our country, as well as other countries, is in need of support for these families. Parents are unable to work or get decent jobs because there is often no one available they can trust to watch over their children while the parent goes back to school or searches for, then engages, in a good-paying job.

We need to step forward and encourage our communities, agencies and government officials to provide decent places for these children to go. Children need nourishing snacks and/or meals, help with their studies, and people they can talk to about problems.

We need to write and/or talk to our town, village, state and federal representatives to help provide funds and people so this can be accomplished.

I encourage all of you to use your voice to help make this possible for all families. Let it be within our churches and/or by writing letters to government officials. We need to make this change come about.

A Note From Marcia Waterman- Communications

I encourage you to participate in upcoming United Methodist Women opportunities in the 2019-2020 year, some with new formatting.

First, the UNY Conference UMW annual meeting is now a **one day event** at the UNY UMC Conference Center, Liverpool on September 21. (See page 9.)

The following Saturday, September 28 will be our FLD UMW meeting at North Rose UMC with a very timely program on Suicide Prevention by two Wayne County Department of Mental Health Specialists. (See page 10.)

We encourage you to mark your calendars and consider attending the Jurisdiction UMW meeting in Baltimore, MD, April 24-26, 2020. Early bird Registration closes Sept. 15. (see page 11.)

And finally, our Annual Banquet will be at a **new venue** on May 5, 2020! (See page 11.)

A Note From Connie Glover- Treasurer

Happy fall to all of you!

Here's praying all enjoyed the summer. It seemed to go by so fast this year.

Business for the end of 2019 year:

1, Fill out a new 2020 Pledge Card and get it in to me as soon as you can. The card is attached below.

2, I am asking that all 2020 pledges get to me by November 30, 2019. I need to have that information for Upper New York Conference UMW. Not all of you did one for 2019 and it makes it hard for me to know if you met your pledge or not, if I don't know what your pledge is. Also it makes it difficult for me to present a budget when I only have 4-5 units respond with a Pledge Card. I understand times are hard and our units are getting smaller, but I just need some kind of idea of what we are all figuring so I can do my job better for all of you.

3. In order to be honored Five Star at our May Banquet, you need to meet all channels of the five mission giving by December 31, 2019. Anything after that date does NOT get recognized in May.

4. Please update any changes of address, email and name of your unit treasurer and send to me with your pledge form as well. Now that I have things out of storage, I hope to try and get things out to you a little ahead of time and keep you posted on what is what.

5. Our Upper New York Conference UMW Treasurer is stepping down as of January 2020. So please bear with me on getting stuff submitted in the first part of the New Year. I have put in several requests for the on-line training to submit information myself. I believe that should now happen soon, according to the email I just received. So hopefully pins and such will be shipped faster due to this. I will keep you posted about what and how things will be done as soon as I find out.

6. All mail, remittances, and special mission recognitions that you send to me need to PLEASE be mailed to me at: **PO Box 628, Penn Yan, NY 14527**

Any further questions or concerns, please give me a call.. I thank you all for your patience this past year.

Blessings,
Connie Glover
FLD Treasurer
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2020 District UMW Pledge Card

We want to help support the work of the United Methodist Women. My group from the _____ Church will give \$_____ during 2020.

Treasurer's Name

Treasurer's Address & Phone #

Please send or email your pledge card to Connie Glover at PO Box 628, Penn Yan, NY 14527. THANK YOU!!

Five Channels of Mission Giving



Through their generosity, United Methodist Women members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth, children in the United States and around the world.

About 70 percent of Mission Giving funds from members go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth. Around 20-30 percent stays with the local, district and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for local mission. Only 9 percent covers administrative costs.

Pledge to Mission

An individual member's Pledge to Mission is the amount a woman gives to her local unit to help fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

The Upper New York Conference United Methodist Women pledges a specific amount to United Methodist Women's National office for mission with women, children, and youth and retains a designated percentage to be used for District and Conference administration and membership development expenses.

World Thank Offering

Spontaneous additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life.

