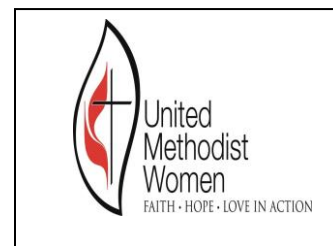


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Justice and Mercy for All

“What does the Lord require of us but to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”

--Micah 6:8b (NIV)

HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN How Are You Going to Celebrate?

On March 23, 2019, UMW will celebrate 150 years of mission started by a handful of women in Boston. The following are three possible ways to commemorate this event.

First, throughout the year educate your local units and congregations on the powerful history of United Methodist Women. For resources check unitedmethodistwomen.org/150. Under the toolkit are programs for Celebration 150 Years and That Handful of Women. Search Google for the skit *That Handful of Women* performed at the UMW PNW Conference Annual Meeting last October. *The Program Book 2018-19* includes a celebration “March 2019: Happy Birthday, United Methodist Women!”

Second, celebrate the actual birthday on March 23 while attending the UMW Spiritual Retreat, “Sisterhood of Grace,” March 22-24, at Lazy F, Ellensburg. Invite others to this spiritual uplifting event with stress-free time for sharing with friends, reading scripture, nature walking, and doing crafts.

Third, learn about “Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission” with the all-school study at Mission U, July 12-15, Central Washington University, Ellensburg. Introduce others to this annual experience.

Share with me what choices you make.

Janet W. Crouse, President, UMW PNWC
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THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of 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 United Methodist Church.

COME ONE!! COME ALL!!
TIME IS SHORT TO GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN!!
SISTERHOOD OF GRACE
PNWC UMW SPIRITUAL RETREAT
LAZY F CHURCH CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER
ELLENSBURG
MARCH 22-24, 2019

We will have Bible study (Women of the Bible) some you may know or you might hear about for the first time. Bible journaling, card making, nature hikes fun, relaxation and GREAT fellowship! **REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED.**

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Sharon Stovall, editor at
pnwumwsharingline@peoplepc.com.

STUDENT TRAVEL FUND

The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference United Methodist Women believe that participation by high school and college students in service projects and/or leadership training events can clarify vocational choices, deepen personal faith, and help meet human need. Since many worthy students could not participate in such events without financial assistance, the Student Travel Fund has been established with donations from local units of the United Methodist Women.

The Student Travel Fund will help pay a portion of a round trip travel and registration fees for service projects and/or events that are held outside the bounds of the Pacific Northwest Conference.

Applicants should obtain the application form from: Linda Key Lmkey1021@comcast.net 509-830-1960

Mail to: Linda Key
ATTENTION: Student Travel Fund.
7213 Perry Ave SE
Auburn, WA 98092

Each applicant must fill out her/his own application form as the Scholarship Committee will assess the needs on an individual basis. Applications should be sent in as early as possible. The Conference UMW Scholarship Committee reviews applications, determines recipients and scholarship amounts, and informs applicants.

Linda Key, Scholarship Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

It is time once again to complete the 2018 on-line census. Hopefully, all the local units have received reminders and instructions on how to complete the census.

CENSUS INFORMATION

The process is as follows: **October 2018** Conference Membership Nurture and Outreach (MNO), Membership Coordinator or President will share the census link with instructional video imbedded with the district Membership Nurture and Outreach (MNO) coordinator or president.

District MNO Membership Coordinator or president then sends it on to the local unit president.

The local unit uses the census link to enter the data, which will come directly to the national office.

Conference MNO and district MNO are charged with assisting the local units with sending out the census link along with scheduling 1-3 interactive sessions to assist unit leaders who are not comfortable with computers.

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2018

The final deadline for reporting will be March 30, 2019.

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Vicki Carr Receives Charter for Racial Justice Award 2018

On October 13, 2018, at the UMW PNW Conference Annual Meeting Janet W. Crouse, Conference president, presented the Charter for Racial Justice Award to Vicki Carr with the following comments:

Over five years ago Vicki Carr discovered migrant workers hiding in a barn, needing food, clothing, and a warm place to stay. She responded by providing solutions for their needs. Then she took an additional step. She investigated how they and others could become green card holders, obtain education, and become self-sufficient. In June 2013 when UMW provided a "Breaking Down Barriers" program on immigration at Ronald UMC, Vicki drove across the pass for the event.

