



# CATCH the VISION

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## *President's Message:*

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them". Isaiah 42:16

Gray winter days are not good for me. My ancestors lived in the tropics and I feel completely out of place in the beautiful Wisconsin winter days without sun. The title of today's devotion reading for February 2, 'YOUR BEST SELF' from Finding your Way by Jane Rubietta, From Pain to Purpose – the Lives of Adam and Noah - made me frown. Nevertheless, I was committed to the scheduled reading. Like Cain, I felt abandoned in the wrong place. Jane says "we abandon ourselves, trying to disappear through underperforming or overachieving. We become what others need or believe us to be. It also is a flat-out denial of the gifts and personality God gave us, and God's calling us to be a blessing in this world. Instead of dwelling in a place of confusion or exhaustion, try asking 'What do I need right now?' She asks that we remember God's message to us in Isaiah 42:16. I am so grateful for Jane's gift of writing that can reach and touch my aching soul and remind me of God's promise that He will not forsake me. By 11 o'clock the clouds had disappeared and the sun was streaming through my windows! Thanks be to God!

By the time CTV goes to press we hope to have the information for Mission Action Day ready along with the registration form. These are difficult times and we are longing for meetings in person when we can hug each other, catch up on all the news, shed tears of joy and sadness and re-energize each other to continue our Mission. Hang in there!

Check our webpage for news on our recent Leadership Development Days speakers and links to Faith Talks. We are still connected to each other, take advantage of technology.

My amaryllis bulbs are blooming and before we know it SPRING will be here. Remember the prophet Isaiah message, "I will turn the darkness into light..."

Martha Boyer,  
President



# Vice President

**Save the Date:** Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering Oct. 15-16, 2021 at First United Methodist Church, Baraboo, WI.

I am hopeful with COVID-19 vaccine becoming available that we will be able to meet in person this fall.

Theme: Knitted Together for God's Good Work. More information on the gathering will be available by early August.

Ruby Dow, WI Conference VP

# Secretary

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Hopefully Conference Officers and District Officers have received your 2021 Yearbooks and that Unit Presidents have received a Yearbook insert. Please let me know if you have not received this in the mail. I try to get everything correct, but please let me know if your information needs to be corrected.

Below are a few changes I have received for the 2021 Yearbook as of 2-9-21

Pg. 1 – the New President of the National Organization is now Ainise Isama'u (instead of Shannon Priddy)

Pg. 10: Conference Communications Coordinator: Correct spelling of name to: Anne Scott

Pg. 25: NW District Nominations Committee: change Karen Leichte to Karen Leichtje and change her address to N8207 970<sup>th</sup> Street.

Pg. 35 –NE Inactive Units: Clintonville: remove contact – Ellie Lewis. She died 3-27-20

Pg. 41 – S/E unit Kenosha Immanuel: Judy Stalder's correct address: 3245 99<sup>th</sup> St., Pleasant Prairie

Pg. 42: SE Inactive Unit: Brookfield Peace

Please change Contact to Cathy Baker and change her address to: [csmithbaker@yahoo.com](mailto:csmithbaker@yahoo.com)

Pg. 43: SE Inactive Units: Milwaukee Church of Good Hope:-- remove Mary Collie as a contact

Pg. 43: SE Inactive Units: Milwaukee Solomon Community Temple – change Minnie Harmon's house number to: 4319 West Custer

Thank you for keeping me current of changes that you see should be made in the Yearbook and Insert.

Josie Gobel

MISSION ACTION DAY – There are two dynamic speakers lined up for April 10, 2021. Please make every effort to attend! I encourage you to reach out to your UMW friends who may not have internet capabilities and find a safe place to share your computer with them in a safely distanced place. We may need to separate in physical space but do NOT need to be stopped in our purpose and commitments.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or [josiegobel@charter.net](mailto:josiegobel@charter.net).

# MISSION ACTION DAY

## APRIL 10, 2021 (9:00 to NOON)

### MATERNAL HEALTH AND RACIAL EQUITY

	<p><b><u>Theme:</u> Racial Equity in the Wisconsin Health Care System</b></p> <p><b><u>Speaker:</u> Dr. Kathy D. Hartke</b> (Co-Chair Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Review Team)</p>
 <small>Marti Gobel</small>	<p><b><u>Theme:</u> Being Black in Wisconsin</b></p> <p><b><u>Speaker:</u> Marti Gobel</b> (Mother, Teaching Artist, Adjunct Professor. Director and Actor)</p>

Registration Form: Please use a separate form for each person attending. If you have questions please contact: Josie Gobel, 920-988-0705 or email [josiegobel@charter.net](mailto:josiegobel@charter.net)

REGISTER BY: March 27, 2021. Zoom link and additional info will be sent April 5, 2021.

