FROM THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16 (CEB)

We have survived the “once in a generation” polar vortex. Hopefully that it will be the worst of this season. Lent has arrived!

I trust that as many of you as possible availed yourself of the opportunity to learn more about the Special General Conference by attending a District Conversation around A Way Forward. Some local churches have had focus groups to help United Methodists understand the changes that may come due to the Special-Called Conference. I have shared with the leadership team the United Methodist Women call to prayer for the upcoming special session of the United Methodist General Conference.

As members of United Methodist Women, we also have been engaged in study, listening, conversation and proposals about what God’s call to our church looks like. We too are feeling the growing uncertainty that naturally grows as the special session grows closer.

Please pray for the delegates and for the future of our church. Continue to find ways to strengthen our work and we put faith, hope and love in action for women, children and youth. We’re called to shine light in dark places…Still.

Join the Leadership Team in our commitment to connect to all the women in The United Methodist Church who want to be a part of this creative, supportive fellowship. We are committed to growing in faith together and to our mission and vision.

If you missed the January retreat at McCormick’s Creek, you missed a blessing. Rev Shannon Springer led us in the topic, “Esther’s Story in Today’s World”. We spent time singing, praying, reading scripture, laughing and reflecting. My favorite part of the retreat was the plan for intentional spiritual growth and call response. We were challenged to start each morning saying, “Lord, I know I am called. Help me to say Yes.” We are assured that God is with us!

Following the retreat, the conference Leadership Team met to plan for the year ahead. We are excited for Mission u at University of Indianapolis. You will find details about Mission u in this newsletter. We also finalized details of Legislative Day and made plans for the Annual Celebration. Our joy will be complete if you join us for any of the events.

Let Christ’s light shine through you so that you enable Christ to be known among the people!

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INDIANA CONFERENCE PRESIDENT
Dear Indiana sisters in Christ,

It is time to celebrate! We turn 150 years old in March and look at the change we have brought through faith, hope, and love in action. I moved to Indiana in 2011 and I can see the changes we have accomplished when I look back just over 8 years. Bringing legislation before the state house in time for the Super Bowl in 2012. Holding a women’s circle in the women’s prison. Hosting Limitless events for younger women to participate in United Methodist Women’s work.

So, I ask you, what do you want to do for the next 150 years? We have a legacy fund to build and we have some great opportunities for growth in our membership and leadership.

Let’s start with that Legacy Fund. I have been involved since the creation in 2014 and I am so proud of the work that single members of the organization have taken up to spread the possibilities that the Legacy Fund encompasses. I love the Legacy Fund because it is about the unknown. We can’t know what women, youth and children will need in 150 years, but we can be ready to provide it! Think about your legacy and talk with your family about your financial plans for a planned gift or bequest to the Legacy Fund.

Membership in United Methodist Women is more important now in this ever-changing world and we must adapt! You do not need to be a United Methodist to be a member, so it is up to us to invite our friends to join. The next step is then letting women define their own membership. Let new programs happen in new places with new women and the world of United Methodist Women will open!

I am honored and privileged to be your director to the national organization. I proudly say, “I am IN” when I share as the national president. Thank you for your work, your passion, and your gifts to United Methodist Women.

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UMW NATIONAL PRESIDENT
What a wonderful start to 2019 with the spiritual growth retreat at McCormick’s Creek! The event was a success with 106 ladies registered. If you were unable to attend, I highly recommend you consider going to the April retreat (also led by Rev. Shannon Stringer) in Fort Wayne.

The Program Committee met after the retreat and continued to develop the details for 2019 events. This spring, we have March’s Legislative Day in Castleton and April’s retreat in Fort Wayne. Mission u will be held at University of Indianapolis in July. We are planning how we can celebrate our 150th UMW birthday at the Annual Meeting at St. Luke’s in Indianapolis—you won’t want to miss it!! The speaker will be Bishop Trimble. November’s Leadership Development and District Officer Training will be held at Fishers UMC. Thank you to Castleton, St. Luke’s, and Fishers for saying YES to hosting 2019 events!

We are trying something new this year by exploring a site closer to the northern portion of our state for the Silent Retreat. Don’t worry, we plan to return to Sarto House in Evansville in 2020! I’m looking forward to making a road trip to Tipton with our Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Lexa, later this spring so we can explore the site for this fall’s Silent Retreat at the St. Joseph Retreat Center. You know Lexa and I’ll have fun where ever we go, and we may even have the registrar, Kathy White, join us. In fact, Brenda Crawford, from the Committee on Nominations lives near there…maybe she needs to join us too!

