

Called by Name – Candle Burning for Missions

Candle burning is a simple and effective method that local, district, or conference United Women in Faith may use to acquire additional funds for mission giving. Burning candles is less expensive than placing flowers in the sanctuary or sending flowers and affords public recognition for the honoree. Follow these basic guidelines:

- Candles may be burned at local meetings or any United Women in Faith-sponsored events such as annual meetings, mission studies, or prayer breakfasts and during church worship services, with the pastor's permission. Get your pastor's support for candle burning and learn any special requirements he or she may have before burning candles in the sanctuary. Suggested occasions for burning candles during worship include Mother's Day, Father's Day, Veteran's Day, graduations, birthdays, and anniversaries.
- Honorees may be anyone living or deceased whom the donor wishes to publicly recognize for a job well done or who has impacted the donor's life: parents, children, grandchildren, grandparents, church family, pastors, co-workers, bosses, mentors—the list is endless.
- There should be a minimum donation of \$5.00 for each individual honored. Framed photos may be displayed along with candles.
- For special occasions, a supplement to the bulletin or program may be prepared with information about the candle-burning ministry and listing the donors and honorees.
- Funds received from candle burning do not take the place of the pledge but do go to mission giving.
 - **Local treasurers** should remit the funds quarterly to the district treasurer on the local treasurer's Remittance Form on line 1(a), Called by Name.
 - **District treasurers** should send funds to the conference treasurer quarterly, entering them on line 1(a). District treasurers should annually recognize local UMW contributions to Called by Name at the annual meeting or in the district newsletter.
 - **The conference treasurer** will remit these funds to the national United Methodist Women. The conference treasurer should annually recognize district contributions to Called by Name at the annual meeting or in the conference newsletter.