

Mission Matters

President’s Message



UMW Sisters,

I have been preparing a UMW Sunday celebration around for my local congregation focused on our Mission u topic of Finding Peace. I am always amazed at how appropriate Mission u study topics are for the times in which they are presented. Planned years in advance, these studies never fail to be timely and this year’s spiritual growth study “Finding Peace in an Anxious World” is a prime example. I hope you have been using this rich tool for deepening your spiritual life even without a traditional Mission u this year. Based upon the Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr in 1943, this study confronts us with the dual reality of our powerlessness in the face of some things and our responsibility to act in the face of others. The trick, of course, is to figure out what goes in which bucket.

Frustratingly enough lots of things this year have gone into the “things I cannot change” bucket. Things I have taken for granted in the past now seem unimaginable. I miss so many things, but especially the ability to gather with my UMW sisters locally, district-wide and conference. Virtual gatherings are a poor substitute. I am sure you have your own list of unwelcome changes both big and small which have intruded into your life. This study helps us to turn these things over to God and release our need to control the future. God knows our needs and blesses us in large and small ways if only we are open enough to embrace them. Being thankful, being centered on God and trusting that God goes with us through the difficult and dark days is the peace of Christ.

The other part of this study focuses on what we do have the ability to do. I am thankful that our mission as United Methodist Women goes forward even during this new reality. We are seeing many people concerned for the ways in which this pandemic has put at risk people traditionally disadvantaged by our economic, education, healthcare, and justice systems. When many are daring to speak out for “the least of these”, there is opportunity for action and change. One of

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South West District Annual Gathering, United Methodist Women
Platteville United Methodist Church 1065 Lancaster St. Platteville WI 53818
Saturday, September 21, 2019

Theme: Sisterhood of Grace/Celebrating 150 Years in Mission

The Gathering began with registration at 8:30 a.m. The Platteville United Methodist Women provided light refreshments in the Wesley room. Everyone was encouraged to visit the displays that were set up in the Narthex and Program Resources located in the Library.

The event opened with singing and gathering in the sanctuary led by **Song Leader, Charlene Mingst** and **Pianist, Kim Roble**. In keeping with the theme the songs chosen to sing for the day were hymns that are included in the red hymnals that could have been sung by our United Methodist Women sisters 150 years ago. We were welcomed by **South West District President, Laura Pfeffer** who led us in the recitation of the Purpose. President Laura Pfeffer then introduced the South West District officers who were present and Susan Schlager the president of the Platteville United Methodist Women.

South West District Education and Interpretation Coordinator, Eileen Bennett gave a brief report from the Prayer Calendar and suggested ways that the calendar can be utilized on a personal basis, as a guide for scripture reading, and at unit meetings.

South West District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Marge Lyford, led us in the opening worship beginning with a brief history of the Platteville United Methodist Church and the surrounding area. Beginning with the singing of "For All the Saints" Marge then led the memorial service honoring and remembering United Methodist Women who passed away since our 2018 annual gathering.

The very special **Keynote Presentation** was enjoyed by all. **Jolly Michel, Jo Reynolds, Kris Alesi, and Cheryl Budack**, members of the **Stitzer United Methodist Women**, dressed in 1800 style clothing, included stunning hats artfully created by the women themselves presented a delightful adaptation of "**That Handful of Women**" by Mary Lynne Gilbert. Beginning with an overview of life in Boston in the 1800s, this skit is a reenactment of the pivotal meeting of 8 women held at the Boston Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall on March 23, 1869 at which United Methodist Women was envisioned and begun. Several South West District Officers took part in the presentation.

President Laura Pfeffer previewed the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women – North American Seminar scheduled for October 3-6, 2019 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel in Northbrook, IL. Laura then introduced the promotional video for the North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial event that is scheduled to take place in Sioux Falls, SD on June 26-28, 2020.

At 10:40 a.m., after a short break and a time of singing and gathering, the Business Meeting was called to order by Laura Pfeffer. The voting bar was established. A quorum shall be a majority of the United Methodist Women who are present.

Acting South West District Secretary, Charlene Mingst called the unit names for Roll Call. The units responded with the number of members present today and the number of members on their membership lists, explaining that a new award - The Angel Award - will be given to the unit that has the highest percentage of members in attendance today. Results of the Roll Call were as follows: 68 members representing 25 units, 1 district member, 3 guests (session leaders) and 1 pastor.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Gathering as submitted by **Josie Gobel** were approved as printed.

