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I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.—Genesis 9:13

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE WINTER EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORT

Saturday, January
15, 2022
Conference
President

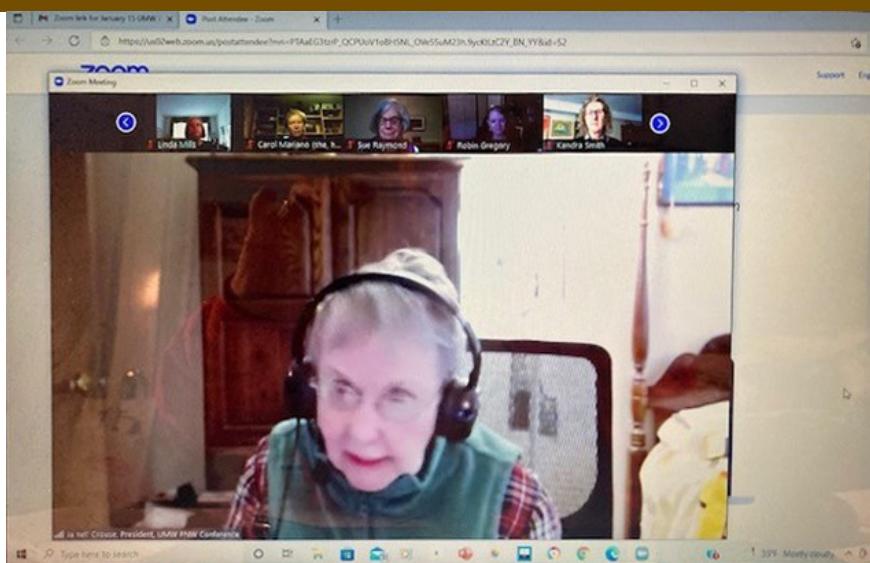
All Events by
Zoom

Fall *Sharing Line*

- Wrote article "Choose Life" for fall *Sharing Line*.

National United Methodist Women Events

- Participated in "Climate Justice" programs on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 and Wednesday, November 17, 2021.



- Attended Faith Talks on Native American Heritage, Thursday, November 4, 2021; on Living with Gratitude, Thursday, November 18, 2021.

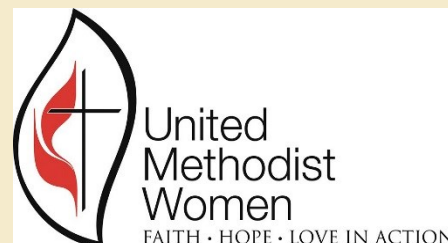
United Methodist Church Responsibilities for United Methodist Women

- Participated in Virtual Mission to Laos,

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THE PURPOSE

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- Thursday, November 11, 2021.
- Participated in Returning to the Beloved Community, Fall Learning Event for Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Saturday, November 13, 2021.
- Attended Church and Society series on Climate Justice (seven sessions) from Monday, December 6 to Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Faith Action Network

- Attended Faith Action Network annual meeting to honor Paul Benz on Sunday, November 21, 2021.

United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Racial Justice

- Presented Racial Justice Award 2021 to Irene Monson at Fairwood United Methodist Church United Methodist Women via zoom.

Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

- Met with Western Jurisdiction presidents on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Seven Rivers United Methodist Women Missional District

- Attended planning for 2022 Thursday, October 21, 2021.

United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Book Club

- Participated in Zoom Book Club led by Jan Catrell and hosted by Linda Mills on Fridays.
- Discussed Joy Prim, My Savior is the Masses, October 29 and Zoomed personally with the author November 5, 2021.

- Discussed Margot Lee Shetterly, Hidden Figures, November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022. Personally watched movie Hidden Figures, Saturday, January 8.

United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference

- Prepared agendas for Racial Justice Committee and Winter Executive Team meetings on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

—Ja net' W. Crouse

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from foggy College Place!

I hope you all were able to deal with the abundance of snow that seems to have equally covered us, west to east, north to south! I know it was a real challenge for those who needed to be on the highways, particularly from central Washington to the west side.

I have some news to share regarding our Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting, scheduled for October 15, 2022. It is my hope that we will be able to gather at Bothell United Methodist Church (yes, this is the 3rd attempt!). However, the plan is to offer the meeting in a hybrid fashion, that being in person and also available by zoom! Something for everyone, right? A decision will be made by August 1st as to whether we will go forth with "in person" based on the statistics, whether the church will be open to us, and how many indicate on the registration form (get your registration form in by



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR ASSEMBLY!

