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All Things Bright and Beautiful

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" –Genesis 1:31a

LOOK UP, SEE GOD

Daily except Sunday I walk along the trail by the Columbia River watching for birds. Yesterday a woman shared a message from her pastor: "Look up and see God." I look up and see ospreys soaring and hummingbirds zooming: God's creation.

At our March Spiritual Retreat "What We Need Is Here" I was reminded how many of my favorite verses are from the Psalms. "I lift up my eyes unto the hills, from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."—Psalms 121:1-2 This summer our minister is preaching on selected Psalms. Each Wednesday evening our Bible study gathers at church for "Tailgating the Psalms" to discuss the Psalm for next Sunday.

The summer provided me challenges to ponder. Progress to the Covid pandemic is now threatened by politicization of the vaccine. Congress is deadlocked by partisanship. Events continue to spotlight

our persistent racism. States are erecting barriers to voting. While coping I have valued book discussions and Faith Talks.

For Mission U I read *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, a perfect choice for my fears. In Centering Prayer a friend taught to put my anxieties on a canoe in the river and give them to God on my morning walks. Remembering, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."—Psalm 118:24. I look up and see God.

*Ja net' W. Crouse, President,
United Methodist Women
Pacific Northwest Conference*

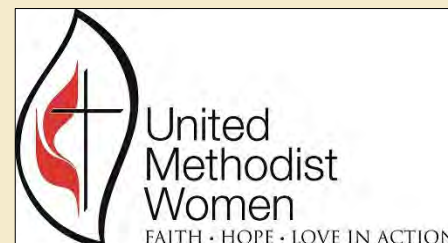
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For further information check out our United Methodist Women website:

pnwumc.org/umw

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.





In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!**

TURN IT UP! for spiritual healing and renewal

TURN IT UP! for rebirth in a new time

TURN IT UP! for women leaders

TURN IT UP! for justice for women, children and youth

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.

ASSEMBLY 2022 WILL BE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA AT THE ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER.

The Assembly dates are May 20th through 22nd, 2022. There will be an optional, pre-event Ubuntu Day of Service on Thursday, May 19th. Assembly officially begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 20th with a Community Gathering Opening Worship, followed by the opening of the Experience Hall, pre-registered workshops and another Community Gathering at 7 p.m. The Assembly ends at approximately noon on Sunday, May 22nd.

Vision: Faith is our foundation and our future. A faith-driven future needs women leaders.

THE 2022 ASSEMBLY WILL FOCUS ON:

1. Fostering just and healing relationships
2. Celebrating our identity in a new time
3. Building the future

This is our chance to continue building on our more than 150-year heritage as women leaders who know how to organize and serve.

Come ready to learn more about the exciting refreshment of the organization's brand and how to take it home!

LDD AT ASSEMBLY

For the first time, Leadership Development Days will take place at Assembly! All conference officers at any stage of their term are invited to come together to share updates, best practices and network within officer groups and across jurisdictions.

LEGACY BANQUET:

Optional Legacy Banquet will be held on Saturday evening as a fundraising dinner for the Legacy Endowment Fund.

REGISTRATION:

Registration for Assembly will open September 1st, 2021

- **Early online registration** – \$330.00 from September 1st to November 30th, 2021
- **Paper mail-in form** – \$365.00 from September 1st, 2021, to April 11, 2022
- **Virtual option early registration** – \$199.00 from September 1st, to November 30th, 2021
- **Ubuntu Day of Service (optional)** \$75.00

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Marilyn Reid requested room blocks for Assembly. Please contact her at marilynsreid21@gmail.com if you and your unit/district is going.

- Hilton Orlando* –\$178 single/double
- Rosen Centre+ – \$174
- Rosen Plaza + – \$158
- * Shuttle service will be provided between the hotel and the convention center
- + Pedestrian sky bridge available to the convention

All Things Bright and Beautiful



OCTOBER 16, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

We will be meeting virtually again this fall via Zoom.

We will gather at 9:30 AM and hope to conclude by 11:00 AM. Our keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice, United Methodist Women. Liz leads the Just Energy for all campaign. You should take away a lot of information and actions to take to help bring about Climate Justice.

More information is included with the registration form. Be sure to fill out the registration form, designate your preference for priority issue to focus on for 2022, and if you have a nomination for conference officer.