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of your church (if any)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

By a phone \_\_\_ OR with a Smart phone/ computer \_\_\_ OR with a group host \_\_\_

**IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN WITH A 'HOST' WHO IS THAT HOST?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration: (optional: suggested \$10.00)**                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**additional donation to Harbor House (optional)**            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL 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**

**(Money collected above expenses will be sent to Harbor House – Crisis Shelters.) PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS MISSION ACTION DAY – OUR AIM IS TO PREPARE YOU TO TAKE ACTION!**

# 2020 Census

## CENSUS 2020 IS UNDERWAY

**ATTENTION, ATTENTION** District and Unit Presidents and Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators (MNO)!! Are you working on the Census 2020 yet? The database is open and our **DEADLINE** to complete membership data entry is **MARCH 30TH**. Our task is to record online each Wisconsin Conference unit's membership and answer the questions on our United Methodist Women (UMW) National website at this link [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org). To access the database **CLICK** on the **ORANGE BUTTON** labeled **Census 2020**.

In November 2020 I sent the instructions for the task by email to the following District Presidents and District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators (MNOs). Those presidents were: Evelyn Schneider-North Central, Jan Stanko-North East, Liz Dempsey-North West, Gail Nelson-South East and Laura Pfeffer-South West. The MNOs were Suzanne Goldsmith, Gwen Gibson, Barbara Bender, Gail Bixler and Laura Pfeffer on behalf of Kay Putman.

District presidents were then to send those instructions on to each unit president and membership nurture and outreach coordinator in their district. If you are reading this, please check with your unit president to see if she received the email or a letter about our 2020 Census/Unit Survey. IF they did not, please contact your district president and ask her to forward the information to your unit president or membership nurture and outreach coordinator.

An Adobe PDF of the online survey is available in the instructions and can be printed for your unit to use to gather information before going online to enter unit data into the database. If you do not have computer access, work with your district president, district sister assigned to your unit, a friend, someone at your church, or a grandchild to help you fill in the form. I will also be very happy to help you. My contact information is below.

**SINCE THE QUESTIONS FOR THE 2020 CENSUS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FOR 2019 BE SURE TO USE THE PDF FORM LINKED TO THE EMAIL YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT OR MNO FORWARDED TO YOU. SOME DISTRICT PRESIDENTS/MNOS SENT PAPER FORMS TO EACH UNIT IN THE DISTRICT.**

Thank you to all who contacted me regarding how you are staying connected in this time of COVID 19. Many of us are very fortunate to have access to technologies that allow us to be connected. Our mission is even more important today than before the pandemic. As United Methodist Women we bring faith, hope and love to women, children and youth throughout the world. Need has not diminished but has increased. Together for over 150 years we have been blessed to do God's work. We need you to continue to be part of our Wisconsin Conference and be counted in our "community" of United Methodist Women.

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# Spiritual Growth

Years ago I was trained in a national program called SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) started by Peggy McIntosh who coined the phrase white privilege. Dr. McIntosh used the mnemonic DKDKDK – “you don’t know and you don’t know that you don’t know.” I have thought about this often over the years. So many of us think that we know so many things. We usually think that our perspective is the correct one, and I think that many of us are oblivious to other perspectives out there. I used to say that there are two sides to every coin, but I don’t say that anymore. There are, in fact, more than two perspectives on most things. My partner Steve is reading a new book entitled *Think Again: The Power of Knowing what you don’t know* by Adam Grant and it addresses this very thing. Yesterday he gave me a quiz that came from the book. See what you think about these questions (the answers will be following, so don’t look at them):

Why English became the official language of the United States?

Why women were burned at the stake in Salem?

What job Walt Disney had before he drew Mickey Mouse?

On which space flight humans first laid eyes on the Great Wall of China?

Why eating candy affects how kids behave?

OK, I hope you came up with an answer for each. If not, stop and answer them because I am giving the answers right now.

