

Mission Messenger

INDIANA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From the President

Greetings United Methodist Women of Indiana! It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your president!

Since my late 20s, I have been involved in United Methodist Women at all levels – local, district and conference serving offices in each and leading and participating in Schools of Christian Mission and Mission u as both dean and study leader. United Methodist Women has changed my life as it has nurtured me, supported me and helped me to grow in my faith and my life journey.

Through the education and training that UMW offers, I have found my purpose. As I work with all of you, please pray for me and for our organization as we go into this year of uncertainty and challenge.

February 6-8 Heather Lewis, chair of the Conference Nominating Committee; Jacki Moore, Conference Treasurer and I attended Leadership Development Days in St. Louis. It was an inspiring event with powerful worship, incredible music and informational workshops. I was reminded that women can and do make a difference when we lead with boldness and compassion.

As we continue in this New Year, let us keep before us the four social action priorities of this quadrennium.

- Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration/ Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline

- Climate Justice/Just Energy for All
- Economic Inequality/Living Wage for All
- Maternal Health/End Maternal Mortality

Pay close attention to bills that come before Congress or our state legislature affecting women, children and youth and make your voices heard.

Encourage your units to read books from the Reading Program to educate for mission.

Spend time in prayer and Bible study to seek God's leading for our UMW.

Visit our Lucille Raines Residence for a Talk, Tour and Lunch and get to know the residents. Pray for them and send them greeting cards. Pray, also, for the staff.

Take courage from God's instruction to Joshua after the death of Moses. *"I'll be with you. I won't give up on you, I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take."* (Selected scriptures from Joshua 1:1-9 The Message.)

We have our mandate! Let's go forward into the future working for justice for women, children and youth!

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From the National President

Dear Sisters,

It is an amazing year ahead of us and we are already in the thick of it! I hope you will pray for and hold the General Council delegates in Christian compassion.

With all the questions around us, I pray you will ask questions and dig deeper into the issues of church, through the lens of United Methodist Women. We are committed to be open and available to all women who commit to the purpose. Women do not need to be United Methodist to remain active in United Methodist Women. We work for justice and advocate for women, youth and children at home and around the world, much like we need to practice as a global church.

I encourage each of you to participate in discussions in your local church as we make decisions for the global church. United Methodist Women are a powerful voice, do not keep silent. We are educated for mission and advocacy. It is time to teach the rest of the church.

Friends, now is the time to be the United Methodist Woman you have been educated to be, advocated for, and leader the church needs. Do not sit quietly in the pew, lead from it.

Thank you, United Methodist Women, for building women into the leaders the church needs now. 150 years of leadership and training are needed now more than ever.

God bless you and keep you!

Sincerely,

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Left to right are: Rita Smith, president of North Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women; Heather Lewis, chair of IN Conf. UMW CON; Shannon Priddy, National UMW president; Kathie Clemenz, IN Conf. UMW president; Jacki Moore, IN Conf. UMW treasurer; and Aleze Fulbright, Conference Superintendent of the Central District and a candidate for the episcopacy.



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From the Vice-President

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds each of you feeling God's abundance as we start off 2020. The January Spiritual Growth Retreat was a great way to kick off the New Year! I was very pleased to see the room full and the inclusion of many first-time attendees. For those of you planning to attend the April retreat in Fort Wayne, I pray you experience the same energy and enthusiasm we did!

You'll see the updated 2020 UMW of Indiana Calendar in this newsletter- we now have a location for October's Annual Celebration, but still need a host church for Leadership Development and Officer Training. Please consider hosting at your church and reach out to me if you'd like more information about what that event looks like.

Many of you are well aware that maternal and child health issues within our state and country are of great concern and focusing efforts to improve outcomes for women, children, and youth complements our work as United Methodist Women. I'm pleased that many districts continue to dedicate time and energy to this topic. March's UMW Legislative and Advocacy Day is focusing on these topics. I'm very pleased to see that the Indiana Department of Health is being attentive to it as well. I recently received notice of a maternal and child health needs assessment they are conducting via an online survey (www.research.net/r/TitleV-IN) to better understand the state of health and well-being of women, children, and families in Indiana. As part of the needs assessment that is conducted every five years, they also look at the capacity of the state and local systems to meet the needs of those populations. The survey is being distributed to women, youth, parents, community members, and people who work with women and children across the state and you are urged to complete the short survey and share it with others to complete it too. The survey will be accessible until March 16th, and then a list of needs will be compiled so additional activities can be identified for setting statewide priorities. A summary of the results will be available in late summer/early fall. In the meantime, you may want to check out information on the IN.gov website regarding maternal and child health (<https://www.in.gov/isdh/19571.htm>). On the left-hand side of the page, click on Infant and Maternal Health Data and view the Infant Mortality and Birth Outcomes Fact Sheets so you can become informed about Indiana as well as your region. You can also view videos from December's Labor of Love Summit held in Indianapolis and share them with others. I attended this conference and hope to see some of you there this December too!