Return to me at
Lmkey1021@comcast.net by
September 30, 2021

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*



All Things Bright and Beautiful

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING BY ZOOM



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- 9:30 am Opening Song—Fran Houser, Spiritual Growth MC
Opening Prayer—Fran Houser, Spiritual Growth MC
Welcome and Introduction of Conference Officers and Team Members—Ja net' Crouse, President
Recognition of Retiring Officers—Rosanna Yates-Bailey, Member of Nominating Committee
Introduction of Slate of Officers—Rosanna Yates-Bailey, Member of Nominating Committee
2022 Social Action Priority—Sharon McDaniels, Social Action MC
Mission Magic Candle—Linda Hay, Education & Interpretation, Mission Coordinator
- 10:00 am Business Meeting—Roll Call, Minutes, Budget, and Election of Officers
Installation of Officers
Memorial
Pledge to Mission
- 10:30 am Keynote Speaker, Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, Connectional Officer, and National United Methodist Women
- 10:50 am Racial Justice Club and Award—Ja net' Crouse, President
5 and 7 Star Awards — (See printed list in program book)
2022 Assembly Video
Mission u- Rev. Carol Mariano, School Dean
Closing with Communion and Benediction—Rev. Carol Mariano

In light of the current global Covid 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. We will carry out the business of our organization, give out awards, listen to an uplifting and inspiring message by our keynote speaker and close with communion. Please register and you will be emailed the instructions for joining our meeting.

Any questions or concerns contact: Linda Key, Vice President at Lmkey1021@comcast.net or by phone at 509-830-1960.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2021

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

**EMAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:
LINDA KEY @ LMKEY1021@COMCAST.NET**

PHONE: 509-830-1960



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

District: _____ Church _____

United Methodist Women Officer ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list local/District office. Local _____ District _____

May we include you in published photos ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Each year our conference selects a social action to focus on. Please select by voting for which one you are most interested in for the coming year.

2022 SOCIAL ACTION PRIORITY

☐ Climate Justice

☐ Mass Incarceration and
Criminalization of Communities of Color

☐ Immigration

☐ Maternal & Child Health

☐ Economic Inequality

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

TO BE ELECTED BY MEMBERSHIP:

- Vice President: **open** (2-year term)
- Secretary: **open** (2-year term)
- Membership, Nurture & Outreach: **open** (2-year term)
- Spiritual Growth: Sharon McDaniel: (1st 2-year term)
- Social Action: **open** (2-year term)
- Chair, Committee On Nominations: Linda Key (2-year term)
- Member, Committee On Nominations: **open** (3-year term)
- Member, Committee On Nominations: **open** (4-year term)

CONTINUING IN OFFICE:

- President: Ja net' Crouse (2nd term)
- Treasurer: Kendra Smith (2nd term)
- Program Resources: Janice Catrell (2nd term)
- Education & Interpretation: Linda Hay (1st 2-year term)
- Communication Coordinator: Jenny Bygland (1st 2-year term)
- Member, Comm. On Nominations: Carol Gruen (2024)
- Member, Comm. On Nominations: Kay Shaben (2022)

THE 2021-2022 RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND TERM OF OFFICE:

- Conference President – Chair – Ja net' Crouse (2022)
- Language Coordinator (Appointed) – Lourdes Tifre
- Chair, Committee on Nominations – Linda Key (2023)

BY COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: TO BE ELECTED BY MEMBERSHIP

- Executive Board Member: (continuing) – Linda Hay (2022)
- District President: (continuing) – Linda Mills
- Member-at-large: – (elect) Sharon McDaniel (2023)
- Member-at-large: **open**

*Rosanna Yates-Bailey
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LABORING FOR THE LORD

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”

Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “Whatever your task,” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”

*And whatever
you do, whether in
word or deed, do it all
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.*

COLOSSIANS 3:17, NIV



PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FORM FOR NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2021

The United Methodist Women bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for a nomination from the floor for this year's Pacific Northwest Conference officers' election which will take place virtually as a part of the 2021 Annual Meeting on October 16. If you want to make a nomination for more than one office, you must complete a form for each.

Please send all nominations from the floor to Rosanna Yates-Bailey, Member Committee on Nominations by October 10. Contact her with any questions at: baileys@olypen.com or 360-452-8069. Her address is: 134 Fogarty Avenue, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

NO nominations from the floor will be accepted as valid after October 10, 2021.

FOR WHICH OFFICE IS YOUR NOMINATION?