The US does not have an official language.

They weren’t burned, they were hanged.

He didn’t draw Mickey Mouse.

You can’t see the Great Wall from space.

It doesn’t.

So, why can we be so sure about some things and be so wrong? I’ll let the book answer that for you!

There is one thing, however, we can be absolutely sure about and that is that this life will come to an end; we are all going to die. Jesus makes this clear when he says, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die” (John 12: 25,26). So, we see here that we are all going to die. But there is another truth here that accompanies the first one about our death. Jesus continues, “Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also” (12:31-33). Here we see mention of eternal life. This eternal life will be way better than our present life. This may be good news to you because of all of the suffering that has taken place this year! But I think the part that many of us get wrong is our view of this eternal life.

Why are so many people so afraid of it? Why do so many not long for it? Last week my son showed me a Netflix docuseries called *Surviving Death*. In it people met with psychics and others who would channel their loved ones. They were so sad about the passing of someone they loved and felt the need to communicate with them. After the show, I shared with my son my thoughts about heaven and how I did not feel the need to do what these other people longed for. He said it was my personality type that gave me

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this hope. Wow, how could another Christian be so wrong? The belief about our future home has nothing to do with my personality! There is something better than the life we have now. Revelation 21:3-5 says, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

We can **know** that we have a future home, we don't have to be worried about those who have gone before us, and we don't need to try to contact them. This great hope that we can look forward to, can change our perspective. We can be different from those around us. We have a blessed inheritance and something to look forward to. As my mom and I used to sing, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue, the angel beckoned me from heaven's open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore. Oh Lord, you know, I have no friend like you, If heaven's not my home, then Lord what would I do? The angel beckoned me from heavens open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore!" We can know that we have a future home!

Submitted by Deb Pattee

Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator

## Take a look at Manitowoc-Lakeshore's great works!

Lakeshore's United Methodist Women - Manitowoc have a sewing group which over the year have made washable sanitary napkins for ladies and girls in foreign countries, wheel chair bags and walker/ catheter bags for area nursing homes, pillow cases for Friends of Foster Families. An assortment of table decorations, wall hangings and quilts were made for sale. Pictured is one of the quilts made this year. We sell some of the items we make to help pay for the items to give to those in need and for missions. If you are inter-



ested in the quilt or want more information about any of the other items, please contact Lakeshore United Methodist Women at

920-717-8245 or

920-682-0235

**(It is a king, measures 110 x 94)**

# Nominations

First I would like to introduce the newest member on the Nomination Committee.

Mia Haberl, N4293 Country Rd CC, Shawano WI 54166, 920-265-8794. miahaberl@gmail.com

She is a district member of the North East District and has been the Limitless Rep. I am sure some of you already know her and I am sure she will be of help to the nominating committee.

The Nominating Committee has a lot of work to do this year. Last year we asked those who would be retiring if they would stay on the Conference for one more year. All did but one. So this year there are a lot of positions that need to be filled. The committee can't do it by themselves. We need the help of each of you to give us names of persons who you think would be interested in being a conference officer. To aid you with this I am sending a Potential Leader's Information form. This was used a few years ago but I can't see any need to invent a new one when we have a perfect one that can be used. Please take a look at it, then think about the people in your church or your UMW. Fill out the form and send it to me. I hope each of you will take this seriously as we do have to have leadership to continue to do the work of this Conference. You get the names of people and the committee will talk to them.

Please fill up my mailbox with Potential Leader's names. If you would like to use email instead of the form that is fine: baskets4u2@frontiernet.net and there is also the old fashioned way of calling: 715-787-3762. Or just fill out the form and drop it in the mail to Ruthann Christensen, W12707 Cty Rd G, Leopold WI 54948.

May each of you have a safe and healthy year.

Ruthann Christensen, Chairperson of Nominations.

