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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)

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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.

ZOOMING INTO FALL

Preparing for the October Annual Meeting of Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women requires learning how to use Zoom for a virtual meeting. UMW members can "attend" with a computer, an iPhone, an iPad, or even a regular telephone. The first two options are the best.

Begin by downloading a Zoom app on your computer or iPhone. I have an older computer and had a web cam installed (C920s Pro HD Webcam). My husband has a lap top with a built-in camera. In 2019 my daughter put a Zoom app on my iPhone and I joined a jurisdiction Zoom meeting while camping with my grandchildren near Anacortes.

Check the National UMW website "For a Time Like This," a resource for virtual meetings:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Media/PDF/Di stanceProgrammingResources.pdf Consult **supportzoom.us** especially the Zoom Help Center with Zoom Video Tutorials. "Join a Meeting" and "Meeting Controls" are useful.

National UMW is providing support. The new bylaws adopted June 4 has a section for "Meetings by Remote Communications" (See Article VI, Meetings, Section 6 on page 13). Check under Members & Leaders for the 2021-2024 Handbook: Constitution and Bylaws. A Virtual Annual Meeting Guide along with a Best Practices Guide will be available in August.

Meanwhile, take advantage of any Zoom opportunities to practice. Each week I have three Zoom events and often a fourth with my family. My grandchildren are great teachers and I am an appreciative student. Stay safe.

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TREASURER

SECOND QUARTER remittances were turned in and sent to National United Methodist Women office in early July. We are doing well on our Pledge to Missions. This is in part due to the districts and in part because expenses for the conference, districts and local units are all extremely low. That in turn has influenced how the districts have set their budgets for next year and the Conference budget will be set as well. The executive group will be reviewing a preliminary budget soon and setting the conference pledge to mission in the next several weeks.

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SOCIAL ACTION

As we live through these tumultuous times, it is hard to know how to do our part. In the Webinar, The Sin of Racism, organized by Bishop Stanofsky, we were reminded by Michell Lange-Raymond that "the first thing to do is listen. Hear each other." In the process of attempting to listen, there are many sources to draw from. I will list a handful below and ask that, if you wish to pursue more, check with your District Social Action Coordinator, who is forwarded materials from the national office of UMW, with me, your PNW Conference Coordinator or the United Methodist Women's website. You can sign up for Action Alerts and receive **UMW e-**News. In the notes from the Conference Social Action Coordinators Call on June 18, 2020, there are 4 pages of resources. Included is a power point that states that we can EACH do something:

E - Educate yourself and others about anti-racism, A -Advocate, add to the healing not the pain, C - Commit to actions for justice, H - Help and support each other. As United Methodist Women, we have and continue to advocate for justice through SOCIAL ACTION PRIORITIES: Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color/ Mass Incarceration, Economic Inequality and Maternal and Child Health. These priorities address the needs of those on the margins as well as problems in our society.

THE SOCIAL ACTION PRIORITIES for 2021-2024 have recently been announced. They are Climate Justice, with focus on Just Energy 4 All Campaign and Mass Incarceration/ Criminalization of Communities of Color, with a focus on the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline Campaign. The reduction of the numbers of priorities was explained as an effort to focus resources and time of members and national staff.

In the most recent edition of *response* magazine I was moved by the heartfelt and honest feelings about what we are going through as expressed by the editor, Tara Barnes, the inspiration provided by Shannon Priddy, our UMW President and Harriet Jane Olson, our General Secretary. I encourage you to read it and to be reminded of who we are as United Methodist Women through the Photo Essay: Connected in Mission. It was the encouragement and inspiration I needed. Racial Justice Resources: -Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice: ejones@unitedmehtodistwomen.org UMW Compilation of Resources and Action Ideas-Emily Jones, Racial Justice office, UMW National Office https;//drive.ggogle.com/file/d/1tw8KC2dz4PwOAhW7 WHnPCNGdHV3h-Ek0/views?usp=sharing -Racial Justice Resource PowerPoint, Sherri Shumate, SAC, Greater NJ https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/

