HOW FLEXIBLE ARE YOU?

Well, UMW Ladies, here we are with Fall around the corner and our situation is about the same as it was five months ago. I learned as a Girl Scout many years ago to plan, plan, plan, and then be flexible when the plan falls apart. That is the way the year of 2020 seems to be going.

The leadership team had voted earlier to cancel the Annual Meeting on October 3, 2020, due to COVID-19 and take care of necessary business on Do-It-Day on November 7, 2020. After discussions with other conference presidents, and with the support of United Methodist Women in New York, I proposed a new plan to the leadership team. All were in favor of the new plan to have our Annual Meeting on November 7, 2020, from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM. This meeting will be on Zoom which can be accessed by computer, tablet or phone. We are assembling a tech team to help with any issues getting on line, and with phone call-ins, so that they will be able to vote. This is a work in progress, so I ask for your patience as we put this all together. Everyone will be notified as additional plans are made.

The Program Book for Annual Meeting will be sent to you in the form that you usually receive the KEDE, either by USPS mail or by email. These will be sent before the meeting on November 7th. Do-It-Day will be held by each conference officer at another time on Zoom, within two weeks of the Annual Meeting.

These are indeed unusual times, and we are United Methodist Women, up for the challenge these times will bring. Remember our foremothers and the incredible tasks that they were able to accomplish! The Program Committee is working hard to make this Annual Meeting a time of worship and celebration of the good works of the ladies in our conference. Even with the pandemic, we United Methodist Women continue to do God’s work in new and different ways. We have tossed out the old plans and made new ones!!!

Everyone, stay safe, stay tuned, and be ready for our Annual Meeting in November!!!

Blessings,
Martha Caves
NCCUMW
President
The Purpose of United Methodist Women

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.

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This year has been a year of changes. We are learning to accomplish our goals in a new way. DO-IT-DAY will be another new learning curve.

Instead of having a specified date for DO-IT-Day, it will be sometime between November 8th and November 20th. Your conference counterpart will contact you with a Zoom date during the specified time. The meeting will only be with your officer group. You will still have a chance to see each other, have discussions, and share ideas. I overheard one conference officer mention that this is one meeting that all eight district officers should participate in DO-IT-DAY.

I appreciated everyone being so flexible during this year with our many changes of meetings. I have always said that United Methodist Women are some of the most flexible people in the world!

Blessings,
Ann Davis
NCCUMW Vice President
Message from the Secretary~ Susie Lupton

Who would have ever imagined that we would still be social distancing, wearing masks, and staying home in August! These have been trying times for everyone. My prayers go out to all those directly impacted by Covid and to all the families who are trying to find a way to help with the education of their children and, at the same time, trying to work outside of the home. Everyone needs to demonstrate a lot of patience and love during these difficult times. I hope that you are staying in touch with your members, utilizing Zoom meetings, and other virtual means. October 15th is the date for submitting District Officers' information; name, phone number(s), address, and email address. I look forward to hearing from each district to ensure that the Conference Directory has complete and accurate information. Please call me if I can be of assistance.

Blessings,
Susie Lupton
NCCUMW Secretary

Message from the Treasurer~ Sandra Creech Mendell

When the Times Square ball dropped ringing in 2020 who thought this would be the most unusual year we’ve had so far? Not me. I yearn for “normal” again. But what if this chaos becomes our normal? United Methodist Women missions are a vital part of the lives of many women, youth, and children here in the United States and around the world. Most likely the pandemic makes the need greater. Financial support of these missions begins with us, local United Methodist Women. The following excerpt from the National office of United Methodist Women shows the Biblical background for giving to support women, youth, and children.

Knowing that many local units have not met for many months, it is understandable that pledges have not come in as usual. It is my hope that all of us will take the scriptures listed above to heart and submit our pledges so that support for our missions can continue. You can mail your pledge in a check to your local treasurer. If you cannot give your entire pledge, give what you can, every penny counts. I continue to pray for love, health, and safety for all of us.

