

Mission Messenger

INDIANA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From the President

"Human rights for all people is one of the historic principles of United Methodist Women. God is the creator of all races and we are all God's children. Therefore, opportunities for fellowship and service, personal growth, and freedom in every aspect of life are inherent rights of everyone. United Methodist Women from its beginnings has tried to build a community and social order without racial barriers. Racial justice is an ongoing focus of the United Methodist Women mission as members work to promote racial justice in the United States and around the world." From United Methodist Women's Racial Justice Timeline.

As great numbers of people have joined together to demand justice for the tragic killing of George Floyd and too many other men and women of color we are called by God to share in the sorrow, pain and anger of our brothers and sisters of color. As mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and aunts, we grieve with those women who have lost family members due to the racism that is entrenched in the very systems of our society. Racism is a sin. Our faith calls us to love God and neighbor.

As United Methodist Women we are called to stand with the oppressed. As Christian women we are mandated by God to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

My personal testimony is that I am called by God to urge the United Methodist Women of the Indiana Conference to stand in solidarity with those demanding systemic change. For

those of us who are Caucasian, we need to open our hearts and minds to understand that if we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem. One way to do that is to educate ourselves by listening to the painful stories of our sisters of color. Another way is to read books that will open our eyes to the inequities in our society. Following is a list of recommended books, many of which are on present or past reading program lists.

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

White Fragility. Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin Diangelo

Waking up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving

The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander (2018 Assembly Speaker)

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Pushout, the Criminalization of Black Girls in School by Monique Morris (2020-2021 Mission u Study)

My prayer for all of us is that we will open our hearts and minds to receive what God is waiting to teach us.

May God embrace us all as we join in a sisterhood of grace.

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Vice-President

Greetings Sisters!

I pray this newsletter finds each of you well and comforted—even during what seems like a year of adjustments, disappointments, and changes to our routines. I challenge each of us to still seek HOPE. Is anyone else clinging to Lamentations 3:24? I find so much encouragement from *The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will put my hope in Him.* This is indeed a season for us to not lose hope!

We sure have needed to adjust our lives this year, haven't we? It feels like it's been so long since our last time together face to face at the January retreat at McCormick's Creek. We've missed one another because of needing to cancel the April retreat in Fort Wayne. We've missed one another because June's UMW North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial gathering in South Dakota was cancelled. We've missed one another because July's Mission u event at Ulndy was cancelled. I wish I could tell you when we are going to be together again....

Our Indiana Conference UMW team held the August meetings virtually via Zoom instead of having our usual time together at Benedict Inn. We made difficult decisions about our fall events. But, instead of cancelling, we decided to still have our fall events, but they will just look different than they have in the past! Why? Because we still have work to do, and we miss one another! So, keep the dates on your calendar for Annual Celebration on October 3rd, the silent retreat

for the 4th weekend of October, and Leadership Development/District Officer Training the 1st Saturday in November. The dates are the same, but the locations are changing (hint: you won't need to drive!). Your officers are working to make these events happen....in a new way! So, plan to join us with open hearts and open minds so we can gather together (virtually) and still do the work of United Methodist Women.

Our October Annual Celebration will still have a GREAT speaker (you won't want to miss United Methodist Womens Chief Executive Officer Harriet Olson's message to us!), elections, and officer installation. We won't be meeting at St. Andrew UMC in Indianapolis, but we will still be having Annual Celebration--in a new way!! Stay tuned for information via email and the UMW of IN Facebook page!

More ladies than usual may end up being able to participate in October's silent retreat! We won't be meeting at Sarto House in Evansville, but we will still be having the event-- in a new way!! Stay tuned for more information via email and the UMW of IN Facebook page!

New conference and district officers will not want to miss the November Leadership Development and Officer Training event! We won't be meeting at St. Luke's UMC in Kokomo, but we will still be having the event-- in a new way!! I will be reaching out to



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district presidents to get the names and contact information for the 2021 district officers so nobody misses getting invited! We are planning the same schedule as usual (but we will meet virtually instead of face to face). You won't want to miss the morning's racial justice workshop or afternoon officer training!