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-Link to Bridge courses, including racial justice. See Learning Library:

https://umw.convio.net/MessageViewer?em_ id=4991.0&dlv_id=8777

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2019 CENSUS ANALYSIS

5 Districts, 58 Units, 1527 members

Social Action Priorities: 1. Criminalization of communities of color. 2. Interrupting the school to prison pipeline. 3. Just energy for all. 4. Living wage for all. 5. Maternal and Child health. All 5 Districts strength & choice was #5 then #2 for 2019 and 2020. How would you define a thriving Unit? 1. Actively working on at least one of the Social Action Priorities. 2. Create new ways for women to join either virtually or ... 3. Create new circles or expand. 4. Invite and attract new women. 5. New women in Leadership positions. 6. Pastors support 7. Shift meeting times. All 5 Districts were mostly concerned with #4 then #1 Describe how you define a thriving unit: ACTIVE, GROWING, INCLUSIVE, OPEN, COMMUNICATION, EXCITING, COMMITTED, EVOLVING, WELCOMING, SUPPORTIVE, DEDICATED, GIVING. Blessings, Marsha Aufenkamp, Seven Rivers District President

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

President: Ja net' Crouse (2nd 2-year term) Treasurer: Kendra Smith (2nd 2-year term) Program Resources: Janice Catrell (2nd 2-year term) Education & Interpretation: Linda Hay (1st 2-year term) Membership, Nurture & Outreach: Carol Sprague (1st 2-year term) Communications Coordinator: OPEN Nominations Member: Carol Gruen (4-year term) Nominations Chair: OPEN (4-year term) Nominations Member: OPEN (3-year term)

CONTINUING IN OFFICE

Vice President: Linda Key Secretary: Kelsey Julander Spiritual Growth: Fran Houser Social Action: Sharon McDaniel Nominations Member: Rosanna Yates-Bailey Nominations Member: Kay Shaben

Rosanna Yates-Bailey Chair, Committee on Nominations baileys@olypen.com 360-452-8069

NOMINATIONS

Andris Salter, Operations Officer for the National Office of United Methodist Women, reminds us that during these challenging times the mission of United Methodist Women doesn't pause. The needs of those we serve are not on hold because of Coronavirus and social distancing.

Ms. Salter invites conference and district Committees on Nominations to see current challenges as opportunities. While it would be tempting to wave term and tenure for this year, we are urged to follow our bylaws and to model faith, hope, and love in action throughout this crisis by completing our slates.

Our 2020 PNW Conference slate of officers has 3 openings: 2 members of the Committee on Nominations and the Communications Coordinator.

I welcome your suggestions for nominees from your local units, even if they have no previous experience as an elected leader. Please contact me for job descriptions or with questions. You may print out a "Potential Leader's form" from our website at: <u>https://pnwumc.org/umw/resources/</u>

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

Fran Houser 509-882-4239



PROGRAM RESOURCES

I feel I am adapting to the "new normal" of Covid 19, concentrating much of my energy around the house and garden. My lilies and angel trumpets are particularly spectacular.

I continue to facilitate the UMW Reading Program by ordering books for individuals who request that support. The E&I selection the conference team is reading is the book, "When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up," by Jamie Janusz. This book offers biographies of women in the late 19thand early 20th-century who were dedicated to mission and made a lasting contribution to God's Kindom. The Spiritual Growth selection is: "If I Should Die Before I Live: Meditations for Seniors."

Each of the counties is in a different phase of the pandemic. In my county we are in an unexpectedly long Phase 2. I think everyone believed we'd be back in business by now. One institution that has yet to open up is the public libraries. However, I did see that the library staff has adapted in a unique way. Individual users notify the library of the books desired to be checked out and an employee meets each person at the door bringing the books they requested outside the building already checked out to them.

For those whose church libraries do not carry all our UMW titles, this may be a good alternative. Our local public libraries handle interlibrary loans, and of course the opportunity to check out electronic editions of books as well.

The 2020 Program Book is available to order. If you ordered the annual sampler, it should be arriving soon.

Be well, friends,

Jan Catrell jcatrell@yahoo.ocm 360-223-5938 Secretary of Program Resources

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ENDOWMENT FUND

GOAL FOR 2020:

As of the end of June our Endowment Fund has a balance of \$91,080.04. We can be very proud of ourselves for helping this fund to grow over the years and to have the ability to benefit others with its earnings. So, it is not unreasonable to set our goal at \$100,000. This would mean a higher balance earning greater dividends. We can do this!!

