Hello, United Methodist Women Sisters!

It’s time once again to mark your UMW Calendar with the date of Saturday, September 14 for our DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING to be held at Edmonds United Methodist Church. We are pleased to return to this Church after several years away and thank the Edmonds UMW Unit for hosting and providing our morning refreshments and lunch. *(See the Registration Form in this newsletter.)*

We have an outstanding Guest Speaker, Jeff Staley, a retired Seattle area History professor and author who has written a novel entitled *Gum Moon,* based on research on this National United Methodist Institution in San Francisco which serves primarily Chinese women. *(See separate article in this issue.)*

As usual we will be presenting Certificates to Units and Individuals who have achieved excellence in their Reading, Mission Giving and reached Silver and Gold status as Mission Today Units. We will acknowledge the passing of beloved women in our Units who have passed on since last September. We will also recognize retiring District Officers who have served and Elect and Install new Officers.

This year we welcomed 9 new Units to our District from the former Tacoma and Seattle Districts. I was pleased that women from 3 of these Units attended our Leadership Development Day in March at Bothell UMC in spite of long commutes. I hope when you decide not to attend a UMW event you will remember the sacrifices some women make to be there. That is part of the history of United Methodist Women which started in 1869 (under a different name). We celebrated this 150 Year Legacy this year. Did your Unit contribute your share of $150 this year to the Legacy Fund? It is not too late to do so.

I am reminiscing about the past three years I have served as President. I have met many women and visited approximately 10 Churches where we have Units. I have spent 6-7 weekends a year at Meetings across the Conference with 26 other Officers. The experiences I have had have opened my eyes to the awesome organization we belong to and the dedication of many women who donate their time to fulfilling the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.

This September will be my last ANNUAL MEETING as President as my term is ending. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had and the friendships I have made.

**MAY GOD BLESS each of you in your service as United Methodist Women of the Puget Sound Missional District!**
MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

The purpose of the Mission Today criteria serves to energize UMW to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action:
Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that UMW understand what their money is supporting around the world; encourage use of mission resources through UMW; and expand concepts of mission to include social justice as mission.

How to become a Mission Today Unit? View the criteria in the Mission Today Brochure and set goals with your unit today! (Units that have under 15 members must meet half of these quotas.)

Gold Unit: Complete at least 16 of the criteria, 10 of which must be marked with a star. Silver Unit: complete at least 8 of the criteria, 4 of which must be marked with a star.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Just a reminder that August 15 is the deadline for turning in the list of books read this last year by each participant in the 2019 UMW Reading Program. You don’t have to list the titles of the books that each participant read; just the participant’s name, the plan number (1-4), and also list the number of extra books that each person read. List each woman, man, or youth, even if they read only one book. If only one book is read, don’t list a plan number.

“The Soulmaking Room” by Dee Dee Risher is one of the 2019 UMW Reading Program books. “In this personal story, Dee Dee Risher weaves experiences from her life with the biblical story of the prophet Elisha and the Shunammite woman. Risher is captivated by this spiritually attuned, generous, hospitable, honest and bold woman. The woman from Shunem extends radical hospitality to the prophet, expecting no reward. But when disaster strikes, she does not hesitate to hold Elisha accountable or talk back. Discover how life’s best and worst times can shape you into your most authentic self.” [from UMW Catalog]

Highly recommend this book. Dee Risher has an engaging writing style and her observations on life are thought provoking. Here is an excerpt from the book. She was writing a letter to her son, Luke who was a young child at the time. They had gone to a prayer service for peace. At the time the United States was heavily engaged in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“This is the juggernaut of our age---we know the inequities and yet feel so powerless to cast them out. You and your children will look at us and at all we might have been able to do and wonder at our impotence. You will turn to us with your wide, questioning eyes, and we will not have an answer.

“I did not dress us for the weather, and you were soaked. Your sister had no socks or hat; the stroller canopy dripped on her sleeping head. I felt awful---guilty, angry at myself for not protecting my children. The greatest pain of all---and no one carries it more than the refugee---comes when we cannot protect our children. To not be able to shelter, feed, clothe one’s own child---that Luke, is hell. And our world is constructed so that many, many parents live in it.”

Naomi Foote
Program Resources Secretary

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE AND OUTREACH

It is time to turn in your names of women who have served and have passed in the past year, since September 2018 through August 2019. The District Annual meeting at Edmonds UMC is Sept 14th and Conference Annual at Wenatchee First UMC allows you to meet and greet other United Methodist Women and learn more about our Missions. Attending these events give women enthusiasm for being in mission at the local levels.
Hello my Sisters in Christ!

My Dad, a small town doctor in NW IA, often repeated 4 words for a good life: LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH, & LEARN every day!

As women of faith, we are called to **action** for the betterment of humanity and all life, protecting our natural resources, and improving our environment.

