

Mission Matters



President’s Message

Dear UMW Sisters,

I have been blessed by the bible study in the October 2018 issue of **re-sponse** magazine on the gifts of Miriam, the sister of Moses, in song and dance done in praise of God especially during times of trial. This bible study was written by Hanna Reasoner, a global mission fellow (which is a two-year young adult mission program), in Bogota, Columbia. I hope you will take time to read Hanna’s mission story as well as reflect on the role women such as Miriam, Hannah, Deborah and Jesus’ mother Mary have had in gifting us with a biblical witness in praising God in song and dance. I personally have a great love of both music and dance. As a child I took tap and ballet lessons and sang in choirs and show choirs and performed in musicals in Junior High. Music and dance have always been very special to me. Yet as powerfully as these elements move me and others, it is often constricted or absent in our formal worship services. Rarely do I enjoy the gift of liturgical dancing, often I seem to be the only person who is moved to raise my hands in praise and worship or clap during hymns. We have in many ways allowed our freedom of expression to be restricted to faint AMENs at then end of a prayer or song. Yet the biblical examples we have (especially of women) is of bringing our whole selves into worship through prayer, singing, dancing and emotion. Hanna explains how she brings these artistic expressions into teaching and celebrating human rights, peace building and social justice. I invite you to find those artistic gifts and appreciation within yourself to bring in praise to God and the building up of the Kin(g)-dom of God.

This bible study has been especially timely as my local unit works to prepare to host our district Day of Enrichment on November 10th which includes a presentation by an Hispanic Dance team. What a lovely way to help us understand and make connections with new areas of ministry being nurtured through our churches. How many new expressions of grace, joy, love, justice and peace might we encounter as we seek to share the love of Jesus with new people in new places throughout our district and conference. I hope you will be present to share in the gifts of these dancers and in the message District Superintendent Scott Carlson has to share with us on this avenue of ministry and witness in our church. I am eager to welcome you to my home congregation and pray that our time

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together during the Day of Enrichment will be a blessing to you even if you are in the midst of trials and distractions. I know that God holds you through it all in all the ways you can see, touch, feel and experience. May you be blessed and may you also seek to be a blessing now and always. Dance, sing, pray to the glory of God.

Yours in Christ,

Laura Pfeffer

South West District President

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Thank you to everyone who filled out the Elected Leadership forms and sent them to me. I have about 22 forms so far. Even if your officers have not changed, please fill out the forms so I can make sure the information is correct in the directory. You can email the forms to me at byager@chorus.net or mail them to me at 10787 Co. Rd. K, Lancaster, Wisconsin 53813. Thank you for your help.

Becky Yager, SW. District Communications Coordinator



SW DISTRICT SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

THE RETREAT WILL BEGIN WITH AN OPTION OF AN OVER NIGHT STAY AT BEAUTIFUL & RUSTIC DURWOODS GLEN RETREAT CENTER NEAR BARABOO ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019. THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE TIMES OF SILENCE, MUSIC, MEDITATION AND FELLOWSHIP. SATURDAY'S RETREAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT A CHURCH IN NEARBY MERRIMAC.

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 3 PM. REGISTRATION AND SUPPER IS AT 6:00 PM THE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$71:00 COVERS THE ROOM AND MEAL.

IF POSSIBLE COME EARLY IN ORDER TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING AREA SURROUNDING THE RETREAT CENTER

IN ORDER TO RESERVE SPACE AT DURWOODS GLEN, WE NEED TO RECEIVE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE OVERNIGHT STAY BY DECEMBER 15, 2018.

SEND REGISTRATION TO: MARGE LYFORD 608-233-5930
333 W MAIN #306
MADISON, WI 53703

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

UMW UNIT _____ NEED ACCESSIBLE ROOM? _____



Day of Enrichment

Sacred Spaces of Community

At Lodi UMC, 130 Locust St, Lodi, Wisconsin

On November 10, 2018

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The program begins at 9:15 AM.

(Singing and gathering begins at 9:00.)

