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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

### CHOOSE LIFE

Once again our United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting was by zoom. Once again we selected Climate Justice for our Social Action Priority. Our keynote speaker Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee from National United Methodist Women focused on climate justice. In a poll she asked for our source of energy where we live. Fossil fuel contributes to 80 percent of climate warming and renewable energy only 8.5 percent. Climate change is personal for her. Her father had COPD and constantly checked his air monitor. When he died this year, the mortuary flooded. The United Nations lists climate change as the most systematic threat to humans displacing women who are primary caregivers (80%), damaging health, harming blacks and Hispanics, hurting mothers and infants. We must replace fossil fuels with clean and renewable energy such as solar and wind by 2050. Liz invited everyone to Just "Energy for All, Strategy and Capacity

Building Sessions," offered the 3rd Wednesday each month, noon to 1:30 pm. PST. Sign up and view previous sessions at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all-webinars](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all-webinars).

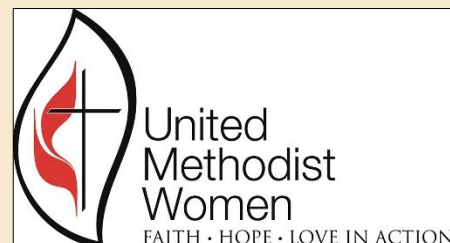
She closed with a quote from Deuteronomy 30:19: "Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."

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*President,*  
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For further information check out our United Methodist Women website: [pnwumc.org/umw](http://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.




 A large graphic with the text "TURN IT UP!" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is set against a background of two overlapping circles: a yellow one on the left and a purple one on the right.

# ASSEMBLY 2022

MAY 20 – 22, 2022  
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

[WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG](http://WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG)

Assembly 1998 Orlando, Florida. For first-timer Marilyn Sanchez- Reid, the women's global Assembly in Orlando, Florida was about connection—new friendships, shared vision, and working shoulder-to-shoulder for good.

I loved seeing all the women from so many places from all over the world. There was so much information, so many people, so much going on. Assembly helped me confirm that United Methodist Women exists for a much grander purpose than what I had realized before. Attendance totaled to more than 10,000, I think. This was my first time to go as a chaperone with our church, United Methodist Women member Althea Schlatter. And since then I've already attended 6 Assemblies.



Assembly was awesome. Assembly participants enjoyed a myriad of booths and exhibits in Experience Hall. I remembered our guest speaker was Rev. Elizabeth Tapia from the Philippines and I met a lot of Filipinos in California. Come and join Assembly 2022 in Orlando again. You don't want to miss it.

So it's time to register for Assembly! Registration is now open for either the in-person event or the virtual experience. In an effort to protect our environment and reduce printed resources, registration confirmation and updates will be handled via-email.

Register early online at [Assembly2022.org](http://Assembly2022.org) to receive the early bird discount of \$30.00 off the regular registration fee. The discount ends on November 30, 2021. A registration acknowledgment will be emailed to you upon completion of your registration.

## **EARLY REGISTRATION FEE FOR IN-PERSON:**

\$330 (available until November 30, 2021, which includes lunch on Friday and Saturday)

## **HOTEL EXPENSES:**

Hilton Hotel — \$178 single/double if more than 2 persons per room, there may be an extra charge plus tax 12.5% (Room rates do not include tax, subject to change.)

Rosen Centre — \$174 single/double plus tax

## ASSEMBLY CONTINUED

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

**Conference sub-blocks will be held until December 1, 2021.** Any unused rooms will be returned to the general Assembly housing block after this date.

**April 14, 2022**—Hotels may charge a one night's room and tax deposit for each room reservation on or after April 14, 2022.

I would suggest arriving on Thursday, May 19, 2022, as Assembly will begin the following Friday morning (May 20, 2022.) You may also wish to participate in the Ubuntu day of service on May 19, 2022. That would involve an additional night at the hotel. You need to be in Orlando on Wednesday to join the Ubuntu.

