

South West District UMW Newsletter

Mission Matters

May 2021



President's Message

UMW Sisters,

I will admit that over the last year I have gotten out of the habit of looking very far ahead in my planning. So many of my original plans for last year and the beginning of this have been rearranged, scrapped or transformed that it seems odd to even think about what might be going on next year in May 2022. Yet, this is precisely what I wish you to think, pray and get excited about. May 20-22, 2022 is the date for the next UMW Assembly in Orlando, Florida. This would be my first trip to Florida and as I approach my full COVID-19 vaccination date, I am finally thinking about how next May could be SO much closer to normal that this one has been and that it may be safe to once again make long range travel plans. Ever since I attended my first Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a brand-new local unit president, I have been an advocate for this event. The power of the stories of mission, the celebration and gathering of women joined by our PURPOSE, the challenge of learning in workshops and small groups and simply meeting the women touched by our mission work is not to be underestimated. There are also opportunities for direct action at social justice events and in the optional volunteer day prior to the start of Assembly. This event showcases the breadth and depth of what mission is and why we continue to be vital to building up the Kin-dom of God.

The theme for Assembly 2022 will be "Turn It Up". We will be imagining and rededicating ourselves to United Methodist Women and mission for the next 150 years. We will be building and inspiring women leaders of all ages, races and backgrounds for today and the future. We will be pushing the boundaries of mission into new hurting spaces and places where hope is lost to many. We will be advocating by lifting up our own voices and those whose voices are not always heard to places of power and influence. We will be glorifying God as we give thanks and praise for all we have been given and all that we ask for in faith and trust in the One who loves us beyond the power of death and evil. We will dance, sing and be in joyful fellowship together as we meet to begin a new vision for who and what we can be and do for such a time as this.

So, are you ready to –

Turn it up! for spiritual growth and renewal

Turn it up! for rebirth in a new time

Turn it up! for women leaders

Turn it up! for justice for women, children and youth

It all begins with you – so I invite you to join me at Assembly 2022!

Yours in Christ,

Laura Pfeffer, South West District President

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Assembly 2022

May 20-22, 2022



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Treasurer’s Note

UMW Treasurers,

As warmer weather is slowly coming to Wisconsin, I find many signs of renewal this Spring. We have had 6 new baby goats to add to our herd and although we did cut down a very old, hollow tree in our yard, we have new growth on the fruit trees and other plants remaining. Birds are singing and busily building nests as I hang clothes to dry on our outdoor clothesline and generally life seems to me to be waking up from a long slumber. So, I although giving as a whole has been slower this Spring than I have seen in previous years, we are currently at 19% of our district Pledge and have nearly \$1000 in designated Mission Giving Plus gifts. It reminds me of a friend of mine who always replies “I’m blessed” when you ask him how he is. And it is true. We are blessed. Thank you for knowing the blessing of the gift of giving so that others may have the blessing of receiving in mission to women, children and youth around the world.

If you gave during this first quarter of the year, you should have received a first quarter statement from me. If you expected one and did not receive it, let me know. One thought I will give you for your budget planning for next year. 2022 will be an Assembly year. If you are so moved, I ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring someone who has never attended or who might need financial help in attending Assembly. I know how much of a difference this experience made for me as a newbie unit president. It opened my eyes to the impact of our mission giving. I challenge you to invite/help someone to experience this event and be renewed with the spirit of mission.

Yours in Christ,

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South West District Events and Updates

Submitted by Eileen Bennett, SW District VP

Save the date! South West District Annual Gathering will be held Saturday, Sept 18th. Our theme will be "Serving Outward." Our keynote speakers will be Rev Dan Dick and Barbara Dick, and they will be leading us in a study Dan has written titled "Stewards of our Faith: *Service*". We hope to be able to meet in person at Dodgeville UMC, and we are also planning to have the event on Zoom for those unable to meet in person. Watch for more details and a registration form this summer.

Thank you to all units who have submitted Mission Tasks reports for 2020. It was a challenging year for all of us, but many of you have continued to find ways to be in Mission with those in need and have also been able to be in community with each other (even from a distance). Mission Today awards will be presented at Day of Enrichment and your comments and suggestions will also be shared.

If you were not able to attend our Wisconsin Conference Mission Action Day in April, the videos and other information presented at the event are available for use in your units. Please contact me if you need help finding those materials.

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Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

Congratulations to All!! We managed to get our census in with a lot of help from National (extending the time), Sisters, and Unit Members. I'm encouraging you to keep your worksheet for future reference. Keeping records can be a help for next year.

The final count is not yet ready. Therefore, I can't tell you how we did, but the printout I received in late March said all but 10 units had reported. Reminders were given and received. Thank You!

