

# Catch the Vision

## UMW WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

### MISSION ACTION DAY

With still some uncertainty with Covid, we will again be meeting virtually. Although there are some ways to meet in groups to enjoy the day.

Details and registration form can be found on pages 2 and 3.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

### THE INGATHERING

As in the past there will be an opportunity to help one of our UMW partners.

See page 4 for information on Ubuntu Mission day in Orlando.

NOTES FROM

### OUR CONFERENCE SECRETARY CHRIS

Christine Anding shares insights and updates on our new Wisconsin Conference 2022 Yearbook. By now you should have received yours in the mail. See page 6.

## Our New Conference President

Please find a greeting from our new Conference President Gloria Carter on page 3 of the 2022 Conference Yearbook that should be in your home mailbox. Welcome, Gloria!



### THE READING PROGRAM

Cherrie Hartley shares some resources that you might find helpful. See page 5.

### Education and Interpretation

“You can really change the world if you care enough.”

Cherrie suggests ways to make these words come alive on Page 6.



Mission Action Day (Virtual)

Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 am to Noon

“A Time to Connect with our Wisconsin Native American Sisters”

(Everyone is invited to this event sponsored by United Methodist Women)



Theme: “Native American Maternal Health, Past and Present”

Speaker: Candi Cornelius MSN RN CLC

Oneida Prenatal Care Coordinator



Theme: “Facilitating Transformative Change in Native American Women

Speaker: Alice Skkenandore Found and Executive Director of Wise Women Gathering Place (WWGP)

Website: [www.wisewomengp.org](http://www.wisewomengp.org)

EACH PERSON should register individually. Register online at:

<https://wisconsin-reg.brtaapp.com/WIUMWMissionActionDayVirtual>

Or you can register by mail by using the form below.

For questions please contact: Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or email [josiegobel@charter.net](mailto:josiegobel@charter.net)  
Please register by **April 1, 2022**. Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 5, 2022.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your church (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW WILL YOU BE JOINING THIS MEETING? (3 options)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Smart phone/ computer \_\_\_\_\_

Church Zoom Watch Party at \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$10.00 (suggested) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Conference UMW.

Mail registration form and payment to: Josie Gobel, 309 W Johnson St. Apt. 930, Madison WI 53703

Personal donations can also be made to Wise Women Gathering Place at [www.wisewomengp.org](http://www.wisewomengp.org)

**THIS IS MISSION ACTION DAY****OUR AIM IS TO PREPARE YOU TO TAKE ACTION!**

MISSION ACTION DAY  
CHURCH ZOOM WATCH PARTY LOCATIONS  
Saturday, April 9, 2022  
8:30 a.m. to noon

**North Central:**

**Wausau First**, 903 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Wausau WI 54403

Contact Person: Margaret Getzin - 715-842-9254 email: [margaretg202@gmail.com](mailto:margaretg202@gmail.com)

**North East:**

**Lakeshore UMC**, 411 Reed Ave, Manitowoc WI 54220

Contact Person: Jackie Ackerman - 920-793-1594 email: [ackermanj481@gmail.com](mailto:ackermanj481@gmail.com)

**North West:**

**Lake Street UMC**, 337 Lake St, Eau Claire WI 54703

Contact Person: Rita Houser email: [rhouser1010@gmail.com](mailto:rhouser1010@gmail.com)

**Osceola UMC**, 306 St, Osceola WI 54020

Contact Person: Norma Kretzschmar - 715-294-3447 email: [\\_normusic.nk@gmail.com](mailto:_normusic.nk@gmail.com)

**South East:**

**Delavan UMC**, 213 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Delavan WI 53115

Contact Person: Christine Anding - 262-607-1386 email: [christinemarie1950@gmail.com](mailto:christinemarie1950@gmail.com)

**Waukesha FUMC**, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha, 53186

Contact Person: Polly Mather 414-218-2394 email: [pollymather@yahoo.com](mailto:pollymather@yahoo.com)

**West Allis Blessed Hope UMC**, 3177 S. 107<sup>th</sup> St., West Allis WI 53227

Contact Person: Marie Garnhart 414-427-5770 email: [smgarnhart@gmail.com](mailto:smgarnhart@gmail.com)

**South West:**

**Lodi UMC**, 130 Locust St, Lodi WI 53555

Contact Person: Laura Pfeffer - 608-698-7508 email: [pfeffer.umw@gmail.com](mailto:pfeffer.umw@gmail.com)

**First UMC**, 203 Wisconsin Ave, Madison WI 53703

Contact Person: Josie Gobel - 920-988-0705 email: [josiegobel@charter.net](mailto:josiegobel@charter.net)