We have some great things going on in Indiana UMW but have much work to accomplish. I know it can be discouraging when we don't see the results of our efforts. I remind you of the words of Paul, the apostle, in 1 Corinthians 15:58 "*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*" Sisters, continue your faithful service. Don't give up. Let's do this together...for God's glory.

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From the Secretary

NEWBIE

My name is Trisha Staneart. I am your new Conference Secretary. I tell everyone that I was caught in a weak moment when I said I would take the position. ☺ But I can tell you already, I am having a great time working with a wonderful group of supportive United Methodist Women. I tend to be a procrastinator, so please be patient with me as I get into my flow. At Leadership Training in November 2019, I was given this list of “Characteristics of a Good Secretary.” These are what I strive towards, key word STRIVE:

- Be methodical, with a good eye for detail; numbers, dates, spelling of names – interrupt and ask if you don’t get it the first time.
- Be well organized, with an orderly mind.
- Bring objectivity to the proceedings; come with an open mind and be willing to add to the conversation.
- Deal promptly with correspondence; it’s easy to forget if you wait, for example, to invite a conference officer to an event.
- Be able to take accurate notes of meeting; again, ask if you have questions.
- Make sure members receive all the necessary material; make copies of flyers, etc., ask if everyone received the newsletter, etc.
- Bring the necessary material to the meeting; correspondence, reports from someone who can’t attend, at least one copy of the last minutes.
- Work well with the president and vice president; ask them if they need help, support, make phone calls or e-mails. Work closely when making flyers, etc. Always ask for input.
- Ensure quorum is met for meeting; this is important if a motion for anything is proposed.
- Have knowledge or experience of committee procedures. The Handbook is available for download.

Even typing up this article and the above characteristics, has helped to remind me what I need to do. I hope you all find these helpful as well.

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Committee on Nominations

I am hoping that all of the Nomination committees for the districts have met. If not, please check out the CON (Committee on Nominations) Timeline. I emailed all of the District Presidents the Timeline and more great Nomination information. I was able to attend a National UMW meeting with other Chair of Nominations. Andris Salter, asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org, - Staff Leadership Team Liaisons for Committee on Nominations shared with us that EVERY TEAM – Local, District, and Conference, MUST HAVE a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Chair on Nominations. Andris also shared with us that new UMW Handbook will be coming out, hopefully, this fall. In the current UMW Handbook, a lot of questions about offices, terms, and more can be answered from pages 138-142 with most on 142.

We are women of FAITH and with the Committee on Nominations faith plays a HUGE role. The committee prays to have the right woman in the right office and the woman that is asked prays about the office.

Currently, there are three vacant spots on the Conference Committee on Nominations - North, Southeast, and West. If you know someone that might be interested please let myself or someone on the Committee on Nominations know. Conference office openings for 2021 include Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, Mission u Assistant Dean, Language Coordinator, Committee on Nominations – Northeast and Northwest.

In summary, if you have not started on Committee on Nominations work – start NOW and remember GOD is with us. I'm here if you have any questions. If you call and I do not answer, please leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Love,

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PREPARATION OF SLATE OF NOMINEES TIMELINE AND STEPS

1. Determine a timeline.
2. Review your own officer's responsibilities.
3. Create a profile on the current mission team to determine what diversity is needed in the next slate of officers.
4. Decide what expertise is needed in the next slate of officers.
5. Review tenure and term of the current officers to determine who needs to be replaced.
6. Evaluate current officers in term of their continuing in current position or being asked to take a new position.
7. Make plans for how you and the committee will find and recruit additional nominees.
8. Receive input from current officers on any needed changes in job descriptions.
9. Prepare job descriptions, including any by virtue responsibilities.
10. Consult with president about the effectiveness of the current officers.
11. Review talent bank form and all possible suggestion for each position.
12. Narrow selection to first and second choices for each position.
13. Assign members of the committee to make contacts.
14. Report back to chairperson.
15. Finalize choices.
16. Send follow up letter and job description to each woman asked to take a position.
17. Present slate to Executive Committee.
18. Send letter to each nominee confirming her nomination.
19. Prepare slate for distribution to the membership of the conference.
20. Present slate at Annual Meeting.