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's National office in the United States and around the world.

Special Mission Recognition Pins and Certificates

These pins offer a meaningful way to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. Gift amounts range from \$40 to \$2000. Pins are purchased through the treasurer.

Gift to Mission

Make a gift in honor of someone and send a card to the honoree. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday, and assorted Christmas cards.

Gift in Memory

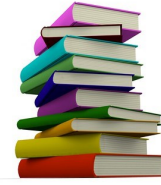
Give a gift in memory of a member, a friend or anyone, in any amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, may be sent to the family of the deceased.

Spread the News!!

Please put dates for our Finger Lakes District events in your weekly bulletins, Power-Point presentations, newsletters, and websites. All women are very welcome to join us at any of our meetings, whether or not you have a formal United Methodist Women Unit.

A Note From Angie Gage and Marcia Waterman Program Resources Co-Coordinator

We're hoping that many of you Finger Lakes United Methodist Women are reading books from our 2019 Reading Plan! In addition, Reading Plan books from the 2014 through the 2018 lists are acceptable to fulfill the Reading Plan requirements for recognition at the Annual Banquet. We will have those comprehensive lists at each of our FLD UMW meetings, thanks to our secretary, Jennifer Lake.



Formerly the UMW Mission Resources Center would provide Reading Plan books on a consignment basis, thus we could have many books to display and sell, and able to return those not sold and only pay for the books actually sold. In the recent years, that system became unreliable and we were charged extra for books that had been returned. As we became unhappy with UMW Mission Resources, that agency, too, found they could not supply great numbers of books on consignment, so they no longer are a source for Reading Plan Books, referring us to other vendors, such as Amazon, which does offer a tax exempt status through proper procedures.

Finger Lakes District UMW does now have a tax-exempt account with Amazon.com and if we reach the \$25 order (which is easy to accomplish!), shipping also is free. So if you would like to order and pre-pay for books on the Reading Plan, we are able to accommodate that. To have a large selection of books on hand has become too costly.

At our three Spring meetings this year, we had a limited selection of 2019 Reading Plan Reading books from each of the five Mission areas. Out of 20 books ordered, 11 remain.

In order to be better stewards of this investment in the Reading Plan books, our FLD UMW team is offering two "Traveling Book Libraries." At least one book from each of the five Mission areas on the 2019 Reading Plan book listing will be included in each of the two libraries. There will likely be some books from the 2014-2018 Reading Plan years as well in each of the two libraries.

The FLD UMW Units interested in this Traveling Library will sign up for a two month period to have the library in their church. There is no charge for this Traveling Library, just the expectation that the books will be handled courteously and returned to the Traveling Library box at the end of the two month period. We would like a person to sign up as contact person for each UMW unit participating in this venture. Also, the current holder of the library and the next unit to receive each of the two libraries, need to be in touch with one another to make a plan to transport the libraries to the next unit. We ask that both local UMW units also contact Angie Gage at either 315 278-6036 or angla2019@gmail.com that the transfer of the Traveling Library A or Traveling Library B is taking place.

There will be a sign-up at our Fall Meeting, September 28 for either Traveling Book Library A or Traveling Book Library B. UMW Units are welcome to sign up for separate times for both libraries, as there are usually different titles in each collection. If you are unable to make the Fall meeting September 28, you may contact Angie Gage (contact information given above) by October 30 if possible so that Angie can establish a convenient movement of the libraries from unit to unit, considering best travel time and distance.

This Traveling Library system is an alternative to purchasing the books for yourselves. It does not replace the individual purchase. The pre-pay and order Reading Plan books through Amazon.com is still in place by contacting Marcia Waterman at 315 754-8121 or philmarwat66@gmail.com.

As Program Resources Co-Coordinator, we hope to encourage participation in the UMW Reading Plan opportunity. There are current topics, well-written books, informative issues, challenging us to broaden our insights into expanding our knowledge and hearts about sisters, brothers and children in the trials and joys of their lives. There are readings that warm our hearts and nourish our souls.