**Platteville UMC**, 1065 Lancaster St, Platteville WI 53818

Contact Person: Susan Schlager, 608-348-9575 email: [smschlager@yahoo.com](mailto:smschlager@yahoo.com)



## Assembly Ingathering Opportunity

### Seed Packet Request

United Methodist Women is so grateful to be partnering with Cornerstone Family Ministries, a national mission institution of United Methodist Women since 1892, for the Ubuntu Day of Service at Assembly 2022 in Orlando. Cornerstone's mission is to nourish young bodies, develop young minds and foster hope through Christ ... one child at a time. Cornerstone sponsors over 150 child-care centers under their Child Care Food Program sponsorship, serving over 16,800 children each year.

Cornerstone is passionate about:

- Making sure every child has access to nutritious food and quality education
- Teaching children and families how food grows, where food comes from and how it fuels their bodies
- Seeding gardens and planting seeds of change for economically disadvantaged children and families

One way our partner centers teach children about nutrition is through gardening, using our dietitian-curated USDA curriculum and garden boxes.

This is where you come in! We are for seed packets that will be sorted and packaged with educational information for each seed during the Ubuntu Day of Service.

From there United Methodist Women will mail them out to their child-care centers as part of our Garden Movement Program. With your help, thousands of children will have new nutrition education opportunities through these seed packets.

Here are the seeds we are requesting:

- Amaranth
- Collards
- Kale
- Malabar spinach



Not able to attend Assembly in-person? You may send your seed packet collections to your Conference Assembly Coordinator, Laura Pfeffer: W10132 Koltes Rd, Lodi, WI 53555 prior to Assembly.

## The Reading Program

This March, our Mission Action Day is scheduled for April 9. The time we spend together on that day will be **A Time to Connect with our Wisconsin Native American Sisters**. I want to encourage you to learn as much as you can about our Native American sisters, if you have not already, by reading about these sisters of ours. The Reading Program offers several books which you can read before April 9.

**Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women**: Whether looking back to a troubled past or welcoming a hopeful future, the powerful voices of Indigenous women across North America resound in this eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews and art. Stories of abuse, humiliation and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women who, making themselves heard and demanding change. Sometimes angry, often reflective, but always strong, the women in this book will give readers insight into the lives of women who, for so long, have been virtually invisible.

**Indian No More** Willing McManis with Traci Sorell: Regina Petit's family has always been Umpqua, and living on the reservation is all 10-year-old Regina has ever known. But when the federal government enacts a law that says Regina's tribe no longer exists, Regina becomes "Indian no more" overnight. For the first time in her life, Regina comes face-to-face with the viciousness of racism when her family moves to Los Angeles. In this moving middle-grade novel, Regina must find out: Who is Regina Petit? Is she Indian, American, or both? And will she and her family ever be okay?

I hope that you are enjoying your reading and that you have been able to obtain the books, from varied sources, that you want to read. John Wesley said: "It cannot be that people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will be a knowing people." For more suggestions, please contact me.

## Education and Interpretation

United Methodist Women members' mission giving and special offerings make mission happen! In 2020 and 2021, United Methodist Women members' Mission giving provided more than \$9 million to 226 national and international projects and partners. Mission giving provided scholarships to 157 students enrolled in institutions of higher education in 24 countries. Their work in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Phillipines focused on gender justice, economic empowerment and leadership development for women and youth. The March/April 2022 issue of Response magazine is dedicated to Mission giving and provides a wealth of information. This little symbol  at the end of **response** magazine articles indicate a program or project that is supported in part by Mission Giving.

One of the easy and simple ways to give is with the World Thank offering. All you need is a container and the will to contribute as you are so moved. Can you imagine if every United Methodist woman placed an offering in their container, every day, how much would accumulate and what we could do with that money? You only have to think of how we got started and where we are now. Our Reading Program books, and the Program book provide information related to giving and stewardship. There are several ways in which you can contribute to Mission giving and these can be found on our United Methodist Website. I am including the link which has wonderful fundraising ideas.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/fundraising-ideas-to-benefit-mission-giving>

**Cherrie Hartley**

Coordinator, Education and Interpretation

## From the Conference Secretary's Desk...

"Hi, I'm Chris Anding, the new Conference Secretary." You may have heard those words as I was calling or emailing District & Unit Officers around the state confirming and, in many instances, gathering new information on many of you. I would like to thank each of you who helped with this process. It was a blessing to talk to several on the phone and hear that many were looking forward to the lifting of restrictions so that their units could once again meet and start new activities. Sadly, some units closed and became inactive. Some units had managed to do their usual fundraisers as carryouts with restrictions & reach their goals. Whatever the case, our units had soldiered on through barriers set up by the pandemic, making the UMW a community of women seeking to serve women & children.