South West District Treasurer, Lisa King presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved as printed. After some discussion regarding the proposed South West District Pledge to Mission for 2020, **Eileen Bennett** moved and **Susan Forrester** seconded the motion that the pledge amount would be set at \$53,500. **The motion passed.** After some discussion about the proposed budget for 2020, **Judy Loveless** made a motion and **Pat Gallus** seconded that the budget as printed be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Nominations Chair, Kay Putman, presented the proposed 2020 Slate of Officers and explained that nominations from the floor can be made at the time of election later in today's meeting.

Next on the agenda was Unit Recognitions for 2018. Treasurer, **Lisa King**, first explained each of the 5 Channels of Giving: Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, World Thank Offering, and Gift in Memory. The following units qualified for Five Star Unit Certificates: Baraboo -First, Boaz, Columbus, Dodgeville, Fall River, Lancaster, and Montfort.

Eileen Bennett recognized 15 units for qualifying for Mission Today Certificates: Prairie du Chien, Madison- Bethany, Columbus, Lodi, Dodgeville, Fall River, Madison-First, Platteville, Baraboo-First, Madison-Asbury, Arlington, Brodhead, Whig, Ridgeway-Grace, Madison-Wellspring.

Program Resources Coordinator, Cindy Morse, read the names of units qualifying for Reading Program Certificates. Those units are Madison-Asbury, Madison-Bethany, Lodi, and Columbus.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Lisa King led the Pledge Service and Offering. The offering will be sent as a part of the South West District Pledge to Mission.

Northcott Representative, Carol Lange assisted by Eileen Bennett, Lisa King, Judy Loveless, and Kay Putman presented a skit promoting the South West District Mission Trip to Milwaukee which is being planned for the summer of 2021.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Leadership Development/ Officer Sharing began promptly at 12:45PM. The sessions were divided into 4 groups: Future UMW (President, Nominations, Young Women's Representative, Membership Nurture & Outreach), Money (Treasurer, Northcott Representative, Programming (Vice President, Social Action, Secretary of Program Resources, Spiritual Growth, Education and Interpretation), Communication (Secretary, Communications, Historian).

After a short break everyone attended 1 of 4 Choice Time sessions: Living History of UMW led by **Diane Quade**, Practicing Resurrection led by **Carol Lange**, Hymnal Treasure Hunt led by **Kathy Maldegen**, and Book Talk led by **Diane Woodbury**.

After a short break we gathered once again in the Sanctuary for singing.

Donna Veatch gave an immigration and refugee update.

President Laura Pfeffer brought the afternoon business meeting to order at approximately 2:50p.m.

Charlene Mingst presented the Angel Award to the Stitzer UMW as over half of their listed members were present. The angel will be in their possession until the next year when it will be passed on at the annual gathering in 2020. The beautiful angel is hand carved from olive wood and was made in Palestine.

Kay Putman presented the slate of officers for 2020. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was unanimously approved.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Deb Yanske presided over the Retirement of Officers. Those retiring were: Vice-President- Kathy Maldegen, Treasurer- Lisa King, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator – Nancy Beilke, Nominations Chair- Kay Putman, Nominations-Pat Gallus, Social Action Coordinator - Charlene Mingst, Program Resources – Cindy Morse.

Deb Yanske then presided over the Installation of Officers for 2020. Officers installed were: President- Laura Pfeffer, Secretary – Charlene Mingst, Communication Coordinator – Becky Yager, Spiritual Growth Coordinator – Marjory Lyford, Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator – Kay Putman, Social Action Coordinator – Pat Gallus, Education & Interpretation/Program Resources Coordinator – Eileen Bennett, Nominations – Donna Fae Kruse, Northcott Representative – Carol Lange, and Young Women's Representative – Lucie Yaba.

The **Rev. Cheryl Weaver** officiated at communion to conclude the gathering.