In the service of Christ,
Sandra Creech Mendell
NCCUMW
Treasurer
The Conference Committee on Nominations presents this slate of Nominees for 2021:

- President – Martha Caves (2020 – 2021)
- Vice President – Roxie Floyd (2021 – 2022)
- Secretary – Susie Lupton (2020 – 2021)
- Treasurer – Joyce Herring – (2021 – 2022)
- Spiritual Growth Coordinator – Jerline Miller (2017 – 2021)
- Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator – Effie McGill (2021 – 2022)
- Social Action Coordinator – Annette Wright (2018 – 2021)
- Education and Interpretation Coordinator – Sherri Alford (2021 – 2022)
- Chair, Committee on Nominations – JoAnn Stanford (2018 – 2021)

Committee on Nominations:

- Faustina Walker – (2019 – 2022)
- Faye Dunn – (2019 – 2022)
- Jin Lee – (2019 – 2022)
- JoAnn Barbour – (2020 – 2023)
- Doris Wade – (2021 – 2024)

Blessings,
JoAnn Stanford
NCCUMW
Committee of Nominations Chair
It is time to look forward to the Annual Meeting and Do-It-Day! This year has been one of adjustments and so it is with our upcoming events; however, we are preparing to meet by Zoom. Our UMW Purpose states that we are a “community of women” and a “supportive fellowship.” So, let us meet and support! Throughout the pandemic and our time of staying at home, there has been time to read. Support one another in our Reading Program. Read and share through email, telephone calls, or however you wish. Stay connected. Encourage one another to be sensitive to others, grow in understanding of scripture, enhance your knowledge, and through this, fulfill our Reading Program's Purpose. Continue to celebrate United Methodist Women through study, prayer, and action. See you at Annual Meeting on Zoom!

By His Grace,
Lynn Clewis
NCCUMW Secretary of Program Resources

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Although we are only engaging by social distancing, we are still involved. Some of us are helping those in need, helping to register people to vote, and supporting issues that are true to the plight of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. Today, I offer you an opportunity through ZOOM. YOU do not have to leave your home to support this cause, just "Zoom" on in!

The North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Women are cosponsoring an event with Saint Francis United Methodist Advocates for Public Schools (UMAPS). This Zoom Educational Forum will be held on Sept. 16th, and is entitled: "Public Education Advocacy and Faith: Why The Church Should Care". NC Pastors for Children is also a cosponsor and this forum is free to the public. Details are found below:

**“Public Education Advocacy and Faith: Why The Church Should Care”**

*Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7-8:30pm*

*Education Forum via Zoom*

*(Zoom link will be sent once you register on Eventbrite)*

Eventbrite Registration:

Facebook Event:
https://www.facebook.com/events/310285970319392/

If you have any questions, please email me agwright18@gmail.com.

I would like to personally thank all of the district’s Social Action Coordinators for your faithfulness. I am looking forward to seeing you via Zoom for our Annual Meeting on November 7, 2020. More information is forthcoming!

Blessings,
Annette Wright
NCCUMW
Social Action Coordinator
So, we continue our journey with Coronavirus. I have a few reminders for you. First, stay in touch with Jesus through prayers and reading of His Word. Next, stay in touch with your friends and family. Continue to send in your UMW pledge money. So many women and children depend on it! Consider what would happen if your local soup kitchen, food pantry, or domestic violence program lost all its funding! That would be an unfortunate situation and so many would suffer! Well, this is what would happen nationally and globally if our giving stops. So many of our United Methodist Women projects are totally supported by United Methodist Women.

Be sure to help even when you are not meeting face-to-face. If God has been especially good to you and your financial situation has not been affected, consider making an extra love offering. Remember, God has all the answers, but WE are the hands and feet of God’s plan. So many people are depending on our generosity.

I hope you have taken advantage of your District Mission Studies on Zoom. We need to continue to learn and become aware of what is going on in God’s world. Read books on the Reading Program. This can be a time to do some of the things you do not normally have time to do.

Annual Meeting will be on Zoom this year. No driving! Just get a cup of coffee, turn on the computer, click on the login information, and join us. I am sure it will be a treat!

Stay in touch with United Methodist Women. Build that creative, and supportive community! UMW NEEDS you and so do others!

Blessings,
Doris Wade
NCCUMW
Education & Interpretation Coordinator
Greetings from NC Conference Mission u!