By now, most of you may have received your Conference Yearbook 2022. I have tried very hard along with Josie Gobel in a team effort to make the Healing & Joy Yearbook 2022 an accurate reflection of who we in Wisconsin Conference UMW are. There are just a few corrections which I will list at the end. Please check your information when you receive your yearbook and that of your co-leaders and churches to make sure it is correct. You may either email or call me.

### Corrections

Siren became inactive & Ginger Baker, Grantsburg is no longer their contact

Changes in address:

Karen Moser, 5215 Douglas Ave. Apt. 101, Racine, WI 53402 (Racine Northpointe) (SE District)

Charlotte Olson, P.O. Box 125, Merrimac, WI 53561 (SW District)

Janis Rhinehart, 559 N. Elm St. Apt. E, Adams, WI 53910 (NW District member)

Blessings to all, Christine

## Mission u is Coming This Summer



Come join us for a time of sharing and bible study. We are gathering together in person as well as on our computers to learn about and think about the parables that Jesus shared with his followers. These stories made people reflect on their lives and relationships. As we learn about the cultural context and the expectations in their time, we connect the meaning from then and relate it to our lives now. Cultural details change, human motivations endure and speak to us today as it spoke in the era of John Wesley at the beginning of the Methodist movement. It speaks to us today.

Rev. Anita Lang was born and raised in Chile in the Methodist Church. A mother of three sons (Orlando 29, Pablo 24, and Esteban 14) she finds joy and inspiration in them every day.

She holds the position of Pastor at Elkhorn UMC as well as Adjunct Professor in the Religion Department at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI.

Through the United Methodist Women in Wisconsin, she served as the Hispanic Language coordinator for three years (2007-2010). She has served as a pastor for over 12 years. Currently, she serves as Chair of the Board of Global Ministries WI Conference and as Chair of the Partnership between WI Conference and the Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia.

She is currently enrolled at the National University of Costa Rica in an Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Socio-Religious Studies.



In Person Mission u 2022 Registration Form



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**Who Can We Be Together?**  
**Building Communities of Hope and Joy**  
 Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women

**In Person Mission u 2022 Registration Form for July 28, 29, 30**  
**Christ United Methodist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin**

Name	District (Circle One) NW NC NE SW SE
Address, City, State, Zip	
Email	
Phone	
UMW unit	Position in unit, district, or conference

**Early bird registration is \$70. After June 1 the cost is \$85. Registration deadline is June 27.**

**Send check made out to Mission u along with this registration form to our registrar:**

Marilyn Eyster  
 122 E. Cox Rd. Home 608-868-3585  
 Edgerton, WI 53534 Cell 608-480-9424  
 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com

**You may also register online.**

Click or copy & paste this URL into your browser.

**<https://forms.gle/H3Ce3TZWmRKCqNv57>**

Registration is transferable but not refundable

**Note:** If we need to cancel In Person Mission u due to a worsening pandemic situation, you will have the option of either the refund of your registration fee or of converting your registration to the zoom class with the refund of the difference in cost.

The zoom class will be held on four evenings, July 12, 14, 19, and 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The decision whether or not to cancel the In Person Mission u will be made by July 1, 2022.

Retain for your information.

**Lodging:** Participants are responsible for their own lodging reservations and evening meals Thursday and Friday nights. We have set aside a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn Suites at 725 Paradise Lane, Johnson Creek, WI 53038.

The rooms will be available at the special rate of \$129 per night single or double occupancy. They will be held for us until June 27 or until they have all been filled. The rooms include a free hot breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Make hotel reservations by calling 1 (920) 699-2800. WI Conference United Methodist Women

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**Who Can We Be Together? Building Communities of Hope and Joy**

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!

What would be possible if we tended to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13? This year we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

We will be using the book, *Who Can We Be Together?* for this class. This book is available for purchase at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or call 800-305-9857.

**Check those that apply:**  Seeking Lay Speaker credit  Seeking CEU credit (for Clergy)  
 Request Scholarship (Check here to find out about Conference scholarships for Mission u.)  
 First time at Mission u  New WI Clergy Mission u scholarship  
 Requesting a scholarship stipend to help offset the cost of child care up to \$25/day for the first (5) requests with registration (Please contact registrar for information.)

**Meal:** A Friday box lunch is provided with your registration. Beverages will include water, coffee, and lemonade. Other meals are on your own.

