Mission Matters

S.W. District UMW Newsletter January 2020

President's Message

UMW Sisters,

Our theme for 2019-2020, "Let Your Light Shine: Ignited for Justice" has been very inspiring for me and I hope it speaks to you and your units as well. There are so many Biblical images of light and fire - the light of creation (Gen. 1:3-5), Moses and the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14), Jesus' command to be light and salt to the earth (Matt. 5:13-16), the tongues of flame at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) and so many more. I have taken a number of the Disciple and Cornerstone bible studies. In particular I remember discussing the call of Isaiah (Is. 6:5-8) in which a seraph touches Isaiah's mouth with a live coal to cleanse his lips and empower his prophetic call. I think so many of us feel like Isaiah - weak, unworthy, and powerless, yet we too are called, cleansed and equipped to be paths of transformation and justice. Our theme reminds us that we are called for a PURPOSE. It has been expressed differently over our 150-year history, but our organization has always been focused on sharing faith, hope and love to women, children and youth around the world. No matter what (if anything) may change in our denomination in 2020, you can be sure that the focus of our organization will remain on our missions and values.

Is God calling you to shine your light in new ways this year? Personally, I have been seeing God calling me back to working on environmental justice issues and stretching me with new challenges for our district team. It will light my way to our North Central Jurisdiction meeting in Sioux Falls, SD in June. It will lead us into a new adventure with three separate Mission u events which I hope will provide more opportunity for you to invite others to attend and to be at these events yourself. We will have the privilege of having our Conference Annual Gathering in our own district as well as many special district events I hope you will attend and encourage and enable others to attend. I have no doubt that God has old and new ways for you to light the world. I am reminded of a Michael W. Smith Advent/Christmas song "Light a Candle". The refrain goes:

Light a candle, light the dark

Light the world

Light a heart or two

Light a candle for me, I'll light a candle for you.

I pray that the light of the South West District, our Conference and National UMW blazes brightly enough to guide you this year, spark new outreach and mission and give you tools to live out your calling to bring about justice in 2020 and beyond.

Yours in Christ,

Laura Pfeffer, South West District President

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Until we have a treasurer, please send all remittances to Laura Pfeffer W10132 Koltes Rd. Lodi, WI 53555 Thank You

The nominations committee would like to thank everyone who prayerfully considered and said YES to being part of the S.W. District UMW leadership team. We still have openings and hope we can fill them soon. Being part of our team can be very rewarding and enriching. Please continue to prayerfully consider joining our team. If you have questions or would like to say YES, please call any officer in the above leadership team list. Thank You!



YEARNING FOR PEACE

We all hope that "things will be better" in 2020. However current issues such as climate change, the presence of hate groups, divisive government officials, and violence in the world, make us feel apprehensive, especially since our actions to address these issues seem so inadequate. Perhaps recalling the following words of Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero will help us feel more at peace:

"It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is the Lord's work. Nothing we do is complete. No statement says all that should be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No program accomplished the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. It enables us to do something and do it well. It may be incomplete but a beginning step along the way, an opportunity for grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the results. But that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers not messiahs, prophets of a future that is not our own, empowered by the Spirit who draws us onward."

Archbishop Romero served in El Salvador where he spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture until he was assassinated in 1980.

Please consider attending our District Spiritual Growth Retreat on April 25th. It may help you discover how you could "do something" to help make our world a better place!

Marge Lyford, District Spiritual Growth Coordinator 608-233-5930 mclyford@att.net

Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women

Mission Action Day



Saturday April 4, 2020

St Paul's United Methodist Church 341 Wilson Ave, Green Bay, WI 54303

Theme: Racial inequality and School to Prison

Pipeline.
In-gathering Collection: Non-Perishable items

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. I Sending forth: 2:30 p.m.

Registration is transferrable, not refundable.

2020 MISSION ACTION DAY REGISTRATION FORM Deadline for Registration: Friday, March 8, 2019- \$15 registration fee

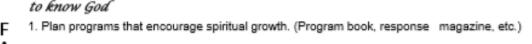
Late registration-\$18- March 9-16, after March 16- fee remains \$18, lunch on your own.

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Dietary or other considerations		
Send form and <u>registration fee</u> to:		
Janet Brockman, W6943 North Road	d, Maueton, WI 53948 • 608-847-7558 • b	prockman7558@frontier.com
	ks payable to: Wisconsin Conference Ut/	

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.

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



A 2. Create prayer partners with other church groups.

T 3. Pray using the Prayer Calendar at meetings.

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, Mission Action Day.

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.

 Present a mission study from Mission u, inviting church members. Host a church-wide discussion of United Methodist initiatives and programs such as the Way Forward.

to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;

 Honor the organization's leaders and member's contributions with Special Mission Recognition pins. Don't forget community leaders.

Encourage everyone to visit or invite visitors to/from other local UMW organizations.

Publicize your events using newsletters, bulletin boards, Sunday bulletins, social media, phone calls, etc.

