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JUSTICE AND MERCY FOR ALL

“What does the Lord require of you?

**To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly
with your God.”**

How do we respond to the challenge of change?

How many of you “watched” the Special Session of the General Conference? While the Bishops had recommended the One Church Plan, the Special Session adopted by a narrow majority the Traditional Plan with “teeth” making LGBTQ more unwelcome. The Judicial Council is reviewing the constitutionality of this plan and anything declared unconstitutional can be discussed at the May 2020 General Conference. Many had hoped that the vote would support “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” The Western Jurisdiction and our own conference are pondering their response. This creates an ambiguous time for our church and UMW. How do we react to uncertainty?

In our Conference we are now operating with five rather than six districts. Many units in the three reconfigured districts did not want to relocate. The other two districts have the challenges of distance for units attending events. How can we unite the new districts? How do we connect across distances? Change is challenging, but what has not changed? We continue to share the same Purpose and the same vision of Faith, Hope, Love in Action. Using this foundation what do we value in our local units and districts? What new visions do we have for our future that promotes our Purpose? How do we want to use our talents for United Methodist Women? When the eight women gathered in Boston in 1869, they recognized the problems for women in India seeking women educators and women doctors, they accepted the challenge by

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.

sending two women missionaries to India. This is our legacy and remembering provides a powerful example for us.

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"Be the Apple of God's Eye"



CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 11-12, 2019 WENATCHEE
FIRST UMC
WENATCHEE, WA

The keynote speaker on Friday will be Brian Diggs, Director of UMCOR West, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Half of

the offering will be given to UMCOR and the other half will go towards "Mission Giving." The bible study on Saturday will be led by the Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell. The study will be based on the scripture found in Psalms 27:8, "Guard me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings."

Workshops on Saturday morning will present materials on Immigration, School to Prison Pipeline, and Sharing Your Faith Through Local Unit participation.

One way to get other women interested in UMW is to bring them to the Annual Meeting 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,

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MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

UMW Sunday

One way to keep UMW in the forefront in the church is to hold a UMW Sunday every year. My local unit had our UMW Sunday last spring. We ask all the women who are members of the unit to participate in the service and our speaker this time was Barbara Dadd Shaffer, who has been involved in mission work for many years.

I attended two UMW Sundays at two different churches while in Southern California. At these churches, they had the women wear red. One church featured a speaker who was involved in mission work for many years, and the other church had a deaconess speak. Out in the Narthex, tables were set up with brochures and information. They also served refreshments after the service.

UMW Sunday is a good way to provide information on what we do, and also to attract women to join our good works. Please consider adding a UMW Sunday to your plan for the year.

Blessings,

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RACIAL JUSTICE CLUB

After reading the Tri-fold in 2009, I thought "We can do that!" so at the next meeting our unit read The Charter for Racial Justice (both are free on the National Mission Resources website.) We were encouraged to look in the local newspapers to see how many articles we could find on Racial injustice and bring to the next meeting to share. 😊 We asked the Bible study group if we could share with them and in doing so qualified to become members of the Racial Justice Club in the first year. The first in our Conference! The next year we did a sermon on Immigration and Civil Rights. I then wrote to the Conference President, Virginia Searles at the time, suggesting we might qualify for the Racial Justice Award. Which we received 😊

RACIAL JUSTICE (CONT.)

Here are some of the things we worked on: Racial Profiling; the famous Wall and border fence at our Southern border; Leymah Gbowbee, Liberian Peace Activist and Nobel Peace Prize 2011 recipient. We studied "The New Jim Crow" book – the history of mass incarceration, colorblindness, Juneteenth and the Emancipation Proclamation of June 19th 1865.

There is a wealth of information at the National Website. The study chosen from that was "The Book of Ruth" With Q & A. We did "Justice for Our Neighbors" – seeking to reunify families, enjoy the right to work, secure immigration status and justice for all God's children. This last year we studied Pope Alexander's giving legal rights to invade and seize indigenous land in the U. S. causing "The Trail of Tears" and much more. Native Americans live as guests on their own land!! Still! Blessings, Marsha Aufenkamp

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TREASURER

It was good to be a part of the Spiritual Retreat at Lazy F and feel renewed in a setting I have not been to in many years. My oldest son had his 1st church camp experience there as a 1st grader I believe – one of the first the Conference offered to that age group! Such an important part of church life for our kids.

