

# Circuit Writer



SeaTac Missional District United Methodist Women

September 2021

## 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



## Thought for the Day

*"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality."*

(2 Corinthians 8:13-15)

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10 NIV.)

## Welcome to Fall

### It is time once again for our SeaTac Missional District UMW Annual Meeting

Please join us as we gather  
Saturday  
September 25, 2021  
10am to 12pm  
Via Zoom and phone

Our theme is  
*"Weaving us Together in  
Unity and Love"*

Featured Speaker is  
**Nica Sy**

Registration information is inside

Registration deadline is  
**Wednesday September 22, 2021**

*Join us for a morning of  
spiritual growth and friendship*

*Bring your own coffee & snack!*

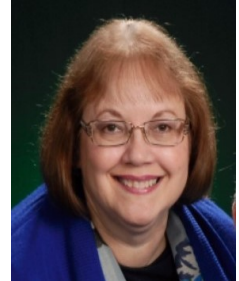
## *From the President's Pen*

Greetings,

I hope you have been able to stay in touch with your UMW sisters during these past 17 months, and I pray that you all are doing well, staying healthy, and finding time to enjoy this summer.

### **Mark your Calendars!**

**SeaTac District Annual Meeting that will be held by Zoom on Saturday, September 25 at 10:00-12:00.** The theme is **“Weaving Us Together in Unity and Love”** taken from the hymn “Weaving Us Together.” Our keynote speaker is Nica Sy. Nica graduated this spring from the University of Washington with a degree in Law, Societies, and Justice. Nica is a lifelong United Methodist and third-generation United Methodist Woman, learning from her grandmother and mom as far back as she can remember. See the registration information on 4.



**UMW Pacific Northwest Conference Annual meeting is scheduled for October 16 from 9:30AM to 11:00AM VIA ZOOM.** Please see the article on page 6 for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear and learn from Elizabeth “Liz” Lee who leads our United Methodist Women campaign, Just Energy for All. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

### **TURN IT UP!**

I hope you will be able to join me in attending **Assembly 2022 will be in Orlando, Florida**, at the Orange County Convention Center. The dates are **May 20-22, 2022**. There will be an optional, pre-event Ubuntu Day of Service on Thursday, May 19. Assembly officially begins at **9 a.m. on Friday, May 20** 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 22.**

This is our chance to continue building on our more than 150-year heritage as women leaders who know how to organize and serve. At Assembly 2022, we will **TURN IT UP!** by connecting together as community leaders, justice warriors and brave change-makers—women with more than a cause. Join us in prayer so that all who participate may TURN IT UP! for Spiritual Healing and Renewal, TURN IT UP! for Women Leaders, and TURN IT UP! For Justice for Women, Children and Youth.

**Sept. 1, 2021: Registration opens**

**Nov. 30, 2021: Early Registration closes**

**April 11, 2022: Registration closes**

### **What's New? Virtual Option**

For the first time, Assembly 2022 will offer a virtual attendance option! Choose to attend in person or virtually. Stay tuned for more information.

Virtual Option Early Registration	9/1/21-11/30/21 (Midnight PST)	\$199
Virtual Option Registration	12/1/21-4/11/22(Midnight PST)	\$235

The United Methodist Women National Office continues to follow national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for event gatherings (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>). Proof of vaccination could be required for this event when you register. Please keep checking our Assembly website for updates at [www.Assembly2022.org](http://www.Assembly2022.org). For rates and hotel information please see page 5.

Peace & Blessings,  
Linda Mills



## **SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting Saturday September 25 10:00a – 12:00p on Zoom**

### ***Weaving Us Together in Unity and Love***

Psalm 133:1, NIV “How good and pleasant it is when  
God’s people live together in unity.”

Keynote Speaker, Nica Sy lives in Kent, and she is a recent graduate from the University of Washington with a degree in law, societies, and justice. Nica is a campaign organizer with API Chaya, a Seattle-based nonprofit dedicated to education and mobilizing our South Asian, Asian, Pacific Islander immigrant communities to work towards ending exploitation, and creating a world where all people can heal and thrive.

### **Registration Information**

#### **Registration Deadline Wednesday September 22**

Registrants will be emailed the Zoom link and Meeting ID number  
on September 23.

### **Program Schedule**

9:40-10:00 Zoom meeting will be open

10:00 Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn (video) “Weave Us Together” by Rosemary Crow

Litany “Call to Worship the Tapestry of Diversity” by Jim Grossnickle-Batterton

Lighting of the Mission Magic Candle

Mission Moments

Officer Recognition of Retiring Officer Elizabeth Jackson

Nomination of 2021-2022 Slate of Officers including nominations from the floor

10:35 Keynote Speaker, Nica Sy

10:55-11:05 Break

Awards: Mission Today Units, 2021 Star Awards, Reading Program Plan Readers,  
Racial Justice Club Units

11:10 Business Meeting

Roll Call (Will be printed in the program from registration information.)