In case you don’t know, we have some great ladies on the Program Committee brainstorming and being creative so the UMW of Indiana gatherings are meaningful to those who attend. The best compliment I received after last fall’s annual meeting was “Next year, I’m bringing more friends with me so they can enjoy it like I did!” Who are you inviting to join you this year as you attend events?

We also started exploring dates for the 2020 calendar! Now, as I write this newsletter article, I’m pleased to announce that we have secured dates and locations for next year’s retreats (McCormick’s Creek Jan 24-25, Don Hall’s April 3-4, and Sarto House October 23-25)! November’s Leadership Development and District Officer Training will be held at Fishers UMC. We need host churches for the 2020 Annual Meeting on October 2nd. Will your church host one of these events next year?

I look forward to our next Program Committee meeting as we gather again in mid-March at Benedict Inn. In the days leading up to our planning session, please join me in praying that creative ideas and enthusiasm will be abundant. Pray that our efforts will result in events that will help us grow closer together as UMW sisters and Christians as God works through each of us in His world.
FROM THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

-Micah 6:8

We are not alone. I take great comfort in that. Not only does God always have a plan, Jesus is always there holding our hand and the Holy Spirit is there guiding us, but we also have each other. I love that we call ourselves a sisterhood. There is so much pain, sadness, hunger, sorrow and injustice in the world, we couldn’t handle it alone. There is also a lot of joy and gifts to be grateful for – share your joy.

As secretaries, we record information, send information, attend meetings and repeat. But it’s so much more than that. Each of us are truly a part of the body of Christ. Serve with hope, joy and thanksgiving that we walk with the Holy Trinity as well as each other. Continue to encourage your sisters and walk beside them.

Thank you for all you do. You may never know the difference you make, but be assured, you do!

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I recently attended United Methodist Women Leadership Development Days. In my first session, we were discussing the mission study What About Our Money. We were asked to think of a word, phrase, song, or feeling that we associate with money.

I came up with a song/phrase “More Money, More Problems.” I ask you, what do you think about when you think about money? Do you feel an emotion, whether happy or anxious? Do you think of what money can give you? Such as freedom, confidence, security, or stability.

The scripture reference we used in the session was Luke 12: 22-34 where Jesus asks his disciples not to worry about our lives, what we will eat or what we will wear. Instead we are to strive for God’s kingdom and all these things we be given to us. Jesus also asked his disciples if they could add a single hour to their life span by worrying. It is a simple question, but says so much.

We should change our focus from the amount of money we have to the power that money has to advance the mission of the United Methodist Women and create positive change in the lives of women, youth and children locally, nationally and globally.

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INDIANA CONFERENCE TREASURER
FROM THE SPRING RETREAT

Many of you attended the January Spiritual Growth Retreat led by Rev. Shannon Stringer titled “Called: Esther’s Story in Today’s World.” Rev. Stringer challenged us to find where God is calling us to make a difference.

Since the Retreat, God has put scripture and quotes in front of me. He does have a sense of humor and chuckles when I say “really”!

- “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” John 15:16
- I may not be able to do anything big to make a difference but I CAN do something.
- “Well done is better than well said.” Benjamin Franklin
- Faith can move mountains, but don’t be surprised if God hands you a shovel.

At the Retreat, I felt God asking me to add 1 or 2 more dog visits a month. Most of you know that Daisy and I make 8 visits a month to the local nursing/assisted living facilities in Crawfordsville every month. Then with the arrival of a free DVD from Rob Fuquay, God nudged me to have a Bible Study in our home during Lent. No shovel, just a free DVD!

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 6! During a conversation with a friend we discussed “fasting” (giving something up such as chocolate) or perhaps adding something that will enrich our faith walks. A Bible Study because of a free DVD! Maybe one of the Spiritual Growth books on the Reading Program List. Purchase the Resurrection Eggs that tells the story of Holy Week and share with the children at your church, children or grandchildren. The children love guessing what is inside each egg. We open 1 or 2 each Sunday in Lent during the children’s message. However, they have to help me remember what was in the eggs that we have already opened and what part it played in the Holy Week story.

REMEMBER if you missed the January Spiritual Growth Retreat fill out the registration form in this newsletter for the April Retreat and send it in. You will be glad you did!

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Pastor Shannon Stringer left me thinking about the calling of Esther, her acceptance of what she had to do regardless of fears, trepidations or risks.

