



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.

A Note From Mary Anjo, President

Am I the only one having trouble writing 2020? I remember as a teenager thinking, “If I live to be 45 years old, it will be the year 2000.” Now 20 years have flown by since the turn of the century. Sometimes life just seems hard and we may feel worn down. That is when we can grab onto the scriptures and let them sink into our souls. Some verses from Psalm 90 give us food for thought. This prayer of Moses helps us put our trials and frustrations in perspective. “Lord, you have been our refuge through all generations. Before the mountains were born.....from eternity to eternity you are God. A thousand years in your eyes are merely a day gone by. Teach us to count our days, that we may gain wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands.” Isn’t that a great message for all United Methodist Women? May God continue to bless us as we are the hands and feet of our Lord here on Earth for as many days as He gives us.

A Note From Sylvia Mitchell (Acting), Spiritual Growth

After the bustle of the holiday season, we can take a deep breath and think about our plans for the next few months. Maybe you received a book for Christmas, enjoy it. Maybe there is a craft project you have been thinking about. Now is the time to gather supplies and begin. Don't forget your exercise program or a daily walk. Whatever you do, do it happily. Take time to pray, daily, and offer short prayers during breaks. Read a daily devotional book. After the joyous Christmas season, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus in the manger, we can plan a quiet, contemplative time to worship God quietly and thank Him for our many blessings.

A Note From Wanda Clement, Social Action

This is the time of year when we need to step out of our comfort zone and reach out to those in need. Some people are scared to ask for help. We need to LOOK and see the needs of people. Maybe it is offering our warm house to a family with no heat. Maybe they just need a hot cup of coffee and someone to talk with. Whatever the need is, WE need to reach out and offer a kind hand. WE may be the only one who will.

A Note From Angela Gage, Co-Chair Program Resources

My name is Angela Gage, a lot of you call me Angie. I am from the Rushville United Methodist Church and have been involved in UMW since 2011 in some form or fashion. A few years ago I went to Syracuse for a conference, urged by Roberta Stillman. I met these wonderful ladies- Mary, Marcia, Connie, and Jennifer. Not knowing any of these ladies, I ended up sharing a room with two of them (Mary and Connie) and had a great time. Marcia and I did field work in a warehouse where we sorted things into groups so they could be given to those less fortunate than ourselves. It was dirty work but VERY fulfilling. We lost contact for a few years until Marcia reached out to me in 2019 and asked if I would be interested in being a part of the Finger Lakes District UMW Reading Plan. Marcia has been the driving force of this program and I hope that my small contributions have been helpful. Working with these ladies has been a joy.

A Note From the Treasurer - Connie Glover

Happy Winter, Fellow Treasurers!

Mostly old business to go over with you all:

1. Remittances need to go on remittance forms for Treasurers. I get a lot of handwritten papers. Some make sense of what you are paying and some, I don't have a clue, so I must call you.

2. Special Mission recognition also needs to go on Special Mission forms, not handwritten on other paper. I am having trouble with reading what you are saying to me.

PLEASE, PLEASE **print** all remittances and Special Mission forms. If I have trouble reading them, I fear the person's name may be misspelled.

3. Legacy Funds do not come to me. This changed two winters ago. State who your unit is and if it's in memory or in honor of someone. You are to make checks out for Legacy Fund to: *United Methodist Women*, and on the memo line of your check, note: "Legacy Fund." Then please mail those to:

United Methodist Women National Office
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

4. I will be doing my best to get all Treasurers copies of the current remittance forms and things you should be using. You also will receive mailing labels with my correct mailing address to use to send me remittances and such. I hope to have these packets out in the mail to all by mid-February if not before. So, if you have changed officers, please send me an update of who the current Treasurer is with mailing address, phone number and email. Please and thank you.

Five Star Units for 2019 are listed below and will be honored at our May 5, 2020 banquet. If I am missing someone, please let me know right away so I can recheck my information. I had two units just missing one item, you must meet all five channels to get five star recognition.

Pledge to Mission
Special Mission Recognition
Gift to Mission
Gift in Memory
World Thanks

The following units will be honored:
Benton Dundee Lyons

Also, for those who have not sent your 2020 pledge sheets to me yet, if you can get those into me, I would appreciate it. I only have received three pledges as of today. Also, I am reporting to you we fell short again making our 2019 pledge to Conference. We pledged \$8,500 and we were **-\$2,075** short last year. We can make a more accurate pledge if we knew what the units can do. I truly understand times have been difficult on people and the churches. I'd just rather make a pledge reachable for our district. So please, please get those pledge sheets into me soon.

Thank you all so much for all you do for your units and the United Methodist Women.

Blessings,
Connie Glover
F L District UMW Treasurer
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Penn Yan, NY 14527
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rainbow1.cg55@gmail.com

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.