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Member, Committee on Nominations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership, Nurture, & Outreach | |

NOMINEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ State: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone : _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

PLEASE IDENTIFY THE AGE RANGE OF THE NOMINEE. (OPTIONAL)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-30 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 41-50 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 66-70 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 31-40 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 51-65 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 71 and over |

PLEASE IDENTIFY DISTRICT AND LOCAL CHURCH TO WHICH NOMINEE BELONGS.

NOMINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED) – PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ State: _____ Email Address: _____

SOCIAL ACTION

Inspiring and challenging are the words that come to mind when thinking back on this past week's sessions of Mission u. The worship services offered and the Spiritual Growth Study, *Finding Peace in An Anxious World*, led by Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell, were very inspiring. We were challenged to learn and rethink racial issues through the study *PUSHOUT, The Criminalization of Black Girls in School* by Monique W. Morris led by Donna Farrel, Nica Sy, and Angela Reed. Such experiences give us the renewed inspiration to carry on with the purpose of United Methodist Women and continue to learn and advocate for Social Justice.

In my last newsletter article I mentioned "finding strength for Advocacy by partnering with other agencies". Our United Methodist Women national leaders encourage

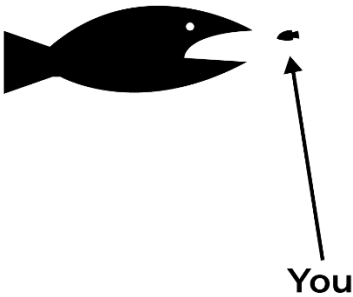
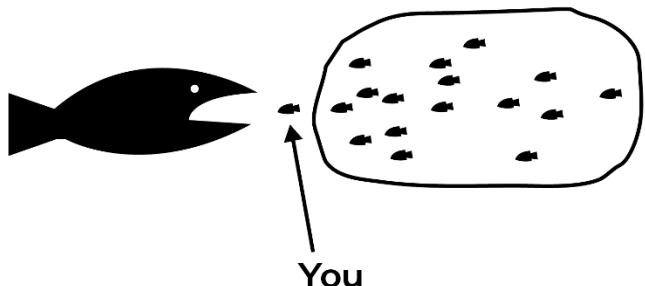
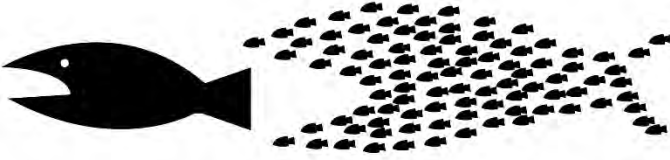


us to not try to "do it alone". (See cartoon of the fish) We gain power by partnering with our United Methodist Women sisters, other United Methodist Church organizations such as Church and Society leaders and other organizations such as Faith Action Network and Interfaith Power and Light. Please continue to speak out for Just Energy for All, and Racial Justice, including voting rights. Contact your legislators. They are listening. If you need more information please check the United Methodist Women website, www.unitedmethodistwomen.org, or contact me.

Please start to think about what you would like to see as our United Methodist Women Conference choice for Social Action Priority for 2022. Climate Justice was the number one priority for 2021. Other choices are

Racial Justice, Maternal & Child Health, Immigration and Economic Inequality. United Methodist Women National is promoting the studies for the first two mentioned, Just Energy for All and Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline but materials remain available for the others for one more year.

Our Racial Justice committee would like to encourage all local United Methodist Women groups to join the Racial Justice Club. Please see list of resources available for this on page 5 in this newsletter. If you need information about how to become a club member please contact me.

Sharon McDaniel
Social Action Coordinator
United Methodist Women
Pacific Northwest Conference

<p>Problem: Climate Crisis Energy Injustice Air Pollution</p> 	
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>When we build our base and organize our members</p> <p>We can fight injustice! Advance Climate Justice & Just Energy for All!</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">   </div>	

RACIAL JUSTICE CLUB

Racial Justice is a topic forefront in our society. UMW has been confronting this issue for many years. The



Women's Division of Christian Service "renewed a campaign to end racial discrimination" in 1940. (Racial Justice Timeline, Pp. 12) They developed the Charter of Racial Policies in 1952. In 1962 a new Charter for Racial Policies was adopted by the Women's Division and taken to the General Conference. It was later adopted by the General Conference of the UMC.

The Racial Justice committee for the UMW Pacific N.W. Conference would like to see all local UMW groups become members of the Racial Justice Club to continue to raise awareness of this issue by encouraging study, discussions and activism for justice for all our sisters and brothers.