- Special performance by Adonai Dance Troupe from the Hispanic Ministry at Reedsburg.
- Keynote speaker: Rev. Scott Carlson, Southwest District Superintendent.
- Communion, led by Scott Carlson
- Reading Program reports and Unit Sharing

You are invited to bring personal care items for Reach Out Lodi, a program which serves families in need from the Lodi area. We will also be collecting a "Love offering" for the Hispanic Ministry for their van fund.

Directions to Lodi UMC: From I-39N/I-90W to I-94W exit 97B, then to WI-60 exit 119 toward Lodi. In Lodi, turn right onto N Main St/WI-113 then take 2nd left onto Locust St.

Detach and send

Registration Form: (Please complete one registration form for each person attending this event.)

Your registration fee of \$15.00 includes morning refreshments, luncheon and all materials used for preparation of this event.

Name: _____ (Please print)

Street/PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

UMW Unit or Congregation: _____

List any special dietary or mobility needs:

Do you need child care?

Yes _____, I need child care. List number and age(s) of the child(ren)

(We will provide child care, but because of dietary needs and food choices we request that parents bring lunch for their children.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV 2ND. Registrations received after Nov 2 will not guarantee child care or lunch.

Please send the registration form and the fee of \$15.00 to:

Eileen Bennett, 332 W Prairie St, Columbus, WI 53925



2018 Girls Night Out:
The Brave and the Bold!

October 19th-20th at Waukesha First United Methodist Church,
121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186

Bring a sleeping bag and a friend to our Girls Night Out this year! Join other girls your age for a fun sleepover where we make crafts, play games, and learn more about our awesome God. This year, we're going to learn about the Brave and the Bold: we'll study the strong women in the bible, and talk about how we can find power in ourselves and in God.

Registration starts at 5:00 on Friday and the event concludes on Saturday at 3:00.

Breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided by Limitless. Please eat dinner before arriving on Friday.

Please PRINT

Personal Information:

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Relationship: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number:(____)____-____

Church: _____ District: _____

I hereby give Limitless Women permission to use my child's likeness in photography for publications, promotional purposes, website, and any such purpose on behalf of Limitless Women and United Methodist Women.

Participant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

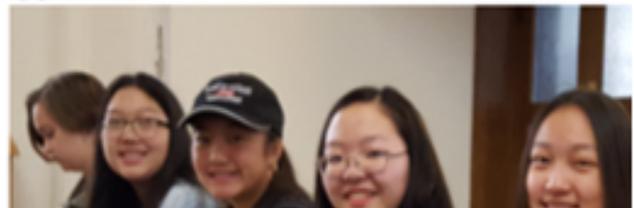
Send registration form to Gloria Carter, email: carter53597@tds.net

Or US Mail: 7224 Springfield Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597

Any questions, feel free to contact Fiona Odum

Phone: (414)-469-9277 Email: terrabyrd09@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: October 12, 2018



**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW
Southwest District
MISSION TODAY TASKS**

To become a Mission Today organization, please complete two (2) criteria from each category. Please try at least one (1) new criterion each year and report back using the form on the back.

	<i>United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God</i>
F A I T H	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.) 2. Create prayer partners with other church groups. 3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings. 4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/ weeks.
	<i>to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;</i>
H O P E	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats, Annual Gatherings, Mission Action Day. 2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks. 3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program. 4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.
	<i>to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;</i>
L O V E	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders. 2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations. 3. Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc. 4. Plan a year end program to give thanks and celebrate your accomplishments.
I N A C T I O N	<p><i>and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes. 2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively). 3. Contribute to scholarships (UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more). 4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or Wisconsin Conference supported Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, etc.

Mission Today Local Unit Report Form

Year: _____

Presidents of **All Local Units**, please complete the form below even though you may not qualify as a Mission Today unit. Refer any Questions to your District Team. Return this form by Dec 1st to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Name of Church:			
Your Name:			
Your Address:			
Home phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email:			



Criteria Completed (Circle the numbers completed)

**Any criteria that are not currently listed but would fit in one of the categories can be included in the unit reports.*

Faith	1	2	3	4	Hope	1	2	3	4
Love	1	2	3	4	In Action	1	2	3	4

Report any new criteria tried this year:

Comments:

