

Jubilate

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THE PURPOSE -
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 a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

FROM OUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT - - -

Presidents -

By now you have filled out your United Methodist Women 2020 Survey, formerly known as the census, online. The deadline is March 30. If you are unable to do it online, call me at 715-842-0296 and I will record your responses using my computer. The survey and other wonderful resources for you is found at **unitedmethodistwomen.org**. At our conference site (**wisconsinumw.org**) you will find registration forms and more information about activities in Wisconsin. I know you all miss the in-person fellowship; but for now, please take advantage of the zoom meetings and podcasts that are available to us.

The days will come when your units can meet together again. I have heard of some units doing zoom meetings and some are using their phones to stay in contact. We may not be making plans to see each other face-to-face right now, but we can join in prayer together each day. Some of us have lost family members and good friends during this past year, but the constant in our life is that Christ is

with us! Set aside a little extra prayer time each day to lift up your sisters in Christ and those in mission around the world.

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FROM OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH COORDINATOR - - -

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his courts with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

Psalm 100:5



The Lord is good, indeed! We are reminded of that goodness in sunrises and sunsets, melting snow and birdsong, in a phone call or

an email from a friend. Psalm 100 reminds us to acknowledge God’s gifts and to do it with singing and praise so others will know about it. But there are times when my spiritual motivation has more in common with my car in below-zero degree weather

than it has with the words of the psalm. I don’t want to turn over and get started with my day and I feel drained after just a few activities. I need a spiritual recharge and I often find it in reading scripture and caring relationships with my UMW sisters.

I am looking forward to sharing a time to recharge and refresh with you at our Annual Gathering in Port Edwards UMC in the afternoon on Saturday, September 19th. It will be a mini retreat to recharge your “battery”.

Coming up in 2022: Spiritual Growth Retreat at Pine Lake Camp, Saturday, April 30th. Mark your calendars!

Remember that we are “knitted together for God’s good work”.

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FROM OUR SECRETARY - - -

Thank you to all District Units who updated their officer information and let me know they were staying "as is" for the 2021 North Central District UMW Yearbook.

As UMW Units are finding ways to reach out in 2021, please email any updates to me at gatestlsm@aol.com or mail to: W11373 Krome Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 and I will update the master copy as the year progresses.

The Wisconsin Conference’s Yearbook cover states: “Knitted Together for God’s

Good Work”. I am currently involved in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics and it truly amazes me what a small town community can accomplish with open hearts and God’s guidance.

Enjoy Spring!

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MONEY MATTERS FROM OUR DISTRICT TREASURER.....

Our North Central District units did a remarkable job this past year in spite of minimal or no meetings, no fundraisers or money-making events! We were able to meet 64.7% of our \$50,000 Pledge to Mission. Our 5-Channel giving amounted to \$32,384.79. Last year the District team voted to reduce our Pledge to Mission to \$45,000.

Please note that all new remittance forms for 2021-2024, whether for pledge monies, Special Mission Recognition pins or Gift to Mission cards, were mailed to all unit

treasurers in January. Make certain you throw out all old forms.

If your unit has not yet submitted a 2021 Pledge to Mission, please use the form found below on this page of the *Jubilate*.

As always, if you ever have a question, please don't hesitate to call or contact me.

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Local Unit Pledge Form North Central District 2021

Local Unit/Local Church _____

President _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Treasurer _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

We pledge \$ _____ to UMW mission through North Central District for 2021.

We pledge \$ _____ for Mission u.

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH & PROGRAM RESOURCES

MISSION COORDINATOR.....

Prayers continue as we navigate through these difficult times of working remotely but trying to continue some sort of normalcy. Our Reading Program list for 2021 has been enlarged and will combine with 2022. The National Office is closed, therefore committees have been delayed and potential Reading Program Books could not be sent to evaluators as they have been in the past.

The 2020 Reading Program Committee offers recommendations to encourage reading during these challenging times. Be creative within your own church as well to promote reading, such as Zoom reading clubs or sharing book reports.

- *Reading Book List: The reading forms should be sent to your District Secretary of Program Resources.
- *Participation: Anyone can participate in the Reading Program, and all can receive a certificate for participating. See [unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/reading-program-2021-reporting-form](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/reading-program-2021-reporting-form).
- *Recognitions: Be creative in recognizing those persons who and who are not UMW members.
- *Faith Talks: Faith Talk podcasts can now be counted in the category of Spiritual Growth. You must participate or listen to two Faith Talk podcasts. If you participate or listen to three, it will be counted as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.
- *Movies: Watching these movies and documentaries will also count toward the Reading Program:
 - * Just Mercy
 - * The Hate U Give
 - * Pushout
- *Children and youth books suggestions are available within each category.
- *Bonus Books: These count as two books in different categories.
- *Mission U studies also count as bonus books.