From the Treasurer

2019 Giving Results

District	Mission Giving	Other Giving	Lucille Raines	Lucille Raines Special	Mission u	Youth & Young Adult Scholarships
Central	\$49,811	\$3,453	\$17,162	\$1,809	\$2,554	\$1,208
East	\$30,015	\$720	\$6,360	\$1,093	\$1,222	\$621
North	\$69,693	\$2,011	\$11,806	\$2,048	\$2,281	\$1,129
North Central	\$26,797	\$2,968	\$7,894	\$6,365	\$1,536	\$832
Northeast	\$51,998	\$3,667	\$11,532	\$2,845	\$2,200	\$1,034
Northwest	\$27,993	\$1,500	\$9,095	\$1,200	\$1,475	\$869
South	\$13,327	\$907	\$3,326	\$-	\$657	\$338
Southeast	\$28,803	\$1,205	\$4,929	\$-	\$896	\$420
Southwest	\$23,487	\$4,347	\$5,980	\$1,100	\$1,040	\$468
West	\$11,198	\$1,937	\$3,941	\$200	\$606	\$285

Our conference met 90.48% of the 2019 Pledge to Mission. Our 2019 pledge was unchanged from 2018 or \$310,000 and we provided \$280,477. Thank you all for your part in contributing to United Methodist Women mission giving, conference missions, designated gifts and other giving.

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Membership Nurture and Outreach

My name is Barbara Bugher and I am beginning my first year in this position. Just a little about me...I have been a part of UMW my whole adult life. I attended WSCS with my mother as a child. I have two adult sons, two amazing daughter-in-laws and six grandchildren ages 8 to 20! I spent two years with my older son and his wife in Hawaii and just came back home in 2019. While living there, I attended Wahaiwa UMC. I joined their UMW and thoroughly enjoyed my time with them. It is a very multi-cultural church where I learned so much! I hope that helps me with my position now!

One of things we have been working on is the census. I hope your local units completed their census online. If you have questions, please contact your district team who has been helping groups get it completed. It's due now (March 30, 2020).

How are you creating a creative supportive fellowship? Now, more than ever, we need to support each other and continue to be who we are – advocates for children, youth and women and the marginalized.

Please check out our website. Harriet Jane Olson shared important information and an encouraging video that is posted there from January 13th.

I am looking forward to hearing from your units and meeting many of you at our conference events!

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From the Language Coordinator

This is a shout out of thanks to all the churches, the non-profits and the multitude of volunteers who work diligently in helping to provide food for many in need. Gender, race, age, or religion does not separate those in hunger.

Thanks to grocery stores, restaurants, and corporate donations, many food banks now provide nourishing fresh food and healthy protein. The smiles on children's faces as they help to carry food is gratifying. With cuts to the food stamp program, the need for food in the Midwest has only grown.

The problem is challenging; "over 5 million senior citizens in our country....often find themselves facing an impossible choice— to buy groceries or pay for medical care....the number of seniors struggling with hunger is only expected to increase— a lingering effect of the 2008-2009 recession." ~Feeding America

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Spiritual Growth

Dear Sisters in Christ,

My name is Barbara King and I am your new Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I am excited to be back on the Leadership Team. In the past I have served as your Conference Secretary and the Assistant Dean and Dean of Mission u. These roles have helped me grow as a member of United Methodist Women and to learn much more about our wonderful organization. My husband, Ken, and I have been married 50 years now! We have two adult children and two adult granddaughters. Sometimes I feel so old and others -- most of the time -- I feel like life is changing all around me and things are just beginning! One of our granddaughters lives with us and keeps us up-to-date with her generation. With our schedules it can often seem like we have a revolving door policy!

Were you at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at McCormick's Creek? And, if not, is your registration in for the Retreat in April at Don Hall's Guest House? Do you have a word to describe you for 2020? This word may have something to do with your soul, something you need to work on, something you love about ministry, or something you want to make a priority this year. And, add it to that -- do you have a verse of scripture that connects that word to you and your goal?