### EARLY REGISTRATION FEE FOR VIRTUAL:

\$199.00 (available until November 30, 2021)

The conference will offer scholarships so please contact your district president for more information.

Please contact Marilyn Reid – marilynsreid21@gmail.com or 206-369-3221 for your hotel reservation.

### UBUNTU DAY OF SERVICE:

Ubuntu is a unique word, a concept, a worldview, which captures the very essence of what it is to be human. A Zulu phrase, Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu, says, "I am only because we are, and since we are, therefore I am." It recognizes each human being as part of a community. Above all, it

is a gathering of God's people to celebrate God-with-us, Immanuel, who moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.

Ubuntu Day of Service, a pre-conference experience on Thursday, May 19, 2022, is designed to celebrate mission as relational. Field trips offer opportunities to experience how communities are impacted by persons and systems and how people are making a difference.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAYS AT ASSEMBLY 2022

For the first time, United Methodist Women's Leadership Development Days will take place at Assembly! All conference officers at any stage of their term are invited and encouraged to come to Assembly 2022 to be part of the leadership workshops developed just for you. Don't miss this chance to experience everything Assembly has to offer, get training for your specific leadership roles and network with other United Methodist Women leaders. Talk to your conference leadership team about attending Assembly.

*Please call if you have questions: Marilyn Reid 206-369-3221 or email marilynsreid21@gmail.com.*

## FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO CHAIR OF NOMINATIONS

Greetings!

I have changed hats from Vice President to Chair of the Nominations Committee. We are looking to fill several positions as soon as possible. These include Secretary, Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation, Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach, and four openings on the Committee of Nominations.

I know that there are many of you that are perfect for one of these positions, and would be a great asset to our Conference Leadership Team. As a conference officer, you will have the unique opportunity to receive your training at the 2022 Assembly in Orlando, Florida.

Please prayerfully consider where you might best serve, and contact me with any questions you might have. If you want to see what the responsibilities are, you can find them on our [website](#).

I have served on the Conference team for nine years and consider it such a gift and privilege to advocate for women, children, and youth.

Please join me and the other Conference leaders to make a difference by putting our faith, hope, and love in action. You may contact me at Lmkey1021@comcast.net or 509-830-1960.

*Blessings and Peace,  
Linda Key  
Vice President*



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEWLY ELECTED CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT

I have held numerous positions in districts to include Communications Coordinator, Vice President, President, Chair of Nominations, Nominations Committee member, and Conference Coordinator, Mission Education & Interpretation and Coordinator, Membership, Nurture and Outreach. I won't be very knowledgeable about my responsibilities as Vice President until I have participated in a zoom Orientation for newly elected Vice Presidents on February 3, 2022 presented by Hortense Tyrell.

What I can share with you as of this newsletter, is that we have several meetings and events scheduled for 2022 to include Assembly, Orlando, Florida, May 20-22, Mission u, July 22 to 24, Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting, October 14 to 15. You will see more information about these events throughout this newsletter.

As the outgoing Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator and, due to the fact that a replacement has not yet been installed, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who has stepped up to fulfill our purpose by providing goods and/or dollars to "the least of these", the Nome Community Center and to Migrants at the Border where our deaconess Cindy Johnson advocates for the women, children, and families by helping them legally cross the borders, she visits families, keeping an eye out for individuals who need medical care and then takes them to see a doctor or orders

meds they need from a participating pharmacy, and so much more. I was in contact with Cindy this month and she indicated they would greatly appreciate more blankets, jackets, socks, hats, etc. as we are going into the winter months. If you have questions about where to send items, contact me at Hay\_77@hotmail.com. Ronda Schneider, Executive Director of the Nome Community Center recently sent a card where she expressed so much gratitude for the Pacific NW Conference United Methodist Women for the way we have partnered with them over the past eight months and went on to say that without the partners they have, they would not be able to go forward with the numerous programs they have for youth and elders. Again, contact me for additional information if you would like.

I will be reaching out to my District counterparts in the following couple of weeks to see how I might answer questions, provide resources, etc.