Please see the online resources and references to more resources listed to the right of this article. If you can not access these resources please contact one of your UMW conference officers for assistance.

Racial Justice Committee of the United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference

RACIAL JUSTICE: ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION RESOURCES BECAUSE WE BELIEVE...

United Methodist Women is deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice. We seek to be in right relationship with one another. We work together for the transformation of church and world, following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. To learn more about our racial just work:

- Access the [Charter for Racial Justice](#)
- Explore our [history](#)
- Learn more about [mass incarceration and the criminalization of communities of color](#)
- Connect with our current campaign to interrupt the [school-to-prison pipeline](#)
- Meet the [Racial Justice Charter support team](#)
- Download the Racial Justice Toolkit: [Tools for Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice](#)
- Read the book [So you want to talk about race](#) and sign up for a free online course
- Find resources for [Black History Month](#)
- Learn about [Juneteenth](#)
- Check out [additional recommended resources](#) to learn more!
- Read [racial justice stories](#)

OMAK UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE CLUB

12TH YEAR, 2021, PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

HOW WE GOT HERE...

1st year – Study the "Charter for Racial Justice" and share articles from the newspapers about injustice (we went over our time!).

2nd year – Sharing and discussing the book Fellowship of Love by Alice Knotts, a United Methodist Women History from 1920 to 1968, Methodist Women Changing American Racial Attitudes including Prevention of Lynching in the 1930s, Covenant to End Segregation in the 1950s; Discrimination by Race and Gender in the 1960s, ending with The Charter for Racial Justice in 1962.

3rd year – Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) www.jfon.org Lawyers helping to seek to reunify immigrant families, secure immigration status, enjoy the right to work. Also, the Sentencing Project, www.sentencingproject.org, working on a fair and effective criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing law and practice, and alternatives to Mass Incarceration.

4th year – The famous wall and border fence at our southern border and the nightmare of it! Also, comparing it to other walls around the world. Breaking Down the Walls! Do they keep people in or out? *Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed, Defend the*

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cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.—Isaiah 1:17

5th year – *Study of the Book of Ruth* (which you can access from the National United Methodist Women Web-site, they have many downloadable resources).
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

6th year – Our unit did a sermon for the church on immigration and civil rights; the challenge, detention, and deportation.

7th year – *1493 Doctrine of Discovery*, 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 guest on their own land!! Still! This doctrine was enshrined in U. S. law by Supreme Court Justice John Marshall in 1823. When Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act in 2015, traditional ceremonial and burial sites sacred to the Apache were sold to a foreign mining interest despite protests.

8th year – Juneteenth and the Emancipation Proclamation of June 19th 1865. The Union Army rode into Galveston, Texas to declare freedom for the enslaved. The oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery. Texas became the 1st state to make it official in 1979. Only three don't recognize it; Hawaii, North Carolina, and South Dakota.

9th year – *The New Jim Crow Book*, the treatment of, and history between blacks and whites, mass incarceration, colorblindness, and injustice.

10th year – Leymah Gbowbee, Nobel Peace Prize 2011 recipient; she is a Liberian peace activist, and helping to bring an end to the civil war there in 2003. She also received other Racial Justice awards

11th year – *School-to-Prison Pipeline, Criminalization of Communities of Color*. Education not incarceration! In a recent study, 31% of children and youth experience school-based; arrest 500% increase in the U. S. in the last 40 years, (even as low as 6 years old due to tantrums!) Native and African American youth are held in juvenile detention at three-times the rate of whites. Black girls are suspended at a six-time higher rate.

12th year – Ku Klux Klan (KKK) History in Washington State. An American white supremacist terrorist hate group since 1865, just after the Jim Crow segregation in the South. The 1915 silent film "Birth of a Nation" popularized the organization.

"Many of us white people who grew up after the 1960s believed that after the civil rights movement racism was no longer a major problem. While we believed that there were still racists in extreme cases, skinheads and KKK members, most white people knew better than to be racist.

It was only ignorance that led to racism. You were not one of "them", one of the racists "out there".

Quote from Carolyn Helsel "*Anxious To Talk About It.*"

Allow me to share a poem on Racial Justice written by Elizabeth Widel in 2016 (our almost 100 year old member).

