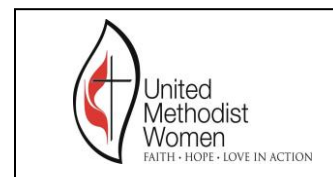


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THE PURPOSE

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.

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Be the Apple of God's Eye

"Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings."

--Psalm 17:8 (KJV)



ZOOMING into 2020 with Powerful Examples.

January snow blocked passes and even west side driveways. Fortunately, we had voted to hold our January UMW PNW Conference Executive Meeting by Zoom. This was a new experience. Not everyone has a video connection allowing us to see each other, but I knew who was talking by telephone numbers or photos. I missed the meals together with "a creative supportive fellowship."

Snow did not keep me from watching two outstanding movies: *Harriet* and *Just Mercy*, both relevant to slavery and the remnants of slavery. My favorite woman in American History is Harriet Tubman. Born a slave on the eastern shore of Maryland she experienced beatings and at age 11 a near fatal head injury when an overseer threw a two pound weight breaking her skull. For the rest of her life she suffered from temporal lobe epilepsy with headaches and sleeping spells. After this courageous woman escaped from slavery in 1849, she risked her life to return 13 times to rescue 70-80 people including her family and others. Her detailed instructions allowed

another 50-60 to gain freedom. Few runaways returned to help others but Harriet was rare. She supported the freed slaves with jobs and housing. During the Civil War she was the first woman to lead an armed raid. This summer while visiting Delaware "family" my friend took me to visit the Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center and showed me sites related to her life. My husband and I lived in Delaware 34 years and each summer stayed with friends on the Choptank River near Harriet's escape route. During the Christmas break I saw the movie *Harriet* three times with my two daughters, granddaughter, and my husband. The theme song "Stand Up" replays in my head.

After our Zoom meeting I watched *Just Mercy* based on the book by Brian Stevenson (Bonus Social Action 2016). He was born on the eastern shore in southern Delaware. As a lawyer he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, Montgomery, AL, in 1989 to provide legal representation for the wrongly incarcerated—often black—trapped in our criminal justice system. In 2018 EJI opened the National Memorial for Peace and Justice with names of lynching victims on columns.

Geographically I link to both Tubman and Stevenson. I am inspired by their commitment and realize that I as a United Methodist Woman have remaining challenges.

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For further information check out our UMW website:
pnwumc.org/umw

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD NOMINATION

Each year the United Methodist Women of the Pacific Northwest Conference honors someone with the Racial Justice Award.

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

Criteria are as follows:

Exemplifies the implementation (We Will section) of the Charter for Racial Justice

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter

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.

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 Sharon McDaniel by June 1, 2020
6. Nomination may either be mailed or e-mailed.

Selection of award recipient:

Selection will be made by Racial Justice Committee at their July summer meeting.

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.

Questions may be directed to Ja net' Crouse or Sharon McDaniel.

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QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS!



The Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women are joining the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Conferences at the

combined Annual Conference on June 11-14, 2020 in Puyallup WA.

The OR-ID conference has a goal of 160 quilts but they are really hoping for 400! The goal for the PNWC is 500 quilts, 432 quilts were received in 2019.

The quilts can be quilted, knitted, crocheted or made from fleece (tied). The suggested dimensions are

45" x 45", 45" x 60" or 56" x 84"

The quilts will be shared by each district to be given to children at risk. Last year quilts went to the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Tacoma Community House, Atlantic Street Center in Seattle, Mt. Vernon Hispanic Ministry, Family Promise in Salmon Creek, the Support Center in Omak in Everett to name just a few. Contact Marsha Aufenkamp, Seven Rivers District President at m.aufenkamp@gmail.com for more information.

TREASURER

I hope you all had a great Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year and start to 2020. I have closed the books on 2019 and made my reports to the Executive Board. It was the end of my first year of learning on the job my role as Conference Treasure of United Methodist Women. There is a lot to learn as the job isn't exactly comparable to the District Treasurer's job any more than a district treasurer is comparable exactly to a unit treasurer. I bet it was a learning year for some of you as well.