Find out how on our website at pnwumc.org/umw/.

the end of July if possible) that they are planning to attend, in person. Stay tuned for more information in that regard.

The other piece of exciting news that I have to share is that Rev. Sharon Delgado, United Methodist minister, author, speaker and activist will be our keynote speaker! Titles of two of her recent books are 1) Love in a Time of Climate Change : Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice and (2) Shaking The Gates of Hell faith-led resistance to Corporate Globalization.

I pray that your units are finding ways to connect, to keep your passion burning for ways to be in mission, and to be supportive of one another. It's been a tough two years but I have to believe it will be better, and we will be stronger than ever.

Blessings,

Linda Hay,
Vice President

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I want to congratulate all of you for your generosity in meeting and exceeding our Pledge to Mission this year. Your pledges were generous. And the lack of being able to meet and hold meetings either at the district or conference level, has again channeled your donations to be sent directly to National level as Pledge to Missions. You also designated funds be sent to other United Methodist Women organizations such as Atlantic Street or Tacoma Community House or Nome Community Center. There were also donations to Pledge to Missions from gatherings such as Mission u and the donation from the Endowment Fund. Our Pledge this year was 35K and we were able to donate 74,358.

I am sure all of you are aware that Assembly is being held this year in Orlando, Florida. Each district will be receiving funds. It is quite a distance from Washington State to Florida and not all of us are able to travel with Covid still an issue and a health concern but a possibility is to attend virtually. Check it out and perhaps this is a way to use the funds the district will be receiving especially for those who have never been able to go because of cost.

Kendra Smith
Treasurer for United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference

MISSION AND LEGACY



DAY OF GIVING: YEAR OF HOPE

Thank you all for a very successful Day of Giving Live Event on March 23rd! We appreciate the efforts each of you made towards making Day of Giving 2021 a success. Besides the many who participated and joined us on that day for the 6+ hours of live programming, now over 4,500 have viewed the recording of the event through the United Methodist Women Facebook page. We feel blessed to have been able to share with you highlights of the United Methodist Women work that your generous donations support and to have received a total of \$303,224 to date for the future of that work, with more generous gifts coming in and being processed each day. Once all Day of Giving gifts are received and processed, we will publicize our 2021 Day of Giving final total. Thank you again for your support of The Legacy Endowment Fund through your Day of Giving gifts. 2021 truly is Our Year of Hope!

Are you attending Assembly in 2022 in Orlando?

If so, you will not want to miss the Inaugural Legacy Banquet on Saturday, May 21st, 2022!

It will be a special fundraising event to celebrate and grow The Legacy Endowment Fund.

Tickets are \$65 and must be purchased separately and in advance for each attendee.

Please contact Christi Campos at ccampos@unitedmethodistwomen.org if you have any questions.

OUR GOAL

\$60,000,000

\$38,181,487. 64% of the total goal • includes cash and \$5,908,196 in planned gifts • total balance as of August 18, 2021

The Legacy Endowment Fund is managed by Wespath, a socially-responsible investment management firm. Changes in the campaign balance is result of fluctuations in the stock market
Marsha Aufenkamp
Legacy Liaison and Seven Rivers President

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*.

DOES COVID-19 HAVE US “CIRCLING THE WAGONS”?

The past two years have brought us social isolation as well as economic, physical/medical, and even spiritual uncertainty. It's only natural to look inward and withdrawal a bit when our lives feel out of control. But in United Methodist Women we are called to do the opposite — we are called to remember our own blessings and to reach out with our time, talents, and resources to help women, children, and youth who are in need.

We know that so many in the U.S. and around the world struggle with racial injustice, with the disproportionate effects of climate change; disadvantages in accessing medical care, or an education. These are but a few of the many needs that our United Methodist Women organization addresses every day. Proverbs 3:27 says “Do not withhold good from those to whom you should give it if it is within your power to help” (New World Translation). This is important work we are doing — and we each have an opportunity to be an integral part of our organization's success.

Because I'm relatively new to United Methodist Women, I find it helpful to remind myself of our overall structure. Our United Methodist Women organization is divided into seven jurisdictions in the U.S. (ours is the Western Jurisdiction). Within our jurisdiction are five conferences (including our Pacific Northwest Conference). Our Pacific Northwest Conference is comprised of five districts, and each district has a number of individual local units. At every level of United Methodist Women, women serve in leadership roles for specific periods of time. They are women of all backgrounds— young/old, busy mothers, LGBTQ, racially diverse, empty nesters (like me) — who dedicate a measure of their time, talents, and resources to the work of serving others. Our organization's ability to affect a positive impact would simply not happen if not for these wonderful volunteers.