Whew! A lot to think about at one time! Take time to reflect. Take time to renew your body, mind, and soul. Society trains us not to rest! We know that Jesus took time to get away from the crowds on a regular basis. He needed time to rest and spend time with His Father. And, we too, need to spend time with God each day. We may do this through prayer, scripture, music, nature, church, retreats, and sleep. Through these, God gives us the opportunity to increase our faith.

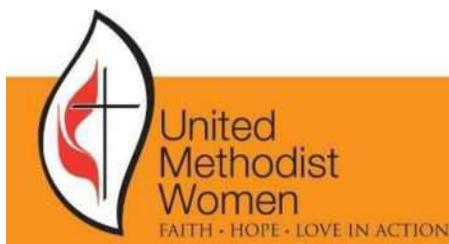
Without telling too much, our January retreat with Rev. Regina Proctor was a time to build up ourselves spiritually, a time to reflect on who we are, and a time to look inside ourselves through a variety of activities. Curiosity leads us down new paths, while wisdom leads us to the right path. I know I am motivated to continue looking inward while I take time for renewal. I know I cannot do everything, but I can select 2-5 items that I am passionate about and give them my all. In the end, I believe this will make me a stronger person who is able to help others and be an encourager to others through my love for and faith in Jesus Christ.

I hope to see many more of you in Fort Wayne in April! Even though I know many of you by sight from our attendance at other conference events, please take a minute to introduce yourself. Let us become better acquainted as we renew our spirits and grow as persons of God.

One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation, and compassion. -- Simone de Beauvoir

Hugs and Blessings,

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Education and Interpretation

Education and Interpretation Coordinators – GO ALL OUT

At our Spiritual Retreat in January at McCormick’s Creek State Park, our leader Rev. Regina, shared her theme: “30 Seconds and all out – rest for 30 seconds then exercise, move, work, serve ALL OUT.”

In 2020, as the Indiana Conference Coordinator of Education & Interpretation, I hope to go ALL OUT in interpreting and education on the first E&I responsibility: to promote and interpret the need for Mission Giving to fund the program of collective mission outreach of United Methodist Women with women, children and youth.

Will you GO ALL OUT with me? Share with your units about one of the extraordinary ministries in Indiana. Did you know that the United Methodist Women of Indiana owns and operates the Lucille Raines Residence?

Every dollar donated by individuals, churches, districts, and local units for Lucille Raines Residences goes to provide a place and a way of life that enables residents to achieve an independent state of life. Residents include men and women committed to addiction recovery.

As an Education and Interpretation Coordinator, share the Lucille Raines brochure with your units, LIKE Lucille Raines Residence on Facebook, follow the many ways that Raines enables our residents to achieve success in life, and plan a visit to tour the facility in 2020.



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United Methodist Women Reading Program

“Think before you speak. Read before you think.” – Fran Lebowitz

I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful winter season with a good book (or two or three) in your hands!

The current book list and all the information for 2020 Reading Program is posted online along with the books for the previous years at unitedmethodistwomen.org. The 2020 list and guidelines are also in the Nov./Dec. issue of Response magazine. I will continue to have books available at our conference events and encourage you to read and share with others.

Now is the time to find out and congratulate the 2019 readers in your districts. The District SPR's need to collect the lists of Reading Program participants for 2019 from their district local units. Please send a copy to me, as well as a copy to the conference secretary, Tricia Stanearth. All we need from each district is a list that includes each reader's name, church, and the category completed. Please gather the information and send ASAP if you haven't already done so. You will want to recognize your readers at your spring district events and encourage others to join in the reading for 2020! A certificate can also be downloaded from the UMW website. The conference needs the information to recognize the district readers at the annual meeting. Please send to denisesg49@gmail.com and tstanearth@frontier.com or mail to our home addresses.

I urge you to continue to participate in the Reading Program and invite others to do so also, because it encourages members to think critically about current issues and makes us aware of so many needs and concerns. It also offers us an excellent opportunity to deepen our spirituality and to broaden understanding of our mission work. The books in the children's category are also excellent choices for devotions, lessons and program starters.

As always, Bonus Books count as two books. This year, Bonus Books are also the current mission studies, giving even more incentive to select these books as part of your Reading Program plan.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” – Dr. Seuss

In His name,

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Mission u 2020

The Mission u team is very excited about our up and coming School to be held on July 14-17, 2020 on the campus of University of Indianapolis again this year. We have lots of plans in the works, and we are excited to have Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce back with us again as our Spiritual Growth Leader.