## **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING TO DO**

### **BEFORE MISSION ACTION DAY???**

- 1. Learn about the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021.**
- 2. Support good local theater: Meet Marti Gobel as she presents a one person-play called NEAT at Renaissance Theaterworks. For more information: r-t-w.org**
- 3. SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM FOR MISSION ACTION DAY & ENCOURAGE A FRIEND TO DO AS WELL.**
- 4. Learn about and send an extra donation to Harbor House along with your Registration Form.**
- 5. Check in early on Mission Action Day and spend some time in a 'chat room' as you enjoy informal conversation. Chat rooms will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.**

**United Methodist Women  
Wisconsin Conference  
Potential Leader's Information Form**

Please fill out and Mail to Ruthann Christensen,  
w12707 Cty Rd G, Leopolis, WI 54948

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name:							
Address:							
Phone Hm:				Phone Mobile:			
E-mail:							
District				Local Unit			
Age:	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's+
Race/ Ethnicity				Employed:	Yes	No	
Languages Spoken							

Professional skills, job experience \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office(s) held in United Methodist Women

Office(s)	Date of Service
Local _____	_____
District _____	_____
Conference _____	_____
Jurisdiction _____	_____

Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Special Interest (I) and/or Concern (C)**

Secretarial	recruiting members	publicity
Community	social issues	workshops
Computer	creativity	newsletters
accounting/bookkeeping	recording minutes	retreats
organizations of details	public policy	music
Nominations	public relations	youth
program planning	community building	children
Administration	inclusiveness/pluralism	photography
website design/manage	communication/social media/networking	other

Other talents or skills specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Which office(s) on the Conference United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?

President	Membership Nurture & Outreach
Vice President	Social Action
Secretary	Spiritual Growth
Treasurer	Program Resources
Chair of Nominations	Communications
Educations & Interpretation	

Which leadership functions most interest you?

Program Planning	Fund Development
Mission education	Advocacy
Spiritual practices/development	Justice education
Membership	Community organizing
Organizing for growth	Communications, written
Resource room management	Communications, electronic

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office/interest(s) of choice? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_



# Education and Interpretation

One hundred and fifty-one years ago, eight women came together and saved pennies to be used in mission to improve the lives of women. Today, the value of those pennies would be about thirty-seven cents. If we each become a conscientious saver and save thirty-seven cents daily, think of all the money we can raise for mission, just like our foremothers did. We can continue to be a community of giving women, sharing our resources among programs that will empower women, children and youth. We too could help people nationally and internationally and make life-changing differences.

One of the areas in which Mission Giving is helping is in Training for Transformation program. This is a United Methodist Women initiative to develop leaders and empower women in The African Central Conference. The focus is to help women identify organizational and economic needs while developing viable new skills. Three countries have been identified with pressing needs for women's leadership development. These countries are: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique and Sierra Leone. Each country is expected to train more women, determine their church and community needs and then design a plan to address those needs. Some of the problems initially identified include early marriage, unemployment, substance abuse among youth, gender-based violence corruption and migration.

Sierra Leone was the first country to share what they have been doing. This information can be found on the United Methodist Women website and in the Voices from the Field video. Rural women could not go to their farms because the lockdown due to Covid-19 prevented any productivity from taking place. Losses were experienced and women suffered greatly. Meals were hard to come by and their spiritual and physical health were deeply affected. The women were very appreciative of the gifts they received to help alleviate the stress of the situation. One woman was heard to say: "I am lost for words; I am overwhelmed. This is the first time we are receiving gifts from outside of our district. And I am not surprised that it is from the United Methodist Women".

In the Kissy neighborhood of Freetown, 12 women benefitted from learning marketable skills of making interior design products and headgear. They have become confident and self-reliant through entrepreneurship and can now better their lives and that of their families. They started their own business and their drive for success has grown tremendously. Mission giving has continuously helped to improve the lives of women, empowered them economically and is helping them to become good leaders. Another business was the development of a Piggery. Twelve pigs were bought, but the rainy season came and with it another problem which delayed the development of the venture. However, they persevered and by their hard work they now have twenty-five pigs. They will continue to rear these pigs because piggeries are lucrative businesses in the area.

Whether we support projects in India or the USA or Africa or Europe or wherever, know that our Mission dollars are doing good work wherever they are needed. United Methodist Women serve God's people anywhere and everywhere. In mission, we step out of our comfort zone to be in service to others.

Cherrie Hartley  
Education and Interpretation

# Program Resources

We are now in the month of February, which means that among other things, we are celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH. It is that time of year when we highlight the achievements and contributions of Blacks in the USA. United Methodist Women certainly recognize and celebrate these wonderful gifts which can easily be taken for granted. As United Methodist women, we know from reading Women United for Change 150 years in Mission of the outstanding work that our African American sisters have done to develop and strengthen this remarkable organization we know as United Methodist Women.