Please submit your *Report of Completion Requirements* to Angie Gage by April 15, 2020 for recognition at our May 5 Annual Banquet of your 2019 Reading Plan participation.

UMW Reading Plan 2019

Recognition of participants in the **2019 Reading Plan** will be done at our Annual Banquet, May 5, 2020. Please send your *Report of Completion Requirements* below to Angie Gage no later than April 15, 2020.

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to the Secretary of Program Resources according to your conference's schedules.)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN _____. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

LOCAL UNIT _____

PRINT NAME _____

DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CONFERENCE _____

mail this to: **Angie Gage, 3637 St Rt 245, Stanley, NY 14561 OR**
Email to: **angla2010@gmail.com**

NAME: _____		PLAN CHOSEN: I II III IV			
Education for Mission	Leadership Development	Nurturing for Community	Social Action	Spiritual Growth	
MISSION EMPHASES					Response New World Outlook

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District Team Positions

The FL District Team still has positions that need to be filled. They are listed below with a brief description of the responsibilities. Please continue to prayerfully consider taking on one of the positions and join the team. We only meet 2-3 times a year, usually over a lunch and a great time of catching up, brainstorming, planning and trying to make each event the best we can for all of you.

If you are moved to take on a role or if you have questions about any of these positions, please contact Mary Anjo at 315-573-0553 or maryanjo1@gmail.com. **Thank you!**

Vice-President: perform the duties of president in her absence; guide the team in planning and implementing the programs

Spiritual Growth: prepare and lead each FLD meeting with inspirational short devotional, offer prayer at meetings, give a blessing before meals at FLD meetings

Education and Interpretation: promote mission education opportunities, like Mission U

Membership Nurture and Outreach: determine needs of membership, develop methods of recruitment, mobilize inactive members, nurture current membership, collect information from each Shepheress about contacts they have made with local units

Committee on Nominations: get to know UMW members, outreach to members, identify member skills for potential leadership, develop plans and provide information to encourage members to take a role on the district team

TO BECOME A MISSION TODAY UNIT **Achievements & Programming for 2019**

Church Name: _____ **UMW President's Name:** _____

Purpose of the United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women is 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.

Purpose of becoming a Mission Today Unit:

- *To energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action,
 - *To increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that United Methodist Women understand where their money goes,
 - *To encourage use of mission resources through United Methodist Women, and
 - *To expand concepts of mission including social justice to mission.
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To become a Mission Today Unit, the unit must meet eight (8) of the following criteria, including four (4) of those marked with an asterisk (*).

To be recognized as an Honorable Mention Unit, the unit must complete a minimum of six (6) of the following items, including four (4) of those marked with an asterisk (*).

- _____ *1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects
- _____ *2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission
- _____ *3. The unit will add at least one member to its roll.
- _____ *4. The unit will have at least two members subscribe to *Response* magazine
- _____ *5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book for United Methodist Women each year.
- _____ *6. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study a year.
- _____ *7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. Some suggested plans of action:
 - Plan a joint meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.
 - Develop a bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia group
 - Hold a joint Vacation Bible School
 - Hold pulpit exchanges
 - Share joint worship services on special occasions
 - Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family
- _____ *8. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- _____ *9. The unit will support the National Mission Institution of Utica Neighborhood Center with funds, volunteers, or resources, channeled through the UM Women.

- _____ 10. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend Mission u.
- _____ 11. At least two members of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the district or conference annual meeting.
- _____ 12. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
- _____ 13. Members will write to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
- _____ 14. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.
Possibilities for action:
- Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs
 - Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by Children's Defense Fund
 - Write letters, emails or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues
 - Visit your local schools
 - Attend a school board meeting
 - Learn how our schools are funded
- _____ 15. Each unit or circle will include a *Response* moment, where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- _____ 16. Have at least two people from each unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One; have a book review program.
- _____ 17. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than one who is a member of the local unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
- _____ 18. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit (get information on How to Become a Green Unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/environment> or contact Women's Division Office of Community Action.
- _____ 19. Hold a Mini Spiritual Growth Retreat; prepare for the retreat by watching the video, "Resurrection Road," and get the accompanying study guide, "Resurrection Women." For additional information, contact the Women's Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology.
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Please send this form by April 15, 2020 to:
Mary Anjo, 7013 Lake Bluff Rd., Wolcott, NY 14590
maryanjo1@gmail.com

And keep a copy to start working on for next year!!

