



# CATCH the VISION

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## Presidents' Messages:

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God". Philippians 4:6*

Those of you who have known me, for at least the last four years, know that I "worry" a lot. When I answered the call to serve as UMW Conference President I "worried" about following in the steps of five incredible Past Presidents. In due time, I learned that I was not alone, I was part of a creative, supportive fellowship of women ready to guide, correct and encourage each step of the way. Thanks be to God! THANK YOU to each of you who were and are there for each one of us who "worry." Gloria, Welcome to the Team. **You have nothing to "worry about."**

I have been blessed indeed.

Martha O. Boyer, Outgoing Conference President

As we begin a new year together, I look forward to how God may be calling us to be instruments of faith, hope and love in action. United Methodist Women has been an important part of my life, nurturing me through supportive fellowship, broadening my understanding of mission, and enriching my spiritual life (just like the Purpose says). I am in awe of what we United Methodist Women can accomplish together. And I'm glad you're on this journey with me.

Gloria Carter,  
Incoming Conference President



# Vice President

It has been an honor to be your Vice-president for the past 5 years. The additional year was due to COVID. It was wonderful seeing individuals at the in-person Annual Gathering this year after the virtual meeting last year.

71 individuals registered for the Annual Gathering. Harriet Olsen, Pastor Park and Bishop Hee-Soo Jung gave welcomes. We had jubilant music (by video, organ, piano, and humming behind our masks to avoid singing) with lots of movement. We had worship, business, speakers, breakout sessions, delicious food, and most of all fellowship. Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner highlighted the Mission u study- Finding Peace in an Anxious World for our worship.

Tony Kearny, Sr., executive director of Northcott Neighborhood House gave an inspiring keynote speech on what is happening at Northcott. Northcott does incredible work in Milwaukee to "teach people to fish" so that they have skills to improve their lives. Northcott has a building trades program with 50% of the participants having been incarcerated. Northcott has a 4% recidivism rate and 40% is felt to be good. Afternoon breakout sessions were Good Trouble Team dealing with racism, Cross-cultural appointments with Lamarr Gibson, People Helping People, and registering for Assembly 2022. The video of the Saturday morning sessions and pictures from Annual Gathering can be found at: [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org).

A big thank you to Mike Pullen for doing the recording and Laura Pfeffer for posting the video to the WI Conference website.  
Blessings, Ruby Dow



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# Membership

Hello Wisconsin United Methodist Women (UMW)!

Thank you to all of our presidents, membership nurture and outreach coordinators (MNOs) and any others who completed our 2020 Unit Survey (formerly Membership Census). Final results from our New York Office are in the hands of District presidents and MNOS. District leadership teams are to share results with units and use the questionnaire data to plan for next year.

In the four years of my term as conference MNO a Conference goal has been to have 100% of our units report their membership and answer the online survey. We've not met that goal but we will continue to strive for it. This year our number of units reporting declined significantly due to COVID and other reasons. Our total reporting for 2020 was 68% of the units listed in our 2020 Yearbook. When corrected for double counts our total membership reported for 2020 was 2,925. We know that several units went inactive in 2019 and 2020 which resulted in membership decline.

We want to encourage members of inactive units and other women who believe in our PURPOSE and want to put faith, hope and love into action to remain connected or connect for the first time with UMW. Our Conference team approved "*Wisconsin District Member-District Unit Guidelines*" at our August 2021 team meeting. They can help guide your district and unit moving forward. Please contact your District President or District MNO for more information.

I urge all of you to continue checking our National UMW website at  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

to keep informed about all things UMW. Our General Secretary Harriett Jane Olson has an article in each **response** Magazine. I encourage you to read it as she guides us into the future. Also check the website for our 2021-2024 Handbook at  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/2021-2024-handbook>

I pray for your health and wellbeing and for that of your family and friends during this time of COVID 19 and beyond. Being the nurturing, caring women I know you to be I'm sure you are caring for one another. Our outreach and nurturing are more important now than ever before as we chart our new future together. We continue to learn ways to be safe and still be physically together. Please follow public health guidelines as you plan to come together in person again. New technology, Email, social media, cell and land line telephones, card and letter writing are great ways to keep us connected.

At the end of 2021 I will complete my 4 years as Conference MNO. It has been my joy and pleasure to meet and work with many of you during these years. Together we will continue to put faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth here and around the world.

Faithfully Looking Forward,  
Sue Plasterer,  
Wisconsin Conference UMW, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator  
608-274-0275; seplasterer@charter.net

# Our Secretaries

Goodbye and Hello --

I'm saying 'good-bye' as your UMW Conference Secretary. Please help Christine Anding, the new Conference Secretary, by getting your District Information to her for the Yearbook, if you have not already done so. It has been a wonderful 4 years of learning new things about the computer and getting to know so many of you.

However, I am saying 'Hello' as a member of the Nominations Committee. I will work hard to try to fill the team with representation from around the entire state – so please do not be shy about stepping forward to help fill the positions. At this time we are still looking for a Membership Nurture and Outreach position as well as a Social Action person. As a team we will support you, so if you have any interest in either of those positions, please give me or anyone on Nominations a call.

Thank you.  
Josie Gobel

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Hello! I'm Chris Anding, your new Conference Secretary from Evansville, WI. I currently attend Delavan UMC and am a member of Delavan UMW.

I am happy to be on the Conference Team and hope to do as well as Josie Gobel, our present Conference Secretary. I am excited to meet and work with District Officers and local units. Blessings to all.