Vicki treasures her immigrant heritage including Polish, Norwegian, and Canadian. In an article for *The Wenatchee World*, "Why I care so much about immigration" (2-21-14) she wrote, "I know what it means to savor U.S. citizenship. That's why I am involved with citizenship efforts here in the Lake Chelan Valley in the North End of Chelan County, where not much has been done to help people fit in and feel like they belong to the place where they work, pay taxes, raise their American-born children and follow the laws of our land. I want to help others become legal citizens with a secure place in American culture, to have the successful lives my grandparents sacrificed so much to secure for themselves and their descendants."

Vicki has taught a citizenship class for 70 students and English as a Second Language. She is on the Board of Directors for the Lake Chelan Teen Center housed in Chelan UMC that provides tutoring and recreational programs. She serves as a commissioner on the Chelan County Housing authority. She supports the efforts of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in assisting people to become citizens. Under her leadership the Chelan UMW provided funding for workshops on the application process.

Vicki Carr's actions prompted by migrants hiding in a barn have helped many acquire green cards and become citizens. This award is an expression of our appreciation for her commitment.

Nominate someone for the 2019 Racial Justice Award by June 1. Find directions and criteria on pnwumc.org/umw



Encouraging all United Methodist Women's Units in all Districts of the Pacific Northwest Conference to become Charter for Racial Justice Club Units. Missional Districts are: Crest to Coast, Inland, Puget Sound, SeaTac, and Seven Rivers.

The Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women's Charter for Racial Justice Club Guidelines are available, under resources, on our Conference UMW website <https://pnwumc.org/umw/>.

Important Updates to Guidelines:

Annually read and review the Racial Justice Charter printable and downloadable at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Forward the information shared in your units with a short report to your District Mission Coordinator of Social Action.

Charter for Racial Justice Club PNW UMW Districts Unit Awards

Inland District

Spokane Valley - 4th Year Mt. Vernon First - 9th Year
Bonners Ferry - 3rd Year

Sandpoint - 3rd Year

Rockford - 2nd Year

Asotin - 1st Year

Seven Rivers

Omak - 9th Year

Trinity East Wenatchee - 8th Year

Wesley Yakima - 8th Year

Goldendale - 4th Year

Puget Sound

Spokane Valley - 4th Year Mt. Vernon First - 9th Year
Bonners Ferry - 3rd Year

Seattle

Haller Lake - 4th Year

Vancouver

Vancouver Heights - 3rd Year

Longview - 2nd Year

Satsop - 2nd Year

Vancouver First - 3rd Year

Libby Hall, PNW UMW Social Action Coordinator
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Pacific Northwest United Methodist Women (UMW)

2019 Social Action Priorities vote count, on October 13, 2018, at our Pacific Northwest UMW Conference Annual Meeting in Vancouver, WA at Vancouver First UMC:

Immigration Justice - 21

Mass Incarceration of Criminalization of Communities of Color Justice (School to Prison Pipeline) - 17

Economic Inequality - 14

Climate Justice - 11

Maternal and Child Health Justice - 8

For more information on these five issues go online to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. Other resources to utilize would be our Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020, Racial Justice Time Line (Important Moments of Racial Justice History in the United States and United Methodist Women), Social Action Alerts is also on the national UMW website listed above. PNW UMW Charter for Racial Justice Guidelines can be found on our Conference website of pnwumc.org/umw. These votes will shape our interaction with elected officials in Washington D.C. and our state capitols. You will have an opportunity to promote these priorities when you meet with your state legislators. Mark on your calendars, February 14, 2019, for Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia, Washington, and January 26, 2019 for Spokane Legislative Day. There is also a legislative event in Boise, Idaho that the date is not listed yet.

School to Prison Pipeline (No Place for A Child) - Mass Incarceration Workshop

While attending Pacific Northwest UMW Conference Annual Meeting in Vancouver, WA, Clark County, I was able to take an excellent workshop for School to Prison Pipeline. Speakers Jodi Martin a Program Manager with the Clark County Juvenile Court and Shane Gardner a Manager of School Safety and Security by Evergreen Public School. Their suggestions were partnering with schools to have Lunch Buddy Programs, to have mentoring programs especially for ages 12 and older, to have Faith Based Coffee programs, (where adults would meet for coffee and discuss children and school issues and what can we do to help prevent children from being incarcerated). I believe that this would help to decrease our Mass Incarceration totals for the future. Please call me or email me if you would like further discussion or for me to come to your district to talk about this issue. May God Be with You All.