One of the hardest parts of coming into any position is knowing what to take care of first. Here is what I have done so far - the first quarter remittance has been sent to National and all designated gifts are paid. We have paid about 20% of the Conference portion of Gifts to Mission. The PNW Endowment funds have been spent as was voted on. Gifts were sent to Tacoma Community House program which gives gift cards and transportation amounts to needy individuals and to a faith-based group in Spokane – ACT for Children. There was money for Legacy and Missions also.

We are now into Mission u payments and registration. Remember to get your registrations in early!

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NOMINATIONS

On March 23, 2019 a birthday celebration was held at Boston University by the New England Conference United Methodist Women to celebrate the first meeting of the "handful of women" who would form the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A story contained in the event's 150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet caught my eye (<https://www.neumc.org/umw150>).

I share it here because, in many ways, those of us who are committed to the work of United Methodist Women share all, or at least parts of Fawn's story. And we become committed to leadership because the work gives our lives meaning.

Why UMW?

After my husband died at 61, my friends asked me what I was going to do. I didn't have an answer because prior to that time, I did what he wanted to do, did what my children wanted me to do or what was required of me at the time. What did I do? I read, I gardened, I took care of things. I didn't know what made me "tick". I didn't know what I was capable of.

I went to a Bible Study at my church because now I had time, and it turned out to be a UMW meeting. The ladies who I've known all my life invited me to stay. It took one meeting, one story in Response, one book from the reading list to know that I had found what "I" need. The reading program alone kept me going, gave me something to think about, showed me what the world is like outside my door. I was asked to lead a table discussion at a Spiritual Enrichment Day, I had no clue if I could do it, I'd never been asked to lead before. I found that I loved doing that, finding out what other women want to talk about, what were important issues to them and at the same time finding myself.

UMW has not only given me my voice, given me the courage to speak up for myself and others, but has given me even greater faith than I ever imagined.

Thank you, United Methodist Women for doing for me what I couldn't have done for myself.

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SOCIAL ACTION

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? CHAOS OR COMMUNITY? *By Martin Luther King, Jr.*

On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson's high spirits were marked as he circulated among the many guests whom he had invited to witness an event he confidently felt to be historic, the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Systemic Racism is still a huge problem in American society. This 1967 book by African-American minister, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and social justice campaigner Martin Luther King, Jr. is a good insight into what all of us could do to help change our society. Advocating for human rights and a sense of hope, it was King's fourth and last book before his assassination. He spent a long period in isolation, living in a rented residence in Jamaica, composing the book.

"The glowing spirit and the sharp insights of Martin Luther King Jr., are embodied in this book. The solutions he offered can still save our society from self-destruction. I hope that it will be seen as a testament, and that the grief that followed his death will be transmitted to a universal determination to realize the economic and social justice for which he so willingly gave his life." *Coretta Scott King May 1968*

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ENDOWMENT FUND

DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

Based on our new portfolio we can distribute 4 percent of our previous year's earnings which equals \$3,338.05 for 2018. The following distribution in the amount of \$3,330 was approved at the March Conference Board meeting.

25% or \$855.00 goes to Mission Giving

75% or \$2,475.00 to be awarded as follows:

\$150.00 to the Legacy Fund

\$1,000.00 to be kept in reserve for scholarships to Western Jurisdiction 2020.

\$800.00 awarded to Tacoma Community House to Support Survivors in Flight Mode for the purpose of purchasing gift cards and/or bus passes.

\$525.00 awarded to ACT for Kids, Spokane, Washington, which is a sexual assault and family trauma response center helping children who are silent victims of domestic violence.

Leave a Legacy of Love

DONATION FORMS can be found on the UMW website, www.pnwumc.org/umw.

Your donations may be in honor or in memory of someone. Thank you to all who have donated through the years to achieve this dream.

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Backpacks for Tacoma Detention Center

As detainees are released from the Center each weekday, they are greeted by volunteers who wait for them in an RV parked just outside the gates of the Center. There they can call home for transportation arrangements or they are assisted by the volunteers. Area churches and other charitable organizations have collected new socks, underwear, toiletries, hats, gloves, coats, snacks, etc. to give to those released. But earlier this year, the RV ran short of backpacks to hold these supplies. A company called Bags in Bulk sells backpacks for \$3 each in a box of 24. At the March PNWC UMW board meeting, \$78 was collected to purchase a box of 24 backpacks. I will be setting up a display near the UMW quilts at the Annual UMC Conference and one at Mission U to let all of you see the product. I will stay in contact with AID/NW and deliver the backpacks as needed.

Thank you for your help in assisting me to serve the immigrants and refugees at both Tacoma Community House and the Tacoma Detention Center.