DISBURSEMENTS 2019:

Our decision on how to distribute the earnings from 2019 was delayed due to the virus and subsequent cancellation of UMW meetings on all levels. The decision has now been made by the Endowment Committee to give \$3,000 towards our Pledge to Mission. This stays consistent with our Guidelines knowing that our pledge helps women all over the world through our mission outreach.

DONATION FORMS:

These can be found on the UMW website, wwwpnwumc.org/umw

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

COMMITTEE:

Ja net' Crouse, President; Kendra Smith, Treasurer; Marsha Aufenkamp, District President; and Suellen Crettol, Past President

SEATAC MISSIONAL DISTRICT

I hope and pray that you are all staying safe and well during this difficult time. While I enjoy my online church service, I miss not seeing everyone in person and I miss our summer picnics and other activities and gatherings. I have been keeping up with my church committees by Zoom as I imagine many of you are also doing. This year we installed 2 bird feeders and we have hanging plants that the hummingbirds enjoy so I love watching the birds and hearing them sing. I am trying to use this quiet time to grow spirituality through listening to God and nature on my daily walks on the nearby Soos Creek Trail.

Our SeaTac Missional District was scheduled to have our District Annual meeting on Saturday September 26 at Haller Lake UMC in Seattle but due to Covid-19 that is no longer possible. We decided that we did not want to cancel this meeting even though we are unable to be together in person. So, our District Board has decided to have our meeting by Zoom on Saturday September 26 at 10:00-11:30 am, although we may finish sooner. Our theme is Who is My Neighbor and our Keynote Speaker is Lourdes Tifre, PNW Conference Language Coordinator. We will have most of the elements of our normal district meetings, and it will be an opportunity for us to gather together. The registration information will be in the September edition of our district newsletter, The Circuit Writer. If you are not on the email list for this newsletter, please email Diana Wilson our Communications Coordinator at dwilson2009@comcast.net. If you would like further

information about our district meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Linda Mills SeaTac District President 253-859-2964 wmil1218@aol.com

LEGACY FUND: LISTEN and PRAY

The Roots to Grow – United Methodist Women is 150 years old. It hasn't remained an important and lifechanging organization by maintaining the status quo. Change is what we work for. Change is who we are. Until the world is a place in which all are happy and healthy, UMW will work for change in the church and the world.

Because our roots are strong, we can bend and we can grow in new directions we perhaps never imagined. To do so we need the experience, wisdom, passion, and prophetic voice of women of all ages, called to support one another in a sisterhood of grace. The stories ask us not only to listen but to hear. Hear how we can put faith, hope, and action for the next 150 years, and beyond. The world needs United Methodist Women. Let's not let the world down!

God of Grace, we are joyful for the blessing of sisterhood. How wonderful it is to have the love, encouragement, grace and strength through these bonds!

We are thankful for the opportunities to come together and renew one another. We praise you for the connections we have made and will continue to make as we go out into the world. Lord, call us to extend our love beyond the walls of comfort.

Encourage us to make connections with women who are on the outside, who lack this connection with other women.

Lord, show us the way to use our talents to bring these women into your fold.

Keep our hearts and minds, focused on Your will as we continue to advocate, serve and learn about women who live with pain and suffering.

Many are hurting, not just physically but spiritually and emotionally. Please provide us opportunities to share Your love and grace with these women.

Let us remember Your example, to those who were not accepted by society, when we are called to serve and to stand firm in our faith to be Your light in the world. God of us all and God of the church that strives to be

the body of Christ on this earth,

Deepen our commitment to mission and our identity as United Methodist Women.

We give thanks for the embracing vision and resilience of our foremothers on whose shoulders we stand. The voices of women and children still cry out in the midst of our decisions.

Open us to sensitivity and wisdom to be the women you call us to be. Fill us with vision, imagination and creativity

Challenge us with persistence, justice, and compassion to live as a faithful, loving and hopeful community. AMEN

Marsha Aufenkamp Seven Rivers District President <u>m.aaufenkamp@gmail.com</u> 509-322-6338

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION Mission Giving in the Time of COVID-19

"To develop a creative, supportive fellowship...." That part of the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women is so timely now!