*Blessings on all you do,*

*Linda Hay*

## HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TABLE

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING AT PUYALLUP FAIR GROUNDS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9 TO  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022**

The table is an important tool for introducing people to what United Methodist Women do locally and internationally. We need a volunteer or volunteers who can set up and attend the table at the Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting at Puyallup Fair Grounds from Thursday, June 9 to Sunday, June 12. A full list of suggestion of what to bring, plus ideas on how to make the table inviting, are on our website.

Contact me if you would like to know more or would like to volunteer to help. Please check out the [list of suggestion](#) on our website.

*Blessings,*

*Marsha Aufenkamp,  
Seven Rivers President  
m.aufenkamp@gmail.com*

## HELP US MAKE OUR WEBSITE WORK FOR YOU!

We are working on updating our website and have already made a number of changes, including updating our list of officers, and adding logos to our resources page. Now it's your turn to tell us what would be helpful to you. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see on our website, please contact Jenny Bygland at jbygland@comcast.net or 206-794-3379. Your feedback is always welcome!

## IRENE MONSON RECEIVES CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD 2021

Twelve years ago the United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference created guidelines for Racial Justice Clubs in local units. This year we recognized sixteen local units with clubs.

In October 2021 we awarded our racial justice award to a woman who provided the leadership for her unit's Racial Justice Club that exceeded the requirements: Irene Monson from Fairwood United Methodist Women. As co-chair of her unit's Social Concerns Board she stimulated awareness of systemic racism. She started with a discussion of the Racial Justice Charter. She encouraged members to read and discuss books on racial and social justice. She promoted and organized special programs on racism, immigration, and refugees. These included a Tacoma Community House presentation about "The Immigrations Challenge and How We Can Help," a talk by Clyde W. Ford "Let's Talk About Racism" at Bellevue 1st United Methodist Church, a program by Pastor Ferdie Leinado from the Philippines about his immigration experience, a discussion with refugees about World Relief, and a unit "Conversation About Racism," In the process Irene raised consciousness of racial equity and justice in her unit and inherent bias in individuals and her congregation.

*Ja net' W. Crouse, Chair Committee on Racial Justice*

## FORMATTING TIPS—UNDERSTANDING PARAGRAPHS

This article is especially for those who use the computer but not expertly. If you do not use a computer, read no further.

When many of us learned to type, it was on a type writer, either manual or electric. With a typewriter, in order to control where a sentence would wrap to the next line, it was necessary to use the Return Key.

Computers have changed that! While you can type the same way on a computer, it is not necessary. The computer, if you just keep typing, will automatically wrap a sentence down to the next line, and will even add hyphenation when appropriate. I typed this paragraph without ever using the Enter Key until the very end of the paragraph.

More importantly, there are many reasons why you don't want to type using the Enter Key like you would the Return Key. When you hit the Enter Key to break a sentence, it not only forces the next word to start on the next line, it also creates a new paragraph. A new paragraph automatically starts with a capital letter. Also, any formatting instructions that are part of your paragraph are reapplied. That means, if you've formatted your paragraph with an indented first line, your line will be indented. Also, bullets and automatic numbering will be reapplied.

### Example:

- This sentence was typed using the Enter Key to
- Start the next line of text.

Notice that bullets start in the wrong place and the capitalization of "Start".

A better way to force a line to break after a specific word is to press the Shift and Enter Keys together. These two keys, used together, will force the line to break where you want without starting a new paragraph.

### Example:

- I broke this line after the word "sentence" was typed using the Shift & Enter keys together to start the next line of text.

Notice that, while the line is broken after the word 'sentence', the rest of the formatting is correct.

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206-794-3379 (texting Okay)*

PS. If you have a formatting issue that's driving you nuts, please feel free to send me a question. I don't guarantee that I can answer it but I will be happy to give it a try.

## HONORING OUR FOREMOTHERS' LEGACY



On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate healthcare and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations, to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.