Libby Hall libbymariehall@hotmail.com 509-860-1143
Pacific Northwest Conference Social Action Coordinator



CROSSING THE FINISH LINE for the new dining hall at Lazy F, November 17, 2018
Ja net' Crouse, Marsha Aufenkamp, Estella Wallace with UMW brick in Mack Plaza

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE FUNDS

Since the Endowment Fund was established in 1997 by the United Methodist Women of the Pacific Northwest Conference the investment portfolio has remained the same. At the time there were not a lot of options and the founders wanted to be in a low risk portfolio. Fast forward 22 years and the times have changed.

The Endowment Committee brought the following recommendation to the January meeting of the PNW UMW Executive Board which was approved.

Guidelines for the Endowment Fund of the UMW of the PNW Conference

Guideline number 11 will become number 12 and number 11 will read.

The Endowment Committee is responsible for the decisions regarding how the funds are invested.

The committee met with Tom Wilson, Executive Director of the Northwest United Methodist Foundation where our funds are invested. After serious discussion and research the committee voted to put the funds in a Diversified Moderate Portfolio. There is some risk in this portfolio; however, the amount of funds which will be available to us to disburse each year will be much greater.

The committee voted to donate \$150 from this past year's earnings to the Legacy Fund in honor of our UMW 150th birthday. The balance of the earnings will be disbursed after the committee meets in March. Ideas for where you might want to see these funds go to benefit others according to Our Purpose may be emailed to me by March 1. screttol40@gmail.com

Our current balance is \$83,451.32 and will continue to grow with your donations in honor or in memory of someone. The Endowment Fund **does not** compete with Mission Giving of Local Units but rather it is second mile giving. A reminder that we have a new conference treasurer, Kendra Smith, and donations should be sent to her. Forms with the new address are on the UMW website.

Leave a Legacy of Love

Suellen Crettol, Endowment Committee Chair
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PROGRAM RESOURCES

There is a big change in the way our UMW Reading Program is administered. UMW National is no longer sending out books on consignment. Instead, individuals who are interesting in obtaining books for the reading program will need to order them directly from UMW National and pay the shipping costs, or use other resources. These other resources may include your local library, inter-library loans, kindle editions (ebooks are sometimes available for checkout through your library), or purchasing the books from other online vendors.

In support of the new approach to the Reading Program, I created a 3-ring binder and put each page of the catalog in a plastic sleeve so that people can read the short description of the book. Our local unit held a book sale in December where we were able to raise enough money to purchase one copy of each book of the 2019 Reading Program. I intend to bring as many of these books as they are available from our church library so that individuals may look at the books before deciding what they would like to purchase. These books are for sample purposes only and will not be for sale. I also ordered copies of the children's and youth books so members can look at them with younger readers in mind. Remember if you read a program book to children or youth, you get credit for that program category.

If you plan to go to Mission U, you must order your books in advance. Course books will no longer be available in the Resource Room for purchase before classes begin.

The Special General Conference convenes in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 23rd. Keep the deliberations in your prayers in the hope that the church may avoid decisions that may divide the church. I plan to attend as an observer and volunteer because the days of deliberations are crucial for determining the path forward for our beloved community.
Jan Catrell jcatrell@yahoo.com 360-223-5938



WE EXCEEDED OUR 2018 PLEDGE TO MISSION

The 2018 Pledge to Mission of the Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women was \$100,186.90. We sent to National UMW the following:

Pledge to Mission	\$100,196.90
Special Mission Recognition	\$ 4,422.15
Gift to Mission	577.00
Gift in Memory	3,286.83
World Thank Offering	8,226.50
Total Mission Giving	\$116,709.38

Wow! Amazing! This was made possible because of your support to this awesome and amazing organization. Kudos to everyone!

I am very proud of our Women who so cheerfully give to support mission around the world and who always accepted my challenge to every Conference event. Thank you to all the District Treasurers who have worked with me for 6 years or less. Thank you for all you do and helping our conference exceed our 2018 Pledge to Mission.