We hope you've experienced a creative, supportive fellowship in your local unit, even while you're not able to gather together yet. In your congregation, worshiping together online, in your household, with every person taking on new responsibilities and learning new skills. In the loving, faithful service of medical workers, delivery drivers, trash collectors, restaurant and grocery employees, and others who are keeping our communities going. In the crucial ministries of our National Mission Institutions. In the quiet heroism of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We invite you to strengthen our United Methodist Women's creative, supportive fellowship within our organization and beyond, in several specific ways in the days and weeks and months to come until we can gather together again safely. Let's make sure our important mission work continues.

- 1. Take five minutes to <u>pray</u> for mission and mission workers.
- Send at least one \$5 <u>Gift to Mission</u> card to someone. (Cards are available from your district treasurer.) A "Thinking of You" card would lift the spirits of your neighbors. "Thank You" cards would let your child's teachers know how much you appreciate their work. There are also cards for Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Peace, In the Service of Christ, and On Your Special Day.
- 3. Add at least \$5 to your <u>World Thank Offering</u> collection container. Even in the midst of a pandemic, there is much for which to thank God: summertime flowers, an unexpected kindness, a stroll around the neighborhood, a roll of toilet paper.
- 4. Add at least \$5 to your <u>Pledge to Mission</u> every time you send a payment to your unit treasurer.
- 5. Send a contribution (\$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, or even \$1,000 or \$2,000) to your unit treasurer for a <u>Special Mission Recognition</u> to honor someone special. Is there a doctor or nurse or other medical professional who has done extraordinary work in your community? Are there other heroes you'd like to recognize? The person who receives a Special Mission Recognition doesn't have to be a member of United Methodist Women or of your local church.

Take another five minutes for <u>pray</u> for your local unit and your sisters in United Methodist Women.

Please, in the next days and weeks and months, take every opportunity to strengthen the "creative, supportive fellowship" with which we are blessed every day.

Marilyn Reid 206-369-3221 marilynreid21@gmailcom This is a prayer I got from the Health Minister Certificate that I'm taking this summer and I'm sharing it with you. Living a Life with Zen is often described as a disciplined life of simplicity, a life compassionately concerned with our own and the world's welfare, one that is not selfcentered and aggressive. As well as a life that is in a state of harmony and not in conflict.

Guided Reflection: A to Zen of Life by Dalai Lama

Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits Believe in yourself and succeed **C**onsider things from every angle Don't give up and don't give in Enjoy life today, yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come Family and friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy their riches Give more than you planned to Hang onto your dreams If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door Just do it **K**eep trying no matter how hard it seems Love yourself Make it happen Never lie, steal or cheat. Always strike a fair deal Open your eyes and see things as they really are **P**ractice makes perfect Quality not quantity in anything you do Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer **S**top procrastinating Take control of your own destiny Understand yourself in order to better understand others Visualize it and focus When you lose, don't lose the lesson **X**cellence in all your efforts You are unique, nothing can replace you **Z**ero in on your target, and go for it.

After reading and reflecting on A to Zen of life: Which of these stand out to you? In your daily life, which of these need improvements? Would you say that you are living a Zen life?

Submitted by: Marilyn Sanchez Reid Education & Interpretation coordinator

RESOURCES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

During the pandemic take time to learn about racial challenges through books and film. <u>Books:</u> for Social Action from Reading Program

- Ijeoma Oluo, So You Want to Talk about Race (2020, BONUS)
- F. Willis Johnson, Holding up Your Corner: Talking about Race in your Community (2020)
- Janet Halfmann, Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and her Secret School (2020)
- William H. Willimon, Who Lynched Willie Earle? Preaching to Confront Racism (2020)
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Where do We Go from Here (2019)
- Jim Wallis, America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege & Bridge to a New America (2018)
- Monique W. Morris, Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (2018)
- <u>Daniel Hunter, Building a Movement to End the New Jim Crow (2017)</u> <u>Linked with Michelle Alexander, The New Jim Crow (2012)</u>
- Bryan Stevenson, Just Mercy (2016)