This year should be much different in a number of ways. We are all probably more used to our new boundaries on the West side of the mountains and we are getting to know the new faces at district meetings. Some districts are looking at different ways of holding their meetings so more units can attend and become more a part of their new districts. I know I am looking forward to attending Western Jurisdiction in April. There is much to be excited about in all of the changes the year might bring.

So financially where did we end up in 2019? We were able to meet 80.9% of our pledge goal to the National Office. At annual meeting in October we did adjust our pledge amount for 2020 to reflect what the numbers were telling us. Let us strive this year to adjust our giving and meet all of our pledge amount.

So be thinking about quarterly remittances. They will be due to your District Treasurers about the 3rd week of March. An exact date will be given by your District Treasurer to you.

Kendra Smith, Treasurer

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Excerpt from "This Time of Change" written by Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary and CEO, concerning the split in the United Methodist Church:

"As United Methodist Church examines next steps, United Methodist Women will continue to be a place where the needs of women and children are front and center. As we do, we encourage each of you to be informed on what is being considered and to offer leadership in your congregation and in the District and Conference.

In this time of change, we encourage members to remain connected to each other, remain centered on the work we are called to do in the world and to remain watchful of information on next steps, confident that God is at work."



PROGRAM RESOURCES

January is the time of year to curl up with a book or watch a movie. The UMW Reading Program is just the thing for a cold winter's day. Currently I'm reading "Spoken into Being," by Michael E.

Williams. He is a UMC pastor serving in Tennessee. Pastor Williams understands that Christianity, perhaps all religious understanding, is built upon stories. He is himself a master storyteller who practices his craft inside and outside the church; he tells stories at storyteller events. The book, which could be the basis of a group study, asks readers what stories were important to them in life. He then leads the process of how to identify the sacred in one's life and how to create stories using one's memories and other background experiences to build a tale that will capture the attention of the listeners.

"Spoken into Being" is a reference to God's creation stories in Genesis. The two stories are the framework on which the rest of the book is erected. God tells stories; we who are made in God's image are made to tell stories. The first version, charmingly retold, is recounted at the beginning of the book forming the basis of the author's initial questions about what makes a story "sacred." The second version of the creation story, very lively also, grapples with the nature of evil and interpersonal relationships among God, Adam, Eve, and the serpent (Brussels sprouts and broccoli are stand-ins for the serpent).

Just as God can create a world by speaking it into being, so can God's children create new worlds of imagination in the minds of the listeners. We each can begin to learn how to do this by following the author's exercises for storytelling. The book is a slender volume packed with potentials for new approaches to how we share our faith with others.

Jan Catrell, Secretary for Program Resources

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SPRITUAL GROWTH

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

I hope everyone had a Great & Holy Holiday Season. I don't have much to report at this time other than the Conference Team met on January 18th and there are some good things coming your way so stay tuned!!

I am going to share the Devotion I read at the Conference meeting. It is from the devotional book "MORNING WITH JESUS 2020 ". I was lucky it was for the day of our meeting because it is so true for so many of us in our days of stress and crazy days. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

My FIRST YEAR OF TEACHING has been pretty stressful. My coworker Crystal likes to remind me that most teachers don't make it to their second year. I can believe it. Middle school is no joke. The funny thing is that I feel a kinship with my middle schoolers. I want to tell them, "I feel exactly as you feel right now! Weird. Uncertain. And a little scared." But I also want to encourage them: "Middle school is a cuckoo-crazy season of life, but you are going to be okay. You may not feel great about yourself You may be longing for a different life. But the good stuff is coming. Just give it a couple years. I know. I've been there!" Their story is still in the process of being written. And so is yours. And mine. We need to hear the same truth. Life is stressful ... but we are going to be okay. The good stuff is coming. All the joy and hope and peace we need? It's right around the corner. Jesus promised us that He works everything together for our good. The good, the bad, the bright, the dark, the beautiful, and the ugly. He is weaving our lives together into a story of hope. The stresses of today will be the testimonies of tomorrow. His goodness will always come through. He will use the difficult chapters of our lives to bring us closer to Him, shaping our character, reminding us of His faithfulness. In the midst of our struggles is a good time to remember that Jesus's stories always have the best endings. -SUSANNA FOTH AUGHTMON