**Starting this year 2019, please forward/mail your remittances to our new Conference Treasurer Kendra Smith. Her address:
17420 93rd Ave NE, Bothell, WA 98011-3636.
Phone No: 206-390-9736-cell, 425-485-1585 – home.**

Blessings to all for the new year,
Marilyn S. Reid, Conference E & I Coordinator
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TREASURER

Let me introduce myself, I am your new Conference Treasurer for UMW. My home church is Bothell UMC now located in the newly created Puget Sound Missional District. (That's a nod to all of us changing name and location and having trouble with banking too!) I got started on this pathway when asked to be a unit treasurer a few years back not really knowing much about the finances of UMW or what the job entailed. Someone asked and I said yes even though I had very limited knowledge of UMW. Then I was asked to be the Seattle District Treasurer, knowing more but needing to learn once again. Again I am stepping into a position that requires me to learn and grow. It's a time of questions and learning. I will be attending LLD in Tempe, AZ to gain knowledge and skills. I am sure there are many of you in the same position. It's fun and

exciting and it keeps us on our toes. So, ask questions no matter where you are located in the organization, it keeps us all learning and growing whether you are an "old timer" in your position or just starting out.

Kendra Smith, Treasurer
kendradornsmith@gmail.com 206-390-9736

*******SAVE THE DATE*******

OCTOBER 11-12, 2019
WENATCHEE FIRST UMC, WENATCHEE, WA

The program committee has met and decided on the theme, "Be the Apple of God's Eye". The bible study will be based on the scripture found in Psalms, chapter 17, verse 8, "Guard me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings." The keynote speaker on Friday will be Brian Diggs, Director of UMCOR West, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

One way to get other women interested in UMW is to bring them to the Annual Meeting in October so they can see how the organization is changing the lives of Women, Children, and Youth and how they can become a part of an organization that is a community of women, rooted in our Christian faith, who turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

In Peace and Love,
Linda Key, Vice President
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Scholarships

Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women provides the following scholarships:

Mission u – Partial scholarships are available for Mission u via the scholarship application form found at <https://pnwumc.org/umw/resources/> Mission u scholarship money comes from Pacific NW United Methodist Church, Pacific NW United Methodist Women, the Pacific NW Board of Global Ministries.

Pacific Northwest United Methodist Women Conference Annual Meeting – 2 registration scholarships to the Annual Meeting are given to newly chartered units within 3 years of chartering.



Mission u 2019

United For Change, United Methodist Women
in Mission: 150 Years and Beyond

Dr. Glory Dharmaraj and Annette Moseley Funk

Spiritual Growth Study: Mark and Radical
Discipleship

Rev. K Bramstedt and Katherine Parker

Youth: Who do you say that I am? Meeting
Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark

Amanda Hutchinson

CENTRAL WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY
Ellensburg, WA

Save the date
July 12-15, 2019

www.pnwumc.org/umw

PosterMyWall.com

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mision-u

Best-Ever Nominations Tool

Mission u may be the best tool that nominations committees have in their tool-kits. Mission u is a place to become acquainted with women in our own and other districts of the Pacific Northwest Conference. But, beyond making friendships, Mission u is where many of us (may I say it?) became radicalized.

It is where our eyes and hearts were and continue to be opened to the needs of women, children and youth in our own communities and around the world. It is where our assumptions are challenged and our commitment forged. And it is where potential leaders are nurtured.

And so, at the suggestion of 2019 Mission u Dean, Deb Avery, I urge you to invite new women to this year's Mission u and to encourage women to apply for scholarships at the local, district and conference levels. For inspiration about the rewards of leadership in United Methodist Women, view the UMC- produced YouTube video entitled "Navajo Advocate and United Methodist Women".

"Radical Discipleship – Then and Now" is the theme of this year's Mission u where Glory Dharmaraj and Annette Mosely Funk will co-teach the all-school study, "United for Change." (Read details about the teachers and studies at:

<https://pnwumc.org/umw/2018/08/03/mission-u-2019/>)

The 2019 Mission u is sure to inspire new and seasoned leaders alike. And *that* will help those tasked with the work of nominations – namely, *all* of us!

Rosanna Yates-Bailey
Chair, Committee on Nominations

Quilts for "Children at Risk"!