Films: Some history, some documentary

- Harriet, (2019), Harriet Tubman, Underground Railroad
- Just Mercy, (2019), based on book
- I Am Not Your Negro, (2016), Oscar winning documentary focusing on James Baldwin
- 13th (2016), Net flick documentary
- Selma, (2014), 1965 March for voting rights
- *12 Years a Slave*, (2013), based on 1853 memoir about free black sold into slavery <u>Other Resources:</u>
- Becoming Anti-Racist, <u>www.SurgeryResesign.com</u>
- "The Elimination of Racism," <u>www.sistersofmercy.org</u>
- "Race in America," on you tube

Ja net' W. Crouse, Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice

In light of the current global Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be meeting in person for our conference annual meeting, we will however be using the Zoom application and be meeting on our computers in the comfort and safety of our homes. Some of you may not use a computer and you will need to find a friend, family member, or IT person in your church to help you out by setting up a computer for you to use or to watch with them. Remember when with others to wear a mask and stay at a 6ft distance. We want everyone to use caution and to be safe from exposure to the virus. Included in this newsletter is a registration form for you to complete and email to Marsha Aufenkamp. Please remember to complete it and send to Marsha so we know to expect you and count you in the roll call. There is also a ballot to use to select the social action priority to be our focus on for 2021. Once Marsha receives your registration, you will be emailed the instructions for the Zoom meeting. Hopefully you attended your district annual meeting by Zoom and you will be prepared for the conference annual meeting on October 17, 2020. Please call me if you have any concerns or questions at 509-830-1960.

Blessings, Linda Key, Vice President

	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING by ZOOM
9:30 am	Opening Song-Fran Houser, Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator Opening Prayer-Fran Houser, Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator Welcome and Introduction of Conference Officers and Team Members -Ja net' Crouse, President Recognition of Retiring Officers-Roseanna Yates-Bailey, Chair of Nominating Committee Introduction of Slate of Officers-Roseanna Yates-Bailey, Chair of Nominating Committee 2021 Social Action Priority-Sharon McDaniels, Social Action Mission Coordinator Mission Magic Candle-Marilyn Reid, Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator
10:00 am	Business Meeting-Roll Call, Minutes, Budget, Election of Officers Installation of Officers- Memorial Pledge to Mission
10:30 am	Keynote Speaker
11:00 am	Racial Justice Club and Award-Ja net' Crouse, President Legacy Builder Campaign-Marsha Aufenkamp Endowment Update-Suellen Crettol Reader Program- Jan Catrell, Secretary of Program Resources Mission Today-Marilyn Reid, E & I Mission Coordinator 5 and 7 Star Awards- (See printed list in program book) 2021 PNW UMW Annual Meeting Invitation Western Jurisdiction, Amanda Hutchison, Secretary Mission U- Rev. Carol Mariano, School Dean Closing with Communion and Benediction-Rev. Carol Mariano
In light of the current global Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be meeting in person this fall for our annual meeting. We will however; be meeting on our computers using the Zoom Application. You are invited to stay in the comfort and safety of your home and yet meet with women throughout our conference.	
-	t the business of our organization, give out awards, listen to an uplifting and ge by our keynote speaker and close with communion.
Please register :	and you will be emailed the instructions for joining our meeting. Any questions

Please register and you will be emailed the instructions for joining our meeting. Any questions or concerns contact: Linda Key, Vice President at <u>Lmkey1021@comcast.net</u> or by phone at 509-830-1960.

	PNW UMW Annual Meeting OCTOBER 17, 2020
	Registration Deadline: September 30, 2020
	Email Registration form to: Marsha Aufenkamp
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	Phone: 509-826-3423 or 509-322-6338
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	Make offering checks payable to: <u>Pacific Northwest UMW</u>
	And Mail to: <u>Kendra Smith, 17420 93rd Ave NE,</u>
	<u>Bothell, WA 98011-3636</u>
	*****OFFERING WILL GO TO MISSION GIVING*****
	year our conference selects a social action to focus on. Please select by voting for which you are most interested in for the coming year.
	2021 Social Action Priority
(Plea	 Ise vote for one) Climate Justice Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color Immigration Maternal & Child Health Economic Inequality

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: <u>http://pnwumc.org/umw</u>.

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