QUESTIONING THE OBVIOUS

What seems self-evident, when seen
with unimpassioned eyes,

Becomes so difficult before self said
eyes,

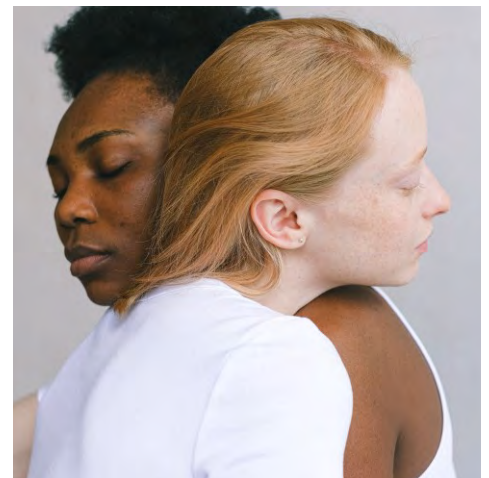
We pause in wonder and
astonishment to contemplate
what we would rather not behold,

And grieve for tragedies that once
we never could survive,

To work then friends, we dare not
turn away from problems that
have never gone away,

Unless we grapple with them even
day to day.
AMEN

*Blessings, Marsha Aufenkamp
Omak and Seven Rivers United
Methodist Women President*



Remembering Virginia Dymant

When I think of Virginia, the first thought which comes to mind is how she was the epitome of a faithful, dedicated United Methodist Woman. Her caring attitude and the way she was always ready to help when asked, was definitely an example for the rest of us. For some, Virginia was like a Guardian Angel and mentor to them while serving on the Conference Team. She was a good teacher and gave endless hours to our Purpose. As a member of the Endowment Committee for five years, Virginia was involved 100 percent and in her last two years was responsible for sending out acknowledgements to the donors and recipients. A kind, loving person, who will be missed but never forgotten. May she rest in peace with our Lord.

*Suellen Crettol,
Past Conference President,
and Chairperson of the
Endowment Fund*



COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

PROTECT YOURSELF: BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED EMAILS, AND ATTACHMENTS

You can help protect yourself by not letting spyware, worms, viruses, Trojan horses and other forms of malware infect your computers. Recognizing and handling unsolicited emails that contain links and attachments will help defend you against potential threats.

Follow these suggestions to protect against infection and loss of data:

- Do not open any message that does not come from a known, trusted or reliable source.
- Do not open any link in an email from a reliable source if it doesn't contain a subject and personal note to you. Someone may have harvested this email address.
- If you do open a message and think it may be infected, do not forward or reply to it.
- Do not reply to spam.
- Never reply to emails in which the sender is requesting personal data such as your birth date, credit card data or login information.
- Never provide sensitive or personal information to anyone.
- If it is too good to be true, it probably is not true. Remember TANSTAAFL – There ain't no such things as a free lunch.

Also, beware of the following:

- Electronic greeting cards sent to your computer from unknown sources; these may contain malicious links or files.
- Any message that contains only Web links; these can take the user to "spoofed" websites containing viruses and malware.
- Facebook or other social media notifications from unknown sources.
- Emails from friends and family asking for a favor unless it's something that is typical of them. Email lists can be harvested from computers, and all the names in the contact list sent emails requesting help in the form of money or a gift card. Rather than replying directly to the suspect email, contact your friend or family member by calling them or by creating a new email.

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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Hi there,

Good to see so many at the Mission u zoom presentation. I hope you got as much out of it as I did. I just want to highlight a couple of "business" matters that need to be taken care of.

1. Audits need to be completed and turned in on the local and district levels. I know that is something that is easy to postpone. Please make it a priority and get them done. If you have questions or need a form, please contact me.
2. 3rd quarter remittance forms needed to be submitted in a few weeks. Please have them to me by August 27th. You will need to compile your information for Five Star and Seven Star awards before your District Annual Meetings, and I have before deadlines to meet as well.
3. We have achieved our goal to Pledge to Mission as a conference. Thank you to all of you who are faithful in your giving to United Methodist Women. But overall, the giving is down in most conferences and our goals have been reduced because of the pandemic. Thank you to all of you who are faithful in your giving to United Methodist Women.

*Kendra Smith
Treasurer
United Methodist Women
Pacific Northwest Conference*

MISSION AND LEGACY

Many things have changed since the beginning over 150 years ago. United Methodist Women began with the concept of Mission, even scrimping to save pennies to serve those on the margins. Did you know we were active in outlawing lynching, turning alcohol to lemonade, and enacting the Charter for Racial Justice way before the United Methodist Church? Beginning with serving females in India! We have been determined to serve and support wherever there is a need.