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.

 Encourage all members to participate in the Pledge for Mission; give reports on where the money goes.

Involve all members in fundraising (think creatively).

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Contribute to scholarships (UMW related) and Mission u. (\$25.00 or more).

 Partner with a mission institution such as Northcott, or Wisconsin Conference supported Harbor House, United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, etc.

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

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DATES AND LOCATIONS

June 12-13, 2020

 Good Shepherd UMC Oconomowoc, WI

July 20-21, 2020

 Hotel Mead & Conference Ctr. Wisconsin Rapids, WI

August 14-15, 2020

 Lake Street UMC Eau Claire, WI

The June and August events will begin on Friday evening and will continue all day Saturday. You will have the opportunity to choose one 6-hour class on Saturday. Lunch will be provided at the church on Saturday. If you are coming from a distance, you will need to make your own hotel arrangements for Friday night.

The event at the Hotel Mead in July will begin on Monday morning and will end Tuesday afternoon. This event will include an overnight stay at the Hotel Mead, five meals at the hotel, two Plenaries, Worship and Communion. We will also have an evening program on Monday.

Adult Spiritual Growth Study:

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

This study, by Erin Brown and the Urban Village Church Staff, uses the Serenity Prayer as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry and fear towards God's peace that passes all understanding.

Social Issue Study:

Pushout: Mass Incarceration School-to-Prison Pipeline

Using the book Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, by Dr. Monique Morris, this study invites us to explore the school-to-prison pipeline, school-to-confinement pathways and school pushout through the words and stories of dozens of young people from across the country, historical information And careful reflection.

Repeat Study: (Mead only)

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue



Starting Times Friday @ 5:00 pm Saturday @ 8:30 AM Sending forth @ 5:00 pm

Wisconsin Conference Mission u

June 12 - 13, 2020

Good Shepherd UMC - Oconomowoc, WI

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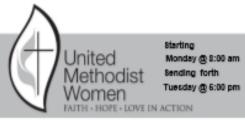


Starting Times Friday @ 6:00 pm Saturday @ 8:30 AM Sending forth @ 6:00 pm

Wisconsin Conference Mission u August 14 – 15, 2020

Lake Street UMC - Eau Claire, WI

Register for the event Name:
Mailing Address:
Home Phone :Cell PhoneEmail
District (circle one) North West North Central North East South West South East
Early bird registration until July 24 \$70 Regular registration until July 31 \$85
Registration includes the Study, morning coffee and lunch Registration is Transferable not Refundable
Make checks payable to: Mission u Send to: Marilyn Eyster,122 East Cox Road, Edgerton, WI 53534 \$ (608) 868-3585 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com **** Participants are responsible for their own Friday night lodging reservation****
2020 Studies Remember only ONE study for each location can be selected
Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety by Erin Brown and the Urban Village Church staff Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Dr. Monique Morris
Books will not be available for pickup when you arrive, you will need to order your books ahead and get them delivered to your home: www.umwmissionresources.org or 800-305-9857
Pushout is available at Amazon (Kindle) or Barns & Noble (Nook) or Cokesbury
Would you like to make a donation to Mission u? Included in my registration is \$
Attending Mission u for the first time Child care: age (bring a sack lunch) Scholarship? Check here to request a Conference scholarship for Mission u
(Also ask your local UMW for scholarship opportunities)
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Dietary Requirements
Photo Release Photos will be taken at Mission u and could be used in material to promote this event. I permit my phot to be used by Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women to help share United Methodist Women with others. Name (Print)
Sign Date
Emergency Contact
Name Relationship
Best phone number(s) to contact them: Is this person at Mission u?
Early Bird Registration rate ends July 24, 2020 ~ Registration ends July 31, 2020 <u>no late registrations accepted</u>



Wisconsin Conference Mission u July 20 – 21, 2020

Hotel Mead Convention Center - Wisconsin

Register for the event Name:			
Mailing Address:			
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Lodging Rate: Early bird registration until June 1		_	
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Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety by Eri			taff
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Early Bird Registration rate ends June 1, 2020 ~ Registr	ation ends July 1, 20	20 <u>no late registratio</u>	ns accepted



Urban Campout and Mission Work Day June 12-13, 2020

GIRLS - Jr. High, High School or College Age Registration Form

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District: (Circle one)		
North West North Central	North East South West	South East
Youth will gather at Good Shephard UMC, 800 La or carpools will go to Solomon Community Temp day overnight and the Saturday workday at Nort Transportation will be provided to the youth bac	ole UMC, 3295 N. Martin Luther hcott Neighborhood House, 246	King Dr, Milwaukee WI for Fri- 50 N. 6 th St., Milwaukee WI.
Megan Zuba, Director of Youth and Young Adult lead activities on Friday night at Solomon Comm at Northcott Neighborhood House. (Boys are w will need to arrange their own transportation.	unity Temple UMC and will arra relcome to join in the Saturday	nge for a tour/mission workday Mission Day at Northcott but
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Parental Permission		
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Send registration form to Megan Zuba at 203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI, 53703.