For more information on the Reading Program, book lists, bonus books and podcasts, please visit:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-studies>
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-u>



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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 _____ NAME: _____ PLAN CHOSEN: I II III IV	Education for Mission	Leadership Development	Nurturing for Community	Social Action	Spiritual Growth	response
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Reporting Form
 Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura
 독서 프로그램독서 프로그램

Additional books I have read to complete PLAN _____ of the Reading Program are:

Los libros adicionales que he leído para completar el PLAN _____ del Programa de Lectura son:

읽기프로그램의계획____을완료하기위해내가읽은추가책은다음과같습니다:

- I have also read **response** regularly.
- También he leído **response** con regularidad.
- 나는 또한 읽었다 **response** 정기적으로.

CENSUS 2020

The Membership Census has been conducted online again this year. All local presidents need to complete the census questionnaire before March 30th. If your unit hasn't reported for the census yet because you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please do one of the following:

Ask a computer savvy member to assist you.

Ask your church secretary to help you complete the census.

Contact me or the District President for any assistance.

The Census Link can be found on the United Methodist Women's website.



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2021 Sister Units:

Our District Team Members have the pleasure and responsibility of being the "Contact Sisters" for the following UMW Units. The District Team members welcome questions and/or invitations to assist the unit. The contact information for the District Team sisters is found in the articles in this newsletter.

Carol Anderson - Berlin, Markesan, Mauston

Joan Burk-Miller - Mercer, Minocqua,
Rhineland

Ruby Dow - Amherst, Winding River (New
Lisbon)

Lynette Gates - Black River Falls, Cataract,
Trempealeau

Margaret Getzin - Almond, Port Edwards,
Wild Rose

Suzanne Goldsmith - Merrilan, Plainfield,
Sparta

Carol Hornby - Alma Center, Tomah,
Wautoma

Evelyn Schneider - Norwalk, Wausau First,
Wisconsin Rapids

Arlene Trull - Rockland, South Burr Oak,
Tomahawk, Wausau Wesley

Cindy Tyjeski - Antigo, Mattoon

FROM OUR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE— . . .

An Opportunity to Serve and Grow!

Even before Clementine Butler & Lois Parker founded the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in 1869, women were finding ways in which to serve through their Christian faith. They often had to fight for the right to do so. Out of their desire to serve, today we have United Methodist Women & can freely volunteer & serve as we wish. Without those who choose to serve as National, Conference, District, & Local leaders, the organized unit of UMW would cease to exist.

Today, more than ever, the call to serve is still important. Where would all the programs that serve women, children & youth around the world be if it weren't for women like you who are willing to be the "servant" so that others might live?

The District team is in need of a vice-president for the two-year term from 2022-2023 - someone to serve the women of this District through her faith & leadership to foster programs so that we may continue to grow & learn while we, too, serve those who need our help. Would you be willing to serve?

Below are the responsibilities of the vice-president in the NC District:

The vice-president is responsible for the Annual Gathering -- planning location, theme & speaker, music leader & accompanist; assembling the booklet, & acting as emcee for the event. Other duties would include: attendance at team meetings, substitution for the president at team or conference meetings if necessary, attendance at conference meeting where the Conference Annual Gathering is planned, attendance at Mission u & officer update sessions.

The vice-president for North Central is not automatically the next president.

Please pray about serving the women of this District as the vice-president. Then call Carol Anderson at 715-284-2456 or email her at cmaeander@yahoo.com or contact Carol Hornby at 715-284-9655 or email her at chornby@centurytel.net with a resounding "yes!"

In service,
Carol Hornby

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



North Central District

Team Meeting: July 17 at Port Edwards UMC

Annual Gathering: September 19 at Port Edwards UMC

Wisconsin Conference

Mission Action Day (zoom): April 10

Mission u Studies (zoom): May 18, 20, 25 & 27

July 7, 9, 14 & 16

July 27 & 29 & August 3 & 5

Mission u Study for Youth (zoom): Youth - June 15, 17, 22 & 24

Annual Gathering: October 15-16 at Baraboo First UMC

KEEPING HISTORY - Files, Photos

Excerpts written by Judy Vasby in February, 2021, "CATCH the VISION"

UMW officers wonder what records should be kept for historical purposes. Secretaries are to keep almost everything forever (minutes from every meeting) with full names of participants & properly labeled with dates, page numbers, etc.

Other materials to keep permanently in storage are newsletters or articles put in church's newsletters, yearbook directories (which should have dates of meetings & activities for the year), & year-end financial reports & audits). If you have space, also keep Program books & bulletins from special unit programs like retreats, UMW Sunday, social action events, mission activities, Mother/Daughter events, fundraisers, historical celebrations, etc. A few pictures from these events, labeled well on the backs, should also be kept.