Send to: Eileen Bennett, 332 W. Prairie St., Columbus, WI 53925

Submitted by Charlene Mingst, SW District, Social Action Coordinator

Once again United Methodist Women are making their voices heard in regard to Climate Change. In the October issue of our response magazine we can read the article "Stemming Climate Change at the Source" written by *Sharon Delgado that tells about a delegation of 20 UMW representatives who delivered 1800 letters to Chevron headquarters in San Ramon, California calling on Chevron's CEO Michael Wirth to cut methane emissions and to take other actions to protect vulnerable communities and the climate. Maybe you were one of the women who found the letter on our website—www.unitedmethodistwomen.org --and signed and submitted a copy. There is a revised copy of the letter that can be found at unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron if you would still like to send a letter, as the engagement with Chevron continues.

*Sharon Delgado is a United Methodist preacher, activist and author of "Love in a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice". This book is on the 2019 Reading Program list.

Also on our webpage is a letter to sign and submit to the Ford Motor Company to urge them to stop efforts to weaken our environmental protections. In an October 5 press release titled "Faith Leaders Hand-Deliver Ford Headquarters a Petition to Stand by Clean Car Rules" we read that "Clergy and religious leaders from across Michigan and the Midwest walked into Ford Motor Company Headquarters today to deliver a message of faith that calls on the company to publicly stand by national clean car standards, without compliance loopholes or flexibilities, which would erode its strongest benefits for those who are impacted most by climate change and air pollution." The situation is that in 2011 Ford was a part of a "breakthrough in cooperation on climate solutions" and now they seem more inclined to back away from that resolution. Quoting Bishop David Alan Bard, Michigan Area of The United Methodist Church: "Climate change is a significant threat to the health of our planet and human communities and it is, therefore, a moral and spiritual imperative to address climate change. For these reasons, we oppose any attempts to weaken the nation's clean car standards."

For more information related to Climate Justice there is an Action Alert found on a link to our webpage on "Air Pollution and Public Health". This article points to several of our issue priorities: How the quality of the air we breathe impacts the health in "Communities of Color" and low-income families, the impact on "Maternal and Infant Health" and the impact on "Child Health" across the globe. As the mid-term election grows near, it might be a good time to make your voice heard on the issues of environmental regulations. You can contact your local congressional representative at the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121, and be sure to mention that you are a member of United Methodist Women.

Go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts to find the article: "Maternal Healthcare Is a Human Right" and take action to support legislation in the Senate. The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions is sending its maternal mortality review legislation (S.1112) to the full Senate for a vote. In the article we are urged to help make sure this bill passes the Senate and is sent to the full House for a vote.

In closing let me thank you all for continuing to do your part in "turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world".



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
STANDING RULES

The Constitution and Bylaws of the South West District Organization of United Methodist Women shall be those found in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Board of United Methodist Women for the current year.

The following standing rules shall govern the action of the South West District as long as they are in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women and the National Board of United Methodist Women.

ARTICLE I - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Terms and Tenure

- A. District officers, other than members of the committee on nominations, are elected to two-year terms. Members of the committee on nominations are elected to four-year terms. No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years.
- B. Tenure, the maximum amount of time a woman may serve, is limited to a total of eight years on the leadership team. When a leader has completed her tenure of eight years, and after a period of four years has elapsed, she may be elected for one additional term, not to exceed two years, in a different office.
- C. Positions not included in tenure are serving on the committee on nominations, as Northcott Representative, or in an appointed leadership position.
- D. When an officer serves as president and has tenure remaining to serve in another office (within the eight years), she is eligible to serve again. If a woman has already completed her eight-year tenure in positions other than president, she may still be elected president. This tenure is in addition to the above eight years.
- E. Service of six months or more in an officer year will be counted as one year of tenure.

Section 2: Elections

- A. Officers shall be elected for one term and begin service January 1st. Majority vote at the Annual District Meeting is necessary for election to an office.
- B. Elected Annually
 - 1. One representative to the Northcott Neighborhood House Board.
 - 2. The new class of committee on nominations members to replace the class that is rotating off.
- C. Nominations from the floor
 - Nominations may be made from the floor providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance, the name of the nominee has been given to the Committee on Nominations to verify eligibility, and the name of the nominee is filed with the District Secretary prior to the election.