Many of you have served your local United Methodist Women units, districts, or even conferences in a leadership capacity, and I'd like to

challenge you to think about serving at the Jurisdiction level. Our Nominations Committee is looking for motivated women who might be interested in submitting their name as a candidate for consideration for a leadership position on the 2024-2028 Western Jurisdiction Leadership team. It is so important for us to have all of our conferences represented at the jurisdiction level and I know we have so many talented women in our conference. Any travel is reimbursed so please don't let finances be a reason for not applying.

If you think you may want to submit your name for consideration, please complete the Western Jurisdiction Profile form attached and send it to Lynda Montgomery, nominations chair (address is on the form). I am also happy to chat with you about the positions on the board if you'd like more information.

Good health and blessing to you all,

Robin Gregory
Western Jurisdiction
Nominations Committee
(858) 344-7462





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Western Jurisdiction Profile

Date: _____

Name: _____ Marital Status _____

Address _____
Street/Box# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Date of Birth _____ Ethnicity _____ Language Spoken _____

Conference _____ District _____ Local _____

Are you employed? ☐ no ☐ yes, If yes: ☐ full time ☐ part time

Are you able to be away from home or work? ☐ Full day ☐ Weekend ☐ Extended time _____

Nature of employment: _____

Occupational Experience: _____

Educational Background: _____

What skills and talents would you bring to this team? _____

What are your areas of special interest and/or concerns? _____

Write a statement you feel describes you as a person: _____



Western Jurisdiction Profile (Cont.)

United Methodist Women Experience: _____

Dates in this position: *Example: Secretary (1993-1997) (2004-2006)*

Local: _____

District: _____

Conference: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

National: _____

Are you interested in a specific office or position determined by the nominating committee?

Please mail this form to the Chair of Nominations:

Lynda Montgomery
50 Creighton
Pocatello, Idaho 83201
dynomont_3@msn.com

MISSION U PLANNING IS UNDERWAY



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

YAKIMA: WESLEY UMC JULY 22-24

To the Mission u Committee and
Study Leaders,

I am writing to bring you up to date
on plans for Mission u, to let you
know who the team is and where we
stand with leadership at this point.
You will see above the logo produced
by National for Mission u 2022.

Study Leaders

Adult:

Yvonne Agduyeng
(Redmond UMC),
Ron and Lois Hines
(Claremont, CA),
Nica Sy (Seattle, WA)

Youth:

Golden Neal
(Rochester, WA),
Danielle Ramsey
(interested but not yet
confirmed) (Walla Walla, WA)

Children:

Lyn Rush (Vancouver, WA),
Sue and Terry Raymond
(Olympia, WA)

Musician/s: Still open

Technician: Tyrone Olds

Study leaders please register with
the link I previously sent to you. Pay
the registration fee when you
register and you will be reimbursed

by Business Manager, Carol Gruen
(gruenc1941@gmail.com). You will
be given a schedule with options for
your online training. Your study
guide and curriculum will be
provided through your registration
fee. You don't have to purchase it
separately.

Please email me
(revmariano@aol.com) to let me
know you have registered.

Mission u Committee

- Dean: Carol Mariano
- Assistant Co-Deans:
Marilyn and Dennis Reid
- Mission u Business Manager:
Carol Gruen
- Registrar: Linda Mills
- United Methodist Women
Conference President:
Ja net' Crouse
- United Methodist Women
Spiritual and Personal Growth:
Sharon McDaniel
- United Methodist Women
Communications:
Jenny Bygland

FROM THE CHAIR OF NOMINATIONS

Greetings!

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As we begin this new year and are planning Spiritual Growth activities for our Districts and local United Methodist Women, we look to our United Methodist Women resources. The Program Resource Book, Healing and Joy, On Our Journey to God is a good place to begin. Nora Asedillo Cunningham, Spiritual Growth Specialist and Liaison for the National United Methodist Women Office, spoke on Faith Talks, Jan. 20th. She introduced us to a change in the Prayer Calendar. It will now be called the Prayer Guide with a new format. For now there is a "Pause" in offering the sampler. The Prayer Guide will need to be ordered from United Methodist Women Mission Resources or can be found online at United Methodist Women Digital Resources ([https://united-methodist](https://united-methodist-women.mn.co/)

[-women.mn.co/](https://united-methodist-women.mn.co/)) "Once you've signed up for a membership plan, you will not only have access to resources, but can connect with others, join virtual events and take part in lively online discussions." Other resources you are familiar with are the Response Magazine, and books on the reading program list. One of the books listed under Spiritual Growth that I have found very inspiring, in these times, is LOVE IS THE WAY, Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry. It's personally uplifting as well as a source for material for devotions to share.