When we say, "in a new way," I am reminded of the encouraging words of Isaiah 43:19
See, I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I

will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. Let's be encouraged in how God can make new things wonderful!!

It has been necessary to stretch and be open to creative ways to accomplish the work of UMW. Sisters, continue your faithful service in ways that challenge us to be flexible and innovative, as we continue to love and serve. Let's do this together...even in new ways...for God's glory.

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O Holy Creator, we give you thanks
for your grace and love.
We stand in awe before your glory,
that you have called us by name,
claiming our lives as precious in your sight.
As we face the uncertainties of these days,
remove our anxiety, take away our fear.
set us free to be courageous and bold
as we respond to your call.
We know we are not alone! Open our eyes
so that we can see your face in the midst
of the challenges before us.
In our human frailty, strengthen us by your
Holy Spirit, that even through our brokenness,
your light might shine bright.
Guide our feet through the storm and help
us to dance your joy into our life together
as we seek to be faithful to Jesus Christ,
living his love into the world for all your children.
Amen.

Prayer written by the California-Nevada and California-Pacific Conference United Methodist Women at Leadership Development Days 2020 July/August response



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Hed: Indiana Annual Conference aids Navajo Nation amid COVID-19 crisis

Teaser: Encouraged by UMW, Committee on Native American Ministries authorizes \$5,000 contribution.

On April 26, the Third Sunday of Easter, United Methodist congregations – worshipping remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic – celebrated Native American Ministries Sunday. This Sunday serves to remind the church of the gifts and contributions of Native Americans to society. Half of the special offering is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference.

In the Indiana Conference, generous contributions are helping in the fight against COVID-19. The conference Committee on Native American Ministries recently sent a \$5,000 donation to the Navajo Nation, which has been ravaged by the impact of the virus and currently has the highest infection rate per capita in the United States.

“The connectional church works to reach out to help others,” said Kathie Clemenz, president, United Methodist Women of Indiana. “I received an appeal for the Navajo Nation from the National Office of United Methodist Women. Since our funds have been designated for other projects, I appealed to CONAM since I am also a member of CONAM and asked if there might be funds from our committee that could be sent. CONAM came through with \$5,000. UMW and CONAM worked together to help our brothers and sisters of the Navajo Nation. Praise God!”

“We felt blessed to be able to use these funds to make a positive impact on the Navajo Nation during such a time of great need,” added Linda

Madagame, an enrolled member of the Grand Traverse Band of the Ottawa/Chippewa Indians and conference CONAM coordinator. “Megwetch (thank you).”

The COVID-19 Fund is the Navajo Nation’s only official pandemic fundraising and donation effort. The Nation is accepting monetary and non-monetary contributions to address immediate medical and community needs. Charitable donations are deductible by the contributor for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes

The Navajo Nation’s Health Command Center established a donation branch to coordinate contributions to the Nation. Attorney General Doreen N. McPaul, donation branch chief, tasked the Department of Justice to staff this effort and respond to inquiries. Monetary contributions are coordinated with the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller, and non-monetary gifts are coordinated with the Health Command Center’s Operations and Logistics Sections. All donations are documented on an ICS 213 form for Federal Emergency Management Agency reporting purposes and to ensure compliance with tribal law.

To learn more and contribute to this effort, please go to: Official Navajo Nation COVID-19 Relief Fund

<http://www.nndoh.org/donate.html>

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National President

Dear Sisters,

We are more than halfway through a special year in our lifetime. It is nothing like most of us planned and more than we asked for. I want to share this affirmation from the board of directors and highlight your call to be women of faith, hope and love in action.

"The United Methodist Women Board of Directors affirms the statement that Black Lives Matter to God and to United Methodist Women. We must dismantle racist systems in our communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches. The Board calls on United Methodist Women members and leaders to: Listen. Racism exists. Racism kills.

Racism is a sin that occurs at individual, institutional and cultural levels, including in our disproportionately white U.S. church. The evidence of racism and white privilege is irrefutable and not up for debate.