The programs/ topics will be very engaging and challenge us through our faith to help us grow stronger with God and the world around us. We are still in need of a couple of leaders, but you can be assured that all will be able to lead us through the week with their knowledge of the topics. The book "Pushout" will be our new study this year. This book was on the reading list last year, so some of you might have a leg up on the reading already! Then our "150 Years in Missions" will be the returning study. Everyone really enjoyed this study last year, so it is still a great option for study.

The scholarship forms will be out before you know it, so start talking it up and make sure your Leadership Team from your district knows needs for first time attenders. Talk to your Pastors and let them get our Mission u on their calendar. Remind them that they can receive continuing education credits for attending.

I think that is all for now. Keep your eyes open for additional information coming your way in the near future! See you on July 14th if not before!

Blessings to all,

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2020 Mission Studies

- ♥ Spiritual Growth Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World
 - [Spiritual Growth Youth Study: Managing Anxiety](#)
 - [Spiritual Growth Children's Study: Managing Our Emotions](#)
- ♥ [Issue Study: Pushout - The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools](#)
- ♥ [Special Publication: Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission](#)

If you are viewing this newsletter online, you can click on the underlined text above for more information about each of these studies. Or, you can go to the <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-studies> website.



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God's Prevenient Grace at Work in Recovery

There is a commonality shared among those recovering from addiction—or perhaps even within those actively involved in addiction. Perhaps even in what might be called “The Circle of Life”. Truly all are created with this inevitable realization that life—its ups and its downs—is greater than oneself—the need is REAL for One Greater than oneself, a Higher Power as often referred to in the recovery community.

It is not uncommon to hear persons within the recovery community express anger and doubts about oneself, sometimes mingled with praise for a God who watches over them while in the pit of addiction.

- “But for the grace of God, I would not be here.”
- “God was with me those 50+ years that I used and abused.”
- “I was angry with myself for abuse done to me, believing I was to blame.”
- “I thought God couldn't love me because I had done so many bad things.”
- “I was unable to forgive myself; how could God possibly forgive me.”
- “I don't love myself; how could God possibly love me”.

The list could and does go on and on, often repeatedly. How many rock bottoms must one hit? How amazing that God uses every opportunity to accomplish His will. Such emotions stir within one's soul the very desire for Divine Love, the love that has created and sustained us and continues

to offer us fullness of life. “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” Jeremiah 31:3 NIV.

Residents, both former and current, extol gratitude for God's prevenient grace that has been, is and continues to actively work restoration in their lives. Likewise, grateful hearts extol YOUR praise for Lucille Raines Residence. You are just one more extension of God's love in the Circle of Life revealing God's love. Thank you and God bless you!

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- ♥ The latest issue of the Lucille Raines newsletter can be found on the United Methodist Women of Indiana website <https://www.inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/>



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Sing a New Song

Hi I'm Victoria! This is my second year as your Music Coordinator and I have been enjoying the journey so far. It has been great to see some many familiar faces and meet some new ones! A little bit about me. My husband and I have been married 11 years and he enjoys his work as an airplane mechanic. I have two kids, Oliver (9) and Abby (5, almost 6). I love to be outside with my kiddos. We go for hikes and even go camping. I also love to make baby hats in memory of my youngest son, Brian, who is in heaven. I donate the hats to Riley Children's Hospital. I also really love doing Zumba and will soon be an instructor!

My favorite part about being the Music Coordinator is really everything! I love picking out the songs for an event. I always try to pick a good variety and I like to make sure there are some songs that can get us moving. I love the hymns that I grew up with but I also love the new songs that are coming out. Mostly, I just love worshipping God and praising Him with my voice. I also love leading the singing. Most of the time you will see me with my eyes closed. When I sing, it is like a prayer to God for me. I am completely in His presence and I can just feel Him wrapping His arms around me and filling me with His joy. If you haven't noticed, I really can't sing without a smile on my face. This smile is the joy of Jesus shining through! I just can't help but smile and move a little bit. But this is all how I worship. The way that you worship, may be completely different, and that is okay. I would encourage all of you to worship God the way that you feel called to. If you feel the urge to lift up your hands, then do it! If you feel the urge to sing a different part, then do it! If you feel the urge to dance, then do it! God wants us to worship Him and our worship should be a celebration of the great, loving, caring God that we all know and love.

I am always looking for great pianists to add to my list. If you or someone you know plays piano and would like to play for an event, please send me their name, email, and phone number and I will get in contact with them. My email is vydumpert@gmail.com and my phone number is 765-716-3140. Keep singing! And don't forget the Bible says to make a joyful noise. It doesn't say to make a joyful noise but only if it sounds good.