Store records in acid-free file folders and boxes labeled on the outside. Do not use metal paper clips, staples nor rubber bands. If something

gets torn, use Matte Finish Magic (Scotch) Tape. Plastic enclosures are safe only if made of polyester, polypropylene or polyethylene. Pictures can be kept in photo storage boxes or archival manila envelopes or special transparent sleeves.

Seek space in your local church's archive room or a dry storage area. Mark the contents on the outside of the boxes & specify "permanent records".

(An accumulation of each officer's working files should be passed on to the person who takes over the office. She will keep what she needs to help her do her job well & toss what she doesn't find useful, adding new things as she goes.)

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Hi folks in North Central District,

I hope you are all staying warm. A copy of the registration form for the Conference Mission Action Day, which will be held by zoom on Saturday, April 10th from 9:00am to noon, is on the next page. Please reach out to people in your district who may not be comfortable on the internet. Perhaps you can arrange to have the zoom meeting at your church or invite others to your home to participate in the event. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. The registration form is also on the website: **wisconsinumw.org**.

Here are a couple of additional things you should know:

1. The meeting starts at 9:00am, but we will open the meeting at 8:00am – so sign in early and we will put you into a 'break-out room' with maybe 10 other people and you will have time to just chat informally before the meeting starts.

2. Marti Gobel (one of the speakers) is our daughter-in-law. She will be acting in a play, called NEAT, in Milwaukee at the Renaissance Theaterworks from March 19th until April 11th. She is the sole actor playing 24 different roles in this one-person play. You may want to check it out. Ticket prices are 'household tickets' so you can have your entire household watch the play on zoom for one ticket. For ticket information, go to: **<https://www.r-t-w.com>** - or you can call Lucia at the theater. Her number is: 262-352-3757. Special group ticket prices are also available.

I hope to see lots of people at Mission Action Day. Again, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me.

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MISSION ACTION DAY
APRIL 10, 2021 (9:00am to NOON)
MATERNAL HEALTH AND RACIAL EQUITY

	<p><u>Theme:</u> Racial Equity in the Wisconsin Health Care System</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Dr. Kathy D. Hartke (Co-Chair Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Review Team)</p>
 <small>Marti Gobel</small>	<p><u>Theme:</u> Being Black in Wisconsin</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Marti Gobel (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

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

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!

FROM OUR SOCIAL ACTION & MISSION EDUCATION MISSION COORDINATOR— --

This year, Mission u will be zoom classes. So plan now to register and watch from your own home, or maybe your church, to participate. Encourage others to participate also.

The Studies & Study Leaders for 2021 are:

The Issue Study will be: Push Out - The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

Teachers will be Rev. Jonah Overton, church planter & Pastor of Zao MKE Church in Milwaukee & Rev. Afi Dobbins-Mays, Pastor of Solomon Community Temple UMC in Milwaukee.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays - May 18, 20, 25 & 27 – 6:30-9:00pm

The Spiritual Growth Study will be: Finding Peace in an Anxious World

The teacher will be: Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner, Superintendent of the North West District in the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Dates: Wednesdays and Fridays - July 6, 8, 13 & 15 – 6:30-9:00pm

The Special Study will be: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship

This new class will only be offered this year & taught by Rev. Rob Odum, Pastor of Memorial UMC & Blessed Hope UMC in West Allis.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays - July 27 & 29 & August 3 & 5 – 6:30-9:00pm

A Youth Study: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence will be taught by Deb Pattee, a retired Associate Professor at UW-Eau Claire.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays – June 15, 17, 22, & 24 – 6:45-9:00pm

Look for more information & the Registration Forms on the Wisconsin United Methodist Women's website (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-u).

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MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 women have received help with their education.

Requirements and Instructions

Instructions:

1. Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women.
2. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
3. Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the Fall semester or October 1 for the Spring semester.
4. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Methodist Women or the pastor of the church.
5. Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

Rules:

Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women working to improve her education may apply.

Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.

All applications are photocopied for the committee members.

Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year, you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.

If in any given year there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.

Application and two (2) letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

Schedule:

1st Semester: Apply by May 1; notified by June 1; check sent by August 15.

2nd Semester: Apply by October 1; notified by November 1; check sent by December 1.

Contact Person:

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For an application, print a copy of the form from the Wisconsin United Methodist Women's website.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering

October 15-16, 2021, at First United Methodist Church - Baraboo, WI

I am hopeful with the COVID-19 vaccine becoming available that we will be able to meet in person this fall. The theme for the Annual Gathering will be: Knitted Together for God's Good Work. Saturday morning worship will be led by Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner and Saturday morning's keynote speaker will be Tony Kearney, Northcott Neighborhood House. There will be breakout sessions in the afternoon. More information on the gathering will be available by early August.

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