Unit Treasurer's Name _____

Unit Treasurer's Address & Phone # _____

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

THANK YOU!!

A Note From Marcia Waterman, Communications/ Co-Chair Program Resources

Please inform me of any changes in your contact information- your email address/"snail mail" address. These are helpful tools to reach as many of our Finger Lake District United Methodist Women sisters as possible. Also it is helpful to notify me of UMW members in your unit who have passed away, or moved to a new address.

I also hope you'll consider taking one of our two (*Mary Library* or *Martha Library*) Traveling Libraries with books from the 2019 Reading Program! In each Library, there are 2019 books of each of the five Mission areas, as well as books from the five prior years of 2014-2018, which can be included for credit for 2019 Reading Plan Recognition at the 2020 Annual Banquet on May 5 at Killian's, Holiday Inn, Waterloo.

Both the Libraries will be at our March 7, 2020 meeting at Dundee UMC for you to browse and sign up to take home that day for a March-April loan, or to add your name to the list to receive them next. The 2020 Reading Plan books can be ordered from Amazon, pre-paid, through me, Marcia Waterman, philmarwat66@gmail.com or 315-754-8121. Some of the titles are available through local libraries.

The 2020 List of Reading Plan books, along with a brief description of each, is available several ways:

*Response November/December issue;

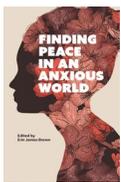
online at: *unitedmethodistwomen.org,

*"Google" UMW Reading Plan Catalog

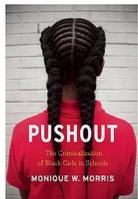
A list of 2020 titles, plus 2015-2019 titles will be available at FLD UMW meetings.

Reading Plan books (except the four 2014 books) in the two Traveling Libraries are eligible for recognition for the 2020 year.

The Mission u study books for 2020 are also now available. The Mission u program in our Upper New York Conference is being restructured. For 2020, there will be two events— one at Silver Bay, on Lake George, in September and the other at the Covenant UMC, Rochester in July. See the Mission U flyers on page 10.



Spiritual Growth Study: *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace that surpasses all understanding. Each of the four chapters is a focus on different aspects of the prayer— serenity, acceptance, courage, and wisdom—and each concludes with a spiritual practice to help further develop the featured characteristic in your life.



Issue Study: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*. Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, under reported and under analyzed. *Pushout* shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.



Mission Study 2019 Special Publication: *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*. First organized in the United States, those societies sent missionaries overseas and later engaged in mission at home. Each was a heroine who was willing to stand over and against what her culture— and sometimes even her church— expected of her. Learning about the early female leaders who created what would become today's United Methodist Women can help us understand who they truly were beyond who we expected them to have been. Every woman who "stepped out of her place" to participate in mission societies at the turn of the 20th century was part of a movement that brought women into the forefront of Christian ministry.

Your Finger Lakes District UMW Leadership Team

President-	Mary Anjo	maryanjo1@gmail.com	315 573-0553
Secretary-	Jennifer Lake	jrosy14@yahoo.com	315 945-7462
Treasurer-	Connie Glover	rainbow1.cg55@gmail.com	315 694-2070
Spiritual Growth-	Sylvia Mitchell (Acting)	JMitch20@twcny.rr.com	607 387-6590
Social Action-	Wanda Clement		315 398-9618
Program Resources Co-Coordinator-	Angie Gage	angla2010@gmail.com	315 278-6036
	Marcia Waterman	philmarwat66@gmail.com	315 754-8121
Communications-	Marcia Waterman	philmarwat66@gmail.com	315 754-8121

District Team Positions

We still have 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 3-4 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 a devotional in coordination with the theme for each of the FLD meetings; offer grace and blessing before meals (volunteers for this position still welcome since Sylvia is "filling-in")

Education & Interpretation: Promote mission education opportunities, like Mission U

Membership Nurture & Outreach: Determine needs of membership, develop methods of recruitment, mobilize inactive members, nurture current membership

Committee on Nominations: Get to know UMW members; reach out to members; identify member skills for potential leadership; develop plans and provide information to encourage members to take a role on the district team

ATTENTION!! *There's still time to register!!!* **North East Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Event**

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

Registration January 1 – March 31, 2020 \$375

Check out details, registration process, hotel accommodations online at <https://nejumw.org/>
Registration Bus Transportation with Sharon Clairmont, \$50 deposit due by April 1, 2020

See Bus Transportation flyer, sent as separate attachment.



Friday, April 24, Ubuntu Experience- often a hands-on, interactive experience offering unique, short-term mission service opportunities for United Methodist Women.

Keynote speaker will be Jennifer Crumpton, author of *Femmevangelical*, an excellent book from the 2017 Reading Plan. See the website given above for the wide variety of workshops from which to select.