We were made by God and we are living in this time. The now seems as if it could swallow us up in conflicts, problems, issues, and injustices. Yet, “who knows if perhaps You were made...for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14. Even though God’s calling and nudges are felt, I often become paralyzed, doubt my own capabilities, or lack courage to forge ahead. I’m beginning to realize that God has placed me here for such a time as this! With prayer and preparation and calling upon His help, acceptance of the call is possible.

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Liturgical prayer | Speak to us now that we may be wise enough to hear your call. Strengthen us that we may be brave enough to answer your call. Guide us now that we might follow where you would have us go. Forgive us, God, when we are too tired to cast our nets one more time; when we are too stubborn to do things a little differently. Have mercy on us when we are too afraid to dive into deep water and take a risk. Grant us grace that we may proclaim your word, work for your kingdom, and trust in your promises. Amen
How does one truly express gratitude? At times, our heart sings when we think of all that God does for us! Other times reflect those occasions when it’s more difficult to share God’s goodness in our world. Perhaps one of those times is in the recovery world.

Of course, gratitude abounds when hearts are changed because folks care enough to dare to make a difference. And a difference is what YOU make with continued prayerful and financial support of Lucille Raines Residence.

Gratitude abounds because of the generosity of many who helped to make tuck-pointing the brick facade of Lucille Raines Residence a reality. Work that required immediate attention before winter has been completed. Work will resume in the Spring to repair and/or replace broken concrete stairs and cracked walkways. Consequently, the need for continued financial support is ongoing too.

Likewise, the $10 per United Methodist Women member per year giving is down. These funds support the ongoing program of rebuilding lives from substance abuse. God’s faithfulness to our call is always astounding—always a reminder of His steadfast love and mercy.

Consider visiting Lucille Raines for a talk, tour and lunch/dinner. The $8.00 per person is the cost for a delicious meal and an eye-opener to the amazing work being done at Raines. It may also be a wake-up call to a youth in a confirmation class who struggles with peer pressure in today’s world. Price tags cannot be attached to redeemed lives! Let us be about prevention as well as recovery! Contact Carolyn Marshall to arrange a time for your group to experience God at work at Raines, cmarshal@sprintmail.com or 317-636-3328.

Thanks be to God for your continued prayers and financial support and for His transforming love!

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LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE | PUBLICITY
FROM LUCILLE RAINES

Lucille Raines Residence, situated at 947 N. Pennsylvania Street in downtown Indianapolis, is a place for new beginnings, a place for finding hope.

In this time of epidemic opioid crisis, along with all other addicting substances, the need for a place to find hope is evermore crucial. Unfortunately, the faces of addiction have become younger and younger.

When Lucille Raines Residence opened more than 40 years ago, United Methodist Women of Indiana was truly on the cutting edge of providing a place where persons committed to addiction recovery could rebuild their lives. It was hoped, and even prayed, that this United Methodist Women of Indiana project would outlive the need for the program.

Time has proven that United Methodist Women of Indiana truly did respond to God’s call for such a time as this—a time that has not become obsolete, but rather a time that is becoming more and more needed in today’s world.

So, Lucille Raines Residence continues to minister to the needs of those in search for a place of hope in their desolate lives. The faces of our clientele get younger all the time. Some of the older, more seasoned residents fear for the lives of our younger residents, saying, “Many coming to Raines today will not make it”. Comments like this are based on the sheer fact that today’s drugs are more dangerous, harder to overcome.

We must continue to offer a safe place, a respite amid today’s storms of addiction, a place where hope may be found. Lucille Raines Residence is such a place. There love is found, encouragement is given, tools for living one day at a time are modeled. Finding hope is not an easy journey, but it is a journey where one learns he or she is not alone. Raines is a place where one learns to turn one’s life over to God day by day in a community where others are successfully rebuilding their lives from substance abuse. This community offers hope that leads to hopefulness. This community offers Christ—the source of ultimate hope and healing.

Your continued prayers and financial support are needed and appreciated. With your help, hope is found at Raines.

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LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE | PUBLICITY
Greetings to all District MNO Mission Coordinators, Presidents, local Presidents and Secretaries too!!

Local Presidents/Secretaries:

It’s 2018 Census time! Our submission deadline is March 30, 2019. The responsibility of completing and submitting the census is yours!

Here are the simple directions for local organization reporting:

1. Go to the United Methodist Women National website: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org
2. Click on this icon and you’re on your way!
3. Watch the instructional video. She’ll guide you!
4. Fill in the blanks and answer the questions.*
5. Click on SUBMIT and you’re done.

*You will need your units’ numbers of: a) members as of January 1, 2019 b) new members added in 2018, and c) members lost due to death, or other reasons.

The census is focused on gathering information that will inform the National office, Conference and District leadership on local efforts in order to plan for growth, outreach and impact.

Even though local unit presidents are responsible for the census for their organization, I think it might be a valuable learning experience if the leaders, or even the whole unit membership, participated in responding to the questions, since your answers should be based on the opinions of the majority!

I received a report from our National office on Feb. 12, 2019 that lists 106 local units whom have submitted their census forms. We have a long way to go and only 6 weeks left to finish! They can no longer accept paper copies, so we must all get on board and file electronically.

If you have ANY questions, please contact your district mission coordinator, your district President, or feel free to contact me. Also, you will see in the video there is a National contact email and phone number. We are ALL here to help make Census 2018 as accurate as humanly possible. Remember the deadline is 3/30/19.

Please contact me if you still have questions, as we are Better Together!

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH
United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders almost 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.

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, setting a goal to raise $60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign’s theme, Together, we are building our legacy, celebrating the legacy of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the legacy that today’s members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their legacy to carry the mission of faith, hope, love in action forward in the world for years to come.

The graph to follow illustrates where we are on the continuum of reaching the goal of $60 Million dollars. Our United Methodist Women Purpose is unchanged since its inception in 1869; and our resolve is resolute. Our mission awareness reminds us of the importance of our staying the course so countless lives of women, children and youth may continue to experience God’s love through the work and mission of United Methodist Women.

To Date:

Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to respond in making this goal a reality. Plan now to participate in another matched Day-of Giving on March 23, 2019, where the benevolence of others will substantially help us attain the $60 Million-dollar goal—a goal that will help to assure at least another 150 years of steadfast mission. Please see instructions on ways to give elsewhere in this newsletter.

Each United Methodist Women member, each local and district organization is encouraged to include a 150th Anniversary celebration in this year’s programming. It is important that we remember and celebrate the past 150 years of mission as an organization and that we carry that legacy into the future for at least another 150 years! God has called us for such a time as this! May we be faithful to that call!

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Article in part taken from Unitedmethodistwomen.org.
Legacy Matched Giving March 23, 2019

Ways to Give to Legacy Fund:

- Cash/Check/Credit Card
- Online Giving: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- Text to Give: Text “41444” on your cell phone and enter “Legacy 150” in the message area
- Send checks to: United Methodist Women, Attn: LEGACY, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115 Write: Legacy Fund” in the memo line.

Please consider joining your legacy with ours by supporting the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign to carry the mission of United Methodist Women forward in making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth in the years to come. For more information on the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, please contact 212-870-3705 or e-mail Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org

SOCIAL ACTION

Please join us on March 7 for another Legislative and Advocacy Day. This year, we will look at Economic Inequality. Income and wealth inequality in the United States impacts women, children and youth, which, in turn, further marginalizes those who may already be vulnerable. After decades of poor policy choices, we need to encourage fair and just policy changes to reverse the income and wealth gap. United Methodist Women are called to act both locally and in national efforts to begin to bridge the inequality gap. The flyer with registration information is included in this issue of the Mission Messenger and is also on our UMW of Indiana webpage.

There are many resources available on the Economic Inequality topic on the United Methodist Women website. These are excellent conversation starters, circle meeting resources, and even Sunday School explorations! One excellent resource on this topic for a local meeting is the Bible study by Janet Wolf called “A Fresh Wind Blowing” available on the United Methodist Women website.

Keep track of what is going on during this session of the Indiana General Assembly by checking the website and calendar at: https://iga.in.gov/ You can also find your state legislators’ contact information and information on legislation.

And be sure you have signed up for the UMW Action Alerts -- United Methodist Women National Office sends occasional e-mail alerts to take action on our four priority issues. You can sign up online or you will find the actual form elsewhere in this issue and can mail it to: Carol Barton, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Dr., 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115

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SOCIAL ACTION
One of my favorite quotes is from a poster of Jim Davis’s cartoon character Garfield. He says, “People who can read, should!” Books are a great way to learn more about people, countries and issues, and are available in print, or as e-books, and can be children and youth books as well.

As we celebrate our 150 years of women in mission, we know that lots of prayer, study and action were involved over the years. The UMW reading program increases our understanding and sensitivity to all people and encourages critical thinking about past and current issues.

I was pleased to see that all the information you need to get involved in the reading program is given in the center of the December Response magazine. This includes the list of books for 2019 with short summaries, and covers our five areas of focus. You can also find all the information on the website unitedmethodistwomen.org, including the book lists for 2014-2019. READ, PRAY, STUDY and ACT. This is the basis for our UMW Reading Program and it is the center of our UMW planning, and organizing to put our faith, hope and love into action.

The way that Reading Program books are distributed is changing. Beginning January 1, 2019, Reading Program books will no longer be available at Mission Resources. If you have not already established one, consider establishing a lending library. Your local library is also another great resource.

So keep reading! The books and Response magazine continue to educate us and others on the important issues of our time. SHARE Response stories of the service and advocacy for women, children and youth through the time, talents and money given by UMW. Many other program resources are available in the Response magazine as well as online, and in the program book Sisterhood of Grace. The annual Prayer Calendar is a great additional resource.

Response magazine is moving the print and digital magazine to a bimonthly publication schedule of 6 issues per year. They are working to create an easy-to-use website and want to use Facebook to increase our connections, service and advocacy, education, leadership development and spiritual growth.

*** If you have not already done so, local units need to send a list of their 2018 readers for the Reading Program to their District SPR. Please do this as soon as possible so your District SPR can send a copy of their compiled district list to me and to Secretary Bonnie Elam by March 15. ***

If I can help you, please let me know!

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES
NOMINATIONS

This is my first newsletter as Chair of the Committee on Nominations. I have been looking for inspiration in encouraging ladies to join the UMW conference team. Of course, I found that inspiration at church. On the bulletin, the verse from 1 Corinthians 3:9 – We are God’s Co-workers and you are God’s field, God’s building. The verse made me think of the women of UMW and all of the work we do. And then my Pastor choose the scripture Luke 5: 1-11. Jesus asked Simon to go back out and cast his nets. Simon replied he would. As a member of the Committee on Nominations, we are asking help in filling offices. Please answer yes. We are currently looking for Young Women’s Coordinator and two members for the Committee on Nominations – North and Southeast to finish our 2019 slate of officers. We have several offices that will open for 2020-2021 which are President, Secretary, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, and for Committee on Nominations – West, East, and North Central. Please contact me or your district’s member of the Committee on Nominations for the conference team.

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MISSION U

Hopefully your calendars are marked and you are ready to join us for Mission u 2019 July 16-19 at University of Indianapolis. It is time to start asking your pastor if he/she can attend. We give CEU credits as well as scholarships for 1st time attendees. Attendees do not have to be a United Methodist woman, nor do they need to be attending a UM church. So ask your friends to join you this year. Contact your district to ask for scholarship possibilities that are available as well.

Now to the fun part, our Facilitators! Rev Derek Weber will be returning and leading the Spiritual Growth study “Mark”. (I know you are smiling and can’t sit still you are SO excited!) Then we have 4 ladies: Martha Milhouse, Margaret Pruden, Lisa Morris, and Rita Gaither Gant, who will be taking us on a journey with our Geographic study “Women United for Change: Anniversary Study.” These ladies will be sure to energize you with learning, networking, having fun, and bringing out your creative side. Yes, I said being creative is in your future! Then our money study is returning for its second year. Mary Ann Moman and Kathy Whitewill be updating last year’s curriculum with new and additional information to share. Last year’s participants can attest to you that a great time was had by all. Lots of laughter and community-building experiences that have so much meaning in our lives today. No matter what class you attend, it will be sure to have lots of fun, learning, new insights, God sightings, and many new friends to get acquainted with. It’s a win, win!

Mark your calendar now, and keep watch on the new website for registration and additional information. Can’t wait to see you there!

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DEAN, MISSION U
**Spiritual Growth Retreat** --McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, IN  
Jan. 25-27 (Fri./Sat. 7pm -3pm)

February 1-3—Leadership Development Days Tempe, AZ

February 23-26 – Special General Conference Session, St Louis

**Legislative Day**—Castleton UMC, Indianapolis, IN  
March 7 10-330

**Spiritual Growth Retreat**--Don Hall's Guest House, Fort Wayne, IN  
April 5-6 (Fri./Sat. 7pm-3pm)  
5 Fri. 7pm -9 pm  
6 Sat. 9am-3pm

**INUMC annual conference** June 13-15

Limitless--TBA

**Mission u, University of Indianapolis**  
July 16-19 Tues.-Fri.

**Annual Meeting**—St Luke’s UMC, Indianapolis, IN  
Oct. 4-5 (Fri. night/Sat)  
4 Friday 5pm supper  
5 Annual Meeting starts at 945am

**Silent Retreat**—St Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton IN  
Oct 25-27 (Fri 7pm - Sun. 12 noon)

**Leadership Development and Officer Training**  
Location TBA

**Nov 2** Sat. 10-3
Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund

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 of United Methodist Women of Indiana.