Faith Talks speakers spoke of the importance of prayer. Praying against fear. Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength. A very present

help in trouble". It was said that we can be a part of Mission through prayer. We were asked to pray for missionaries to be led by the Spirit. It was said that we are invited to dance with God. A play on the word Guidance was made; With God(G) You(u) and I(i) dance = Guidance. Prayer was also called a "radical act of imagination" (James A Ford), "How can prayer help us hold onto Hope? We have hope in Christ Jesus. Can you imagine what is possible?"

If I can be of any help, please contact me. sharongarymcdaniel@gmail.com

May God guide your work this year,

Sharon McDaniel
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
United Methodist Women
Pacific Northwest

PROGRAM RESOURCES



We have learned so much about meeting virtually in the last couple of years. We continue to wait for the day when we can meet in person. With our challenge to learn new ways of engagement, we are now embarking on a journey to conduct "hybrid" meetings with an in-person component along with a meaningful virtual component.

The United Methodist Women Annual Meeting is currently researching possibilities for hybrid meetings. Traditionally, we would meet over 2 days, but this year our meeting will be conducted for only about 2 hours. With the large geographic area of our conference, it is understandable that members from our eastern missional districts from as far away as Idaho may not wish to travel so far for such a short meeting.

If we can cultivate the necessary technical resources for a hybrid meeting, we can have the best of both worlds: in-person meeting for those who live nearby, and hybrid

meeting for those who cannot make the trip safely or easily.

On January 18th, I attended an online meeting hosted by the United Methodist Women national office for program resources. Over 160 Program Resources officers from around the country attended, both new officers and those with experience in this mission area.

We learned that the Program Resource Book 2021-2022 is offered electronically on the United Methodist Women website. Also, United Methodist Women national is conducting monthly meeting to coincide with the chapter offered in

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the book. I have found these meetings to be very interesting and helpful. Electronic copies of the book can be downloaded from the website. Check the link following for more information.

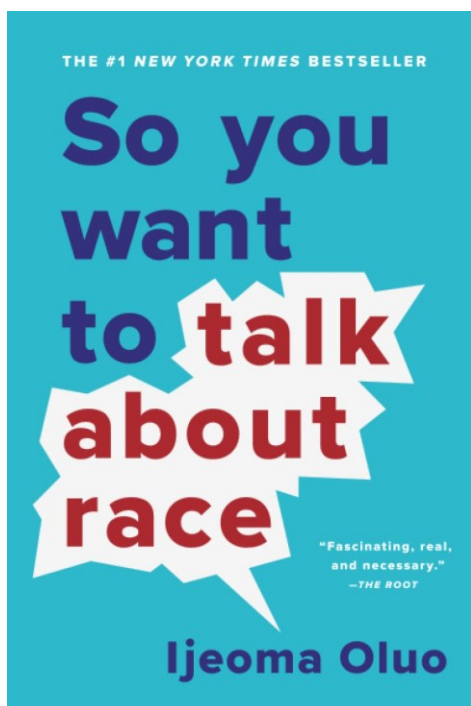
[https://
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/
program-resource-healing-joy](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/program-resource-healing-joy)

The Prayer Calendar has been replaced by a new format entitled "Daily Prayer Guide 2022." The description and order details are available at this link:

[https://
www.umwmissionresources.org/
shopping_product_detail.asp?
pid=53512](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53512)

Janice Catrell
Program Resources
Coordinator

SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE BY IJEOMA OLUO



So You Want to Talk About Race, was published in 2018 by Seattle writer and speaker Ijeoma Oluo. It is listed on the United Methodist Women 2020 Reading Program list as a bonus book and bonus books count as two books.

It was included on recommended reading lists from *Time*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Seattle Times* and spent time as #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller's list. The author's work about race, feminism and social justice have appeared in numerous publications, and she is an Editor-at-Large at the Establishment. Oluo was named one of the most influential people in Seattle by Seattle Magazine in 2018 among several awards and honors,

Oluo was born in 1980 and raised by a white single mother in a majority white, liberal area north of Seattle. She graduated from Lynnwood High School and Western Washington University in 2007, and at a young age became a single mother to two mixed-race sons. Oluo began her career in technology but turned to writing after the 2012 death of Trayvon Martin, who was at the time same age as her son, Malcolm.