Submitted by South West District Secretary – Charlene Mingst (608)935-5758 jcmingst@mhtc.net

**SOUTH WEST DISTRICT UMW
(Mini – Virtual) ANNUAL GATHERING
THEME: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE –
IGNITED FOR JUSTICE**

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|---|-------|--|
| <p align="center">KEYNOTE:</p> <p align="center">The UMC's Role in Improving Women's Health</p> <p align="center">Dr. Kathy D. Hartke, MD FACOG</p> <p align="center">Co-Chair WI Maternal Mortality Review Team</p> | 8:45 | Zoom meeting opens. |
| | 9:00 | Welcome |
| | | Worship/Memorial Service |
| | | Keynote |
| | | Business Meeting |
| | | Unit Recognitions |
| | | Love Feast (please have available water/milk/juice, etc and crackers for this service) |
| | 11:00 | Sending Forth |

Cost: None

If you wish to make a free will donation to offset the cost of this event or an offering for Pledge to Mission, send checks marked either Pledge or Donation to

Interim District Treasurer Laura Pfeffer
W10132 Koltes Rd, Lodi, WI 53555

Make checks payable to South West District UMW.

**Saturday September 19, 2020
Zoom meeting
9AM-11AM**

Video Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82249098859?pwd=czZzUXFsdmFKWmhaNW5WajVtbDRhQT09>
Meeting ID: 822 4909 8859
Passcode: 488855

or by Phone (long distance charges are possible)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) or
Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc8rRH4vS9>
The host will open the meeting at 8:45AM.
To limit distractions and bandwidth we recommend muting your audio and video until you need to speak.

Maternal and Child Health

**CAMPAIGN:
END MATERNAL MORTALITY**

Call on health care workers, lawmakers and advocates to fund maternal mortality review committees and implement recommendations in hospitals and communities.

TAKE ACTION:
www.endmaternalmortality.org/maternal-child-health

REGISTRATION FORM: We request that you register to ensure that we have enough Zoom connections available. We encourage groups to watch this event in appropriately socially distanced, small gatherings for those who may not have access to the internet. Only the host needs to register for a group. Individuals watching alone should register themselves.

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mail form to registrar: **Charlene Mingst 622 W. Merrimac St. Dodgeville WI 53533,**
608-935-5758, jcmingst@mhtc.net by **September 14, 2020**



2020 Wisconsin Conference UMW Virtual Annual Gathering

There have been many challenges for all of us this year. Due to Covid-19, it was determined that an in-person Annual Gathering was not feasible. A virtual Annual Gathering with the theme: Walking in the Light: United for Justice will be held on Saturday morning, Oct. 17, 2020 from 9 am- noon. A link to the meeting will be posted at www.wisconsinumw.org in mid-September, and will also be in the Sept. Catch the Vision and District newsletters. Worship will be led by Keri Olson with the theme: "Feel the Light. Be the Light. (Lessons from COVID-19)." The message will conclude with a prayer for light. The keynote speaker will be Judith Siaba. Her message will be: Justice for our Neighbors: Immigration. There will be a short break between the keynote speaker and the business meeting. There will not be a program booklet this year. Bios for the worship leader and keynote speaker; schedule for the day, and items for the business meeting will be posted at www.wisconsinumw.org prior to the virtual annual gathering. Pictures and short bios for the speakers are below.



Keri Olson is an inspirational author, speaker and blogger. She is an active member of the Baraboo First United Methodist Church where she currently serves as the chairperson of the administrative council. She follows in her late mother's footsteps as a member of the United Methodist Women.



Judy is a lifelong Methodist/United Methodist whose passion is seeking and advocating for God's justice for ALL people.

Judy was mentored by many women in the Northern Illinois conference and the North Central Jurisdiction, who helped her to develop her leadership skills and discover her gifts for mission. This led her to serve on the national level of Women's Division of UMW. Including service as national vice-president of UMW. During these same years Judy served as Conference Secretary of Global Ministries and was later elected as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries where she first heard about Justice for Our Neighbors. Prior to becoming Conference Secretary of Global Ministries she served as Aurora District Lay Leader. Judy served 7 years on the board of Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors, including the last two years as board president.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this virtual meeting. We are all learning to adjust to be physically apart during this pandemic. Ruby Dow, WI Conf. VP