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This year, the Indiana Conference is offering an activity calendar to help church leaders and congregants explore the Lenten season. The calendar includes prompts for individuals to do each day—like pray for someone or read a scripture—to help congregants remain focused on positivity this Lenten season. We encourage you to download the calendar and share it with friends, family, and neighbors.

<https://www.inumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Lent-Calendar-2020.pdf>



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\$29 Million and Still Counting—Legacy Fund Extended through 2020

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to each one who has contributed in any way to the 150th Legacy Fund Endowment! This five-year campaign began in 2014 and was originally set to go through 2019 with a goal to raise \$60 Million. Interest from the fund will support operational expenses, thus freeing Mission Giving to be used entirely for mission. This audacious goal encouraged members of United Methodist Women to celebrate ways in which our transformational work has benefited the lives of women, children and youth throughout our history—a history that began in 1869. We have studied and reflected on women and mission projects that shaped our past and will continue to shape our future.

YOU are to be commended for YOUR PART in the process of having reached a milestone amount of \$29 Million dollars through 2019. United Methodist Women national has extended the campaign through December 31, 2020. Though the \$60 Million goal was not achieved within the defined campaign period, nonetheless, \$29M is astronomical giving as this reflects giving above and beyond Mission Giving as well as undesignated giving to mission. Together as an organization we can achieve \$30 Million by this year's end.

Ways to grow the Legacy Fund for the remainder of 2020:

- Continue to give toward the five-year pledge to the Legacy Fund (if not already paid in full)
- Make an extra donation to the Legacy Fund in any amount
- Gift in honor or a gift in memory
- Become “A Legacy Builder” by giving \$18.69 or more monthly throughout this year.
 - A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary.
- A Planned Gift: 1869 Society



It is recommended that Legacy gifts be made online or mailed using Legacy Fund envelopes. Rita Gaither-Gant has Legacy Fund envelopes and Legacy Builder envelopes. For envelopes or more information, contact Rita.

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Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

- Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am-6pm EST, M-F)
- Text Legacy150 to 41444
- By check: note "Legacy Fund" in memo and mail to:

United Methodist Women: Treasurer's Office, 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115



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"You are who you are through this gift and call of Jesus Christ" Romans 1:6

United Methodist Women North Central Jurisdiction
Quadrennial Meeting in Sioux Falls, SD

June 26-28, 2020

umwncj.org

Ramkota Hotel 3200 W. Maple St. Sioux Falls, SD 605-336-0650

Single/Double Occupancy \$114.99 per night; Cutoff date May 26, 2020; Ask for UMW-NCJ event
Registration fee \$220 until December 1, 2019; After \$260 until May 15, 2020 (includes 5 meals)

Registration and further details at UMWNCJ.org

*Election of Directors *Workshops *Ubuntu Experience *Mission Project *Legacy Celebration

*Leadership Development *Spirituality *Talent/No Talent Show *Fellowship and much more!



Harriett Olson
UMW CEO



Shannon Priddy
National President



Rita L. Smith
NCJ President



Bishop Tracy S. Malone
Key Note Speaker



Rev. Dr. Michele Watkins
Bible Study Leader



Mission u
Scholarship Application Form
First Time Attenders
United Methodist Women of Indiana

United Methodist Women of Indiana offers scholarships to women who are interested in attending *Mission u* for the first time. The applicant must be a member of United Methodist Women or affiliated with the United Methodist Church. The scholarship covers 100% of the cost of registration, housing, textbooks and meals for attendance at *Mission u*. Housing is dormitory style. The *Mission u* daily schedule includes a Spiritual Growth study, one choice of study in a classroom setting, and evening gatherings. This event is from Tuesday, July 14th through Friday, July 17th.

Contact the applicant concerning her interest in attending before making application. Provide a brief statement indicating how/why this person would benefit from this experience including information about her participation in her church, UMW, and her community. Application needs to be submitted to the District Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by **May 4**.

Mission u

DATE: July 14-17, 2020

PLACE: University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Scholarship is for first time attenders to Mission u!