My Kent United Methodist Women Susanna Wesley Circle studied this book monthly via Zoom in the summer of 2020, shortly after the George Floyd murder. We advertised this book study in our church newsletter and we gained several new members. Each of the seventeen chapters begins with a question. A few examples are, "What is cultural appropriation?", "Why can't I touch your hair?", and "What

if I don't like Al Sharpton?" This book is written for both white people and people of color. Oluo uses humor and poignant anecdotes from her past in addition to facts, statistics, and stories to back up her points and express her opinions on race and racism in America today.

In the Book Discussion on page 259, Oluo writes, "I do believe that if you are white, this book will help you to avoid harming people of color in discussions of race. I also believe that if you are a person of color, this book will help you feel more confident in your feelings, experiences, and boundaries." Imani Gandy, senior legal analyst for Rewire.News writes, "Ijeoma's book is a nuanced and refreshing frank discussion of race relations from a Black perspective. It's sharp, funny and incisive. I consider her book essential reading for any white person looking for a greater understanding of race." My United Methodist Women circle found *So You Want to Talk About Race* to be thought provoking and informative, and I highly recommend this book for you to read or for your United Methodist Women group to read together as a Racial Justice Book Study.

Linda Mills
SeaTac District President and
Conference Racial Justice Team
member

MEET OUR 2021 RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD WINNER

Racial justice is the systematic fair treatment of people of all races that results in equitable opportunities and outcomes for everyone.

I would like to thank all the women in my Fairwood United Methodist Women for helping our group achieve the 2020 Social and Racial Justice award and in learning and sharing more about equality for all people.

As the coordinator for Social and Racial Justice for our women's group, I presented to the group various opportunities to learn more on how we could become stronger advocates for all people in our community. Throughout the last two years, I presented a variety of activities.

We started just prior to Covid and were able to attend a presentation of a play depicting a court room for detainees to be released from the detention center in Tacoma, a small group of us attended Clyde W. Ford's presentation of Let's Talk about Racism, a few of us attended an open house at the Redmond Mosque to learn more about their faith as we sat around tables sharing a meal and conversations with the women. We were able to go into their prayer room while prayers were being said. (This was a very special time). In addition we study the books, Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison and Me and White Supremacy" by Layla Saad Our pastor Ferdie Llenado shared his immigration experience as a person of color in the wake of the 9/11

terrorist attack. We worked with World Relief in their work with refugees and collected gift cards and yarn for people in the Tacoma Detention center and for those who were being released. These were done on Zoom as Covid kept us from attending activities in our community.

The new year will begin with a mini workshop led by Nica Sy on her experiences and work in our local community and schools and the book Pushout by Monique W. Morris. In January our book club is reading and discussing Face the Mountain by Daniel James Brown and later in the year we are planning a field trip to the new Sea-Mar Museum of the History of Chico and Latino Americans located in Seattle. This museum is dedicated to the Latinx culture and their history in the NW. Then we will gather together for a lunch at an ethnic restaurant.

Having the support of the women in my church has made all of this possible for me to fulfill my aspirations in Racial Justice. This past November I was honored with the individual Pacific Northwest Conference Racial Justice Award. I would like to thank the Pacific Northwest Board and all the women in Fairwood United Methodist Women for their encouragement, support and participation.

*Irene Monson
Fairwood United Methodist Women*

WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE OUR CONFERENCE RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD FOR 2022?

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

Who will you nominate from your district? Attached are the instructions.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD NOMINATION

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice of the United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference is seeking nominees for the annual Racial Justice Award to be presented at the United Methodist Women Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting in October.

Criteria are as follows:

1. Exemplifies the implementation (We Will section) of the Charter for Racial Justice
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter
2. May be an individual United Methodist Women member, a local unit, a district, or may be an individual or group from outside United Methodist Women.
3. The activity may be a one-time event or on-going, but must have taken place within the last year.

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Format for nomination:

1. Name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail of Nominee(s).
2. Name of Activity or Event.
3. One or two paragraphs summarizing the individual or group activity and how it relates to the Charter for Racial Justice.
4. Your name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address.
5. Deadline to be returned to Janet' Crouse or Sharon McDaniel by June 1, 2022
6. Nomination may either be mailed or e-mailed.

