

# TIMELY REFLECTIONS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

INLAND MISSIONAL DISTRICT

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## 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.

## PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

I begin my first communication with you as your new Inland Missional District United Methodist Women's president with full disclosure: my "yes" in response to our Nominating Committee chair's request for me to accept the nomination for this office was followed by a "Moses Moment." "Who am I?" to be equipped to be your leader? After all, I am OLD! Needless to say, she overcame my objections. I'll admit though, I continued to have reservations. I am following many outstanding presidents whom I've admired, appreciated, and marveled at their exceptional leadership skills.

Having served on a nominating committee, I know my feelings and concerns of inadequacy are shared by others. Therefore, I thought I would share just two of the things that have helped me in hopes they might benefit you. First, Scripture. The Holy Spirit directs me to the needed ones at just the right time. Remember my "Moses Moment"? In Joshua 1 I found the word of the Lord to Joshua spoke to ME: vs 6 "Be strong and courageous." vs 7 "Be strong and VERY courageous." vs 9 "Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Second, my belief that United Methodist Women officers fulfill their role as part of a TEAM. There is no "going it alone." My sisters, whether you are an officer or a brand-new Local Unit member you are part of our team. I look forward to our journey together as we work to enhance the lives of women, children and youth with Faith, Hope, and Love—in Action.

Blessings for the journey,  
Judy

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This is your Inland District Treasurer, Charlene Mullis.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter monies need to be in by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Pledge to Mission this year is \$28,000.
- Thank you for all of those who sent in extra monies for our Pledge to Mission.
- You need to clear out your treasuries for the new year.
- You need to send me your Audits after the first of the year.
- Dates for monies in 2021 are March 15<sup>th</sup> June 15<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Remember to work for your 5 Star plus 2.

**We have 5 books for sale for \$15 for the PNWC UMW Spring Retreat March 19-20 via Zoom.** The book is also available on Amazon. The book is "**What We Need is Here**" by L. Roger Owens. The Retreat Leader will be Pastor Brenda Tudor. You can let me know if you are interested in purchasing one. More information about the retreat will be included in the next newsletter.

## SOCIAL ACTION

Advocating for justice is risky business, but it is what we are called to do. God clearly instructs the readers in Micah 6: 8, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

So, in these times how are we to do this? I feel that we must keep ourselves educated on all the current issues that UMW are working on. One of the best resources is the UMW web page. There you will find ideas for projects you can work on. Other resources are listed below.

### Resources for the task

District Social Action Coordinator

UMW Handbook

Response Magazine

Mission Today

Charter for Racial Justice

Racial Justice Timeline

Charter for Racial Justice brochure

Sign up for e-mail alerts:

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/alerts](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/alerts)

If you need any help please contact me.

Blessings to all.

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## READING PROGRAM

This has been quite a year. I hope you are all surviving the quarantine. The new 2021-2022 Reading Program catalog is now available online at [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org). Due to Corona virus the list will cover 2021 and 2022. This year there are several books that relate to teens as in *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas Also several books are children's books such as *Su/We* by Lupita Nyong'o about one girl's journey towards loving her dark skin. The book is beautifully illustrated. Did you know that if you read a book to a child it counts towards the Reading Program? These books would make great Christmas presents for children and youth. I hope you will join me in curling up with a good book during these months of winter weather and quarantine.

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### Book Review November 2020

*The Hate You Give*, by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds. Garden Heights, a black and impoverished urban neighborhood, and an upscale predominately white private school forty-five minutes away. Starr attends a spring break party where she catches up with Khalil, a childhood friend. They flee the party when a gang fight breaks out. On the way home Khalil is stopped by a police officer for a broken taillight. The officer pats down Khalil and walks to his car. When Khalil opens the car door to ask Starr if she is OK the officer opens fire and Starr watches her friend die. Soon afterward Khalil's death is a national headline. Some are calling him a drug dealer and a gang banger. When it becomes clear the police have little interest in investigating the incident, protesters take to the streets and Starr's neighborhood becomes a war zone. Everyone wants to know what really happened that night and the only person that can answer that is Starr. Starr finally testifies about what she witnessed but is ignored and the police officer goes free. Starr eventually becomes an activist advocating for justice for Khalil. This book was written before the incidents that lead up to Black Lives Matter. I found it to be a really good book but I must warn you that some of the language is pretty raw but it relates to the ghetto lifestyle. This book is on the 2021 reading list under the category of Nurturing for Community. It is both an adult book and suggested as a teen book. This book was recently made into a movie.

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## Inland Missional District Meeting via ZOOM

On September 19, 2020, the meeting began with a Welcome to the meeting from myself, Patsy, and a Welcome by our outgoing President, Madelyn Bafus. Pastor Jo Dene Stout from the Sandpoint United Methodist Church gave a blessing over the meeting. Melissa Jaquette gave devotions by reading scripture. Judy Dirks conducted the Memorial Service for members who were lost over the past year. Madelyn conducted the Business Meeting beginning with the lighting of the Mission Candle by Linda Hansen. Suellen Crettol asked for roll call of the units present at the meeting. Approximately 2/3 of the units were present. The minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting were approved. Charlene Mullis presented the 2019 Treasurer's Report. Our 2020-2021 district administration and membership development budget of \$6,750.00 and our pledge to mission of \$22,000 were approved by the members. The rest of the meeting consisted of Nominations, Pledge to Mission, our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Election of the Officers. We also had recognition of Racial Justice, 5 STAR, Mission Today, and the Reading Program. Madelyn told the units if they had quilts, they could donate them to local charities. Installation of the new and returning officers took place followed by sharing time for each unit to tell what they had been doing in their communities during the Pandemic. Communion was conducted by Pastor Jo Dene Stout.

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### CALENDAR

January 30, 2021	Spokane Leg. Event via Zoom
February 11, 2021	WA Interfaith Advocacy Day
February 15, 2021	Timely Reflections
February 23-24, 2021	Idaho Legislative Day
March 19-20, 2021	Spring Retreat via Zoom
June 10-13, 2021	UMC Annual Conference
July 29-Aug. 1, 2021	Mission u
September 18, 2021	Inland District Annual Meeting
October 15-16, 2021	Conf. UMW Annual Meeting
May 20-22, 2022	Assembly
2024	WJ Quad Meeting

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### CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT FUND

**We did it!** Our goal for 2020 was to reach \$100,000 by the end of the year. Our balance at this time is \$101,664.24!!

Blessings to our United Methodist Women units and individuals who have given a gift in honor or in memory or simply made a donation. Thank you! The dividends will allow us to do more in helping women, youth and children throughout the world.

Suellen Crettol, Chair, Endowment Fund

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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: <http://pnwumc.org/umw>.

Other UMW websites include:  
[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)  
[facebook.com/UMWomen](https://facebook.com/UMWomen)  
[facebook.com/pnwumw](https://facebook.com/pnwumw)  
[Instagram.com/UMWomen](https://Instagram.com/UMWomen)  
[www.wjumw.com](http://www.wjumw.com)  
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