### TOGETHER, WE MAKE AN IMPACT

From the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors, from founding schools, hospitals and clinics in the early 19th-century pipeline and working for maternal and child health today. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve in places they never imagined. They are unified in the pursuit of women's progress and their development as leaders in their churches, work settings and communities. Organized for mission, United Methodist Women operate

from a biblically based understanding that equips laywomen to grow in their faith through prayer, study, fellowship and action, and to work for social justice to promote a more equitable, safe and healthy world for women, children and youth. This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations, and attests to its longevity and relevance, today and especially in the years to come.

### BUILDING A LEGACY

United Methodist Women members' commitment and faithful service has led our foremothers' vision forward for 150 years. Yet the needs, difficulties and unjust practices faced by women, children and youth continue. These factors underscore the urgency of our work and the importance of a stable and consistent source of revenue that enables United Methodist Women to respond to emerging needs and support the work of future generations of women in the United States and around the world. In 2014, the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched to raise \$60 million to secure United Methodist Women for service in the next 150 years and beyond.

### WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. For example, you can make a one-time gift, a recurring gift or make a pledge over time. Please reflect on the best way to make a significant gift. Development staff from the United Methodist Women

national office are available to discuss the various giving options with you. You can also speak with your financial or estate planner.

### SOME WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- Cash/Check/Credit Card
- Planned Gifts
- Life Insurance Policies
- Matching Gifts
- IRA (or other retirement plan distributions)
- Appreciated Securities
- Online Giving: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)
- Text to Give: Text "41444" on your cell phone and enter "Legacy 150" in the message area

### SEND CHECKS TO

United Methodist Women,  
Attn: LEGACY  
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115  
Write: "The Legacy Fund" in the memo line. Include a copy of the completed the [1896 Letter of Intent](#) on the next page or on our website

Please consider joining your legacy with ours by supporting the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign to carry the mission of United Methodist Women forward in making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth in the years to come.

For more information on the **Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign**, please contact the National United Methodist Women at (212) 870-3705 or e-mail [Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org).



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New York, NY 10116  
Ph: (212) 870-3706  
[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

1869  
Society

## The 1869 Society

### LETTER OF INTENT

☐ Yes! I have included United Methodist Women in my estate plans.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of gift:

- ☐ Will / Living Trust
- ☐ IRA / Retirement Account
- ☐ Life Insurance
- ☐ Bank, Brokerage or Other Financial Account
- ☐ Charitable Trust
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### My future gift to support the Legacy Fund:

- ☐ Is a percentage of my estate and is worth approximately: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Is in the specific amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I wish to keep the value of my future gift confidential

#### Donor Recognition choices:

- ☐ I/we wish to remain anonymous and do not want this gift acknowledged in public.
- ☐ I/we would like to be acknowledged as a member of the 1869 Society with the following wording:

Name as you would like it to appear: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the above address.

## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

As I reported at Annual Meeting in October, we have met our pledge to Mission for this year, thanks to all of your generosity and fund-raising efforts. It has been a difficult time of zoom meetings and infrequent masked meetings for many of us when we are able to gather. It bears reminding we have been able to do this because we have not gathered in person and have had minimal expenses. As the price of all materials seems to be costing more, we will need to be aware of how, what and where we spend our resources and make good thoughtful decisions. We have the 4th Remittance of the year to increase our pledge number even higher.

I also want to bring to your attention that if your units and districts so choose, money can be sent directly

to the United Methodist Women agency you so choose. For example, your district treasurer may take all contributions to Atlantic Street Center and write one check to them. Or the unit may do the same. The purpose is to get the funds to the agency in a timelier fashion. What I am doing now is taking all contributions from all 5 districts and writing one check and sending to the agency. I do not send to the national office to have them send a check to them. This does not affect the amount of funding received from the National office. All agencies do fund raising as well as receive grants and other funds from a variety of sources.

If there are questions about what organizations receive funding from the National United Methodist Women office please ask. I also have addresses that you may need.

If you have questions, please send an email or call me.

