

Fall 2020



South East Special Edition

“Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be shaken.” Psalm 55:22

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear UMW sisters,

I admit I at first was at a bit of a loss as I sat down to write this. Typically, for the fall newsletter, I've been excited to reflect on the past summer's Mission u, and eagerly anticipating seeing many of you at our Annual Gathering.

Of course, this year is...different. Yet, as I examined my thoughts, I recognized God at work (as usual!). After all, it seems “Finding Peace in an Anxious World,” the Spiritual Growth Mission Study for 2020, was designed for just this time. Whether what each of us has been feeling recently could most accurately be called anxious, impatient, lonely, or one of dozens of other emotions, surely “finding peace” is something we all could use!

If you've read the book and are missing the more in-depth study you enjoy at Mission u, the national UMW website has supplementary video resources available at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finding-peace-in-an-anxious-world>. In addition, Wisconsin Conference UMW is working on a plan for virtual delivery of the study. More information on that will become available in the next few months.

The virtual world also is coming to the conference Annual Gathering on Saturday, October 17th , from 9 a.m. to noon. Details will be on the website <http://www.wisconsinumw.org/> in mid-September. Because no travel will be required, perhaps more women will be able to attend than when the event was live, and I hope I'll be able to see many of you online! Be sure to find the 2021 calendar in this newsletter; we're cautiously optimistic that we will be able to hold many of our events next year as scheduled! All of you are dear to me, and I pray for your health and safety.

Blessings, Gail

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*Wishing you a
Blessed and Joyous
Holiday Season!*

From the Vice President

Dear UMW sisters,

Though UMW activities are basically on hold for most of our district, we are sending this newsletter to keep in touch in these rather difficult times.

As your vice-president I am in charge of our district events and so, having canceled everything in 2020 I'm hoping and praying for a better 2021. I have prepared a tentative calendar for the year ahead, with the hope that there will be a vaccine by the end of the year, and that life will therefore normalize in time for our spring enrichment event. The plan is to use the same locations and to try to get the same speakers whom we had booked for 2020.

A tentative calendar is therefore included in this newsletter. You will notice that the spring event is in the northern part of the district and the fall event in the southern part of the district. We know that distance can be a hindrance for many of you, so we do this in an attempt at fairness.

Of course, we can't predict what lies ahead, but we want to be prepared to resume normal activities as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we hope you are all being very careful to follow safety procedures and are staying healthy. I really miss our face-to-face Sisterhood of Grace.

Marie Garnhart, Vice President
smgarnhart@gmail.com

Social Action



As you all know, we are living through an unprecedented age. Probably the most important social action we are all called to take this season is to **vote**, on or before Nov. 3. As we consider our vote, many of us have health concerns, others have legitimate concerns about voter suppression and mail reliability. Please inform yourselves not only about the candidates (up and down the ballot), but also about your options for voting. Choose the one that seems best for you, and do all you can to encourage any reluctant voters you know to exercise their privilege and their responsibility. As Christians and as United Methodist women, please consider what can be done to further the work of our four Social Action campaigns as you consider your vote. We are the only hands and feet God has on earth.

I also urge you to continue prayerfully to support and participate in those actions in your community that further racial justice, whether that is participating in peaceful protest, re-examining the policies and decisions in the organizations you are a part of, or engaging in tough conversations with loved ones. It is hard for all of us to be restricted from gathering and sharing our vision of the kingdom in person as we work side by side, but we know that we are always in the company of God and of each other.

Blessings to all,
Suzy Clarkson Holstein, Social Action Coordinator

We've all heard that change is good.

Blog written by Amy Pacanowski

But as often as we hear it, we still struggle with it. Why? Because most of us hate change. It upends our comfort levels, leaving us insecure and afraid. It challenges our expectations, our routines, our understanding of the world and how we live in it.

But here's what doesn't change: God is good. He loves us. He will take care of us. Even when we feel overwhelmed by all of life's changes, God is constant. His love for us never changes.

If you're anxious about life's changes, take some time to read these 8 Scripture verses affirming the Lord's steadfast walk with us. Meditate on these verses and share the post with others who need encouragement today.

God doesn't change.

I am the Lord, and I do not change. And so you, the descendants of Jacob, are not yet completely lost. —Malachi 3:6, GNTD

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. —Hebrews 13:8, GNTD

God is with you.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you. —Hebrews 13:5, GNTDT

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2021 Tentative Calendar/South East District UMW

Jan. 9 (alt. 16): South East District team meeting - Zoom or East Troy

Jan. 25: Articles due for “South East Special Edition” spring issue

Late Feb., early March Spring issue of “South East Special Edition” should arrive.

March 20: South East District Team Meeting 8:45-noon at Brown Deer UMC

April 4: EASTER

April 10: Conference Mission Action Day

April 12: **Articles due for “South East Special Edition”, summer issue**

April 23-24: Conference Executive Team meeting at Pine Lake

**May 1: South East District SPRING ENRICHMENT EVENT at
Brown Deer UMC—8:30-2:30**

Mid May Summer issue of “South East Special Edition” should arrive.