150: THE MISSION CONTINUES

September 21, 2019

UNY Conference Center

7481 Henry Clay Blvd.
Liverpool, NY 13088

United Methodist Women from all over the Upper New York Conference will meet for a one-day annual meeting. Registration will begin at 9 am, Coffee Hour/Gathering Time from 9-10 am, Worship begins at 10 am. The morning program will be Michael Block, including some Hands-On Experience, from the Mission Hub. After lunch, there will be a Business Meeting, Installation of Officers, Commitment Service, Keynote Speaker (President Carmen Vianese) and updates from General Conference.

COST: \$10 which includes lunch (you must pre-register)

Hotel Reservations for Friday Night can be made by calling Staybridge Suites in Liverpool at (315) 457-1600. Let them know you are part of the UNY UMW Annual Meeting.

\$ 79 per night – Studio Suite (Queen Bed) or One Bedroom Suite (Two Double Beds)

\$ 89 per night – One Bedroom Suite (Queen or King Bed)

\$ 129 per night – Two Bedroom Suite (One King Bed & Two Double Beds)

REGISTRATION FORM – UNY UMW ANNUAL MEETING September 21, 2019

NAME: _____ CHURCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DISTRICT: _____ UMW POSITION: _____

I will be attending: _____ \$10 enclosed

_____ I will need Nursery Care

**Make checks payable to “UNY UMW” and send to:
Melanie Keith, Treasurer, 299 Edwards Rd, Wynantskill, NY 12198**

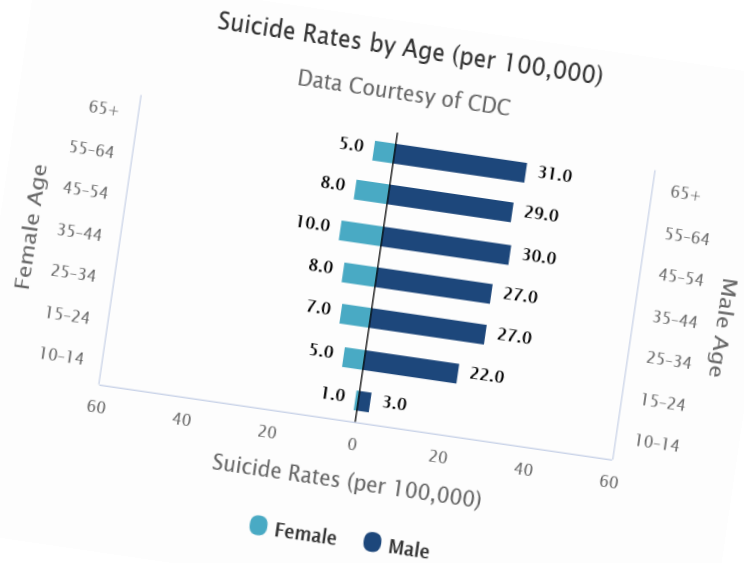
Please mail by September 1, 2019.

Late registrations should either call Melanie at (518) 779-6004 or email at her at melakeith@hotmail.com

FINGER LAKES DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL FALL MEETING

Suicide

- ♦ Suicide was the tenth leading cause of death overall in the United States, claiming the lives of over 47,000 people.
- ♦ Suicide was the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 54.
- ♦ There were more than twice as many suicides (47,173) in the United States as there were homicides (19,510).



2017

Please Join Us !