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 (*).

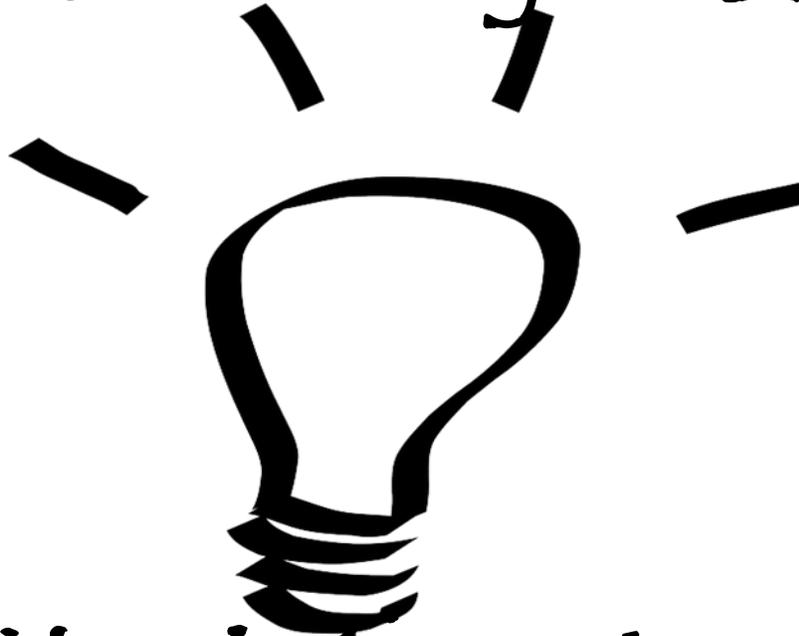
- _____ *1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and Projects.
- _____ *2. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.
- _____ *3. The unit will add at least one member to its roll.
- _____ *4. The unit will have at least two members subscribe to *Response* 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 thru the United Methodist 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 that of a member of the 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, preparing for the retreat by watching the video "Resurrection Road" and get the accompany study guide "Resurrection Women." For additional information, contact the Women's Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology.

**Please send this form for reporting 2019 activities 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 the 2020 year!!

Let Your Light Shine



Ignited for Justice

FINGER LAKES DISTRICT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SPRING BANQUET

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun & celebration to honor our Special Recognition Recipients, Five Star Groups, Mission Today Groups & UMW Reading Program participants.

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

**NEW
LOCATION**

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

5:30pm

*Killian's at the Waterloo Holiday Inn
(2468 NY Route 414, Waterloo, NY)*

SPRING BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Reservations are due by: April 21st

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Registration: 5:30pm Sit Down Dinner: 6:00pm

Menu:

Choice of Baked Chicken, Eggplant Parmesan,

Baked Stuffed Haddock (herbal blend) OR

Stuffed Pork Tenderloin (spinach & mozzarella)

Also included: Fruit Cocktail, Ziti with Sauce, Bread,

Dessert, Coffee/Tea, tax & gratuity

Price: \$25.00

Unit Name: _____

Please **neatly write** the names of all persons attending and
make sure to select choice of main course for each person

Name	<u>Chicken</u>	<u>Eggplant</u>	<u>Haddock</u>	<u>Pork</u>	<u>Paid \$25.00</u>

Payment - One check per unit (if possible). Make check out to: Finger Lakes District UMW

Send reservations & check to: Jennifer Lake, 3057 Maple St. Rd., Lyons, NY 14489

Please mail or email write-ups and pictures for **Special Mission Recognition** to Jennifer Lake **as soon as possible, deadline: April 15, 2020**

(jrosy14@yahoo.com) OR 3057 Maple St. Rd., Lyons, NY 14489

ALSO, **Mission Today reports** must be sent by **April 15, 2020** to Mary Anjo

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**

	PLAN CHOSEN:	I	II	III	IV	
Education for Mission						
Leadership Development						
Nurturing for Community						
Social Action						
Spiritual Growth						
MISSION EMPHASES						<i>Response</i>



Upper New York Conference

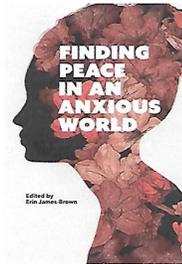
Mission u 2020

July 16-18, 2020

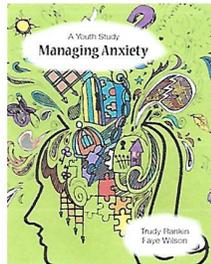
Covenant United Methodist Church
1124 Culver Rd.
Rochester, NY 14609