We are proactive with bylaws to allow ladies to continue with United Methodist Women even if their church leaves the denomination. We are strong and bold in our concept of mission. It's what unites us!

Mission giving supports the current mission and advocacy work we are doing as an organization, and the Legacy Fund Endowment is money for our future as a permanently invested endowment, even amid change. The Legacy Fund will continue to be a source of income for United Methodist Women. As such, we will continue to fundraise, promote and grow the fund to reach and surpass our \$60 million goal by securing major gifts, 1869 Society Planned Gifts, monthly Legacy Builder pledges, and gifts from Every Member Campaign. (Pacific Northwest has collected only \$5,500, and the goal for this year is \$13,000, so please step up if you haven't already pledged). Mission giving supports the current mission and advocacy work we are doing and the Legacy Fund is for our future throughout our country and the world. Our gifts are at work! Helping to protect our earth, our women, children and youth.



THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

Blessings for all you do,

*Marsha Aufenkamp
Legacy Liaison and
Seven Rivers President*

FUNDRAISING IDEA

Kent United Methodist Church started holding monthly collection drives during the COVID shut-down. They advertise for a special cause and, for one hour on a Saturday, people can stop by the church to drop off requested items, or make monetary donation. Money was also collected through their website or app. The response has been terrific, and many of the fundraisers have brought in more than traditional methods. Check out more on their website at kentmethodist.com/collection-drives.

WE WANT YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

If your unit has hosted a successful fundraiser and would like to share the fundraising strategy that was used with your sisters, please contact Jenny Bygland at jbygland@kentmethodist.com. We may share it in our next *Sharing Line*.

LEGACY FUND REPORT AS OF 04/30/2021

Conference	Outstanding Commitments	2021 Contributions	Cumulative Contributions Inception to Date
Alabama West Florida	11,488.66	2,122.35	73,519.42
Alaska	1,121.45	2,416.96	116,622.02
Arkansas	1,050.00	5,817.87	65,228.43
Baltimore Washington	779.94	5,479.12	59,734.18
California Nevada	2,646.20	6,775.74	95,492.80
California Pacific	39,083.89	19,332.37	215,052.08
Central Texas	1,347.90	7,519.22	41,215.26
Dakotas	837.58	2,805.69	53,038.27
Desert Southwest	702.20	6,063.00	112,541.35
Detroit	0.00	0.00	67,277.48
East Ohio	124.80	2,224.97	51,746.09
Eastern Pennsylvania	2,868.65	5,157.12	91,407.58
Florida	54,778.70	7,248.33	280,120.05
Great Plains	130.00	28,136.53	197,034.48
Greater New Jersey	6,671.20	12,157.19	124,629.64
Holston	506.07	3,670.38	81,091.09
Illinois Great Rivers	1,254.73	6,163.54	78,876.08
Indiana	4,936.52	4,600.84	122,106.81
Iowa	537.38	4,975.67	110,955.29
Kentucky	2,000.00	2,979.58	62,591.30
Louisiana	15,074.76	2,034.20	63,129.08
Memphis	161.31	1,035.30	30,617.71
Minnesota	285.00	6,553.73	118,864.52
Michigan	5,668.20	9,917.56	42,090.40
Miscellaneous	0.00	10,062.13	15,529,707.26
Mississippi	0.00	656.64	18,487.30
Missouri	2,201.86	5,778.21	82,331.19
Mountain Sky	4,140.32	13,922.22	32,558.16
New England	304.76	6,576.40	263,724.40
New Mexico	331.79	8,826.59	84,179.32
New York	1,606.94	9,973.99	183,651.32
North Alabama	5,070.98	3,358.89	44,094.09
North Carolina	1,231.07	4,484.40	70,802.13
North Central Jurisdiction	2,868.79	0.00	20,285.73
North Georgia	4,376.16	10,765.57	175,404.90
North Texas	326.90	2,430.32	63,963.55
North Eastern Jurisdiction	0.00	0.00	9,107.38
Northern Illinois	1,699.76	30,709.47	138,889.59
Northwest Texas	1,159.26	1,356.69	19,266.65

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LEGACY FUND REPORT AS OF 04/30/2021 (CONTINUED)