Since January 1952, our women have been advocating for racial justice. Think of what all has happened in the past 67+ years in our country & in the world, yet the poor, mentally ill, disabled, homeless, many people of color, & others face discrimination, cruel treatment, exploitation, abandonment, lack of medical care, insufficient resources to change or improve their lives, & much more!! WE CAN help to make a difference! First, we need to **learn**!

Three steps are outlined in the 2018 Charter for Racial Justice (CRJ) Club tri-fold brochure; here are some easy suggestions:

1. **UMW Unit Programming**: Get informed about issues that interest your women: read, watch documentaries & discuss your findings & share with others.
2. **Unit Enrichment**: together, attend a worship service which has a different ethnic background, invite guest speakers for your church or women’s group to talk about concerns & needs - even in your own neighborhood. Use programs from the UMW Program Book.
3. **Beyond the Local Unit**: host an international tasting party & include a racial justice element in the program. Sponsor a refugee family. For 1 month, scan news media for stereotyping of ethnic / racial / minorities, then use the info for a program(s) & share with others.

You can down-load forms for joining, for your annual report to me, resources, CRJ Guidelines, & more at [http://pnwumc.org/umw/resources/](http://pnwumc.org/umw/resources/)

Mail your one-page report to me—you do NOT need to send me any of your news clippings! Use those for your own display, & share it with others!

Hopefully one or more of your unit will attend the UMW PSMD annual meeting in Edmonds, &/or our Conference annual meeting in Wenatchee; I’ll have a display with hand-outs for you, & I do look forward to visiting with you & hope to encourage each of your units to become a Charter for Racial Justice(CRJ) Club.

Shalom,

Jeannine “Jeannie”
email: [Jeanninelish@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanninelish@gmail.com)
cell: 425 923-8267

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**Keynote Speaker – Jeffery Staley**

**Annual Meeting**

**September 14, 2019**

Dr. Jeffrey Staley holds a PhD in New Testament from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. He has published three academic books and edited three others. He has taught at the University of Portland, Pacific Lutheran University, and most recently at Seattle University where he taught courses on religion and film. Now that he is retired, he can devote his time to travel, writing, and spoiling his two year-old granddaughter.
Because of his research work, Gum Moon Women’s Residence, the contemporary incarnation of the "Oriental Home," has honored Dr. Staley as its official historian. Over the years he has discovered four significant collections of materials related to the history of Gum Moon, three of which now reside at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Staley will be presenting a PowerPoint slide show of memorabilia related to his wife’s grandmother, and of Methodist women’s work in San Francisco Chinatown, with a brief video of Gum Moon’s work today.

**NOMINATIONS**

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We welcome all new churches to our Pacific Northwest District. We ask all churches in the district to consider filling some District Offices, some will become vacant in the fall.

The Nominations Team needs more people. Ask questions, contact anyone on the list and we will let you know what is involved.
Transferring from former **SEATTLE DISTRICT:**
- Bothell UMW
- Fall City UMW
- Lake Washington in Kirkland
- Seabold UMW on Bainbridge Island
- Vashon UMW on Vashon Island

Transferring from former **TACOMA DISTRICT**
- Brownsville UMW in Bremerton
- Tracyton UMW in Bremerton
- Colby UMW in Port Orchard
- Port Orchard UMW in Port Orchard
- Gig Harbor UMW in Gig Harbor

**Staying in Touch**

**THE SHARING LINE**
The newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women is published quarterly.

**The Growing Edge:**
THE GROWING EDGE is a digital Newsletter of the Puget Sound Missional District United Methodist Women and is produced three times per year. It is distributed online in PDF format by email.

**Links sent via email to:**
- Local UMW Officers
- District UMW Officers
- Conference UMW Officers
- District Communications Coordinator
- District Local Church Pastors
- District Superintendent

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Puget Sound Missional District
ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON
Saturday, September 14, 2019
Edmonds United Methodist Church
828 Caspers, Edmonds, WA  98020
Office: 425-778-2119; www.edmondsumc.org

Registration Check-in, Refreshments & Resource Browsing  9:30 am
Welcome  10:00 am
Program –  10:15 am to 3 pm

Keynote Speaker: Jeff Staley
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The day will include:
• A video presentation on Tacoma Community House and Dialogue of Two Chilean Women
• Honoring beloved members who have passed in the past year;
• Awarding Gold and Silver Certificates for Mission Today status;
• Acknowledgment of UMW Reading Program participants;
• Election & installation of District Officers
• Honoring of Outgoing Officers.

An Offering will be collected for the District Pledge to Mission.
Puget Sound Missional District
United Methodist Women
ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON
Saturday, September 14, 2019
Edmonds UMC, 828 Caspers St., Edmonds 98020

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)
UMW UNIT NAME Church

(Please add Dietary Restrictions or Mobility issues next to Name)
Individual Name(s) Phone No.

NOTE: The Church is fully accessible to persons with mobility issues, such as wheelchairs and walkers.

We regret we are unable to offer Childcare for this event.