These handmade quilts share love and warmth to the "Children at Risk" in our communities. Now is a good time to get busy making them. The handmade blanket can be quilted, knitted, crocheted or made from fleece. Your church pastor can bring them to our table at the PNW UMC Annual Conference meeting in Puyallup from June 7-9, 2019.

The Crest to Coast Missional District UMW will be leading this project and they are hoping to increase the number of quilts being brought to annual conference. If you did not send a quilt to conference last year, please consider sending one this year. Together we can increase the number of smiles on the face of a child receiving a quilt filled with love and prayers.

In 2018, the 284 Quilts for "Children at Risk" in our Conference was a beautiful display of color, texture and shapes (see picture below). Let's double the amount this year!

Quilts this past year were given to the UMW District Presidents and distributed to mission agencies in their areas working with women, youth, children, and babies.



Picture by Madelyn Bafus
Inland District President

2019 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPIRITUAL RETREAT - "SISTERHOOD OF GRACE"
MARCH 22- MARCH 24, 2019
LAZY F CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER, 16170 MANASTASH ROAD, ELLENSBURG, WA 98926
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2019
HEALTH HISTORY

Name _____ Church _____
Email _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (home) _____ Other _____
Family Doctor or Healthcare
Facility _____ Phone _____
Address/City/State/Zip _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Secondary Contact _____ Phone _____

- If you are taking medications at this time and bringing them to the retreat, please attach a list of the medications.
- If you have any special needs, dietary needs or restrictions which would affect your participation, please attach this information to the registration form.
- In signing this form, I hereby certify that this information is correct and complete as far as I know. I hereby give permission to the Retreat Leadership to provide routine health care, administer prescribed medications, and seek emergency medical treatment to include ordering x-rays or routine tests. In case of a medical need, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the above-named emergency contact person. In the event they cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Retreat Leadership to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization. I agree to the release of any records necessary for insurance purposes. I authorize use of photos for future publicity.

Signature _____ Date _____

Registration

(please check where appropriate)

- ___ \$125 Skyline Cabin Upper Bunk (includes towel, bedding, and 5 meals)
___ \$125 Skyline Cabin Lower Bunk (includes towel, bedding, and 5 meals)
___ \$115 All other cabins Upper Bunk (5 meals, you will need to provide towels and sleeping bag)
___ \$115 All other cabins Lower Bunk (5 meals, you will need to provide towels and sleeping bag)

Skyline assignments are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please List Roommates _____

Make checks payable to: Pacific Northwest Conference UMW
Please send completed registration form and check total cost of _____

To: Linda Key -7213 Perry Ave SE, Auburn WA 98092-7714
Phone (509)830-1960—E-Mail Lmkey1021@comcast.net

CALENDAR 2019

February 14	Interfaith Advocacy Day	Olympia WA
February 24	Idaho Advocacy Event	Boise ID
March 2	Crest to Coast Leadership Development	Kalama UMC, Kalama WA
March 9	Puget Sound Leadership Development	Bothell UMC, Bothell WA
March 21-22	PNW UMW Executive Meeting	Lazy F, Ellensburg WA
March 22-24	Spiritual Retreat	Lazy F, Ellensburg WA
April 27	Seven Rivers Leadership Development	Ellensburg UMC, Ellensburg WA
	SeaTac Spiritual Day Apart	Auburn UMC, Auburn WA
June 7-9	PNW UMC Annual Conference	Washington State Fairgrounds
July 11-12	PNW UMW Executive Meeting	TBA Ellensburg WA
July 12-15	Mission u	Central Washington University
September 14	Inland District Annual Meeting	Clarkston UMC, Clarkston WA
September 21	Seven Rivers District Annual Meeting	Riverview UMC, Pasco WA
	SeaTac District Annual Meeting	Federal Way UMC, Federal Way WA
September 28	Crest to Coast District Annual Meeting	Olympia First UMC, Olympia WA
October 10-11	Conference UMW Executive Meeting	Trinity UMC, East Wenatchee WA
October 11-12	PNWC UMW Annual Meeting	Wenatchee First UMC, Wenatchee
January 17, 2020	Committee Meetings (Tentative)	Wesley Homes, Des Moines WA
January 18-19, 2020	PNWC Executive Meeting	Wesley Homes, Des Moines WA
April 17-19, 2020	WJ Quadrennial Meeting	Tempe AZ
May 20-22, 2022	Assembly	Orlando FL