Conference	Outstanding Commitments	2021 Contributions	Cumulative Contributions Inception to Date
Oklahoma	180.00	2,829.97	75,083.32
Oklahoma Indian Missionary	37.38	608.85	4,253.16
Oregon-Idaho	1,859.04	6,835.62	83,327.65
Pacific Northwest	5,207.90	5,517.99	133,735.63
Peninsula Delaware	116.07	807.45	19,762.84
Red Bird Missionary	37.38	388.29	5,499.94
Rio Texas	310.83	4,208.60	65,716.96
Rocky Mountain	0.00	0.00	110,872.61
South Carolina	416.90	3,208.75	87,074.64
South Central Jurisdiction	0.00	0.00	42,038.22
South Georgia	25.00	1,094.87	26,084.55
Southeastern Jurisdiction	15,360.00	0.00	114,341.25
Susquehanna	200.00	3,098.97	41,755.29
Tennessee	375.00	1,931.07	59,562.90
Texas	993.69	5,711.05	127,925.48
Upper New York	736.07	2,825.94	49,126.06
Virginia	2,915.70	13,782.68	189,546.14
West Michigan	0.00	0.00	52,617.24
West Ohio	7,001.20	5,093.04	120,235.63
West Virginia	10,317.31	2,608.38	59,500.56
Western Jurisdiction	20,000.00	0.00	20,114.11
Western North Carolina	1,680.49	22,017.93	384,466.02
Western Pennsylvania	230.00	3,107.74	45,151.03
Wisconsin	50.00	2,536.73	68,242.88
Yellowstone	0.00	0.00	51,315.69
Total Commitment Balance	\$247,423.69	\$352,302.70	\$21,128,784.18

Outstanding commitments = Total Unfulfilled pledge amounts

2021 Contributions = Cash received and 2021 new pledges

(* note this does not include payments for pledges created previously)

2021 Total Payment received = Total of actual funds received (includes payments to previously created pledges)

Cumulative contributions from inception = Total Legacy giving from inception (*Does not include planned giving)

2021 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 16, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
January 28-30, 2021		Conference Leadership Development Days	Zoom
January 30, 2021	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Spokane Legislative Conference	Zoom
February 11, 2021		Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	Zoom (?)
February 23-24, 2021		Idaho Legislative Day	Boise First UMC , Boise, ID
March 18-19, 2021		Spring Conf. United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Lazy F Retreat Center , Ellensburg, WA
March 19-21, 2021		Spring Spiritual Day Apart	Lazy F Retreat Center , Ellensburg, WA
June 10-13, 2021		UMC Annual Conference	TBD
July 28, 2021	2:00-6:00 p.m. PDT	Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
July 29-August 1, 2021	9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. PDT each day	Mission u	Zoom
September 2021		Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 18, 2021		Inland Missional District	Spokane Valley UMC Spokane, WA
September 18, 2021		Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	Zoom
September 25, 2021		Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	Vancouver First UMC Vancouver, WA
September 25, 2021		SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting	Zoom
October 14, 2021		Fall Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
October 16, 2021		Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	Zoom
May 20-22, 2022		Assembly	Orlando, FL
2024		Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting.	TBD

BLANKETS TO WARM REFUGEES' BODY AND SOUL

Creating warm and cozy blankets for babies, children, and youth is a favorite project of the United Methodist Women at First United Methodist Church in Vancouver, Washington. From our large inventory, we provide blankets to individuals and organizations, including low-income families with newborns and the Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) shelters, an organization devoted to helping those in need during winter's coldest months.

In April, we received a request to send blankets for the babies, children, and youth refugees arriving at our southern border in Brownsville, Texas. Within a week of receiving the request, we boxed and shipped twenty-nine blankets for distribution by the United Methodist Immigration Task Force at Brownsville. You can read the story about the Task Force's response to this humanitarian need at "[United Methodists respond to migrants at the border](#)", published in UM News.

The blankets' colorful, cheery, and fun patterns tell you a lot about our members' spirit: joyful, loving, and eager to share our faith, hope, and show love in action with everyone in God's kin-dom.

*Kathy Wright
United Methodist Women,
Rachel Circle
Vancouver First United Methodist
Church*





Baby Quilts from Goldendale, Seven Rivers. How about you?

Blessings,

Marsha

Seven Rivers President



29 quilts and knitted blankets made by Goldendale United Methodist Women will be on their way to Deaconess Cindy Johnson in Brownsville, Texas where they will be distributed to children who will eventually be united with family in the U.S.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

I attended Mission u this last month, via Zoom. The main study was *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, edited by Erin James Brown, and the class study was *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School*, by Monique W. Morris.