Please check one:  vegetarian,  gluten free  ham,  turkey  roast beef

**Photos:** Photos taken at Mission u could be used in material to promote this event. **Please sign below to indicate that you understand that your photo may be taken and used by Wisconsin Conference UMW to help share United Methodist Women with others.**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Please be sure we have this information in case of an emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number to contact them: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this person at Mission u?

Retain for your information

2022 Wisconsin Conference Mission u  
 Who Can We Be Together?

Location: Christ United Methodist Church  
 112 Hall St., Watertown, WI 53094

In-Person Three-Day Class

Thurs, July 28, Hotel Check In: 3:00 pm Fellowship: 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Gathering: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
 Fri, July 29, 8:30 am—9:00 pm Sat, July 30, 8:00 am—1:00 pm.

***Who Can We Be Together?* is the text for this class.** Order it at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or call 800-305-9857. No books will be sold at Mission u.



## Frequently Asked Questions On Upcoming Changes for United Methodist Women

### Exactly what changes will we be seeing and when?

The changes will rollout throughout 2020.

The new and improved tools and programs include:

- **A new look and updated ways of sharing our story**
- **A new easier-to-navigate website** that will have
  - A homepage designed to pique new women's interest in our organization and start them on a journey to membership, and
  - A special portal on the homepage where members can login to access resources specially designed for members.
- **Soul Care Retreats with Templates.** This is a pilot member-recruitment program through which current members invite nonmember friends to themed retreats specially designed to nurture our bodies, minds, and souls. The retreats end with an invitation to join and/or learn more about turning your love into action through UMW.
- **Mission u innovations.** In response to the today's increased demands on women's time and conference UMW's stretched capacities, the Mission u program is being updated. Beginning in 2022, Mission u will be introducing three new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focusing on a shared biblical theme. The new Mission u curricula will be more accessible and adaptable for use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats and other settings. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented, and biblically centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to learning together for the transformation of the world and expand its impact.
- **A New National Membership Option.** This will enable women to join our sisterhood via our new website. They will learn about and be able to participate in programs and events online or connect in person to local units if they choose to.
- **More targeted giving options.** Members and nonmembers alike want more options to target their financial gifts to specific program areas such as Spiritual Growth or our priority justice issues.
- **New tools for treasurers.** New tools, like Vanco Faith, will be available to enable treasurers to collect and manage giving and registrations electronically.
- **Innovations in the Leadership Development Days programs.**
- **New and innovations in resources.**

### How is this going to affect me and my unit?

The structure and operations of United Methodist Women on the local, district and conference levels will continue as they are, but new and improved tools and programs will be available to help each level nurture current members and reach out to new women.

### I've heard about changes coming to United Methodist Women and something about a New Wineskins Campaign. What's all this about?

United Methodist Women is again saying yes to being part of what God is doing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by creating new and improved ways for women today to gather for faith, sisterhood, and action to improve life for women, children, and youth.

The New Wineskins Campaign is about:

1. The exciting changes on the horizon for United Methodist Women, and
2. Sharing this great news with members.
3. Preparing members for these changes and launch of this rebranding of our organization

The New Wineskins Campaign is named for Jesus' metaphor in Mark 2:21-22 where he explains that new times require ways of doing things.

*No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.*

*Mark 2:21-22 (NIV)*

**I'm hearing United Methodist Women is rebranding. What does it mean and what does that have to do with the New Wineskins Campaign?**

"Brand" is just a term to describe what people can expect you to consistently deliver. "Branding" includes the things we do—our look, our actions, our messages—that help let people know who we are and what we consistently deliver.

Rebranding United Methodist Women means we are refreshing the way we tell our story, our look, and updating our programs, resources, and outreach efforts so that we better nurture current members and are more welcoming to new women and more women of diverse backgrounds and life stages.

**I heard there's a New Wineskins online course. May I take it?**

The New Wineskins online courses are available now to Program Advisory Group members, conference officers and district presidents. However, in January, a PPT version will be available for use in conference districts, and local units.

Our best resource right now for more information is the free issue of the Response Magazine, which you can access on the website at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/>.



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**United Methodist Women**  
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**Fitchburg WI 53719**

**Looking Ahead**

April 9	Mission Action Day
April 21-22	Executive Team Meeting
July	Mission u
August 25 - 27	Executive Team/Mission u meeting at Pine Lake
October 20 - 21	Annual Gathering
November 3 - 4	Mission u Executive Team meeting

**Deadlines for Catch the Vision for 2022**

May 1 for May 2022 issue

August 30 for September 2022 issue

December 1 for December 2022 issue