*Kendra Smith  
Treasurer for United Methodist  
Women Pacific Northwest  
Conference  
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## 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](mailto:jbygland@kentmethodist.com). We may share it in our next *Sharing Line*.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I Look over the materials for Spiritual Growth, recently acquired from our former Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Fran Houser, check out the new Program Book, Healing and Joy On our Journey to God and the great list of Spiritual Growth Books on the reading list, I am mindful of the many challenges of our world. We are once again in need of the "Good News", as in the late 60s and early 70s, when the Good News Translation was published. In this time of Thanksgiving and our United Methodist Women Thank Offering, the scripture from Philippians

4:8-9 repeatedly comes to mind, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you."

Sally Vonner, Transformation Officer for United Methodist Women, reminded us on Faith Talks, as we are "walking into the future God is with us". She said, "We are putting our Faith and Hope into action in a

difficult time" with the pandemic and division but it says in Isaiah 43:19, "I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth. I will make a way in the desert." National United Methodist Women tells us we can look ahead to the New Wineskins Campaign with new programming, new ways to participate, a new Website and a new brand. Stay tuned! New things are coming in the new year!

We can give thanks.

*Sharon McDaniel*



## 2022 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 2022		Winter Conference United Methodist Women Exec Meeting	Zoom
January 2022		Conference Leadership Development Days	Zoom
TBD		Eastern Washington Legislative Conference	TBD
February 6, 2022	6:00 pm PST 7:00 pm MST	Idaho Legislative Event #1	Zoom,
February 13, 2022	6:00 pm PST 7:00 pm MST	Idaho Legislative Event #2	Zoom,
February 2022		Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	Olympia, WA
March 2022		Spring Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	TBD
May 20-22, 2022		Assembly	Orlando, FL
June 9-12, 2022		United Methodist Church Greater Northwest Shared Annual Conference	Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA
July 2022		Summer Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	TBD
July 21-24, 2022		Mission u	TBD
September 2022		Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 17, 2022		Inland Missional District Annual Meeting	<a href="#">Spokane Valley UMC</a> Spokane, WA
September 17, 2022		Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 2022		Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 2022		SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
October 2022		Fall Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	TBD
October 2022		Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	TBD
2024		Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting	TBD

## MEET THE NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS

### LINDA HAY –VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Linda Hay and I live in College Place, Washington

I grew up in Portland, Oregon. At the age of 17 I was hired by the US Army Corps of Engineers where I worked for about 15 years, culminating with the setting up a field office where the remedial work after Mt. St. Helens blew was managed. I worked at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio for 2 years and ended my working career at Indian Health Service where I was the senior contracting officer for all the sanitation work on 39 Indian Reservations throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho. While I enjoyed all my various jobs, it was the last one that spoke to my heart. I learned about the injustices the Native communities have endured for years, about the lack of drinking water, housing, access to health care in some instances, etc. As a result of that experience, I connected with the Big River Youth Council, a group of middle and high school age youth in the Goldendale community.

Being a member of United Methodist Women for twenty-seven years has provided education about other communities throughout the US and the world that live in similar conditions and has provided ways to serve and support them. Most recently, as Member Education & Interpretation Coordinator, I established a relationship between Pacific Northwest United Methodist Women and the Nome Alaska Community Center and Deaconess Cindy Johnson who serves the

migrant population in South Texas. I am thrilled to say that most of our districts and units jumped on board in a variety of ways, supporting both populations. I have been a district president, treasurer, Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach and Member Education & Interpretation and have grown from each experience. I am looking forward to serving on the Conference team as Vice President.

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### LINDA KEY –CHAIR OF NOMINATIONS

Linda grew up in Kansas City Missouri before moving out West to first, Northern California then to Washington. Raised and baptized in the Mennonite church while living in the Midwest and then becoming a Methodist after moving to Washington. Linda always felt the need as a Christian to be connected to other Christians and the church was the perfect place. The camping programs provided such positive experiences for the youth so the local church at Grandview established the group, Kids for Kamp". Many fund raisers were held to raise money to provide camperships to enable the youth to attend camp at one of the conference owned camps. After being involved with the Kids for Camp group, Linda was invited to join United Methodist Women and become the secretary for the Columbia River District's Mission team. Other district leadership positions would include: Vice President, Nominations Committee, and President.

As Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth on the Pacific NW United Methodist Women team, Linda led two spiritual growth retreats, both were held at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center out of Ellensburg, WA. The purpose of both retreats was to give the participant time to regroup, refresh, and rebuild their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. After four years as Vice President and learning what it takes to lead a meeting that provides useful information as well as celebrating the successes of United Methodist Women, Linda's goal as chair of nominations is to find leaders who reflect the diversity of the membership within the conference. And who are women of faith, hope, and love in action, and whose purpose is to share God's love as whole persons through Christ.

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### SHARON MCDANIEL –SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Sharon is a wife and mother of two grown children and grandmother to two special people, in their early twenties. Trained originally as a teacher, she taught part-time in various capacities, when her children were small. When her children were in Middle School and High School, she chose to go back to school and get certified to be a nurse. Sharon worked as a nurse in several settings until retirement. Her last fourteen years as a nurse were spent working in a cardiology office. Gardening, sewing and baking brings her enjoyment when not working. United Methodist Women has been a part of Sharon's life since she was

in her twenties. The first United Methodist Women she attended was in Moscow, Idaho, where they lived for a short time. Sharon became more active when they moved to Sedro Woolley, Washington in the mid 70s. She has held most offices locally over the years. When Donna Perez was president of the Puget Sound District, Sharon was asked to be on the district team. In her eight year tenure on the Puget Sound District United Methodist Women team, she had the opportunity to be coordinator for Reading Resources, Social Action, Membership, and Spiritual Growth, as well as, President of the Puget Sound District. Sharon has served on the Committee on Nominations and as Social Action Coordinator for United Methodist Women of the Pacific Northwest Conference.

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**ELIZABETH WILLIAMS  
—MISSION COORDINATOR  
FOR SOCIAL ACTION**

As the new Social Action Coordinator of our Pacific Northwest Conference of United Methodist Women, I will do my best to lead as we put our efforts into facing two major issues which have been chosen as the emphasis for all United Methodist Women: creation justice and the mass incarceration of people of color.

I'd already been involved in the creation justice movement since 2015, but this past year during the pandemic, rather than let it be a wasted time, I made a special commitment to be proactive by immersing myself in all things related to creation justice by reading extensively, participating in Zoom trainings, presentations, movies, podcasts, webinars, and discussions, as

well as finding concise time-saving information on how to advocate for the implementation of public climate policies from local to international. Most importantly, I went through the training and was commissioned as an EarthKeeper in the United Methodist Church and I would highly encourage any of you to do the same.

At Providence St. Joseph Care Center in Spokane where I have worked in recreation therapy for the last ten years, I have been active on the Alliance of Climate and Environmental Stewards (ACES) Team and especially as a key member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Team being an advocate and educator trying to make sure there is no discrimination in any form towards caregivers, residents, and patients. I have been fortunate to have traveled to about thirty countries, studied four foreign languages in addition to sign language, and personally seen the effects of injustices and inequities in communities around the world.

I am a lifelong active United Methodist and am reminded of adhering to John Wesley's principles, by doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God. We need to use our critical thinking skills so we are not unknowingly coerced into following the greenwashing tactics of some in the fossil fuel and agricultural industry, nor inadvertently wish-cycling, nor letting our money be invested negatively. Please know: Net zero just means not adding new emissions and does not mean zero emissions.

As Michelle Pope, the keynote speaker for the Pacific Northwest United Methodist Church laity session said, "We need hybrid worship AND hybrid discipleship where we go out into the community." We have the opportunity to bring others along with us. Creation justice appeals to young and old. There are lots of opportunities to invite new persons in our communities to take action with us!