Learn to recognize white privilege. Learn how to stop everyday microaggressions. Learn more about the history not taught in our schools, churches, and homes. Do not generalize racism—learn about the different forms of racism, especially the exceptional lethality of racism against Black and Indigenous people of color.

Women of color must be leaders in United Methodist Women at all levels. Committees on nominations must make this a priority. This starts with welcome and invitation and examining why your church or United

Methodist Women membership does not reflect the demographics of your community or of the community you want to be. Encourage district and conference committee on nominations to nominate persons that represent the racial diversity within their boundaries. United Methodist Women should recommend women of color for United Methodist Church district and conference leadership to assure women of color are nominated and elected each year.

Insist your pastor use the pulpit to speak on racism. Participate in all levels of decision making in the church to help support ethnic ministries, the continuance of the General Commission on Religion and Race, real support of churches in communities of color and leadership of United Methodists of color. Act in the ways the Book of Resolutions calls us to act.

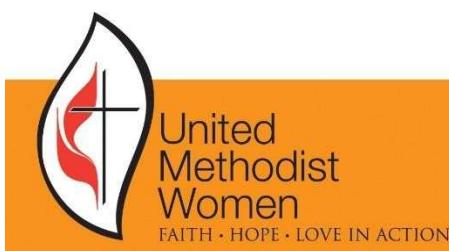
May the fruits of the Spirit be more accessible to leadership, voting, health care, education, employment, healthy environments, wealth, safety, well-being, thriving lives for people of color. The Spirit is moving, United Methodist Women. Be part of the movement."

The full statement can be read here: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-board-affirms-black-lives-matter-to-god

Stay safe and stay in love with God.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

A Devotion That Spoke to Me

But first, a secretary item. Barb McCoy will begin working on the UMW directory for next year very soon. She graciously agreed to continue this task. She is good at it and she does such a wonderful job. I know it seems too early to think about it, but the end of the year will come upon us sooner than we can imagine.

There are many ways to see how this particular devotion spoke to me. 2020 is the year of the pandemic in my mind. Quarantining and social distancing and staying home all the time just stinks. I know it's necessary, but I still think it stinks. Our UMW unit has decided to still have meetings through the summer. We do not usually meet but we felt it very necessary to help everyone stay connected. We have been having the meetings via Zoom. Technology can be the great divide. One of our members has been trying to stay in contact with some of our shut-ins. She has been very creative. She asked at our meeting this week, how can we get some of the shut-ins engaged with the Zoom meetings. I pointed out that there is a phone option for all Zoom meetings. You do not have to have a computer. If you can dial a phone, you can attend a Zoom meeting. We came up with a couple of other suggestions, but this is the most forgotten part of Zoom meetings. Get the word out, remind others.

Now, for the devotion, *The Gift of Remembering*

READ: Genesis 40: 1-14, 23. *Yet the chief butler did remember Joseph, but forgot him.* –Genesis 40:23.

During seminary I worked in a nursing home. As

I spent time talking to these men and women, at some point nearly every patient would describe the loneliness of their present lives and the realization that they were outliving their peers. Most wondered if anyone would remember them when they passed from this life.

It isn't just the elderly who can feel lonely and forgotten. In fact, many of us feel trapped and alone, set aside by circumstances fair and unfair. Sometimes we even experience what the Old Testament character Joseph did: people failing to remember us when there's every reason they should.

Genesis 40 describes Joseph's experiences when he was trapped in prison. The cupbearer had been freed and returned to the king's service, just as Joseph told him would happen (vv. 9 – 13). Joseph had asked to be mentioned to Pharaoh, but the cupbearer forgot him (vv. 14, 23).

We may feel forgotten. Yet, like Joseph, we are not (42:9 – 13). Jesus sits at the right hand of God, and our prayers reach the throne of the King without fail because our Savior is our Mediator. When we feel alone, let's remember to rest in the confidence of Jesus' promise to be with us forever (Matthew 28:20). –Randy Kilgore

Lord, let me be found serving others, as Joseph did, in those hours when I feel most forgotten. May I never be the “cupbearer” who fails to bring the lonely and hurting to your attention in prayer.