I prayerfully hope everyone is at their best staying safe and positive during this time of prolonged uncertainty. All of us have been challenged with our lives being disrupted in all fronts. But we are United Methodist Women, and we have a track record of being resilient when faced with challenges and adversity.

Mission u committee has been doing just that: working with conference and district leadership to offer online mission studies in every district in lieu of 2020 Mission u. District E&I Coordinators will continue to bring district mission studies as in the past with necessary changes in logistics.

Here are some notable details:
- Simple Online Registration Form (Google Forms tutorial offered to District E&Is and Registrars at DOIT Day, TBD)
- All mission studies will be offered via Zoom. A sign-in link will be emailed to registrants with instructions for class preparation.
- All participants are responsible for purchasing and reading prior to class per instructions.
- Register for any District Mission Studies that work for you – Conference-wide class offerings.
- No registration fee but donations are welcomed.
- Visit nccumw.org for updates or contact your District E&I Coordinator.

Looking forward to the days we can safely greet each other with holy kisses and hugs...
Stay safe and be well!

Jin Y. Lee
NCCUMW
Dean of Mission u
# 2020 NC Conference UMW Calendar

## January
- **01** New Officers assume duties
- **03** Edenton St. UMC, 225 Virginia Rd., Edenton, NC 27932
  - 4:00 pm Mission u Committee Meeting, Mission u Nominations Committee Meeting
  - 6:00 pm Dinner
  - 7:00 pm District Presidents Meeting, Conference Program Committee Meeting
- **04** 9:30 am Leadership Team Meeting, Edenton St. UMC, 225 Virginia Rd, Edenton
- **05** District Mailing List for KEDE due to KEDE Editor

## February
- **08** KEDE Deadline (Spiritual Enrichment Event, Southeastern Jurisdictional Quadrennial Mtg.)

## March
- **02** World Day of Prayer

## April
- **03** Conference Leadership Team Legislative/Mission Event, Raleigh, NC*
- **04** 9:30 am Leadership Team Meeting, Methodist Home for Children, Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC*
- **13** KEDE Deadline (Mission u & Mother-Child Retreat)
- **15** Final Deadline Book of Reports to Secretary
- **17-19** UMW Southeastern Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting (SEJ Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel ,Mobile, AL*

## May
- **02** Scholarship Committee, Teleconference Meeting; 1:00pm – 3:00 pm
  - Church Women United – Friendship Day
- **05-15** United Methodist Church General Conference, MN
- **16** Spiritual Enrichment Event, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Haymount UMC, 1700 Ft. Bragg Rd., Fayetteville, NC */

## June
- **17-20** Annual Conference of the NC Conference United Methodist Church; Greenville, NC**

## July
- **15-18** United Methodist Church Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference*
- **23-25** Mission u – Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC *
  - Mission u Nominating Committee – Luncheon Meeting **
  - Mission u Committee Meeting **

## August
- **14** KEDE Deadline (Annual Meeting Issue)
- **15** Finance Committee Meeting, 9:30 am, Wake Forest Family Life Center, 905 South Main, Wake Forest, NC via Zoom

## September
- **01** All reports due to Coordinators & Presidents
- **12** Leadership Team Meeting, 10:00 am via Zoom
- **16** "Public Education Advocacy and Faith: Why The Church Should Care" Education Forum via Zoom
- **18-20** Mother-Child Retreat, Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, NC**

## October
- **02** Mission u Committee – Methodist University 4:00 pm, Fayetteville, NC **
- **03** Conference UMW Annual Meeting – Methodist University, Fayetteville,NC**
  - Mission u Nominating Committee Meeting @lunch **
- **15** 2021 District Officers Report due to Conference Secretary

## November
- **01** Church Women United World Community Day
- **07** Annual Meeting, 10:00am – 11:30 pm via Zoom
- **08-20** Do-It-Day via Zoom (scheduled by your conference officer counterpart)
- **14** KEDE Deadline (Spiritual Enrichment Event Issue and 2021 Calendar )

*This calendar is subject to change due to current Covid-19 social-distancing guidelines.

**CANCELED
John 4:7 NRSV

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.  

FOLLOW – GO – SERVE – LOVE

The Summons

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