Treasurer's Report for 2019

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE - SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

| | Net Worth | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 12/31/2018 | 12/31/2019 |
| | Balance | Balance |
| ASSETS | | |
| 100 Checking | \$2,922.52 | \$1,866.84 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$2,922.52 | \$1,866.84 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| 211 Pledge to Mission Receipts | \$49,270.00 | \$43,561.31 |
| 212 Pledge to Mission Disbursements | (\$49,270.00) | (\$43,561.31) |
| 215 SMR Receipts | \$1,100.00 | \$1,805.00 |
| 216 SMR Disbursements | (\$1,100.00) | (\$1,805.00) |
| 221 Gift to Mission Receipts | \$203.00 | \$414.00 |
| 222 Gift to Mission Disbursements | (\$203.00) | (\$414.00) |
| 225 Gift in Memory Receipts | \$1,389.00 | \$1,330.00 |
| 226 Gift in Memory Disbursements | (\$1,389.00) | (\$1,330.00) |
| 231 World Thank Offering Receipts | \$3,897.23 | \$3,595.75 |
| 232 World Thank Offering Disbursements | (\$3,897.23) | (\$3,595.75) |
| 235 Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Recpts | \$2,319.42 | \$1,759.26 |
| 236 Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Disbmts | (\$2,319.42) | (\$1,759.26) |
| 271 Mission u Receipts | \$605.00 | \$1,065.00 |
| 272 Mission u Disbursements | (\$605.00) | (\$1,065.00) |
| 275 Northcott Neighborhood House Receipt | \$7,321.00 | \$6,235.00 |
| 276 Northcott Neighborhood House Disbmts | (\$7,321.00) | (\$6,235.00) |
| 285 UM Childrens' Services Receipts | \$275.00 | \$200.00 |
| 286 UM Childrens' Services Disbursements | (\$275.00) | (\$200.00) |
| 291 UMCS Transitional Living Receipts | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| 292 UMCS Transitional Living Disbmts | (\$100.00) | (\$100.00) |
| 295 Harbor House Receipts | \$400.00 | \$200.00 |
| 296 Harbor House Disbursements | (\$400.00) | (\$200.00) |
| 301 Other Designated Receipts | \$4,042.61 | \$4,124.00 |
| 302 Other Designated Disbursements | (\$4,042.61) | (\$4,124.00) |
| 351 Legacy Fund Receipts | \$306.03 | \$161.69 |
| 352 Legacy Fund Disbursements | (\$306.03) | (\$161.69) |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | |
| OVERALL TOTAL (ASSESTS - LIABILITES) | \$2,922.52 | \$1,866.84 |
| | | |
| TOTAL Mission Giving (5-Channels) | \$55,859.23 | \$50,706.06 |
| TOTAL Mission Giving Plus (Designated Gifts) | \$15,369.06 | \$13,844.95 |
| TOTAL Pass Through Funds | \$71,228.29 | \$64,551.01 |



2021 Pledge to Mission and Budget

Proposed South West District Pledge to Mission

South West District of the Wisconsin Conference for 2021 is
\$53,500

Proposed 2021 Budget

| Category | 2019 Budget | 2019 Actual | 2020 Budget | Proposed 2021 Budget |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| 410 Registration Revenue | \$1,500.00 | \$2,389.50 | | |
| 412 Registration Rev-Annual Gathering | | | \$800.00 | 400.00 |
| 414 Registration Rev-Spiritual Retreat | | | \$500.00 | 250.00 |
| 416 Registration Rev-Day of Enrichment | | | \$500.00 | 250.00 |
| 420 A&MD Budget Receipts | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 900 Accounts Payable | | \$50.00 | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$11,500.00 | \$7,439.50 | \$11,800.00 | 10,900.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| 505 Standing Committees | \$1,000.00 | \$1,082.20 | \$1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 510 Communications | \$1,500.00 | \$664.69 | \$1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 515 Officer Training & Workshops | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | 100.00 |
| 520 Mission u | \$3,000.00 | \$1,870.00 | \$2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 525 District Annual Gathering | \$1,000.00 | \$1,895.34 | \$1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 530 Conference Annual Gathering | \$1,000.00 | \$693.90 | \$1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 530 Jurisdiction Gathering | | | \$500.00 | 0.00 |
| 535 Local Visitations | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | 100.00 |
| 540 Special Meetings & Retreats | \$1,500.00 | \$1,267.80 | | |
| 541 Spiritual Retreat | | | \$600.00 | 600.00 |
| 542 Day of Enrichment | | | \$600.00 | 600.00 |
| 545 Representatives to Meetings | \$200.00 | \$32.50 | \$200.00 | 100.00 |
| 550 SMRs & Gift in Memory | \$300.00 | \$330.00 | \$200.00 | 200.00 |
| 555 Officer Materials | \$200.00 | \$200.74 | \$700.00 | 700.00 |
| 560 Young Women | \$200.00 | \$334.80 | \$200.00 | 200.00 |
| 565 Audit | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 570 Child & Dependent Care | \$200.00 | \$16.00 | \$200.00 | 100.00 |
| 575 Program Resources | \$100.00 | \$107.21 | | |
| 595 Contingency & Other | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | 200.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$11,500.00 | \$8,495.18 | \$11,800.00 | 10,900.00 |