Approval of 2020 Minutes

Present and Approve 2021 Budget

Election of 2021-22 Slate of Officers

11:20 Installation of 2021-22 Mission Team

Business Meeting Adjourns

11:35 UMW Pledge Service & Offering

Service of Remembrance

11:50 Benediction

**More information on the next page:**



**ROMANS 2:12: BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN  
AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER**



**How to be involved:**

**SeaTac UMW Annual Meeting**

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**Email Linda Mills at [wmil1218@aol.com](mailto:wmil1218@aol.com) by September 22 providing the following:**

Name(s): (If multiple ladies will be viewing from one location, please list each name separately but just list one email.)

Church/Unit:

Current Office: *if applicable*

Email:

Phone number:

OR

**Mail registration to:**

**Linda Mills**

**12431 SE 198<sup>th</sup> Pl., Kent WA 98031**

**We have always collected an offering at each meeting which goes to the United Methodist Women Mission Giving. Please make offering checks payable to SeaTac District UMW.**

**Mail offering check to:**

**Rachel Hall**

**9265 Points Drive NE, Clyde Hill WA 98004**

**Email: [riwamoto@hotmail.com](mailto:riwamoto@hotmail.com)**

**Any questions please call Linda Mills at 253-859-2864 or  
Rachel Hall at 425-681-5001 or via their email address above.**

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*Philippians 4:13: I can do all this through him who gives me strength*



**TURN IT UP!**  
**May 20-22 in Orlando, Florida**

### **RATES**

**Registration opens Sept. 1, 2021 and closes April 11, 2022.**

\*Early rate does not apply to mail-in forms due to their associated added costs.

In a continued effort to protect the environment and reduce our printed resources, registration, event confirmation and updates will be handled online. Register early and online to receive

Early Online Registration	9/1/21-11/30/21 (Midnight PST)	\$330
Online Registration	12/1/21-4/11/22 (Midnight PST)	\$365
Paper mail-in form*	9/1/21-4/11/22	\$365
Virtual Option Early Registration	9/1/21-11/30/21 (Midnight PST)	\$199
Virtual Option Registration	12/1/21-4/11/22 (Midnight PST)	\$235
Ubuntu Day of Service (optional)	Filled until capacity	\$75

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### **Hotel Information**

The following hotels have reserved room blocks for Assembly:

(Rates do not include state and local taxes, which are added to each room rate.)

<b>Hotel Name</b>	<b>Room Rate per night</b>
Hilton Orlando*	\$178 single/double \$198 triple/quad
Hyatt Regency Orlando+*	\$198
Rosen Centre+*	\$174
Rosen Plaza+*	\$158

\* Shuttle service will be provided between the hotel and the convention center.

+ Pedestrian skybridge available to the convention center.

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### **Room blocks will be available.**

Individual attendees who would like to process their own reservations outside of a room block may contact Orchid Events customer care agents toll-free at: 888-341-3540 / International: 801-214-7283 and make reservations starting Sept. 1

## UMW Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**October 16, 2021**

**PNW Conference Annual Meeting via Zoom**

We will gather at 9:30 AAM and hope to conclude by 11 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 wealth of information to take to your units to help bring about Climate Justice. Please share this information with your units.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Key, Conference Vice President at [lmkey1021@comcast.net](mailto:lmkey1021@comcast.net) or by phone at 509-830-1960. The schedule and registration form will be included in the upcoming PNW Conference Newsletter, "The Sharing Line." If you are not receiving this newsletter please contact jenny Bygland, Conference Communications Coordinator at [jbygland@kentmethodist.com](mailto:jbygland@kentmethodist.com).

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### **SeaTac Missional District Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021-2022**

President: Linda Mills

Vice President: Jean Harris

Secretary: Pam Cunningham

Treasurer: Rachel Hall

Program Resources Coordinator: **OPEN**

Communications Coordinator: Diana Wilson

Education & Interpretation: **OPEN**

For more information see: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/responsibilities/education-interpretation>

Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator : lleeda Denmam

Social Action Coordinator : Marilyn Glasscock

Spiritual Growth Coordinator : Pat Peacore

Nominations Chair: **OPEN**

Our Slate of Officers has 3 open positions noted above. We welcome suggestions for nominees from your and your local units, even if you/they have no previous experience as an elected leader. If you would like to nominate yourself, or someone else for one of these positions, please contact: Linda Mills at 253-859-2964 or [wmil1218@aol.com](mailto:wmil1218@aol.com).