**May 15: South East District Team Meeting 8:45-noon at
West Allis Blessed Hope UMC**

Summer?: Mission u ????????????

August 1 Articles due for “SE Special Edition”, fall issue

Aug. 27-29.: Pine Lake Conference Executive Team Meeting (district pres. Included)

Sept. 11: South East District Team Meeting 8:45-noon at Milton UMC

Oct. 2: South East District Annual Gathering at Milton UMC 8:30-2:30

Oct. 15-16: Conference Annual Gathering

Nov. 5-6: Conference Team Meeting

Nov. 13: SE District Team Meeting 8:45-noon at -Milwaukee Central UMC

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The Lord himself will lead you and be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you, so do not lose courage or be afraid. —Deuteronomy 31:8, GNTD

Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go. —Joshua 1:9, GNTD

God will guide and help you.

I will teach you the way you should go; I will instruct you and advise you. —Psalm 32:8, GNTDY our word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path. —Psalm 119:105, GNTD

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. —Proverbs 3:5-6, GNTD

Mask Mission by Chris Anding

I started making face masks for the church food pantry workers as soon as the shut down was declared around March 16 after a friend from church, Joanne Howe, called to see if I was making masks for healthcare workers like she was. She was donating masks through JoAnn's Fabrics and a quilt shop in Waukesha and also making some for family and friends with age/interest appropriate fabric. JoAnn's has now donated a million masks to healthcare workers. Joanne then emailed me a pattern, I modified it with whatever materials I could get and am presently up to 334 masks and counting. I soon called my family, took an order from the choir director, and emailed everyone in church plus my friends and neighbors.



I even had help when the orders piled up from friend Jim Aldinger. I now make custom masks to suit people's vocation & needs. I felt God was telling me to do this. I just wanted to keep people safe even if I couldn't work as a retired RN in the relief hospitals. I also helped some friends get started making masks for their family & friends. Many of the fabrics & supplies were donated to me by friends & church members so I only asked that recipients donate to the Delavan UMC Food Pantry or church in return. Then the Food Pantry was able to serve more people and I was able to serve God in the only way I could during this pandemic.



Education for Mission

As most of you know by now, all District events have been cancelled for the rest of 2020. Hopefully by next spring we will be able to begin to meet in person again, and your District team is planning next year's events. Most probably your individual units have also suspended your usual meetings, as well.



Consequently, the Mission Today awards will be postponed until our 2021 Annual Gathering, and we will be combining activities for 2019 and 2020. I've received the 2019 report forms from a number of you but would like to hear from everyone. In addition, I hope each unit will be willing to fill out a form for 2020 and send it to me. A blank form is included in this newsletter. I understand that most units probably only met once or twice early in the year and may feel that they don't have much to report. However, maybe your unit has conducted some Zoom meetings, or maybe several individuals have been involved in service projects. Are some of you finding more time to participate in the Reading Program? Think creatively about how your members continue to fulfill our UMW Purpose. Hopefully by combining 2019 and 2020 we will be able to hand out lots of awards at next year's Annual Gathering!

My prayer for all of you is that you stay safe and continue to be careful when you're out and about. We will get through this, and it will be a part of our life story. Blessings to all.

Barb Taylor, Education for Mission Coordinator, 262-495-8625

A GREAT FUNDRAISING TIP

This year due to COVID-19 many of you are experiencing the lack of opportunities to raise money in order to meet your Unit pledges to the South East District. The Whitewater/LaGrange unit typically hosts a Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction in April which provides the majority of money for our pledge. Since that event had to be cancelled, with the approval of our Executive Team I sent out a snail mail letter to all of our members, active and inactive. I explained our typical sources of income, the projects we support, how much money we still needed to meet our pledge, and tried to emphasize the importance of meeting that obligation and continuing to support UMW missions despite the pandemic. I asked if they would be willing to contribute what they might have spent on ingredients for Salad Luncheon dishes or bid on Auction items.

The response was overwhelming! Members obviously recognized the uniqueness of this situation and were extremely generous in their donations. I'm happy to report that we received more than I asked for, and I was able to pay our pledge in full.

I would encourage other units, if you haven't done so already, to reach out to your members in this way. It worked for us!!

Barb Taylor, Treasurer, Whitewater/
LaGrange

READING PROGRAM PLANS

PLAN I

- 5 books each year.
- 1 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

PLAN II

- 10 books each year.
- 2 from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

PLAN III

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** and New World Outlook magazines.

PLAN IV

- 20 books each year.
 - 2 books from each category.
 - PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists :
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans. Regular reading of response and New World Outlook magazines.

Some of the older books may not be available at United Methodist Women Mission Resources. Other possible sources include the public library and Reading Program books already purchased by your unit. For books on previous reading lists go to: umwonline.org/groups/readingprogram

Reading program form can be found on page 7.

The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books.

To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the **Reporting Form**. When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a **Certificate of Recognition**.

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum.

2021 Annual Sampler

Offer ends April 2021

Please sign me up for the 2021 Annual Sampler!