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Contact Phone _____ Church (UMW Unit) _____

Check all that apply:

Age Group: 40 and younger _____ Over 40 years old _____ College Student _____

Employed _____ Homemaker/Stay-at-Home Mom _____ Retired _____

Recommended by _____ from _____
 Name Church/District

UMW Unit/City _____ Contact Phone/Email _____

How and why will the applicant benefit: _____

Send completed form to your District Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by **May 4, 2020** (if your district does not have a coordinator for education and interpretation, send to your district president)



Scholarship Application Form

Children's Mission Camp (ChiMiCa)
or
Young People's Mission Camp (YoPeMiCa)

United Methodist Women of Indiana

United Methodist Women of Indiana offers scholarships to children and youth who are interested in attending *ChiMiCa* and *YoPeMiCa*, respectively, **for the first time**. (*ChiMiCa*—age 3 thru 5th grade; *YoPeMiCa*—6th thru 12th grade ~ grade completed in spring 2020.) The applicant must be a child or youth attending *ChiMiCa* or *YoPeMiCa* **with** an adult attending *Mission u*. (*There are first time attendee adult scholarships available.*) The scholarship covers 100% of the cost of registration, housing and children's/youth activities for a child/youth attending for the first time. (The number of scholarships awarded may vary year to year depending on funding.)

Housing is dormitory style. **Parent/Guardian** is responsible for the child/youth at mealtime and when *ChiMiCa*/*YoPeMiCa* is not in session.

Contact the parent/guardian of the child/youth regarding the *ChiMiCa*/*YoPeMiCa* experience before making application. Include a brief statement indicating how/why this child/youth would benefit from this experience. Application needs to be submitted to the Conference Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by **May 4, 2020**.

Mission u
 DATE: July 14-17, 2020
 PLACE: University of Indianapolis
 1400 E. Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227

APPLICATION FOR *ChiMiCa* _____ *YoPeMiCa* _____ (please indicate)

Child/Youth Name _____ Grade completed spring, 2020 _____

Age _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Address(if different from above) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian's Name planning on Attending *Mission u* (with youth/child) _____

Address(if different from above) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Recommended by _____

Name	Email	Cell
Church	District	City

How/why would child/youth benefit _____

Send completed form to Lisa Morris, Conference Coordinator for Education & Interpretation by **May 4, 2020**:
 1192 Cardinal Circle, Franklin IN 46131 Cell: 317-727-3708 lisamorris1016@gmail.com

- WHY?** The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by:
- **Energizing** United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
 - **Increasing** contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go;
 - **Encouraging** the use of a variety of mission resources;
 - **Expanding** concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

<p>WHO? Every local organization is encouraged to strive for Mission Today status by completing 8 or more suggested criteria as noted to the right. Find suggestions and ideas for activities below.</p>	CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED
	Bronze	8 (including 4 asterisked items)
	Silver	12 (including 6 asterisked items)
	Gold	16 (including 6 asterisked items)

 <p>Mission Giving Logo</p>	<p>Read <i>response</i>, the magazine for Women in Mission, through a subscription on or online: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response or http://responsemagazine.wordpress.com. The Mission Giving logo found in <i>response</i> identifies a program and/or person supported by United Methodist Women's Mission Giving.</p>	<p>Find the Charter for Racial Justice online: http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter</p>	 <p>Racial Justice Logo</p>
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	<p>Current Justice Issues may be found online: http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice</p>	<p>Go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/environment for <i>13 Steps to Sustainability</i>; ideas for Be Just. Be Green.; and other ways to get involved in UMW's environmental work.</p>	
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WHEN? Receive recognition for **2020**, by returning your completed checklist by January 15, 2021 to:

Your District's Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Return completed form (front & back) to:

Deadline for reporting: January 15, 2021

Local Organization	District:
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Reporting Officer Name & Position:

Email or postal address:	Phone:
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2020 MISSION TODAY REPORT

LOCAL ORGANIZATION

United Methodist Women of Indiana

United Methodist Women demonstrate their commitment to the PURPOSE through their Prayers, Presence, Participation, Gifts and Service.

PRAYERS

	Used the Prayer Calendar at each meeting to pray for mission personnel and projects. *
	Communicated with at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar during the year.
	Held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat.

PRESENCE

	At least two members were added to the membership roll.
	At least one member (not a conference or district officer) attended Mission U or Sampler Day.
	At least two members (not a conference or district officer) attended a district or conference event. This could include attendance to district/conference events such as: district spiritual enrichment day, district Mini Mission u, district officer training, or conference annual spiritual growth retreat., etc.