Make checks payable to United Methodist Women. Contact Megan at mzuba@fumc.org for questions.

South West District Spiritual Growth Retreat Saturday, April 25, 2020



Dells Delton UMC 320 Unity Drive - Wisconsin Dells

Registration & coffee begins 9:00 am Program begins 9:45 am Sending Forth 2:15 pm

Retreat Theme: "Do What You Have the Power to Do "

Retreat Leader: Rev. Rebecca Niese

"In these days of confused situations it is possible to feel very powerless. Together we will look at some women of old who claimed their power and did what they could do."

Rebecca is a retired United Methodist pastor who currently lives with her husband on four acres of land near Arpin WI where they raise vegetables and tend chickens.



Registration fee is \$15. Registrations are due April 13.

Send form and check made out to South West District UMW to Marge Lyford 333 W. Main St. #306. Madison WI 53703

Questions? Contact Marge at 608-233-5930 <mclyford@att.net

Name	Church	Phone	
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Email	Need Child Care	Ages	

COUNT!! COUNT!! COUNT!!

It's time for the South West District Census! This year the 2019 count for National is not as complicated as 2018. Be sure to follow the directions and push SUB-MIT. This must be done on a computer by March 30, 2020. Last year our South West District had the lowest number of units reporting in the Wisconsin Conference. I know we can do better than that. Let's try for 100%. We can do it!

If you have questions, please call for help. The South West District can and will help in any way we can. Call Kay Putman at 608-592-2294. Every unit President will receive a hard copy of the census in the mail in early February along with the 2020 SW District directory. It will help you when you go to the website www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019 to enter your count. Thanks for your help in reaching 100%.

Kay Putman, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

UMW Census!!!

2020 Sister Units

Arlington	Kay Putman	Madison -Asbury	Laura Pfeffer
Avoca	Carol Lange	Madison-Bashford	Judy Loveless
Baraboo Emanuel	Pat Gallus	Madison-Bethany	Kay Putman
Baraboo First	Martha Boyer/Donna Fae Kruse	Madison-First	Laura Pfeffer
Benton	Becky Yager	Madison-Sherman Ave.	Marge Lyford
Bloom City	Mary Lainberger	Madison-Wellspring	Marge Lyford
Blue River	Martha Boyer	Mazomanie-Midland	Kay Putman
Boaz	Carol Lange	Merrimac	Eileen Bennett
Brodhead	Judy Loveless	Monona	Mary Lainberger
Cobb	Charlene Mingst	Montfort	Charlene Mingst
Columbus	Cindy Morse	North Windsor	Cindy Morse
Cuba City	Becky Yager	Pardeeville	Eileen Bennett
Darlington	Becky Yager	Platteville	Becky Yager
Davis Corners	Kathy Radcliff	Portage	Eileen Bennett
Dells-Delton	Kay Putman	Prairie du Chien	Judy Loveless
Dodgeville	Laura Pfeffer	Prairie du Sac/Concordia	Pat Gallus
Fall River	Eileen Bennett	Ridgeway Grace	Laura Pfeffer
Fayette	Mary Friederich	Sandusky	Martha Boyer/Donna Fae Kruse
Fennimore	Charlene Mingst	Soldiers Grove	Carol Lange
Hazel Green	Becky Yager	Stitzer	Becky Yager
LaFarge	Carol Lange	Stoughton	Cindy Morse
Lancaster	Carol Lange	Viola	Eileen Bennett
Liberty Pole	Charlene Mingst	Viroqua	Carol Lange
Linden	Charlene Mingst	Waunakee-Crossroads	Kay Putman
Livingston	Charlene Mingst	Whig	Becky Yager
Lodi	Eileen Bennett	Willow Valley	Donna Fae Kruse

2020 Annual Sampler

Offer ends April 2020

Please sign me up for the 2020 Annual Sampler!

Order the print subscription today for \$30 and save \$5.50.

The Annual Sampler* includes:

- . 2020 Spiritual Growth study (\$10).
- 2020-21 Program Book (\$10).
- . 2020 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2020 Date Book (\$1.50).

[†]2020 Issue study: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris, New York: New Press, 2018. Available in stores, online and libraries. Free downloadable Leader's Guide (PDF) available online at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

The studies and Prayer Calendar will ship in December 2019. The Program Book and Date Book will ship in the summer of 2020.

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Calendar

Global Water Summit - Detroit MI January 24-25 Mission Task Reports due February 1 District Team Meeting at Prairie du Sac March 14 March 13-14 Laity Convo—Stevens Point March 30 Membership Census is due April 4 Mission Action Day - Green Bay April 6 Mission Matters deadline April 25 District Spiritual Growth Retreat-Dells-Delton UMC April 26 Northcott Annual Meeting June 12-13 Mission u at Oconomowoc June 20 District Team Meeting at Boaz July 20-21 Mission u at Wisconsin Rapids