Selection of award recipient

1. Selection will be made by Racial Justice Committee at their July summer meeting.
2. This is a great opportunity to recognize persons who fulfill our Purpose and our Mission Today Charter for Racial Justice component in a significant way.
3. Questions may be directed to Janet' Crouse or Elizabeth Williams.

Ja net' W. Crouse

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East Wenatchee, WA 98802-4078

crousejw@crouses.com

509-884-8415 (h) or 509-679-4087 ©

Elizabeth Williams

emaxwilliams@gmail.com

509-994-3302

HOW TO BECOME A CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE CLUB

In order for a local unit to become a member of the Charter for Racial Justice Club, the unit must carry out one activity from each section during a calendar year. Thereafter, the unit must complete one activity annually. If membership lapses, the unit must begin again with three activities.

Local units will work with a report to their District Mission coordinator for Social Action.

The Racial Justice Committee will meet for consideration of the revisions of criteria annually.

Units will be recognized for becoming a Charter for Racial Justice Club.

Questions? Contact your District Mission Coordinator for Social Action.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE RACIAL JUSTICE CHARTER COMMITTEE

Conference President

Conference Social Action

Coordinator

Committee on Nominations Chair

Conference Executive Board

Member

Member at Large

District President

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 church.

The United Methodist Women adopted the Charter for Racial Justice (CRJ) in 1978. The CRJ was adopted by the whole United Methodist Church in 1980.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE CLUB

Annually, every Charter for Racial Justice Club Unit must read and review the Racial Justice Charter. This will be found on the website of, unitedmethodistwomen.org, printable or downloadable.

The PNW Conference United Methodist Women Charter for Racial Justice Committee has worked to create new and universal (2018) criteria for the CRJ Club that will make participation both more accessible and more meaningful.

"We recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society."

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:28

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OPTIONS FOR FULFILLMENT

UNIT PROGRAMMING

From Tools for Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice, complete one Bible study, one workshop, or one worship service included within Charter.

In your unit or a small group, study the portion of the Racial Justice Timeline that spans your lifetime. Make written reflections and share them with other group members.

Share, (both positive and negative), local newspaper articles, United Methodist Women reading program books, and documentaries relating to racism. Forward the information shared with a short report to your District Mission Coordinator for Social Action. We may use them for display at either Mission U or the United Methodist Women Conference Annual Meeting

Hold a letter-writing or postcard writing correspondence party supporting or lobbying for racial justice legislation or policy.

UNIT ENRICHMENT

As a unit, attend a worship service of a church, synagogue or temple with a majority ethnic background different from your own. Be certain to inform the leadership of your intended visit.

Watch documentary or read book containing racial justice themes with your unit, circle, or church small group. Discuss the movie using these 3 questions: Who is being exploited?, Who benefits from the exploitation?, What are we going to do about it?

Have a member of your unit sign up to receive free email updates from either: The Sentencing Project, sentencingproject.org, or Colorlines, colorlines.com, Equal Justice Initiative, eji.org.

Be creative, develop a Racial Justice learning experience for your unit or church.

Present a program on equal education, housing, employment or medical care exploring how race may have been a factor or implicated in the area.

Plan jointly with a group of a different racial/ethnic background:

Programs from the United Methodist Women Program Resource Book at one or more meetings.

Book reviews using books from the Reading Program with special emphasis on books related to minority groups and persons.

Study groups using one of the current (racial justice) study themes.

Ecumenical resources on social justice.

BEYOND THE LOCAL UNIT

Host an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event. Be certain to integrate a racial justice element into the programming.

As a unit or with the church, sponsor a refugee family.

For one month scan the daily news media, (TV/newspaper, advertising, pictures, and/or children's literature) to ascertain the degree of ethnic/racial/minority stereotyping portrayed.

Use the information in one of the following ways:

Design and present unit programs.

Share information with administrative body of your church.

Share with Sunday School classes.

Share with youth group.

Publish results of survey in local, church news media.

Tools/References - The following resources may be obtained at unitedmethodistwomen.org,

Read: Tools for Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice (174 pages)

Books from the United Methodist Women Reading Program

Response magazine

Racial Justice Timeline

History of Racial Justice

THERE ARE BIG CHANGES ON OUR WEBSITE!

We are working on updating our website, <https://pnwumc.org/umw/> and have already made a number of changes, including our conference job descriptions which have been added to our Resource 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@kentmethodist.com or 206-794-3379. Your feedback is always welcome!