PARTICIPATION

	At least two members subscribed to and/or read <i>response</i> magazine (including online articles). *
	Used at least two programs from a UMW Program Book during the year. *
	Conducted at least one Mission u study during the year. *
	At least one member is a member of the UMW's Ac on Network to receive Ac on Alerts and share with members.
	Told a mission story at meetings through sharing "member support" articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from <i>response</i> .
	Included a book review/report on a Reading Program book during a meeting.
	At least two members completed one of the Reading Program Plans.
	Initiated a new or expanded an already-existing Local Ministry Program which benefits women, children &/or youth. *
	Attended a Tour-Talk-Lunch" ("TTL") at Lucille Raines Residence or gave in-kind or monetary support beyond the conference asking.*

GIFTS

	Made and met its Pledge to Mission. *
	Received Five Star recognition by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
	Remitted the Conference Asking of \$13 per member. *

SERVICE

	Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year. *
	Participated in at least two events/activities during the year which focused on Current Justice Issues.
	Invited a district or conference officer (not a member) to one meeng during the year.
	Pledged to care for God's creaoon by becoming a "Green" local organizaon.



*Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ through
Mission Opportunities for
Youth and Young Adults*

Youth and young adults receiving funds from the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund will be asked to submit a summary of their experiences to the conference organization of United Methodist Women within 45 days of trip completion. Send report to the Conference E&I coordinator.

Scholarship recipients' contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization (unit) of United Methodist Women of Indiana.



2020 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee
Committee Chair: Lisa G. Morris
Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
two district representatives (to be assigned)
Committee Members: Conference President, Conference Treasurer,
Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: Lisa Morris

Direct questions or mail applications to: Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: Lisa Morris
1192 Cardinal Circle, Franklin, IN 46131 LisaMorris1016@gmail.com

**2020
Youth and Young
Adult Service
Scholarship Fund**

*Mission Scholarships for
Youth and Young Adults
A Project of United
Methodist Women of
Indiana Conference*

www.inumc.org/umw

Criteria for applying:

1. Youth & young adults ages 13-25
2. Must attend a United Methodist Church
3. Qualifying persons must participate in work, study, or travel experiences that develop leadership in the Youth & Young Adults Ministries of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
4. Preference will be given to projects supported by UMW national, GBGM, and advance specials of the Indiana Conference UMC
5. Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Committee
6. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, as funds are available
7. Applications are due at least 6 weeks prior to trip
8. Funds will be available after January 1, 2020

For Scholarship Team
Date Application Received _____
Date Application Processed _____
Date Application Approved _____
Amount Approved _____
Notes _____

2020 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Application Form		Please type or print plainly—one form per group
Individual/Group Name: (circle one please)	# Eligible Youth & Young Adults in group: _____	
Parent/Youth Leader name: (circle one please)	Email Address: _____	
Home Address:	City:	State: _____
Phone:	Zip:	
Applicant's UM Church Name	District: _____	
Church Address:	Phone:	
City:	Zip:	
Mission Project: _____		
Indicate whether it is a United Methodist-Related Project and include Project Number (if Applicable): _____		
Project Location: _____		
Cost per youth/young adult: \$ _____		
Dates: _____		
Project Objective/ Work Goal: _____		
A letter of reference from Youth Leader or local church pastor <u>must</u> accompany the application.		
Mail completed form to the Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee at the address on the reverse side of this form.		
Form may be duplicated as needed. Download at www.inumc.org/umw		

2020 Calendar of Events

Legislative Day | March 5 | 10 AM to 3 PM
North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN

Spiritual Growth Retreat | April 3-4 | 7 PM Friday to 3PM Saturday
Don Hall's Guest House | Ft. Wayne, IN

UMC General Conference | May 5-15
Minneapolis, MN

INUMC Annual Conference | June 11-13
Indiana Wesleyan University | Marion, IN

UMW NC Jurisdiction | June 26-28
Sioux Falls, SD

Limitless | **To Be Determined**

Mission u | July 14-17
University of Indianapolis

Annual Celebration | October 2-3 | Friday evening to Saturday 3PM
St. Andrew UMC | 2560 Villa Avenue | Indianapolis 46203

Silent Retreat | October 23-25 | 8 PM Friday to 12 NOON Sunday
Sarto House | Evansville, IN

Leadership Development and Officer Training | November 7 | 10 AM to 3 PM
Location To Be Determined



Mission Messenger

INDIANA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Bonnie Elam
United Methodist Women of Indiana
6919 Forest Glen Court
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

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*Have you made plans to go to Mission u yet?
Invite a friend and join the fellowship!*



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