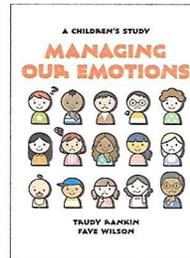
Mission u Studies may be purchased through UMW Mission Resources, Amazon, and other vendors



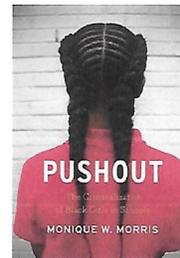
Spiritual Growth Study



Youth Study



Children's Study



Issue Study

for more information, please contact:

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olmstedlms@gmail.com

Asst. Dean: Connie Chantry
connie.chantry@gmail.com

Save the Dates

2020 UNY UMW Mission u - Silver Bay
September 11 - 13, 2020

We're looking forward to another inspiring and fun-filled Mission u event this year at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks Conference and Family Retreat Center on beautiful Lake George in Silver Bay, NY.

Our Dean, Ilah Sisson Walser, and Assistant Dean, Brooke Conklin, are working with the Upper New York United Methodist Women executive team to plan the event and will send more details as soon as they are available.

For now, please save the dates and plan to come to this year's event on Friday, September 11 through Sunday, September 13, 2020.

See you there!



Finger Lakes District UMW Day Apart
Saturday, March 7, 2020
Registration 9:30 am- 10:00 am
Dundee UMC
35 Water St, Dundee, NY 14837



Reflecting, Projecting: Examining the Past, Anticipating the Future

We're excited to spend some time together with our FLD UMW sisters to explore and enhance our spiritual life, to take a "day apart" to nurture our relationship with our God. We'll have some thoughtful questions to ponder with President Mary Anjo as our facilitator, to begin our faith journey into this new 2020 decade.

Our hostesses, Dundee United Methodist Women, will welcome us with smiles, warm hearts and refreshments as we arrive. Please bring a bag lunch for yourself.

The two Traveling **2019** Reading Plan Libraries, *Mary* and *Martha*, will be available to view and sign out for a two month time period, March and April. See [page 3](#) of this newsletter for more details of the Traveling Libraries.

The deadline for recognition for **2019** Reading Plans is April 15, 2020, to be awarded at our Annual Banquet May 5, 2020. Please mail or email your Report of Completion to Angela Gage. See [page 9](#) in this newsletter for the Report and Angie's address and email.

Come join us for a "Day Apart" from our daily tasks and find renewal in our fellowship together.

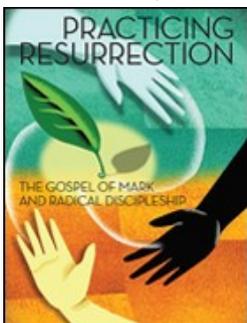


*Finger Lakes District
 United Methodist Women
 Mission Study:
 Practicing Resurrection :
 The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*

Saturday, March 28, 2020
9:30 am -10 am Registration
Ovid Federated Church
7137 North Main St., Ovid, NY
14512

This "Mini-Mission U" study on *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship* from the 2019 summer session will be led by Joni Lincoln, a current NE Jurisdiction UMW officer.

Mark, the first gospel written, holds glimpses of Jesus leading us to "the power of the gospel from the margins." Mark speaks of the bold woman (Mark 7:24-30), the healing of a boy with a spirit making him unable to speak (Mark 9:17-31), and women coming to Jesus's tomb (Mark 16:1-8).



This Spiritual Growth Study will broaden our perspective on gifts of love received from "those at the margins."

Thanks to the Ovid Federated Church women for the warm welcome and providing refreshments and beverages. We remind you to please bring a bag lunch.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Spread the News!!

Please make sure to have upcoming UMW events put in your weekly bulletins and newsletters and posted on your bulletin boards and websites, welcoming all women to attend. Your church does not have to have an "official UMW group" to be a part of these events! All women are welcome to come to every local, district or national UMW event. We plan interesting, and a variety of programs - it would be wonderful to have a lot of attendees. PLEASE JOIN US!!

Upcoming Dates:

Sat, March 7, 2020, FLD UMW Day Apart, Dundee UMC, 9:30 am-2:30 pm*

Sat, March 28, 2020, FLD UMW Mission u Mini-Study, Ovid Federated Church, 9:30 am-2:30 pm

Fri-Sun, April 24-26, 2020, NE Jurisdiction Quadrennial, Baltimore, Maryland, Marriott Waterfront Hotel, MD

Tue, May 5, 2020 FLD UMW Spring Banquet, Killians, Holiday Inn, Waterloo 5:30pm Registration, 6:00 pm Dinner

Thur-Sat, July 16-18, 2020, Mission U, Covenant UMC, Rochester, NY

Fri-Sun, September 11-13, 2020, Mission U, Silver Bay, Lake George, NY

* Please note that because winter snow is still with us in February, Easter being April 12, and 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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