In 2021, some of us have been able to meet in person with distancing and masks. We hope this continues. Keep the faith. I am looking forward to being able to meet in person with all my UMW sisters. Thank each and every one of you as we continue the work of mission God has set before us.

Serving to Learn Learning to Serve

Kay Putman 608-592-2294

Mission u will be virtual through Zoom!

Dates in 2021

(each class is 4 sessions over two weeks Tues/Thurs)
Click the links below to access more information and class resources

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

Tues, May 18 & Thurs, May 20
Tues, May 25 & Thurs, May 17
6:30PM - 9:00PM

Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence - Youth Study

Tues, June 15 & Thurs, June 17
Tues June 22 & Thurs, June 24
6:45-9:00PM

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Tues, July 6 & Thurs, July 8
Tues, July 13 & Thurs, July 15
6:30PM-9:00PM

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

Tues, July 27 & Thurs, July 29
Tues, Aug 3 & Thurs, Aug 5
6:30PM-9:00PM

Dear UMW Members,

We got out the information and registration forms for this year's Mission u in the last edition of Catch the Vision. Now the web site is updated and ready for sharing. Get registration information and details about the classes and teachers at the WI UMW web site. [United Methodist Women - Mission u: Learning Together for Transformation of the World](#)

We will be all zoom this year. We will be meeting from the comfort of our own computers or phones. No packing, no sleeping in a bed that is not as comfortable as being in your own bed, no forgetting your toothbrush and all. The best thing is that there is time between each class to read the book and think about the information we are learning and how it applies to our desire to live following Jesus.

Please share this web site far and wide and join us as part of this year's Mission u.

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New Books added to UMW Reading List for 2021-2022

Finding Jesus at the Border: Opening Our Hearts to Our Immigrant Neighbors

Julia Lambert Fogg

First and Only: A Black Woman's Guide to Thriving at Work and at Life

Jennifer R. Farmer

How to Be an Antiracist Ibram X. Kendi

Metamorphosis: How to Transform Punishment in America Robert A. Ferguson

Shaking the Gates of Hell: Faith-led Resistance to Corporate Globalization

Sharon Delgado

Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on

Equity for All Martha S. Jones

One Dress, One Year: One Girl's Stand Against Human Trafficking

Bethany Winz with Susana Foth Aughtman

Becoming Michelle Obama

Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of the African American Women Who

Helped Win the Space Margot Lee Shetterly

Moment of Lift, the: How Empowering Women Changes the World

Melinda Gates

Sacred Resistance: A Practical Guide to Christian Witness and Dissent

Ginger Gaines-Cerilli

We Are Called to be a Movement Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

My Little Golden Book About Ruth Bader Ginsburg Shana Corey

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

Becoming Grandma: The Joys and Science of the New Grandparenting

Lesley Stahl

Before We Were Yours (a novel) Lisa Wingate

The Boy Who Delivered Joy Marvin Bartlett

Brave Face, A: Two Cultures, Two Families, and the Iraqi Girl Who Bound

Them Together Barbara Marlowe and Teeba Furat Marlowe

House on Lowell Street, The (a novel) Linda A. Keane

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Book list continued

Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, A Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History Ajay K. Seth

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion Gregory Boyle

Grit In Jaurez: Beyond the Wall Marion Surles

She Came to Stay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman
Erica Armstrong Dunbar

The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea Hyeonseo Lee

The Leavers (a novel) Lisa Ko

Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God Kaitlin B. Curtice

Separated by the Border: A Birth Mother, A Foster Mother, and A Migrant Child's 3000 Mile Journey Gena Thomas

Small Great Things (a novel) Jodi Picoult

Tomatoland: How Modern Industrial Agriculture Destroyed Our Most Alluring Fruit Barry Estabrook

She Perished: 13 American Women Who Changed the World Chelsea Clinton

Glimpses of Heaven: God's Gift of Grace in Daily Life Roela Victoria Rivera

Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times Bishop Michael Curry
with Sara Grace

The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage Joan Chittister

When God Made the World Matthew Paul Turner

The entire UMW book list is available on the UMW website:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram> It gives a good synopsis of each book.

Please submit reading reports to Pat Gallus for 2021. Thank you!
Her address is 567 W. Main St. Merrimac, WI 53561

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

I have completed the required reading for PLAN ____. The books I have read are listed on the reverse side.

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Calendar

- June 19 Team Meeting Boaz UMC or Zoom
- May-July Mission u Virtual (see article p. 4)
- August 6 Mission Matters articles due
- August 7 Team Meeting Dodgeville UMC or Zoom
- September 1 Reading lists due
- September 18 District Annual Gathering Dodgeville UMC
- October 1 Unit Leadership forms due
- October 5 Mission Matters articles due