D. Publication of the Slate

The Committee on Nominations will present the slate of nominees to the District Leadership Team. The slate will be presented to the local units through the newsletter or through a special mailing at least one month prior to the Annual District Meeting.

E. Appointed Leadership

Appointed leadership is selected by the president from recommendations from the District Leadership Team. Appointed leadership shall serve no more than four years. Appointed leaders shall be members of the District Leadership Team without a vote. Appointed leaders shall have the same reimbursement privileges as other District Leadership Team members. A description of responsibilities shall reside with the district president and the district chairperson of nominations. Appointed leaders include but are not limited to historian and young women's coordinator.

F. Vacancies occurring in the elected leadership will be filled by a vote of the leadership team upon receipt of nominations from the committee on nominations. This will constitute the beginning of a new term if the officer serves more than six months of the officer year.

Section 3: Responsibilities of District Officers

- A. Following installation at the Annual District Meeting, elected leadership shall take office January 1st of the following year but will attend all team meetings, local unit officer training and district events including Conference training before her term begins.
- B. The retiring officer carries her responsibility until the end of the calendar year. Retiring district officers shall arrange transfer of all records, books, papers and property belonging to the District UMW by January 1st. The treasurer will transfer books as soon as all final accounting for the year has been completed.
- C. All elected district office holders and selected appointed leadership will submit a written report for each executive committee meeting.
- D. District Leadership Team Members and advisors (See Article III, sec.1), are expected to attend and participate at all district executive meetings, the Annual District Meeting and district retreats and workshops for unit officer training. District Leadership Team Members and advisors also attend the Conference Annual Meeting, Mission u and other Conference events.

ARTICLE II - ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Section 1: Date of the Annual District Meeting shall be set by the District Leadership Team.

Section 2: Voting

- A. Voting body of the District shall be those women and others designated as members of United Methodist Women present at the Annual District Meeting.
- B. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members present.

Section 3: Payments

- A. All invited leadership participants shall have registration, mileage, either an honorarium or Gift to Mission, and lodging, if applicable, paid. This leadership could include speakers, music leadership, focus group / workshop leaders, registrar, and a local arrangements person.
- B. The District pays registration and mileage for district officers and district nominees attending the Annual District Meeting. Officers shall be responsible for submitting their own registration form to the registrar.

ARTICLE III - COMMITTEES

Section 1: The District Leadership Team

Chair, district president - The committee shall include elected district officers, chair of the committee on nominations, Northcott Representative; any members of the conference leadership team, members of the jurisdiction leadership team, directors of the United Methodist Women national organization, and members of the program advisory group residing within the South West District. The South West District Superintendent is an ex-officio member.

The District Leadership Team shall also include, without vote, members of the committee on nominations and appointed leaders.

Section 2: The Committee on Nominations

The committee will be composed of no fewer than five members, including the chairperson. The chair is elected by the District for one two-year term – The committee shall be divided into classes. One to two members will constitute a class and be elected annually to replace members leaving after serving for four years. New members can be elected to replace vacancies in a class. The Chairperson is preferably from the third year class or with comparable experience.

Section 3: Standing Rules Committee

Composed of three members of the District Leadership Team to be appointed by the district president. The president shall appoint its chairperson. It shall be the duty of the committee to bring before the District Leadership Team proposals for revision of the Standing Rules.

Section 4: The Committee on Finance

Chair, Treasurer – The committee shall consist of the treasurer, president, vice-president, secretary, all mission coordinators, secretary of program resources, communication coordinator, and any others as determined by the District Leadership Team. This committee shall meet annually to prepare an administrative and membership development budget and suggest a district pledge to WI Conference UMW, which will be presented to the District Leadership Team prior to the Annual District Meeting.

Section 5: The Committee on Program

Chair, Vice President – The committee shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chairperson of the committee on nominations, all mission coordinators, secretary of program resources, communications coordinator, Northcott Representative/s and others as determined by the District Leadership Team. This committee shall plan programs and training events for local units.

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Calendar

Oct. 19-20	Wisconsin Annual Gathering
Nov. 10	Day of Enrichment—Lodi UMC
Dec. 1	Mission Today reports due
Dec. 8	District Team Meeting and Christmas party
Dec. 10	Pledge money due
April 12-13	Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat