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# Nominations

Thanks to all the Wisconsin Conference UMW Executive Team for four years of exemplary teamwork and devotion to mission. I will miss meeting with you but hope you enjoy the new officers that our Nominations Committee found for 2022-2023.  
JUDY LOVELESS

## Wisconsin Conference UMW Officers for 2022

President	Gloria Carter	7224 Springfield Circle Wauwaukee WI 53597 608-849-7589 carter53597@tds.net	First Term Expires 2023
Vice President	Deb Pattee	W 18821 N River Rd Whitehall, WI 54773 651-295-6842 patteedk@uwec.edu	First Term expires 2023
Secretary	Christine Anding	PO Box 634 Evansville WI 53536 c-262-607-1386 christine- marie1950@gmail.com	First Term expires 2023
Treasurer	Lisa King	W615 Riverview Ct. Fall River, WI 53932 608-335-6179 li- sa.king6179@gmail.com	Second Term expires 2022
Program Resources	Cherrie Hartley	1527 Roxbury Way Waukesha, WI 53186 h-262-650-1184 cher- riecuffy@hotmail.com	Second Term expires 2022
Spiritual Growth	Shirley Jackson	4257 W. Bradley Rd. #117 Brown Deer WI 53223 (h) 1-414-354-5258 mrsshirleyjack- son79@gmail.com	First Term expires 2023
Membership Nurture and Outreach	Sue Plasterer	6813 Winstone Dr. Madison WI 53711 h-608-274-0275 seplasterer@charter.net	Until replacement is found
Communications	Anne Scott	2561 Roanoke Circle Fitchburg WI 53719 h-608-271-4813 ascott1167@aol.com	Second Term expires 2023
Social Action	TBD		
Education and Interpre- tation	Cherrie Hartley	1527 Roxbury Way Waukesha, WI 53186 h-262-650-1184 cher- riecuffy@hotmail.com	Second Term expires 2022
Nominations Chair	Cindy Morse	W7970 Cty Hwy K Arlington WI 53911 h-608-635-2916 c-414-350-5943 ccynmorse@aol.com	First Term expires 2023
Committee on Nomina- tions	Josie Gobel	309 W. Johnson St. Apt. 930 Madison WI 53703 920-988-0705 josiegobel@charter.net	First Term expires 2025
Committee on Nomina- tions	TBD		

Committee on Nominations	Linda K. Whitelock	6137 Dell Dr. Madison WI 53718 c-608-575-1517 <a href="mailto:whitelocklinda@att.net">whitelocklinda@att.net</a>	First Term expires 2025
Committee on Nominations	TBD		
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Hmong Language Coordinator	TBD		
Native American Language Co-ordinator	TBD		
Hispanic Language Coordinator	TBD		
Korean Language Coordinator	Soyoun Choi	4403 Tanglewood Dr. Janesville Wi 53546 C-608-758-4250 <a href="mailto:soyounparkchoi@hotmail.com">soyounparkchoi@hotmail.com</a>	First Term expires 2023
Young Women’s Coordinator	TBD		
Young Women’s Mentor	TBD		
Finance-Chair for National UMW Office and on the National Board of Directors & Program Advisory Group	Heidi J. Careaga	1230 N. Harmony Dr. Janesville WI 53545 c-414-271-5080 <a href="mailto:hjc77care@msn.com">hjc77care@msn.com</a>	Continuing Term expires 2024
Mission u Dean	Mary Lainberger	304 Mohawk Trail DeForest, WI 53532 h-608-846-4378 c-608-212-0506 <a href="mailto:mlainberger@charter.net">mlainberger@charter.net</a>	New Term expires 2022
Mission u Assistant Dean	Karen Mayeshiba	1702 Lynndale Rd. Madison WI 53711 c-608-228-8351 <a href="mailto:kamayeshiba@yahoo.com">kamayeshiba@yahoo.com</a>	Until replacement is found
Deaconess	Kady Herr-Yang	1809 W. Ramsey Ave. Milwaukee WI 53221 c-414-704-2365 <a href="mailto:kadyherryang@gmail.com">kadyherryang@gmail.com</a>	New Term expires 2023
Deaconess	Judy Vasby	218 Neli Ct. Deerfield, WI 53531 c-608-576-0173 <a href="mailto:vasby.umw@gmail.com">vasby.umw@gmail.com</a>	Continuing Term expires 2023

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## Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities  
of Hope and Joy

### Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women Mission u 2022

Great news—COMMUNITY is God's desire for us! Join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the community that Jesus is calling us to be!

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tended to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible than ever. You may choose to do an In Person class or a Zoom class. The text for the class, *Who Can We Be Together?*, will be available by January, 2022.

**In Person Mission u**  
**3-day class**  
**Thursday evening to**  
**Saturday afternoon**  
**July 28—July 30, 2022**  
**Location**  
**to be determined**

**ZOOM Mission u**  
**4 evening sessions**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**July 12 & 14, 2022**  
**July 19 & 21, 2022**  
**In your home**  
**or chosen location**

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Fitchburg WI 53719



### **UMW Conference Dates for 2022**

January 8	Executive Team zoom meeting (9 to noon)
March 5	Mission u zoom meeting (9 to noon)
April 9	Mission Action Day LOCATION?
April 22-23	Executive Team Meeting – Wausau First
May 19	Ubuntu Day of Service - Orlando FL
May 20-22	Assembly 2022 in Orlando FL
July 12, 14, 19&21	Mission u (Zoom)
July 28-30	Mission u 3-day class in person
August 26-28	Executive & Mission u at Pine Lake
October 14-15	Annual Gathering – 1st UMC Baraboo
November 4-5	Mission u/Executive Meeting—Portage UMC