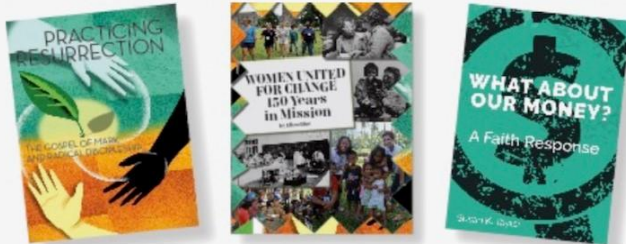
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RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP—THEN AND NOW

Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.

THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:



- Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf
- Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue
- What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor
- Additional studies on the gospel of Mark for children and youth

LOCATION: Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

DATE: July 12-15 2019

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: pnwumc.org/umw

Register at eventbrite.com/e/mission-u-2019-tickets-57345586192



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TEAM AT LAZY F

The Prayer for Protection

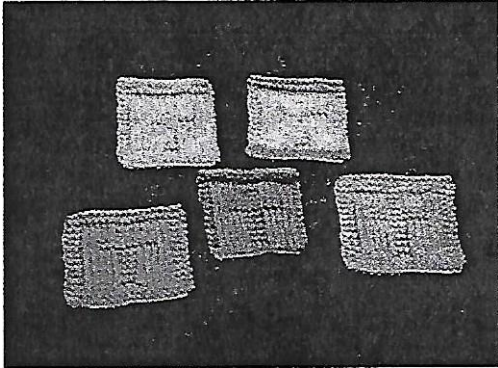
The Light of God surrounds you.

The Love of God enfolds you.

The Power of God protects you

The Presence of God watches over you.

Wherever you are, God is... And ALL is well.



CROSS POCKET PRAYER CLOTH (KNIT) (EASIEST KNITTING PATTERN)

Measures 3 3/4" x 4 3/4" Size 7 Needles

OR

Measures 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" Size 5 or 6 Needles (depending upon how loose you knit) and sports/baby weight yarn.

CO 17

Row 1-4: knit across

Row 5: k2, p13, k2

Row 6: (ALL Remaining even rows, KNIT across)

Rows: (7, 9, 11, 13, 15): K2, p5r k3, p5, k2

Rows: (17, 19, & 21): k2, p2, 1<9, p2, 10

Rows: 23-25: Repeat row 7

Row 27: Repeat row 5

Rows 29-31: Knit across

Row 32: Bind off

Cross Pocket Prayer Cloth — Crocheted (two-color)

Done in single crochet with sport weight yarn and size E crochet hook, or whatever hook will achieve gauge.

Finished size approx. 3in by 4in. Materials: 2 skeins of first color. 1 skein of second color.

Cast on: Chain 13 with first color.

Row 1: SC 12 with first color.

Rows 2-9: SC 5 with first color, drop first strand, pick up strand of second color SC 2, drop second strand, pick up third strand of yarn in the first color SC 5.

Rows 10-11: SC 1 with first color, drop first strand, pick up strand of second color SC 10, drop second strand, pick up third strand of yarn in the first color SC 1. Rows 12-15: Repeat row 2. Row 16: SC 12 with first color.

UMW PNW RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD NOMINATION FOR 2019

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice of the PNW Conference UMW is seeking nominees for the annual Racial Justice Award to be presented at the PNW Conference Annual Meeting in October.

Criteria are as follows:

1. Exemplifies the implementation (We Will section) of the Charter for Racial Justice
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter
2. May be an individual United Methodist Women member, a local unit, a district, or may be an individual or group from outside United Methodist Women.
3. The activity may be a one-time event or on-going, but must have taken place within the last year.

Format for nomination:

1. Name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail of Nominee(s).
2. Name of Activity or Event.
3. One or two paragraphs summarizing the individual or group activity and how it relates to the Charter for Racial Justice.
4. Your name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address.
5. Deadline to be returned to Ja net' Crouse or Libby Hall by June 1, 2019
6. Nomination may either be mailed or e-mailed.

Selection of award recipient:

1. Selection will be made by Racial Justice Committee at their July summer meeting.
2. This is a great opportunity to recognize persons who fulfill our Purpose and our Mission Today Charter for Racial Justice component in a significant way.
3. Questions may be directed to:

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From Vancouver Heights UMW:

We hosted a Legacy Tea in March 16, 2019. We celebrated with timelines, memorabilia, and delicious goodies. Women from 3 area churches joined us for the event. When people signed in we asked that they state the first year they became involved....We had a total of 748 years of service in mission to women, children and youth! We also were excited to raise \$393.00 toward the Legacy Fund!



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CALENDAR

June 7-9	PNW UMC Annual Conference	WA 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