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Treasurer

We are eight months into 2020 and so much is happening. With the pandemic, the way we are spending money has changed. We are eating at home, shopping online and saving when possible. Our churches are either not meeting in person, doing live streaming or meeting on a modified basis. United Methodist Women local unit meetings have been disrupted as well. In-person meetings have been replaced with phone calls and virtual meetings. Pledge monies are being collected in the mail or are dropped off to local treasurers.

These changes and disruptions have caused some churches to struggle with cash flow. The Conference Treasurers were reminded recently on a Zoom call to communicate to everyone that the United Methodist Women funds are separate from the local church funds and are not to be used for on-going

church expenses or fundraising. Our funds are to be used toward the fulfillment of our Purpose, the Pledge to Mission, Administration and membership development, local mission programs. Our funds are also used toward the conference pledge that contributes money to Lucille Raines Residence, Mission u and the Youth and Young Adult scholarship.

If you are able, your pledge is needed for United Methodist Women to help others nationally and internationally. A quick update on our funding levels. We have fulfilled 23.90% of our \$310,000 pledge to National through July. Historically, local units contribute funds toward the pledge in December. I encourage you, if possible, to send those funds earlier. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

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Congratulations

We are thrilled to announce to you that **Krishna Heyward** has been elected as a National Director for United Methodist Women! We are so proud of you, Krishna, and pledge you our full support as you represent United Methodist Women of Indiana on the Board of Directors! We will be in prayer for you as you undertake this very important work. Don't hesitate to call on us with any needs.



Committee on Nominations

A friend posted this on Facebook which I also shared on Facebook – *she turned her can'ts into cans and her dreams into plans*. I believe this is at the heart of every member of UMW on the Committee on Nominations. Being on the Committee on Nominations is not always easy and this year has been challenging. But we push on! Members meet with their committee regularly. At the beginning of the year, they figure out which officers' terms end this year and gather a list of possible ladies to inquire if they would be interested in one of those offices. If someone said no in the past, ask them again because their circumstance may have changed. NEVER SAY – “she is

too busy”, “she is not able”, “she has too much on her plate”, and the list goes on. ASK and she will tell you if she is interested or not.

I have been blessed to work with great ladies on the Committee on Nominations and the Conference team for the past year and half. One of the best benefits of being involved in UMW is the friends we make. The fellowship with ladies, whether it is at your local unit or a national event, is always something to look forward to. I am a proud member of UMW – a woman of faith, hope and love in action.

With Love,
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Young Women's Coordinator

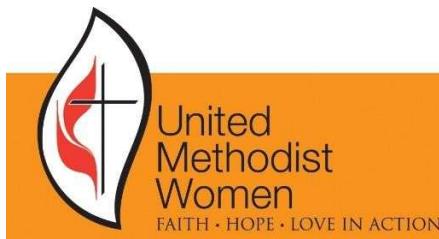
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am LaNisha Clark, and I am the new Young Women's Coordinator for the Indiana Conference of United Methodist Women.

I have been a member of my church, University United Methodist Church (Indianapolis, IN), for over 30 years now. As a young member, I was taught the importance of service to my community thus starting me on my servant leadership journey. I am active with the Young Adult & Youth Ministries, Vacation Bible School leadership team, and teach Dave Ramsey Financial Peace classes. I currently work as a Development Specialist in the Department of Development for Martin University. When I

am not at church or work, I am volunteering with several local non-profit agencies or spending time with my 19-month old daughter, Nia, 8-year old son, Nico, and husband, Kwasi.

I look forward to meeting all of the amazing United Methodist Women in the conference, and especially the women who are “young at heart”. Please be on the lookout for the new Young Women of UMW-Indiana Facebook group in the near future. The group will serve as a safe place for UMW to come and fellowship and uplift each other. I hope that you will consider joining us. In the meantime, it's time to meet you.