Hi everyone. It has been awhile since we have gotten together as S/W United Methodist Women. I miss you all!

I would like to stress how important it is to vote. I recently took the on-line learning to be a chief poll worker. It is all real dry and I will need some practice before I am able to preside over a shift.

My Vote Wisconsin is full of useful information. Including How to register to vote, change your address, and request an absentee ballot for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election.

I vote absentee. With the fall health reports not looking very promising; it is a safe way to vote.

Myvote.wi.gov <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us>. If you use your smart phone it is so easy.

<https://p2a.co/33iJHcC> will take you to the UMW action to tell your elected officials how you want them to vote on the **Emergency Water is a Human Right Act**.

You can find other action items on your umw.org web page. So why not learn some new tricks for this Covid-19 shut-in time.

Stay Well and many Blessings.

Pat Gallus

Social Action Coordinator

UMW Reading Program

The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books. To participate, select one of the four plans—and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into one of five categories (Bonus Books count for two categories each): Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Books are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the Reporting Form. When you submit Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition.

Choose and follow one of the four plans. Titles read from the 2015 list will be credited through December 31, 2020.

PLAN I: 5 books a year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2015–2020 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of **response** magazine

PLAN II: 10 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

PLAN III: 15 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Plus five additional books from any category.

PLAN IV: 20 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Plus ten additional books from any category.

Reports should be submitted to Eileen Bennett by September 1st. Please let me know if you need a copy of the 2020 Reading Program catalog or report forms. I can send you a digital or paper copy. I would also like to invite anyone who would be willing, to submit a “book report” to me to be used for our South West District Day of Enrichment.

Eileen Bennett (920-623-4659)
Education & Interpretation/Program
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Columbus, WI 53925
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The five channels of undesignated, unrestricted annual Mission Giving make United Methodist Women's mission possible across the United States and around the world. Voluntary annual giving helps United Methodist Women members fulfill the Purpose of the organization.

Pledge to Mission is the amount a woman gives to her local unit. It is usually the largest amount she gives every year for mission.

Special Mission Recognition is a set amount of money for mission (\$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000) given by an individual, circle or local unit to honor any person. The honoree receives a certificate and a small gold oval lapel pin.

A **Gift to Mission** honors someone with a contribution of \$5 or more for mission. A card may be sent to the honoree: "Congratulations," "Thank You," "In the Service of Christ," "A Special Day," "Thinking of You," "Happy Birthday," or "A Baby."

A **Gift in Memory** is a gift of \$5 or more that honors the memory of someone special. A card can be sent to the family of the deceased.

World Thank Offerings are spontaneous gifts given out of gratitude for God's abundance. Thank Offerings are usually collected in the fall by the local unit in a special service of thanksgiving. A portion of the Pledge to Mission for each United Methodist Women conference is kept by that conference for its own administrative and membership development expenses on the district and conference levels.

The remainder of the Pledge to Mission and all income from the other four channels of Mission Giving are forwarded to the national office, where it becomes the largest portion of the national organization's annual unrestricted income. The United Methodist Women Board of Directors votes on the budget—the use of these unrestricted funds—each year.

Who promotes Mission Giving?

The mission coordinator for education and interpretation has the primary responsibility for promoting all channels of Mission Giving. If no one holds this office, another officer or committee can assume the responsibility.

Where do I find resources to promote Mission Giving?

The website: unitedmethodistwomen.org The annual Program Book

response magazine

United Methodist Women Mission Resources: unitedmethodistwomen.org/store

Sign up for e-newsletters: unitedmethodistwomen.org/getemail

2021 Local Unit Elected Leadership

Local Church: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Pastor(s): _____
Zip Code: _____ Church Phone: _____

Instructions: Please print or type the information requested in the blanks provided. Include telephone number(s) with area codes and email addresses if available. Add additional pages as needed (if you have co-leaders for a position). Please provide all requested information even if your officer list has not changed.