We all want to be safe in our daily lives even though we have to be always mindful of the "other person". We generally are never afraid to get in our cars to drive somewhere or to cross the street, even at a busy intersection. That's because there are three-way traffic lights that regulate our driving so that we may be safe and not crash into each other. Do you know to whom we should give thanks for this invention? Have you ever heard of Garrett Morgan? Let me tell you a little about Mr. Morgan. You can also find out more about him by reading The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan which is one of the books on the United Methodist Reading list for the 2021-2022 Reading program.

Garrett Morgan was the son of former slaves. He had only a sixth-grade education, but he was a good problem solver and became one of the greatest inventors. One day, while workers were drilling a tunnel under Lake Erie, they hit a pocket of natural gas which exploded. Morgan had earlier invented a safety hood, a type of gas mask, and when the workers became trapped, he was called to help with the rescue because of his invention. He was able to save two lives and recover four bodies.

In 1923, Morgan witnessed a collision between a car and a buggy. This accident convinced him to invent a three tier stop-light to improve on the stop and go light of the time. His traffic signal was mounted on a T-shaped pole and had three different types of signals; stop, go and stop in all directions. The stop in all directions was to allow pedestrians to cross streets safely. As a motor-car owner himself, he saw that the existing mechanical stop-and-go signals were dangerous, since they had no caution signal to buffer traffic flow.

Morgan was honored for his many contributions. His inventions saved lives and accommodated human needs. He improved sewing machines and made sure their needles functioned better when they were polished. It was unfortunate that, because he was a black man, people were not interested in his inventions and he had to resort to using white people to display his products so that they would get the recognition they deserved.

Garrett Morgan believed: "If a man puts something to block your way,  
the first time go around it,  
the second time go over it,  
and the third time you go through it".

Living by these words made Garrett Morgan unstoppable.



Cherrie Hartley

## KEEPING HISTORY- Files, Photos, and Quads

I have been tasked with explaining to all officers what items are to be kept for historical purposes and how to preserve them. This applies to conference, district, and local officers with small differences at each level.



**Secretaries** are to keep almost everything forever. That includes **minutes** from every meeting, including the officer and committee reports. If you have long business meetings, the minutes should include page numbers in case they get separated for some reason. (Picture a box of minutes accidentally being dropped and having to be reconstructed.) It would be helpful to put headers and/or footers on every page identifying the meeting, as well. Full names of participants must be included. If you write only "Lisa" or "Pat," there could be confusion in a few years, or even currently, over which woman was meant. There needs to be a printed copy for the Archives, whether in the local church, the district, or the conference. Digital copies are fine, but not as the only copy. Over time, digital formats are updated and previous minutes will have to be converted to the newest formats in order for their information to be kept readable. Therefore, hard copies are always desired, as well.

Other materials to keep permanently in storage are: Your newsletters- or the articles you put in your church's newsletter (supplied by the Communications officer); your yearbook directories, which usually includes the dates of your planned meetings and activities for the year (supplied by the Secretary or whoever is assigned the duty); your Annual Gathering Booklets (applies to Vice President of district or conference); and year-end financial reports and audits (supplied by Treasurers at all levels).

The accumulation of each officer's working files should be passed on to the person who takes over the office next. Then that person, new to the office, can look through and see what was done and how. She will keep what she needs to help her do her job well and toss what she doesn't find useful, adding new things as she goes. Incidentally, every officer should be keeping the minutes for 4 years to use for checking back on what was decided and when and deadlines.

Also keep, as you have space...

**Program books and bulletins** from your special unit programs like retreats, social action events, mission activities, Mother/Daughter events, fundraisers, historical celebrations, etc.



The district will also keep booklets and hand-outs from special programs like retreats, social/mission action events, and historical celebrations.

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The conference level will keep the above, as well as, Mission u materials and reports- supplied by officers. But district officers and local units might like to keep those materials for a while, too, and use them for programs and workshops.

**A few pictures** from these events, as well, with the event, date, and names of the people on the backs of them (using a black ballpoint pen).

All these items are great for making displays and for writing articles and giving announcements in church about the wonderful activities that have happened at local, district, and conference levels. Hearing and reading about things that have happened in the past, taken from the experiences of the local women who participated, can inspire current members to try more things and new women to join in. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm. Action begets action. And our words and actions today are tomorrow's history.