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## Program Resource Coordinator

"As I end my years with District UMW, I am so appreciative of the friendship and support I have received. I would especially like to thank Pam Cunningham and Diana Wilson for their help with Program Resources these last 2 years. I encourage everyone to keep on reading! Please be sure to contact me with names of those who have completed categories in the reading program this year, so we can be prepared for our annual meeting. I will be out of town until August 16, and can be reached on 206-870-3100, 816 S. 216<sup>th</sup> St, TC-100, Des Moines, WA 98198, or [lizjack@seanet.com](mailto:lizjack@seanet.com)."

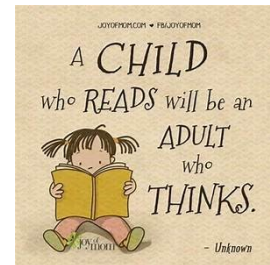


## UMW Reading Program

The Reading Program has been extended another year and includes some new options which can be counted.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ReadingProgramCatalog2021.pdf>

There are some exciting times ahead with new books, movies, podcasts just some of the options for participating in the Reading Program. You do not need to be a member of UMW to participate. Invite others to join you with this reading program. All who participate will be recognized. Include your children in the reading program. The library is a great source of books for all ages!!





Book Review: So You Want to Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo

“Widespread reporting on white supremacy has made it impossible to ignore the issue of race. Still, it is a difficult subject to talk about. Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to “model minorities” in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.” This is the review from our UMW 2020 Reading Program.

Oluo is a Seattle resident. She was raised by a white mother who did not understand what black children go through in their daily lives. This book, written from personal experiences by Oluo, is a great group discussion book. She writes from her life and work experiences giving advice and understanding about why white people are not aware that they are privileged in ways that black people aren't. She wants to let the reader know ways to handle difficult discussions and to gain more understanding of what black people experience.

Chapter headings lay out what we need to hear about racism. For instance, “What if I talk about race wrong,” “What is the school-to-prison pipeline,” “Why can't I say the “N” word,” “Why are our students so angry,” and “I just got called a racist, what do I do now.” Every chapter begins with a question, which Oluo works to answer and enlighten the reader. She writes as if she's talking to each reader individually. It's a book easy to read and full of thought-provoking wisdom.



So You Want to Talk About Race is a Social Action Bonus book (counts as two books) for 2020.

Review by Pam Cunningham, SeaTac UMW District Secretary



## **2021-2024 UMW Social Justice Priorities**

### **What are UMW's Social Justice Priorities for the 2021-2024 Quadrennium?**

United Methodist Women's Social Justice Priorities for the 2021-2024 quadrennium are:

- **Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color**, with a particular focus on the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaign, and
- **Climate Justice**, with a particular focus on the Just Energy 4 All campaign.

### **Why are we only doing two priorities? What about Maternal Health and Economic Justice?**

As we move forward in this moment, we do so with a great sense of intention and discernment. To be impactful, we are constantly assessing what is needed in this moment and where our strengths lie. Reducing the number of priority issues for this quadrennium enables us to focus the resources and time of members and national staff, go deeper into each of the issues we're engaging, and develop stronger local and national partnerships in these areas.

In this time of diminishing resources, this kind of focus makes us more effective to have greater impact for good.

As we wind down our work on Maternal and Child Health and Economic Justice/Living Wage by year end, we are confident that the organizations we've partnered with over the past quadrennium will continue to advance justice and equity in these areas. Resources on these issues will continue to be available on the United Methodist Women website through 2022 for use by members.

Priority work on Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color and on Climate Justice will continue to explore the economic justice and women's health implications in these areas.

### **What about our work on gender equity and racial justice?**

United Methodist Women is a women's mission organization whose founding and subsequent work evidenced the efficacy of women to lead, achieve, and answer God's calling in a time when women's role in church and society were stymied. Gender justice and women's leadership development are part of United Methodist Women's core commitments and will always be a key component of our work.

Likewise, United Methodist Women has a long-standing commitment to eradicating racism. We began this work over 100 years ago and regularly recommit to anti-racist work to dismantle structural racism. We know that all people are beloved in God's eyes, and until they are loved in the eyes of all, our work persists.

Recent videos of extrajudicial killings of George Floyd and other people of color has forced the church and the nation to confront the inequities in law enforcement and institutional racism. Our work on Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color and the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaign and Climate Justice are most important at this time. Our work on these issues consistently reveals their intersectionality with gender inequity and racial injustice, placing us in a unique position to lead as the nation assesses the role of systemic racism.

## **SeaTac Missional District**

### **Officers for the 2020-2021 Year.**

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Treasurer	Rachel Hall
Education & Interpretation Coordinator	Open
Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator	Ileeda Denman
Spiritual Growth Coordinator	Patricia Peacore
Social Action Coordinator	Marilyn Glasscock
Communications Coordinator	Diana Wilson
Program Resources Coordinator	Elizabeth Jackson
Nominations Committee	Open

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