2022 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 15	10 am – 2:00 pm	Winter Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Zoom
January 22	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	2022 Eastern Washington Leadership Conference	Zoom
February 6	6 pm (PST) 7 pm (MST)	Idaho Legislative Event Part 1	Zoom
February 10		Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	Olympia, WA
February 13	6 pm (PST) 7 pm (MST)	Idaho Legislative Event Part 2	Zoom
March 18-20		Spring Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center , Ellensburg, WA
March 23		Day of Giving	
March 30		Annual Membership Census Due Online	
April 2		Mission u Training Begins	
May 20-22		Assembly	
June 9-12		United Methodist Church Greater Northwest Annual Conference	Washington State Fairgrounds , Puyallup, WA
July 21-22		Summer Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Selah UMC , Selah WA
July 22-24		Mission u	Wesley UMC , Yakima, WA
September		Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 17		Inland Missional District Annual Meeting	Spokane Valley UMC , Spokane Valley, WA
September		Puget Sound Missional District	TBD
September		SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
September 17		Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	TBD
October 13-14		Fall Conference United Methodist Women Executive Meeting	Bothell UMC , Bothell, WA
October 14-15		Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	Bothell UMC , Bothell, WA
2024		Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting.	TBD

KENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RECEIVES \$102,000 GREEN POWER SOLAR GRANT FROM PUGET SOUND ENERGY



Kent United Methodist Church is the recipient of a \$102,000 competitive grant from Puget Sound Energy to fully fund the installation of a solar panel system. This project, which is being spearheaded by the congregation's Creation Care Team, is part of the church's overall emphasis on saving energy and reducing emissions from the church building. The team is leading the congregation in responding individually and as a church to care for God's creation and help the environment.

In April 2021, several agencies of the national United Methodist Church pledged to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across the organizations/ ministries, facilities, operations and investments by 2050. They acknowledged that the United Methodist Church "has long affirmed our individual and collective responsibility to address the

unfolding climate crisis." In light of these values, the United Methodist Church said it was "called by our faith, informed by science, and led by our relationships with impacted communities" to respond urgently.

Several members of Kent United Methodist Church's Creation Care Team were inspired to apply for the grant after attending the Just Energy for All webinars and the webinars presented by United Methodist Church Global Ministries Creation Care Network.

According to Jim Head-Corliss, lead pastor at Kent United Methodist Church, "this grant will help us to take a next step in our transition to renewable energy while partnering with PSE to further educate our congregation, our wider community, United Methodist Churches in the Pacific Northwest and across our country. We look forward to sharing

the positive benefits of renewable energy with a diverse range of faith communities in the greater Kent area."

Puget Sound Energy is committed to supporting organizations that serve families and individuals in its communities. In this round the company, through its Green Power and Solar Choice programs, has awarded over \$900,000 in total grant funding to local organizations in its electric service area to install new solar projects. The grant, funded by PSE's Green Power and Solar Choice customers, brings local solar projects to PSE's electric service area while providing support to grant recipients through lower utility bills for low-income or Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and the organizations that serve them.

Kent, Washington has been named among the Top 10 most ethnically diverse cities in America and Kent United Methodist Church has a strong history of supporting the local community. For over 20 years, the congregation's Shared Bread program has assisted Kent residents with rent, water, and PSE bills. In 2021, over \$70,000 was distributed through this ministry. Other programs supported by the church include Kent HOPE (emergency shelter for women and children), Catholic Community Services, NW Trinity Mobility Project, Kent-Meridian Hub, Atlantic Street Center, Church World Service Crop Walk,

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Kent Food Bank, Pediatric Interim Care Center, St. Stephen's Housing Association (transitional housing), and a car camping program in the church's parking lot.

The design and installation of the project will be completed by MAD Energy NW of Auburn, Washington, an organization that specializes in solar projects and certified Net Zero solar arrays. Once installed, the system is expected to produce over 41,000 kilowatt hours per year, saving the church significant money on electricity bills. The church will use all the solar energy it generates first. Any extra generation will be banked to draw from when the church is consuming more energy than generating.

The congregation is committed to reducing their impact on the earth's resources and has made a number of positive improvements, including double-paned windows, LED lights, heat pumps, WiFi thermostat for the church's large sanctuary, timers on electric heaters, and recycling and composting programs. Additionally, the congregation hosts recycling events for the City of Kent in the church parking lot and has adopted their street for regular clean up. As a recipient of the grant, they are aligned with PSE to solve several challenges at once: the installation of solar panels to support the expansion of cleaner energy and a healthier environment, lowering energy-related operating costs at the property, and making the push to a more inclusive clean energy future.