Note: The Conference is requesting **two** contacts to be designated as email contacts to whom email information can be sent. These people do not need to be officers but must agree to pass along email information to the officers and members.

Complete and return form by October 5, 2020 to:

Becky Yager, Communications Coordinator South West District
10787 Cty Rd K
Lancaster, WI 53813
608-723-7451
608-778-0706(cell)
byager@chorus.net

Email Contact #1: Name: _____ email: _____

Email Contact #2: Name: _____ email: _____

President:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Treasurer:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Chair of Nominations:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

(Other office):

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

(Other office):

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Address: _____ City/State: _____
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Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

(Other office):

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____
Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____



Memorial

By September 6th, please send Laura Pfeffer the names (and photos, if available) of your UMW unit members who have passed away since our District Annual Gathering last year. They will be lifted up in the memorial service at the South West District Annual Gathering. You may send the names by E-mail (Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com) or by mail (W10132 Koltas Rd, Lodi, WI 53555). Thank you. Include information as indicated below:

In Memoriam from _____ (unit name)

Name: _____

Additional Information:

 _____ Photo included? _____

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these avenues for change will be highlighted by our district annual gathering keynote speaker. Dr. Hartke will be highlighting the power we have to improve women’s health. Together we can and should make a difference in this vital area. We are here for “such a time as this”. No matter how we gather, I hope that you take this opportunity to know and embrace your power to turn faith, hope and love into action. Building the kin(g)-dom of God together is how we make peace (“Shalom”) for us all.

God, Grant me the Serenity
 To accept the things I cannot change
 Courage to change the things I can
 And the Wisdom to know the difference

Yours in Christ,

Laura Pfeffer

South West District President

608-592-5228(H)/608-698-7508(C)

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WORDS OF WISDOM AND FAITH FROM HENRI NOUWEN

My husband and I have recently returned from a week's vacation in Wisconsin's north woods. We stayed in a cabin on a small lake near Hayward. Being city dwellers, we treasured the quiet times spent among the tall trees and under the starry sky.

In his daybook, *Bread for the Journey*, theologian Henri Nouwen, wrote the following devotion that spoke to our experience in the north woods.

“Deeply Rooted in God

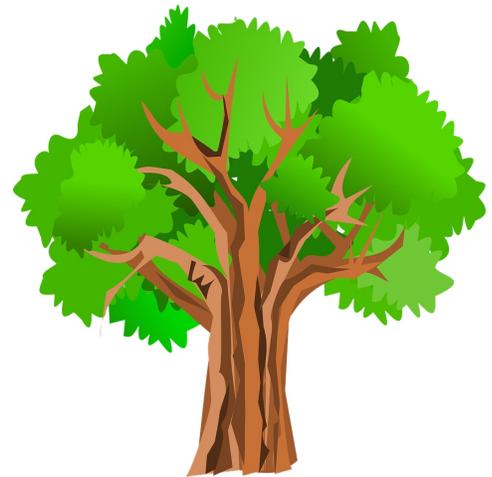
Trees that grow tall have deep roots. Great height without great depth is dangerous. The great leaders of this world - such as St. Francis, Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr - were all people who could live with public notoriety, influence and power in a humble way because of deep spiritual rootedness.

Without deep roots we easily let others determine who we are. But as we cling to our popularity, we may lose our true sense of self. Our clinging to the opinions of others, reveals how superficial we are. We have little to stand on. We have to be kept alive by adulation and praise. Those who are deeply rooted in the love of God can enjoy human praise without being attached to it.”

The ability to remain deeply rooted in the love of God requires regular replenishing it seems...like setting apart a time and place each day to open our hearts and minds to communicate with the Spirit of God within us... through silence, solitude, meditation and prayer. When life becomes difficult, we can still feel as strong as a tall tree... because we know that we are deeply loved by God!

Marge Lyford, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

608-233-5930. <mclyford@att.net>.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for getting your census for 2019 reported. The final report from National has not gotten to me yet, but I know we did better than last year.