FAITH STEP: What chapter of your life are you in right now? Remind yourself that you are mid-story. Jesus is weaving together the story of your life for His glory. In Jesus Precious name,
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SOCIAL ACTION

Dear UMW sisters,

As we look ahead in this new year, the question hovers, "How do we move ahead toward the challenges of our Social Action Priorities?" There is an African proverb, "Many little people, in many little places, taking many little steps, can change the face of the world." (Climate Justice, A Call to Hope and Action, Pp.21; Mission u study)

CLIMATE JUSTICE: Just Energy for All was chosen as our number one Social Action priority for 2020. Working together as United Methodist Women we can make a difference.

In this year of some major elections, we can get to know the candidates and what their stance is on issues that affect the lives of women, children and youth and vote accordingly. Climate change affects women and children disproportionately. Statistics show that the poor are most affected by the changes in climate. Of those, 70% are women and children.

If possible, plan to attend the Legislative Day nearest you, to learn what your legislatures are working on and letting them know how you would like them to vote. Find out energy policies of your local school board, city and county. Explore information as a local unit. Climate Justice and environmental information can be found in the Response magazine and on-line at the following: -unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice -unitedmethodistwomen.org/action -youtube.com/user/umwomen/ - videos -fanwa.org - (Faith in Action Network) - climatejustice@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Let me also extend the challenge to **all units** to become a part of the study of the Racial Justice Charter. We can all benefit from being a part of fighting for justice for all. I recommend the youtube video "Kids Recite 'I Have a Dream Speech' for discussion starter.

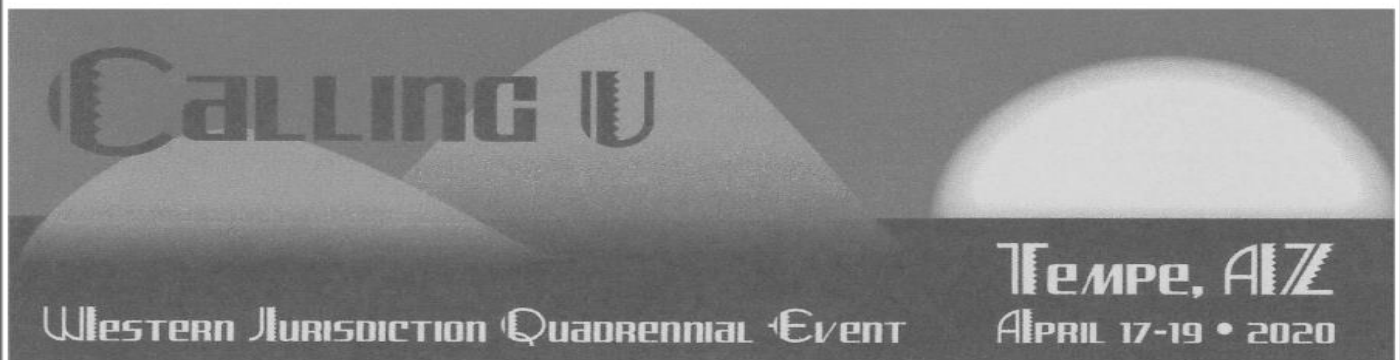
Share what you learn with others. We can make a difference!
"We are all powerful when we use our voices for good. My prayer is that we are bold and faithful in using our voices, like Deborah, and hear God when God's calling." by Robin Ridenour; *response, Jan-Feb/2020*, Pp. 9
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Calling u Event at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Phoenix Tempe
2100 S Priest Drive, Tempe AZ 85285

The keynote speaker for the 2020 Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event will be Katharine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist who studies climate change, one of the most pressing issues facing humanity today. But Katharine may be best-known to many people because of how she's bridging the broad, deep gap between scientists and Christians— work she does in part because she's a Christian herself. She's been named by Christianity Today as one of their 50 Women to Watch and currently hosts the PBS digital series, Global Weirding: Climate, Politics and Religion.