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2021 Proposed Conference Budget			
	2021	2020	Change
Leadership			
Dependent Care	200.00	200.00	-
Meals/Lodging	5,000.00	7,000.00	(2,000.00)
Travel	3,900.00	4,500.00	(600.00)
Postage	150.00	150.00	-
Supplies/Printing	300.00	300.00	-
Equipment/AV	850.00	200.00	650.00
Annual Conf:Pres	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Samplers	600.00	500.00	100.00
Misc	100.00	100.00	-
Total Leadership	12,100.00	13,950.00	(1,850.00)
Programming			
Annual Meeting	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
District Leadership Training	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Literature/Resources (SPR)	300.00	300.00	-
Retreats	3,700.00	3,700.00	-
Social Action	300.00	300.00	-
Young Women's Event	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Misc. Programming	100.00	100.00	-
Total Programming	10,900.00	10,900.00	-
Other			
Leadership Dev. - National	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Conf Mission u	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Church Women United	400.00	400.00	-
Financial Reveiws	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
e-communications	900.00	700.00	200.00
Directory	3,100.00	3,100.00	-
NC Jurisdiction	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Officer Recognition	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Total Other	30,900.00	30,700.00	200.00
Districts A&MD			
Central	3,200.00	3,600.00	(400.00)
East	4,925.00	4,925.00	-
North	6,425.00	8,930.00	(2,505.00)
North Central	3,000.00	5,250.00	(2,250.00)
Northeast	6,675.00	6,675.00	-
Northwest	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
South	10,700.00	10,700.00	-
Southeast	4,860.00	4,860.00	-
Southwest	6,200.00	6,200.00	-
West	5,400.00	5,400.00	-
Total District A&MD	58,385.00	63,540.00	(5,155.00)
Transfers to Reserves			
Assembly/Jurisdiction	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
National Events	200.00	200.00	-
Total to Reserves	6,200.00	6,200.00	-
Totals	118,485.00	125,290.00	(6,805.00)

Proposed IN Conference UMW
Pledge: \$310,000.00

We know that
God works all
things together
for good for the
ones who love
God, for those
who are called
according to his
purpose.
~ROMANS 8:28

Legacy Fund



United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders over 150 years ago. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and

youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

UPDATE: United Methodist Women Legacy Fund Campaign:

GOAL \$60,000,000 | TO DATE \$30,812,762

Achieving this ambitious and forward-looking goal will culminate United Methodist Women's five-year 150th anniversary celebration. We are already off to a great start, having secured over one-third of the campaign's \$60 million goal!

Way to go United Methodist Women! Thank you and continue your support and encourage others!

Thank you!

The Legacy Fund Campaign Liaison Chair
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2020 Calendar of Events - All event times are EST

Indiana UMW Annual Celebration | October 3 | 10AM – Virtual

Indiana UMW Silent Retreat | October 23-25 - Virtual

Indiana UMW Leadership Development & Officer Training | Nov. 7 | 10 AM to 3 PM - Virtual

UMC General Conference | August 29 – September 7, 2021

Minneapolis Convention Center | Minneapolis, Minn.



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Membership Nurture and Outreach Report

2019 Census Report

Indiana reported 193 units and 5,342 members.

On the national level, we rank #7 in number of units, #11 in number of members.

50% of all members are age 56-69, 44% are age 70 and up.

For more details, contact your district Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator.

Have you gone away with God lately?

There are a lot of unknowns right now in our world and our nation. It feels like we are living day by day or even moment by moment. How have you been using these days? Some people have started baking more. Some people have had to work from home remotely. Some people focused on cleaning their home and even redecorating. Many people have planted gardens this year. But my question today is, have you gone away with God lately?

For a few years now, I have made it a point to wake up before my kids and spend time in the Word. This time is important for me and the rest of my day. Days that I try to sleep in, and the kids wake me up tend to be rough days. I am irritable, cranky, and just over all not very pleasant. I might still do my time in the Word, but it just isn't the same when the kids are already awake. The days that I do get up before the kids I feel so much better. I find that I am happier, more patient, ready for the day, and just over all more pleasant. Going away with God, without the distraction of my kids, is important because He needs my

undivided attention. He has a word for me for the day and I may miss it if I am distracted.

Now, my going away with God happens at 5:30 am (yes, that is how important it is). For you, that may not work. Maybe your best time is during a lunch break at work. Your best time could even be in the evening at the end of the day. You can have music or silence. You can fold your hands or lift them up to God. You can go for a walk. You can sit in your home. The only important thing is that you go away with Him. I use the prayer calendar and read the scriptures for each day and then write down a verse that speaks to me each day, right there in the calendar. It does not have to be anything fancy, but I will tell you that God is right there waiting for you to make time for Him. And for me personally, in this pandemic, God has been showing me all the things I was making time for and having me take a good look at what is most important.

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<https://www.inumc.org/engage/adults/united-methodist-women/>

Spiritual Growth

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what are mere mortals that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?” Psalm 8:1-4

One of the questions we were asked several times at Mission u a few years ago was: “How is it with your soul?” So, how is your soul this summer? I will admit that mine is still up and down and either being in charge of my life and surroundings or wondering what is going on and how long will this pandemic last. From talking to others, I know you are having some of these same feelings. I don’t have the answer. But I was asked another question earlier this summer: “Where do you find God?” My answer has always been that God is in nature!

I was able to take a trip across part of South Dakota with family and ‘sisters of the heart’. South Dakota is a magnificent state – at least in my opinion! There are flat plains that become rolling hills as you cross the Missouri River. These become the rugged Badlands, created by glaciers and erosion. Further west is the Black Hills. Mountains, pine trees, buffalo, prairie dogs, rivers, streams, lakes, and waterfalls. Sit and listen to the wind blowing through the trees and mountains. Watch the water and hear the gurgling as it flows to its destination. Then look up – see the beautiful blue sky filled with fluffy clouds during the day and the bright moon and stars during the nighttime hours. It was a week that filled my soul.

While traveling is really not the best idea this summer, we can all be more mindful of creation. Work in the flower beds, harvest your garden, or admire the rainbow of colors in the produce department of your grocery store. Take a walk in your neighborhood or visit a nearby park for a short hike. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you smell? ***Enjoy all that God has provided for us!***

Covid-19 cases continue to climb in areas of Indiana, and many guidelines and restrictions are still in place. So...we are going to do something new and different for the 2020 Silent Retreat! We will not be at the Sarto House, but at YOUR house. You will receive a packet of information with guided meditations and activities to help you focus your heart and mind with God. There will be resources for you to use as your commune with God, as well as a virtual walk through the Stations of the Cross. There will be directions for Holy Communion and/or a Love Feast. The event will be at no cost this year so we encourage you to set aside the \$150 you would have spent and “pay it forward”! Become an All Star Woman; donate to the Legacy Fund; or donate to Lucille Raines Residence for the new air conditioning unit. Join us as we commune with our Savior “outside the box.”

Blessings to Each of You!
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Education and Interpretation

It continues to be a difficult time but amidst all the challenges we can draw strength from one another. The Staff Liaison for Education & Interpretation Executive for National Ministries, Jessica Tulloch, has shared in a recent email a video from the UMW National Directors regarding racial justice. Jessica invites us to share far and wide the first in a series of seven videos from the UMW National Directors:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73CZkGo-igq>. "Members of United Methodist Women Speak on racial justice." "When it comes to racism, what you permit you promote."

Share with your units Mission u supplements <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finding-peace-in-an-anxious-world>. There is a Faith Talk on Education Inequality that is related to issues that Pushout centers on. You can find it here:
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

Each District's 2019 Mission Today report is due to me now as you are able. I will be collecting and sharing a collective report for the annual report book. If you have questions or concerns, please email me at lisamorris1016@gmail.com. Please watch for an email from me regarding the 2020 Mission Today report.

LISA G. MORRIS | EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION
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Social Action Coordinator

As members of UMW, we represent a group of women who are extremely passionate about our priority and advocacy issues. These issues are greatly affected by the laws of the United States and our individual states. They are:

- developed by our legislature branch of government (senators and representatives),
- carried out and enforced by the executive branch (President of U.S.A. and State Governors),
- interpreted by the judicial branch and court systems at the various levels.

It is extremely important that we VOTE for individuals who support our priority issues!
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

To register to vote in the state of Indiana or to check if you are registered and your name has not been purged or to apply for an absentee or mail in ballot (Presently, one does not know how safe it is to vote in person with the number of individuals who test positive for the coronavirus increasing.) go to: <https://indianavoters.in.gov/>.

(Social Action Continued)

It is also important to communicate with our national and state senators, U.S. and state representatives, the President of the U.S.A. and our state governors. We need to inform them throughout the year about our UMW position on various topics.

Do you know how to contact the six elected officials who represent you? If not, please contact me or your local or district social action coordinator.

CAROL TILLER-LUCHTMAN| SOCIAL ACTION
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Mission u Update

Greetings from the Dean of Mission u 2021,

As you know, Mission u 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. However, we are now in the process of planning, with high hopes, for Mission u next summer. I am thrilled to announce that the new Assistant Dean will be Cecelia Whitfield from Indianapolis. Since we are both active members of UMW, as well as, long time prison ministry volunteers, I believe that we will make a great team.

Next year's Mission u will again be held at U Indy. The proposed dates are July 20-23, 2021. Our spiritual growth leader will be Rev. Derek Weber. The topic for our Spiritual Growth study has not been determined yet, but it will be either "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" or "The Moral Witness of the United Methodist Church." Whichever book is not chosen for the Spiritual Growth study will then be the topic of one of the classroom studies.

The second study will be "PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" by Monique W. Morris. If you are interested in reading this book ahead of time, you can obtain a copy from Barb McCoy for \$12. Barb's email is: barb.mccoy@frontier.com.

I'm praying that we will be able to have Mission u 2021 in person. Please join me in that prayer. Also, talk up Mission u in your district meetings and your local units. We hope to be able to offer some scholarships again next year. Please ask your friends to join you next summer at Mission u as well as your pastor (female or male) and his/her children. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. Blessings to all!

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United Methodist Women Reading Program

So Much to Learn. So Much to Think About. So Much to DO!

These past months have been a great time for us to read and renew. By now you may be ready for some new books! Just in time, a new list of reading program books is ready and has been posted on the UMW website!

Reading Program 2021: Download the 2021 List of Reading Program Titles at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>.

As sisters in mission, a way to bring us together when we can't be together is to explore through the reading program. Share your books and response magazines with others through your church newsletter, Facebook or other social media, or prepare a book review for a future UMW event in your church. Most of all, pray for the concerns raised about issues, people, and countries as you study, act, and share in God's name.

There are also several programs offered through the website that accompany some of the books and mission studies. Be sure to check out ALL the information that is included and the additional links available to provide more information. It is loaded!

The following Mission u studies are included again for 2021 reading list and are Bonus Books which count as two books:

Spiritual Growth:

 *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*

Social Action:

 *Women United for Change -150 Years in Mission*

 *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*

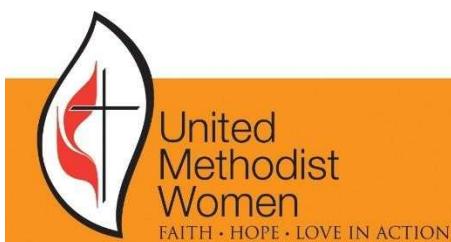
I have some copies of these if you need one. (They are \$10.)

The other Bonus Book for 2021 is *Rise!: From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou* by Bethany Hegedus. This book is also in the youth category so many age groups would be interested and benefit. This is a beautiful biography of Maya Angelou and shares how she rose above a childhood of trauma and emotional pain to become one of the most inspiring voices of our lifetime.

There are many interesting books to choose from. Check your library for the books; trade and share books with UMW sisters; and get them in audio or for your Kindle.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

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"Rebuilding Lives- Committed to Addiction Recovery"

CALLED TO MISSION

In 1869 women of the former denominations that are now part of our United Methodist Church began responding to God's call to mission. Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Clara Swain, a doctor, were sent to India with the support of the women to establish work with women and children. The work they began continues today in Lucknow, India. No matter how difficult it may seem or how few resources there seem to be, women have provided ministry of many kinds for many people in many parts of the world. Faith is the reason for all that has been accomplished. When there seemed to be no way, God has made a way.

The ministry of the Lucille Raines Residence has provided ministry for people recovering from addiction for over forty years. Our work has only begun. The need is greater than ever before and God continues to call us to keep providing the ministry accomplished through the Lucille Raines Residence. God will continue to help us as we remain faithful. We know that with God, all things are possible.

God has provided and watched over Raines in these recent difficult times. Many

individuals and UMW groups and others have helped provide for needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. The regular costs of keeping the ministry going are always in need of support. Now we have an additional need as we raise funds to pay for the new air conditioning system. Repair of the fifty-year-old system could not be done with any guarantee it would last even one day. The health and well-being of the residents of Raines is important and a new system was the only reasonable choice. Keep praying for the progress of our Raines residents. Pray for God's leading in how to support the regular needs and this special need of our ministry at Raines. Share the story of how lives are changed for the better with others who will want to join us in this vital ministry.

Luke 6:38

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

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Through it all God is Good all the Time!

All the Time God is Good!

In this ongoing Covid-19 pandemic residents and staff, by God's grace, remain safe and well. For that, we are grateful. Many residents have either lost their job or their hours have been severely cut. Rent payments are crucial to the operational budget at Raines. But God's faithfulness repeatedly reminds us His amazing Grace at work in this important substance abuse recovery ministry.

Caring United Methodist Women are constant reminders that Lucille Raines Residence ministry was and continues to be a response to God's call to ministry. Some purchased groceries and personal care items. Some forwarded their Stimulus checks. Some made withdrawals from their investments to help pay rent for those who suddenly were unable to meet their responsibilities due to no fault of their own. Units and churches likewise have responded generously. Residents sacrifice on behalf of fellow residents.

Safe distancing guidelines have interrupted regular gatherings of support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, etc. The loving caring atmosphere at Raines is especially important during these uncertain and difficult days. Staff makes exerted efforts to offer

encouragement and residents are more supportive of one another. Although the pandemic brings difficulties and uncertainties to lives already in turmoil and transition, God's presence is very real at Raines. God's love is exemplified through caring, supportive individuals and churches with HUGE hearts for Raines. Thank you for all you do for Raines! Your witness of God's love is at work transforming lives for Christ!

God's faithfulness has been revealed through broken pipes, leaking windows and roof, a down boiler system and tuckpoint and concrete repair and replacement. We remain confident that God will prevail in Raines latest and current challenge. The mammoth air conditioner that served the six-story facility so well for 50 years was deemed irreparable during a long stretch of 90+ degree temperatures and high humidity. The board voted to replace it at the cost of \$88,000, trusting once again that "through it all" God will provide a way. The need for lives transformed from substance abuse is greater today than when this ministry began over 40 years ago. Read more in this newsletter about this latest need and prayerfully consider how you might help.

Carolyn Maxey
Lucille Raines



AIR FOR RAINES'



The air conditioner has kicked the bucket!

You have the opportunity to make a big difference in the lives of so many! The cost is \$88,000 but, with faith, all things are possible! *Together, we can do this!*

Donations may be sent to:

**Lucille Raines Residence
% Carolyn Marshall
947 N Pennsylvania St
Indianapolis, IN 46204**



Put "air conditioner
or as needed"
on the memo line.

**Lucille
Raines**
RESIDENCE



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 annual meeting. This could include attendance to districts/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.

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR E & I COORDINATOR BY JANUARY 15, 2021

2021 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
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Your District Secretary

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Were bold, flexible, committed
to justice for all, and Zooming
our way through 2020!*



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