Storage/preservation:

Store records in acid-free file folders and boxes. Mark on the outsides what the folders and boxes contain. Do not use metal paper clips, staples, nor rubber bands. All deteriorate and leave marks over time.

But plastic covered paper clips are acceptable.

If something gets torn, use Matte Finish Magic Tape (Scotch), not shiny transparent tape. Also, if you use plastic enclosures, they are safe only if made of polyester, polypropylene, or polyethylene.

Pictures can be kept in photo storage boxes or archival manila envelopes. There also are special transparent sleeves to keep photos from sticking together over time.

Where to store:

Local units should seek space in your local church's archive room or a dry storage area. Be sure to mark the contents on the outside of the boxes and specify "permanent records," so that enthusiastic cleaners don't grab "these silly old papers, collecting dust" and throw them away. I know many of you have experienced that already- so you tend to keep these historical items safe in your home or apartment. Just be sure you mark clearly what they are and where they should go when you pass on to the heavenly UMW community, or your children will be cleaning out your belongings and go," Look at these boxes of old church stuff. Why ever did she keep these?" ....and throw them away.



For Districts, the Secretary's and Treasurer's permanent materials are to be sent to Lake Street UMC in Eau Claire. (337 Lake St., Eau Claire, WI 54701) They have room to store each district's items as listed above in separate boxes.

It is the practice to keep the items together per quadrennium (4 years, generally determined by the 4 years between national Assemblies). The current quadrennium's officers keep the previous quadrennium materials for reference. When the current "quad" ends, these quad records are held for the next 4 years, for reference, and the previous quad's records are stored per permanent records guidelines above (or shared with the next

officer, if they are working files). Are you scratching your head? Let's just agree that if you find yourself with 20 years of records in your "active file," you have too many on hand. Put the 12 oldest years of permanent records in storage (and whatever else you dearly want and have room for).

For Conference records, send the permanent records as listed above, following the "quad" rule, to the Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference building at 750 Windsor St. in Sun Prairie, 53590.

Thank you for all you are doing in this ministry to  
UMW memories.

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# Mission u 2021

Merrily We Zoom Along, for this year.

Get ready for a summer exploring our inner selves and the wider world by participating in this year's Mission u. We will use Zoom either by video or by phone to share with a trained study leader, ways to present these studies to your local unit and congregation. We have also added a class for youth to have a space to talk about the issue of violence in our culture at this time. We are looking forward to using technology to help bring us together and also have the comfort of our own home at the end of the day.

Zoom is a computer application that gets people together. If you have a computer or a smart phone you can see us and type in questions that study leaders can answer. If you have a regular phone or non-smart phone you can dial in and listen. There will be breakout sessions during the class where questions can be asked and sent on to the study leaders. If your Church has an internet connection, you can have a computer set up there and join us as part of a group using appropriate masks and social distancing.

We will be asking for a donation to cover our expenses for Mission u. Monies collected that exceed our expenses will be given to our In-Gathering focus, Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee.

## **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools**

This study also originally scheduled for 2020 is an opportunity to think about the society that we live in today from the point of view of young black girls. This study "shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same."\*

Study Leaders: Rev. Overton, is church planter and Pastor of Zao MKE Church in Milwaukee. Rev. Afi Dobbins -Mays, is Pastor of Solomon Community Temple UMC in Milwaukee.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Week 1 - May 18 and May 20

Week 2 - May 25 and May 27

## **Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence - 2021 Youth Mission Study**

Our culture is becoming more tolerant of violent behavior. The goal of our study will be to have deep conversations about how we define violence, what its root causes are, and then discuss how God is calling us to become peacemakers as we travel on our faith journey. Those in grades 6-12 should expect to have fun, get to know each other and be prepared to have their lives changed forever! This class is for youth only.

Study Leader: Deb Pattee is a retired Associate Professor at UW-Eau Claire.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45pm – 9:00pm

Week 1 - June 15 and June 17

Week 2 - June 22 and June 24

### **Finding Peace in an Anxious World**

The study uses the Book of Proverbs along with the Serenity Prayer to explore ways to Cut through the stress in our lives and nurture peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines that are rooted in our understanding of God and energizing us to live fully as disciples of Christ.