Registration Deadline: Sept. 11, 2019.
Write check payable to: “PSMD UMW” (Puget Sound Missional District UMW)

LUNCH $10.00 x number of attendees = $ _____
Mail Checks & Registration forms to the Registrar.

Registrations can also be sent via email: gparry1@earthlink.net and payment may be brought to the event.

REGISTRAR: Grace Parry
4915 85th Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270-3050

For questions contact District President, Elaine Salisbury, 425-344-9733.
“BE THE APPLE OF GOD’S EYE”

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 11-12, 2019,
WENATCHEE FIRST UMC,
WENATCHEE, WA

One way to get other women interested in United Methodist Women is to bring them to the Annual Meeting in October so they can see how the organization is changing the lives of Women, Children, and Youth and how they can become a part of an organization that is a community of women, rooted in our Christian faith, who turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

A summary of the schedule is part of the three-page registration form. Deadline for reservations at the Best Western Plus hotel is Wednesday, September 9, 2019 and registration for the meeting is September 30, 2019.

Come and help us to continue the celebration of women being in mission for 150+ years.
In Peace and Love,

Linda Key, Vice President, 509-830-1960  lmkey1021@comcast.net

LODGING AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Lodging:  Best Western Plus
815 N Wenatchee Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Phone: 509-662-1700

Check-in:  4:00 p.m.
Check-out: 12:00 p.m.

Rates for 1 -4 persons are $114.00, plus tax, breakfast included.

Reservations for hotel must be done by Wednesday, September 9, 2019
Please use Group name: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S GROUP

Directions to church or hotel refer to: Google Maps, Vehicle, or phone map programs.

Wenatchee First UMC – 941 Washington St, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Hotel to Church
Go North on N Wenatchee Ave
Turn left onto 9th Street.
Turn left on S Miller Street
Church is on the corner of Washington and S Miller St.
Parking Lot is South of church.

Church to Hotel
Go North on S Miller St.
Turn right on 9th Street
Turn right onto N Wenatchee Ave
Hotel will be on the left

Note: There is more than one Best Western hotel in Wenatchee.
The one we are staying at is the Best Western Plus as listed above.
REGISTRATION
PACIFIC NORTWEST CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 11-12, 2019
WENATCHEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2019

Complete Annual Meeting (Friday &/or Saturday) $35.00

Mail check and Registration form to:

Marsha Aufenkamp, PO Box 1942, Omak WA 98841-1942
Phone: 509-826-3423 or 509-322-6338 e-mail: m.aaufenkamp@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Pacific Northwest UMW

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Special Dietary Needs (be specific)_______________________________________
Other Needs (mobility, hearing, etc.) _______________________________________

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Please list Local/District office
Local________________________District__________________________

May we include you in published photos?  Y___ N____

Workshops:  A.____ B.____ C.____ D._____

Workshops are:
    A. Immigration,
    B. School to Prison Pipeline,
    C. Where Our Money Goes,
    D. Units Sharing Local Mission Stories
PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 11-12, 2019
WENATCHEE FIRST UMC - 941 N WASHINGTON STREET
Theme: “Be the Apple of God’s Eye”

Friday, October 11

2:00 pm  Registration

3:30-5:30 pm  Leadership Development for District Officers
(Unit Officers and others are welcome to attend)

3:30-5:30 pm  Alternative Classes: “Who Do You Say I Am, Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark” led by Amanda Hutchinson and Making Cross Pockets for Western Jurisdiction in 2020 led by Pat Walker

5:45 pm  Dinner provided by the Wenatchee First UMC Youth Group
6:45 pm  Gather with Singing and Parade of Conference and District Banners

7:00 pm  Welcome and Litany of The Purpose
Guest Speaker: Brian Diggs, Director of UMCOR West Entertainment

8:15 pm  Closing Hymn and Prayer

Saturday, October 12

8:00 am  Registration

8:30 am  Singing in the Sanctuary
Voting for Social Action Priorities

8:45 am  Welcome from Conference Team
Lighting the Mission Magic Candle
“Be the Apple of God’s Eye” Bible Study, led by Rev. John Coleman-Campbell, Pastor of Wenatchee First
Offering, Business Meeting, Pledge to Mission Service
Memorial Service

11:00 am  “Be the Apple of God’s Eye” Workshops
A. Immigration led by Norma Gallegos
B. School to Prison Pipeline led by Charlie Hoff
C. Where Our Money Goes led by Stell Wallace
D. Local Units Sharing What They Are Doing to be in Mission
   Led by Lourdes Tifre

Noon  Lunch –Celebration of 150 Years in Mission

1:00 pm  Keynote Speaker- Rev. Joanne Coleman-Campbell,
District Superintendent of Seven Rivers Missional District
Applauding Achievements
2020 PNWC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Annual Meeting Invitation

2:45 pm  Closing with Communion

OFFERING WILL GO ½ TO UMCOR AND ½ TO MISSION GIVING