Other speakers will be Molly James-Vickery, serving as director of Mobilization and Advocacy for the national office; Shannon Priddy, National President of United Methodist Women; Harriet Jane Olsen, Chief Executive Officer of UMW

Save the Date!



Multiple Ubuntu Opportunities on Thursday, April 17th!
Join us for Worship, Workshops, Fellowship, and Fun!

Registration for Calling u, the Western Jurisdiction event is now open. Please visit www.wjumw.com for event and hotel registration links, complete pricing, printable resources, schedule, and more.

We are in the process of notifying those who were awarded scholarships. Thank you to everyone who donated to the scholarship fund when they registered; we were able to award an additional 3 partial scholarships.

Important dates:

- Hotel:
 - Room block closes March 23, 2019 or when block is full (whichever comes first). Book rooms ASAP to guarantee them.
- Event Registration:
 - Ubuntu opportunities are first come, first serve and filling fast.
 - Late registration is available February 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

All events are onsite and accessible to those with disabilities. Ubuntu Day of Service sites are TBA.

Check the website at www.wjumw.com for more information and the list of enrichment classes and workshops

Mission u 2020

Learning Together for the
Transformation of the World

July 23-26, 2020

Wesley United Methodist Church

14 N 48th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908

Spiritual Growth Studies:

Adult Study: Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety

Lead by Joanne Coleman Campbell

Youth Study: Managing Anxiety

Lead by Abby Niehaus

Children's Study: Managing Our Emotions

Lead by Rudilyn (Lyn) Rush

Issue Study: Pushout

Co-lead by Rev Donna Farrell, Angela Reed and Nica Sy

Registration starts 4 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020

Opening session 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020



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Mission u 2020

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(For registration cost only, does not cover room cost)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (including area code) _____

E-mail: _____

Church _____ Conference _____

Status: Have you ever attended Mission u? Y/N _____

Gender: _____ Age Group: 8-11 _____ 12-17 _____ 18 & older _____

Do you attend a church with a UMW unit? (If so, which one) _____

Write a brief statement about your reason for needing financial assistance on the back of this form. List any local church and civic activities and how you will share what you learn with others in your church or community.

Will you have any funding provided by the following?

Local Church/UMW \$ _____ from: _____

District Church/UMW \$ _____ from: _____

Conference Church/UMW \$ _____ from: _____

Personal Check \$ _____ from: _____

Total: \$ _____

Please complete and send with your Registration form by July 1, 2020 to:

Susan Chamberlain

1004 NE 72nd St, #26, Vancouver, WA 98665

Email: susancchamberlain@yahoo.com

Phone: 360-859-3740

Registration Form – Mission u, July 23-26, 2020

Name for Badge _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Can you open word documents (word or pdf)? Yes _____ No _____

Church _____

District _____ Conference _____

Status: Have you ever attended Mission U? Yes _____ or No _____

Are you a UMW Officer: Y/N _____ Check all that apply: Local _____ District _____ Conference _____

Gender: _____ **Age Group:** 8-11 _____ 12-17 _____ 18 & older _____

Dietary: Meals are served in a buffet style. The caterer will work hard to accommodate most diets by providing a variety of options.

Gluten free and diabetic choices will be available.