Study Leader: Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner, Superintendent of the North West District in the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Week 1 - July 6 Th and July 8

Week 2 - July 13 and Th – July 15

### **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship**

How do we? How can we? How should we? Where is our place in the kin-dom in all of this upheaval? In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus returns to the synagogue in his hometown. He opens the scroll to read a passage from Isaiah "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor". In this passage we are reminded that God's love for us expresses itself in justice. John Wesley lived in times of upheaval like these and he responded. As Christians we fall back on the wisdom our church has accumulated over many times of trial and we discern anew what moral witness requires of us.

Study Leader: Rev. Rob Odum is Pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church, and of Blessed Hope UMC in West Allis.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Week 1 - July 27 and July 29

Week 2 - August 3 and August 5

*\*quotes are from the UMW Mission u website.* Extra materials and videos are also at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-u](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-u)

Yours in Christ, Karen Mayeshiba, Dean, Mission u

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Watch for registration forms on the Website.



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## Wisconsin Conference Mission u 2021 Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

### Registration Form

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I will be part of a small group. Someone else will be signing in to Zoom \_\_\_\_\_.

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There is no cost for registration for this class. However, participants are encouraged to make a donation to help cover Mission u costs. Any money raised beyond the cost of the class will be sent to *Northcott Neighborhood House*. **Deadline for registration is May 4, 2021.**

**Make donation payable to: Mission u**

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**Donation amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you will be working on either of these: \_\_\_\_ **Lay Speaker** credit \_\_\_\_ **CEU** credit

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#### Study Leaders

**Rev. Jonah Overton** is pastor at Zao MKE in Milwaukee.

**Rev. Afi Dobbins-Mays** is pastor at Solomon Community Temple UMC in Milwaukee.

#### Zoom Class Dates and Times

Tues, May 18 & Thurs, May 20  
Tues, May 25 & Thurs, May 27  
6:30 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

Purchase the book *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique W. Morris before the start of class. This book is not available at Mission Resources.





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### Finding Peace in an Anxious World

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<p><b>Finding Peace in an Anxious World</b></p> <p><b>Study Leader: Rev. Barb Certa-Werner</b> is our North West District Superintendent.</p>	<p><b>Zoom Class Dates and Times</b></p> <p>Tues, July 6 &amp; Thurs, July 8 Tues, July 13 &amp; Thurs, July 15 6:30 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.</p>
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Purchase the book *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* Edited by Erin James-Brown for this class. This book is available at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or call 800-305-9857.



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## Wisconsin Conference Mission u 2021

**Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship**

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Email _____	
Cell phone _____	Home phone _____

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#### Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom

**Study Leader:** Rev. Rob Odum is pastor at West Allis: Blessed Hope, Greenfield; Memorial.

#### Zoom Class Dates and Times

Tues, July 27 & Thurs, July 29  
Tues, Aug. 3 & Thurs, Aug.5  
6:30 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

Purchase the book *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom* by Darryl W. Stephens for this class. This book is available at [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) or call 800-305-9857.



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## Wisconsin Conference Mission u 2021

A Youth Study for students in grades 6-12  
Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence

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Email _____	Grade _____ Age _____
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### Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence

**Study Leader: Dr. Deb Pattee** is a retired middle school teacher and university professor of education who last taught at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire.

#### Zoom Class Dates and Times

June 15 & 17  
June 22 & 24  
6:45 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

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## Calendar 2021



March	06	Mission u <b>Phone Conference</b> (9am - 11am)
March	12	Catch the Vision due Date
April	10	Mission Action Day -- <b>Zoom</b>
April	23-24	Executive Team Meeting -- Baraboo First, <b>Baraboo, WI or Zoom</b>
May	18	Mission u Study - Push Out (Dates 18, 20, 25 & 27)
July	6	Mission u Study - Peace in an Anxious World (Dates 6,8,13,15)
July	9	Catch the Vision due Date
July to Aug	27	Mission u Study— Bearing Witness in the Kindom (Dates 27,29,3,5)
August	19	Catch the Vision due Date
August	27-29	Mission u / Mega Executive Team Meeting <b>Pine Lake, Westfield</b>
October	15-16	Annual Gathering -- <b>Baraboo First, Baraboo, WI</b>
November	5-6	Executive Team Meeting / Mission u <b>West Bend UMC</b>
October	22	Catch the Vision due Date
December	10	Catch the Vision due Date