I hate to say I didn't read the books, but I walked away with incredible stories of courage, strength, the ability to share of themselves, and serenity.

We have all kinds of hurts, anger, and sadness but, with God, Anything Is Possible! If you have the chance to read either of these books take the opportunity to do so, because it could change your way of thinking and your life.

Thank you, to ALL the women and men that made Mission u another Zoom success. And a special thanks to Joanne Coleman-Campbell and Angela Reed for leading the Spirituality Study and the *Pushout* study, which I was a part of her study group. *"Weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning!"* —Psalm 30:5.

My God's Peace and understanding be with you all.

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EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

THIS IS A TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS.....

We are hearing that phrase over and over and sometimes that is very difficult and at other times we can celebrate as we move into a new way ... I, for one, want to celebrate with you all that we have done this year, and in a new way! Just this week I read on Facebook that the wonderful women of Prosser United Methodist Women had gathered together, along with their sewing machines, and were making items to send to Nome Community Center and other organizations. My pastor, Joyce O'Connor Magee came to visit last Sunday and mentioned that not only has the local United Methodist Women unit continued to support Nome Community Center in a number of ways, but that the congregation is sponsoring four youth to attend a summer camp called "Smoke Fish, Not Tobacco"! What a wonderful way to be supportive!

At my last quarterly zoom meeting with district and unit counterparts, I heard about great fund raising activities, previously untried, that have happened in Sea-Tac and Crest to

Coast Districts. And boy are those women busy sewing baby blankets/quilts for the children at the Texas border. They are so enthusiastic after building a relationship with Deaconess Cindy Johnson and communicate with her about other articles that would be appreciated.

We also have learned so much from Deaconess Ronda Cordill regarding the living conditions of women and children in the Philippines through a Volunteer in Mission Zoom event. Ronda will be leading another VIM Zoom trip to Kenya very soon. It is an Or-Idaho event, but if you are interested let me know or contact Ronda directly.

I hope to see many of you at Mission u...perhaps that will have happened before you read this newsletter.

Remember to turn in your Mission Today information by the date set by your District Membership Education and Interpretation person and she will need to forward it to me by the 30th of September. Because the Conference doesn't currently have a Membership Nurture and Outreach coordinator, I volunteered to do the Memorial Service at our Conference Annual Meeting in September. Please be sure to provide those names to your District Coordinator so that she can forward them to me again, by September 30th.

Blessings on you and all you do,

Linda Hay
Education and Interpretation
Coordinator
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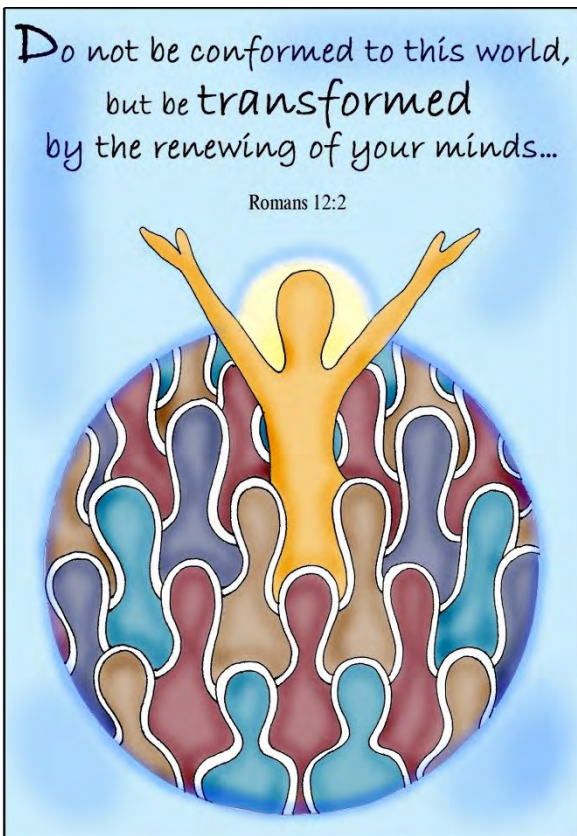


NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Anything for the **Fall Newsletter** should be emailed to Jenny Bygland (jbygland@kentmethodist.com) by **Monday, October 18**. *Late articles will be included as space permits. No submissions will be accepted after noon on Wednesday, October 27.*

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