I am here to be a resource to you, your local and district United Methodist Women units, your faith communities whether you have an active creation justice team or just think maybe you ought to form one; for decisions your trustees, missions, and hospitality teams need to make; or perhaps ideas for programs for children, youth, or for worship. I can help get you connected to local networks of national non-profit climate justice organizations such as [350.org](https://350.org). Some of them have interfaith teams within them.

Reach out to me at [emaxwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:emaxwilliams@gmail.com) and please put "UMW Social Action" in the subject line so I can be sure to notice it. I am also the creation justice coordinator for the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and have recently joined the new Western Jurisdictional Creation Care Team of the United Methodist Church. With God's help, we can do this!

*Blessings,  
Elizabeth Williams*

## LOVE RIBBONS!! LOVE RIBBONS!!

### BRING JOY IN THE MORNING, AFTERNOON AND EVENING. IN FACT ALL YEAR ROUND!!

To all District and Units of the Pacific Northwest Conference: I, Fran Houser, will be taking over the duties of making the LOVE RIBBONS cards for the Conference. Susan Chamber is leaving our Conference and moving back to California, to be closer to her kids and family. We will miss Susan a lot and I wish her the best in all she is going to be doing on her new journey.

We are the only Conference to do LOVE RIBBONS cards and have been doing them since 2013. Here is a chart of how we have done with the LOVE RIBBONS over the past eight years. Also how the process works.

Remember that the cards cost \$1.00 each and is part Mission Today and included in *The Pledge To Mission*. Units go to the District Treasurers for supplies and purchases and credit go to your unit.

### ENCOURAGE PURCHASES!

There is a wide variety, for all occasions.

I'm here to help in any way I can!!

### With God Anything Is Possible!

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## LOVE RIBBONS—PACIFIC NORTHWEST —UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SALES	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021/ Sept
Inland	76	97	67	65	58	108	52	56	54
Puget Sound	83	112	151	86	86	128	42	12	10
Seattle	103	202	84	76	156	105	24	21	50
Seven Rivers	120	127	180	114	100	101	58	8	52
Tacoma now Coast To Coast	105	40	143	0	12	41			
Vancouver	5	49	57	32	70	43	37	15	15
Profit	\$492	\$627	\$682	\$373	\$482	\$526	\$213	\$112	\$181

## THANK YOU FOR THE QUILTS!



Our Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women adopted the quilt project in 1991 with units making quilts for "Children at Risk." It is now a tradition that we display United Methodist Women Quilts each year at Annual Conference. All Quilts are a gift of love and will be distributed through the District Presidents for Women, Children and Youth. Thank you and

**Thank you for your  
donation of quilts and  
prayer shawls, gifts to  
many, especially those  
in need!  
Keep up the good  
work!!**

Pacific Northwest  
United Methodist Women

Blessing to you and your local United Methodist Women unit and/or Church for making this project successful each year.

P.S. Linda Hay, Pacific Northwest United Methodist Women Vice President, is sending 8 quilts and 80 warm hats to Deaconess Cindy Johnson for migrants at the Southern Texas border.



## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK



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: [pnwumc.org/umw](http://pnwumc.org/umw).

## OTHER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RESOURCE ONLINE

### WEBSITES:

[www.UnitedMethodistWomen.org](http://www.UnitedMethodistWomen.org)  
[www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)  
[www.pnwumc.org/umw/](http://www.pnwumc.org/umw/)

### FACEBOOK:

[Facebook.com/UMWomen](https://Facebook.com/UMWomen)  
[Facebook.com/pnwumw](https://Facebook.com/pnwumw)

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## SIGN UP FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER

**THE SHARING LINE** is the newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women published four times a year. Complimentary copies are sent to the following: Pacific Northwest Conference leaders, local unit presidents, District officers, Conference officers, pastors and District Superintendents.

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Anything for the **Winter Newsletter** should be emailed to Jenny Bygland ([jbygland@kentmethodist.com](mailto:jbygland@kentmethodist.com)) by **Monday, January 17**. *Late articles will be included as space permits.* **No submissions will be accepted after noon on Wednesday, January 26.**

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