What a joy to talk to so many of you. I was looking forward to meeting everyone at Annual Gathering but Covid came along. Maybe we can continue to call, text, and keep in contact now in new and different ways. United Methodist Women are very resourceful you know. Please share any good ideas you have. Keep up your good work and may God Bless each and everyone of you until we meet in person again.

Kay Putman, Membership Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator 608-592-2294

United Methodist Women of the South West District

Unit Pledge to Mission

2021

Unit: _____

Pledge Amount: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____



Mail to District Treasurer (Interim): Laura Pfeffer

W10132 Koltes Rd, Lodi, WI 53555

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State of Officers for South West District UMW for 2021

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FLOOR MOTION FORM

Proposed motions from the floor for the 2020 South West District UMW Annual Meeting can be made prior to the meeting. Fill out the motion form. If you wish to speak to your motion, fill out the reason section explaining your reason for proposing your motion. Motions will be reviewed to ensure that they are in order. All motions ruled in order will be brought to the floor of the Annual Meeting for a vote at the appropriate time. Motions must be returned by **September 12, 2020** to:

District President Laura Pfeffer

W10132 Koltes Rd, Lodi, WI 53555

FLOOR NOMINATION FORM

Nominations for an office on the 2021 South West District UMW team from the floor must be returned to Kathy Radcliff by **September 12, 2020**. You **must** have the consent of the person being nominated. Nominees will be contacted by the committee on nominations to discuss role and responsibilities as well as to check tenure. Nominees approved by the committee will be brought to the floor of the 2020 South West District UMW Annual Gathering for a vote.

Return to: Kathy Radcliff E11324 Hillman Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913

Nominee Name: _____ for Office: _____

Nominee Contact Info:

Address _____

Phone Number: _____ email (if any): _____

Person making the nomination:

Name: _____ Phone (in case of questions): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer's Note

UMW Treasurers,

I know that this has been a challenging year so far for all of us. I am, however, encouraged by how faithful units in our District have been to continue to send mission money to the District. On July 1st I sent out reports of giving recorded for Q2 for each unit which had given money in 2020. Our District is currently over 40% of our Mission Giving Pledge. I am prayerful that we will not be discouraged by events, but continue to show God's love at this time through our mission outreach. Your giving is transforming lives in crisis today around the world and in our own state. I know most of our fundraising is done in the fall/winter months and of course we do not know what this will bring. Yet I have faith that with your creative and supportive fellowship, we will continue to show faith, hope and love in action to women, children and youth both near and far. If you have questions about your unit giving or my records, feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Laura Pfeffer

Interim District Treasurer

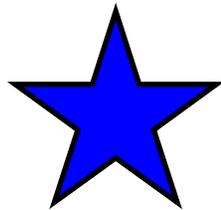
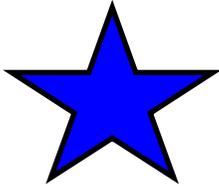
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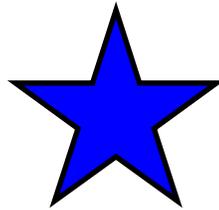
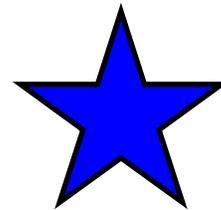
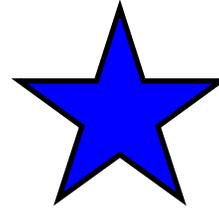


Five Star Units 2019

Congratulations! All these units have fulfilled their Pledge to Mission as well as giving to the other four channels of giving – Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, World Thank Offering and Gift in Memory.



Baraboo First
Boaz
Columbus
Dodgeville
Fall River
Lancaster
Lodi
Madison Bethany
Madison Wellspring



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Calendar

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| Sept. 1 | Reading Lists due |
| Sept. 6 | Memorial Forms due |
| Sept. 12 | Floor nominations and floor motion forms due |
| Sept. 19 | S.W. District Annual Gathering - VIRTUAL |
| Oct. 5 | Elected leadership forms due |
| Oct. 5 | Mission Matters articles due |
| Oct. 10 | World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women-VIRTUAL |
| Oct. 8-10 | I Am Her Conference—VIRTUAL (sponsored by COSROW) |
| Oct. 17 | Wisconsin Annual Gathering—VIRTUAL |
| Nov. 14 | Day of Enrichment—TBD |