ADA needs: We are happy to help you prepare for an enjoyable experience! Please share your challenges or concerns. If we don't know before the event, we may not be equipped to assist: _____

Nursery Care Needed? Yes _____ or No _____ Ages _____

If you **DO NOT** want your photo used in promotional materials, initial here _____

Registration Cost: \$150.00, must be postmarked before July 9, 2020

FUNDING PROVIDED BY

Local Church/UMW \$ _____ from: _____

District Church/UMW \$ _____ from: _____

Conference Church/UMW \$ _____ from: _____

Personal Check \$ _____ from: _____

Total: \$ _____ Participants responsible for the difference.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Make checks payable to **MISSION U**

***Pre-payment, including scholarship funds, required. *NO payments accepted at Mission u.**

Registration deadline is July 9, 2020

Mail completed registration to: Susan Chamberlain
1004 NE 72nd St, #26, Vancouver, WA 98665

For questions call or text Susan at (360) 859-3740

or email: susancchamberlain@yahoo.com

Upon receipt of your registration, a confirmation letter will be sent out to you. If you indicate you have Email and can receive and open attachments, the letter will be sent to you by Email.

Children and Youth registrants: Medical release form mandatory for attendance

Study Books: Spiritual Growth Study books are available for purchase online at umwmissionresources.org. Pushout, the Issue Study book is available for purchase at Amazon.com.

Registration Cost \$150.00

Scholarships are available for registration only. Deadline July 1, 2020.

Please apply to your Local Church/UMW and District UMW first.

Application available at www.pnwumc.org/missionu

Scholarship contact: Susan Chamberlain

1004 NE 72nd St, #26, Vancouver, WA 98665

Phone: (360) 859-3740

Meals included: Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner.

Thursday dinner on your own.

LODGING: HOWARD JOHNSON PLAZA BY WYNDHAM YAKIMA

9 N 9th St, Yakima, WA 98901

Call 509-452-6511 for all room reservations and reference "Mission U School of mission"

Rates for 1-4 persons are \$99.00 (two queen beds) per night, plus taxes, continental breakfast included.

Reservations for hotel must be done by Thursday, July 9, 2020



Our **FACEBOOK PAGE** helps us promote upcoming District, Conference, Western Jurisdiction and National Events. It is also a great place to share and learn about Social Issues and Action Alerts. Help us utilize this tool in our mission work by sharing local events or social issues that you are aware of.

Find this information and more at our website: <http://pnwumc.org/umw>.

Other UMW websites include:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

facebook.com/UMWomen

facebook.com/pnwumw

[Instagram.com/UMWomen](https://instagram.com/UMWomen)

www.wjumw.com

Pinterest.com/UMWomen

Twitter.com/UMWomen

Youtube.com/user/UmWomen

Flickr.com/photos/UMWomen

2020 PNW UMW Conference Calendar

February 6, 2020	Interfaith Advocacy Day	Olympia, WA
February 23-24, 2020	Idaho Legislative Event	Boise First UMC
March 14, 2020	Puget Sound District LDD #1	Marysville UMC, Marysville WA
March 14, 2020	Inland Missional District Retreat	Ross Point Bible Camp Post Falls, ID
March 21, 2020	Puget Sound District LDD #2	Port Hadlock UMC, Port Hadlock WA
March 21, 2020	Seven Rivers District Day Apart	Prosser UMC, Prosser WA
March 28-29, 2020	Conference UMW Exec Meeting	Lazy F Retreat Center, Ellensburg WA
April 17-19, 2020	Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Mtg.	Tempe, Arizona
May 16, 2020	SeaTac District Spiritual Day Apart	St. Peter's UMC, Bellevue WA
July 23, 2020	Conference UMW Exec Meeting	Selah UMC, Selah WA
July 23-26, 2020	Mission u	Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA
September 12, 2020	Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting	Marysville UMC Marysville, WA
September 19, 2020	Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	Vancouver First UMC Vancouver, WA
September 19, 2020	Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	Chelan UMC Chelan, WA
September 26, 2020	SeaTac Missional District Ann. Mtg.	Haller Lake UMC, Seattle WA
October 15-16, 2020	Conference UMW Exec Meeting	Bothell UMC, Bothell WA
October 16-17, 2020	Conference Annual Meeting	Bothell UMC, Bothell WA