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 Chamberlain 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 are part Mission Today and included in *The Pledge To Mission*. Units go to the District Treasurers for supplies and purchases and credit goes 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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FROM THE GOLDENDALE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING DRIVE

We stuffed 39 stockings for the kids at Georgeville. It was quite the project, but thanks to the generosity of all of you and even more folks in the congregation, we could load those socks full to the brim and overflowing!! Here are photos of the 'girls' hard at work.

We also decided who to send Love Gifts to from the proceeds of our yard sale last summer. We are sending \$225 to each of these groups/people:

- Back Packs 4 Kids
- New Hope Farms
- Dr. Ogden's mission work
- Nome Community Center
- McCurdy School
- Pastor Joyce (because we love and appreciate her and all of her hard work!)
- UMCOR (for victims of the recent tornadoes in Kentucky)
- Pacific Northwest Disaster Relief Teams



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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.

OTHER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RESOURCE ONLINE

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Facebook.com/UMWomen

Facebook.com/pnwumw

Instagram.com/UMWomen

pinterest.com/UMWomen/_created/

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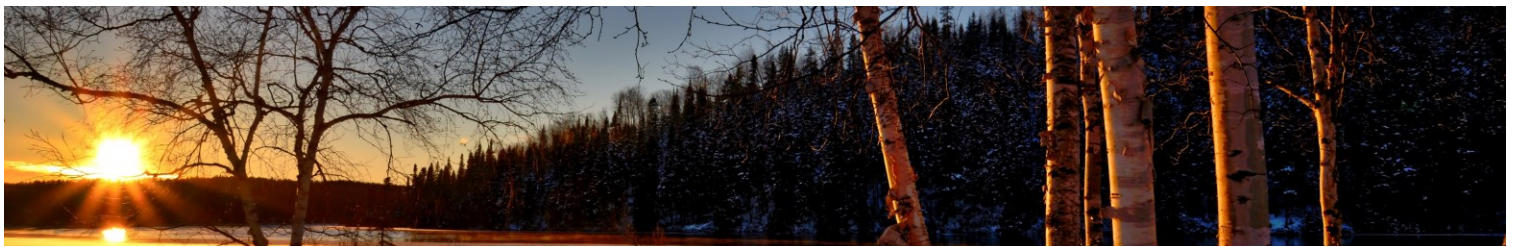
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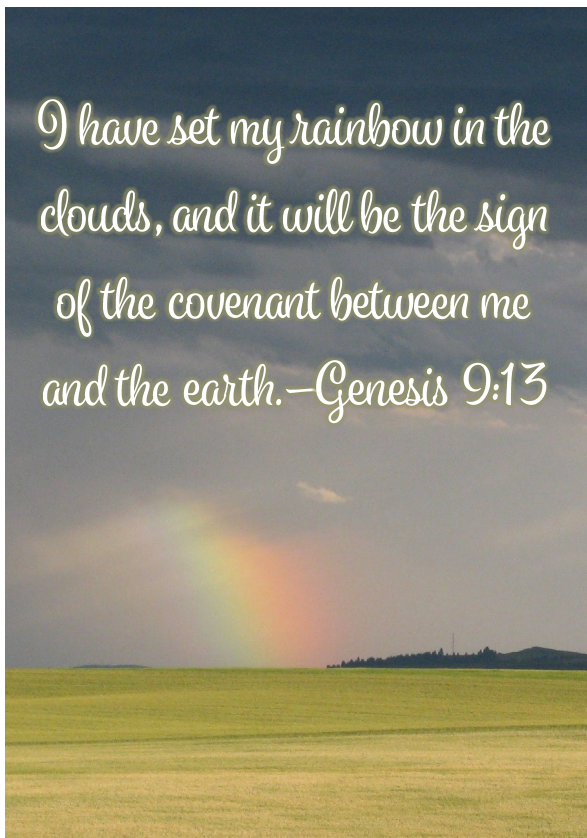
Anything for the **Spring Newsletter** should be emailed to Jenny Bygland (jbygland@kentmethodist.com) by **Monday, April 18**. *Late articles will be included as space permits. No submissions will be accepted after noon on Wednesday, April 27.*

THE SHARING LINE

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I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.—Genesis 9:13



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