ON: Sat., Sept 28, 2019

AT: North Rose United Methodist Church
5050 North Main St. (State Rt. 414) North Rose, NY

WHEN: 9:30-10:00 am for Registration

10:15 am: Welcoming

Program: Shedding Light On Suicide

Suzanne Catholdi

Early Recognition Specialist/ Suicide Prevention Coalition

Amy Haskins

Coordinator for Ageing Services

Department of Mental Health, Wayne County

Lunch: Please bring your own bag lunch

Devotional: Led by Spiritual Growth Acting Chair, Sylvia Mitchell

Afternoon: Brief Business Meeting

Introduction of Traveling Library A and Traveling Library B

Installation of Officers

Closing: 2:30 pm

Travel Mercies for all!

- ♦ Enjoy time with other Finger Lakes District UMW friends, refreshments courtesy of North Rose UMW.
- ♦ An offering will be collected to help with costs of the meeting, such as postage and printing of the Newsletter and Program.

North East Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Event

Called to Be. Called to See. Called to Live.

Friday, April 24, 2020 - Sunday, April 26, 2020
Baltimore Waterfront Marriott
Baltimore, Maryland



Come where **ALL** women are welcome!
Come discover your passion and purpose!
Come experience spirit filled worship, inspirational and motivational speakers and workshops that promote advocacy and service to others!
Come gather skills for successful leadership!
Come gain opportunities to network with a dynamic group of women!
Come learn how to be an agent of change!
Come be part of a movement where women are committed to putting faith, hope, and love into action!

Check out details, registration process, hotel accommodations online at
<https://nejumw.org/>

Friday, April 24, Ubuntu Experience- often a hands-on, interactive experience offering unique, short-term mission service opportunities for United Methodist Women to interact with women of faith, coming together though shared mission to address social issues and discover new ways of working together, supporting one another, and growing spiritually. .



Keynote speaker will be Jennifer Crumpton, author of *Femmevangelical*, an excellent book from the 2017 Reading Plan. She will also conduct a workshop, *Be a Fearless Woman: Moving Through Fear To Act On Your Calling*

Take advantage of the “Early Bird” registration– savings of \$45!

- ***Early Bird Registration August 1 – September 15*** **\$305**
- ***General Registration September 16 – December 31*** **\$350**
- ***Late Registration January 1 – March 31, 2020*** **\$375**

FLD UMW Annual Banquet Attention! New Venue!!

We're excited to spread the news that our 2020 Annual Banquet will be held at Killian's at the Waterloo Holiday Inn!! It is centrally located and a fully accessible facility.



Even though it is several months away, we hope you'll set aside Tuesday, May 5, 2020 to come with our sister Finger Lakes District United Methodist Women to this culminating event of our FLD UMW year. Make sure your local UMW unit completes the items to earn the Mission Today recognition, the 5 Star award, and get your recipient for Special Mission Recognition chosen and invited to Killian's for the Banquet. Also those participating in the 2019 Reading Plan need to make sure they submit the list of books read along with what level of Plan they have done.

It will be a served meal which will include dessert and beverage. More details about the menu selections will be forthcoming in the FLD UMW 2020 Winter Newsletter.

Come try this new venue with us!! We're hoping to see many of you there, and bring a friend or two!

Mark Your Calendar!!**Fall 2019 Dates**

Sun, Sept. 15, 2019- Deadline for "Early Bird" NE Jurisdiction Registration
Saturday, September 21, 2019- UNY UMW Annual Meeting
UNY Conference Center, Liverpool
Saturday, September 28, 2019- FLD Annual Meeting, North Rose , UMC

Spring 2020 Dates

Saturday, March 7, 2020*- Day Apart, Dundee UMC
Saturday, March 28, 2020*- Mission Study, Ovid UMC
April 24-26, 2020- NE UMW Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland
Tuesday, May 5, 2020- Spring Banquet, Killians, Holiday Inn, Waterloo



* Please note that because winter snow is still with us in February, Easter being April 12, NE Jurisdiction UMW April 24-26, March was chosen for both of our FLD UMW meetings. They are three weeks apart, we hope that will be acceptable.



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