Order the print subscription today for \$40 and save \$4.00.
The Annual Sampler[†] includes:

- 2021 Spiritual Growth study (\$10).
- 2021 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2021-22 Program Book (\$10).
- 2021-24 Quadrennial Calendar (\$10.00 w/orange or purple sleeve).

[†]2021 Issue study: *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris, New York: New Press, 2016. Available in stores, online and libraries. Free downloadable Leader's Guide (PDF) available online at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

The study and the calendars will ship in late fall 2020. The Program Book will ship in the summer of 2021. **Please select:**

- Orange** or **Purple** Quadrennial Calendar sleeve
 Please sign me up for the 2021 Annual Sampler.

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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.

LOCAL UNIT	PRINT NAME
DISTRICT	ADDRESS
CONFERENCE	CITY, STATE, ZIP

Current Year _____

PLAN CHOSEN:	I	II	III	IV
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NAME:	
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MISSION EMPHASES				
Education for Mission				
Leadership Development				
Nurturing for Community				
Social Action				
Spiritual Growth				

response																			
New World Outlook																			

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW MISSION TODAY LOCAL UNIT REPORT FORM

Presidents (or designee) of all local units, please complete form even though you may not qualify as a Mission Today unit. Send report by December 15, 2020 to Education for Mission Coordinator **Barb Taylor, N7832 Jackson Road, Whitewater, WI 53190, 262-495-8625**
<tayloc@centurytel.net>

Name of Church: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Criteria Completed (Circle the numbers Completed)

FAITH 1 2 3 4 HOPE 1 2 3 4 LOVE 1 2 3 4 ACTION 1 2 3 4

Please report on any new criteria tried this year:

Comments:

MISSION TODAY—Mission Task Criteria

F **United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God....**

- A** 1. Plan programs that encourage spiritual growth. (Program book, response magazine, etc.)
I 2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.
T 3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings
H 4. Organize the spiritual growth study from Mission u, possibly several evenings/weeks

to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

- H** 1. Take advantage of opportunities thru UMW such as Mission u, Spiritual Growth Retreats,
O Annual Gatherings and Mission day Action.
P 2. Set aside a time to go over the year's plans using Mission Today Mission Tasks.
E 3. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice program.
 4. Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members.

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

- L** 1. Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with
O Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders
V 2. Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.
E 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

and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

- A** 1. Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give. Reports on where the money goes.
C 2. Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).
T 3. Contribute to scholarships (UMW related) and Mission u.(\$25 or more).
I 4. Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott or Wisconsin Conference supported Imagine No Malaia,
O Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin Etc.
N

Thank you so much for your generosity in this difficult time! We have sent 43.6% of our budgeted amount on to the Wisconsin Conference. I know that it is hard to raise funds without having gatherings and I appreciate all the efforts you make to support United Methodist Women in Wisconsin and the Nation! Please consider if you can create opportunities for individual contributions to your local unit so we can come closer to meeting our 2020 Pledge.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF GIVING**

Wisconsin

2020

DISTRICT: South East
District Pledge to Mission \$65,000.00
Percentage of Pledge Received: 43.6%
 31-Aug-20

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	TOTAL
Pledge to Mission	\$9,150.00	\$11,558.00	\$6,020.00	\$26,728.00
Special Mission Recognition	\$260.00	\$40.00	\$160.00	\$460.00
Gift to Mission	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$120.00
Gift in Memory	\$20.00	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$380.00
World Thank Offering	\$577.61	\$19.95	\$51.00	\$648.56
Total Mission Giving	\$10,067.61	\$11,842.95	\$6,426.00	\$28,336.56
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	\$156.00	\$525.00	\$593.00	\$1,274.00
Supplementary Gifts				
A Brighter Future for Children & Youth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
The Legacy Fund	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
National, International & UMCOR Projects:	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2.00	\$502.00
Mission u	\$25.00	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
Mabel Heil	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Other Direct Local Charities		\$0.00		
Total Designated Gifts	\$206.00	\$1,280.00	\$605.00	\$2,091.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$10,273.61	\$13,122.95	\$7,031.00	\$30,427.56

UNIT PLEDGE TO MISSION (TO DISTRICT) FORM

2021 Pledge to Mission

*United Methodist Women
Wisconsin Conference—South East District*

Unit: _____ Pledge: _____

Treasurer Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please send mission pledge to Linda Sather at

6529 W. Fremont Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53219 or jlsbluehouse@yahoo.com.

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Equip Leaders

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches

Organize for Growth

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action

Educate to Transform

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world

Foster Spiritual Growth

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action

United Methodist Women Purpose

Serve & Advocate

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is..... To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, To develop creative, supportive fellowship and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church

Members Make It All Possible

800,000 members work for justice and support mission in a creative, inspirational and supportive fellowship.

The Vision of United Methodist Women

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Living the Vision

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

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SOUTH EAST DISTRICT 2020 UMW EVENTS CALENDAR



🏠 **STAY HOME**
❤️ **STAY HEALTHY**
💻 **STAY CONNECTED**

Please see 2021 Calendar for upcoming events.