Director questions or mail applications to: Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: Lisa Morris 1192 Cardinal Circle, Franklin, IN 46131

Committee Chair: Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
Committee Members: To Be Determined

2019 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee

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United Methodist Women of Indiana

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ through Mission Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults
Eligible Youth & Young Adults in group: ________

# Adults in Group: ________
Eligible Youth & Young Adults: ________

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 Adult Ministry of the Indiana United Methodist Church.
4. Preference will be given to projects supported by UMWA national GRGM.
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, 2019.

Application:

Name: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Address: ________________________
City: ____________________________
State: __________________________
Zip: ____________________________
Phone: __________________________
Individual/Group Name: __________
Parent/Youth Leader Name: ________
Church Name: ____________________
Church Address: __________________
City: ____________________________
Zip: ____________________________
Phone: __________________________

% of reference from Youth Leader or local church pastor must accompany the application.

Mission Project:

Methodist-Related Project Number (If Applicable): ______________________

Cost per youth/young adult: $ ________

Dates: __________________________

Project Objective:

Project Location:

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
Spiritual Growth Retreat
April 5-6, 2019
Begins Friday 7:00 p.m. Eastern—Saturday 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Rev. Shannon Stringer
“Called: Esther’s Story in Today’s World”
Primary Scripture: Book of Esther
Please read entire book

Don Hall’s Guest House
1313 W. Washington Center Road,
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Spiritual Retreat Registration Deadline March 2, 2019.

Name_____________________________________________________
District_________________________________________
Address____________________________________________________
Church_________________________________________
City____________________________ Zip Code__________________ Phone________________ Email _____________________

Need Handicap Accessible Room
Special Diet _______, Specify______________________

Amount Enclosed $_____________ (Make check payable to UMW of IN)

Roommates: (1) _______________________, (2)____________________________, (3)_________________________

Remember, registration is not complete without payment. Please send completed registration with your
check made payable to UMW IN to: Brenda Crawford, P.O. Box 21, Windfall, IN 46076-0021, nbcraw@yahoo.com

Cancellation Notice: Please be mindful that the conference incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 14 days’ notice of cancellation.

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United Methodist Women of Indiana

Note: Pictures & videos captured during the event by conference representatives will be used for news and promotions, including social media. Registering for the event gives permission for one’s image to be used. Names of youth and children will not be used with pictures.
United Methodist Women

Sign Up for Social Action Alerts!

United Methodist Women is focused on four issue priorities, and within them, four campaigns. You can receive periodic e-mail alerts on any or all of these campaigns to stay informed and to take action! Sign up for any of the campaigns below. (Your e-mail is never shared with other organizations.)

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP Code ____________________________________________________________

Phone _____________________________ Email _______________________________________

Conference _________________________________________________________________

I would like to receive information on the following:

[ ] General social action updates
[ ] Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline (Criminalization of Communities of Color/Mass Incarceration)
[ ] A Living Wage for All (Economic Inequality)
[ ] Just Energy for All (Climate Justice)
[ ] End Maternal Mortality (Maternal Health)

Members and friends can also sign up at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts. Please help us by circulating this at all local, district and conference United Methodist Women meetings!
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.

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.

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**Find responses**, the magazine for Women in Mission, through a subscription or online: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response) or [http://responsemagazine.wordpress.com](http://responsemagazine.wordpress.com). The Mission Giving logo found in response identifies a program and/or person supported by United Methodist Women’s Mission Giving.

Find the Charter for Racial Justice online: [http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter)

Go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/environment](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/environment) for 13 Steps to *Sustainability*; ideas for Be Just. Be Green.; and other ways to get involved in UMW’s environmental work.

**WHEN?** Receive recognition for 2019, by returning your competed checklist by January 15, 2020 to:

Your District’s Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Return completed form (front & back) to:

**Deadline for reporting: January 15, 2020**

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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.

### PARTICIPATION
- At least two members subscribed to and/or read response magazine (including online articles).*
- Used at least two programs from a UMW Program Book during the year.*
- Conducted at least one Mission study during the year.*
- At least one member is a member of the UMW’s Action Network to receive Action 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 response.
- 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 meeting during the year.
- Pledged to care for God’s creation by becoming a “Green” local organization.