

## OUR NATIONAL MISSION LOCALLY

### How does Mission Education & Interpretation increase the power and effectiveness of UMW?

- Helps members understand the mission and outreach ministries of the church;
- Emphasizes the need for continued financial support for the programs and mission of United Methodist Women;
- Discovers ways to educate and interpret the mission and social justice priorities of United Methodist Women and invites the talents of new members;
- Promotes the use of Response Magazine and New World Outlook Magazine, utilizing these resources as part of UMW's outreach to local units.

### How Do I Relate to the Other Mission Coordinators?

**The Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** relates to;

**The Mission Coordinator for Social Action** to expand traditional concepts of mission;

**The Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth** to act on our Biblical and theological foundations for mission and mission giving;

and **the Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach** to promote and interpret mission education and mission giving to individual members.

Send this completed folder by August 15th to:

## YOUR DISTRICT MISSION FOR EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION OR Designated person

YOUR Local Unit is and District:

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_

**What is Mission Today?** The purpose of the **Mission Today** criteria serve to energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action:

- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that United Methodist Women understand what their money is supporting around the world;
- Encourage use of mission resources through United Methodist Women; and
- Expand concepts of mission to include **Social Justice as mission.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Mission u July 23-26, 2020**

**“The Way of Peace, Our Longing for Community”**

**Spiritual growth Studies:**

**Adult Study:** Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety Lead by J. Coleman Campbell

**Youth Study:** Managing Anxiety Lead by Abby Niehaus

**Children's Study:** Managing our Emotions Lead by Rudilyn (Lyn) Rush

**Issue Study:** Pushout Co-lead by Rev. Donna Farrell, Angela Reed and Nica Sy

**How to Be a Mission Today Unit**

**Set a goal early on and check the boxes inside this brochure as you complete each item!**

#### To Become a Gold Unit

Complete at least 12 of the criteria, 6 of which must be marked with ☆

#### To Become a Silver Unit

Complete at least 6 of the criteria, 3 of which must be marked with ☆

(Units who have under 15 members, use half of the above-mentioned numbers in all categories)

The annual period to record and become a Mission Today Unit is from September through August of the following year.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE  
United Methodist Women In MISSION TODAY**



## United Methodist Women For Our Local Units Conference Mission Education & Interpretation

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He answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind” and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27 NIV

# Mission Today

- 1. Make and meet a pledge to mission ☆
- 2. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for people in mission and for mission work with women, children and youth ☆
- 3. Add two or more members to your roll ☆
- 4. Have two or more members subscribing to Response magazine ☆
- 5. Use two programs from the Program Book during the year ☆
- 6. Conduct one or more Mission Studies ☆
- 7. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies two or more ways including: reading about other races and cultures; learning about immigration policy; affirmative action; sponsor a multi-cultural event ☆
- 8. Promote & offer scholarships to the Mission u or the District Mini Mission u. ☆
- 9. One or more members attend Mission u or District Mini Mission u ☆
- 10. Two or more members attend a District, Conference, Jurisdiction, or National meeting/training event. ☆
- 11. Two or more members attend the Local Leadership Membership Training Event ☆
- 12. Become a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving: Pledge to Mission; Gift to Mission; Gift in Memory; Special Mission Recognition; Thank Offering ☆ or a Seven Star unit by adding: Mission Magic and Love Ribbons ☆
- 13. Make a contribution to the Legacy Fund in celebration of 150 years of UMW in mission to the world. ☆
- 14. Two or more members complete one of the Reading Program Plans, report on one of the books, and encourage members to complete Plan One ☆
- 15. Write to five people listed in the Prayer Calendar two or more times a year
- 16. One or more members join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to information on legislative issues
- 17. At least one member of the unit attend Legislative Day
- 18. Include a mission moment, lifting up and reporting on a mission story from Response or New World Outlook magazine
- 19. Have one or more Bible study groups during the year
- 20. Participate in the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" offering
- 21. Participate in the Campaign for Children two or more ways: support a church or community program related to children and youth needs; host a Children's Sabbath to benefit the Children's Defense Fund; volunteer with organizations involved with tutoring, mentoring, "big sisters;" write, email, or call legislators or other representatives regarding children's issues; volunteer at local schools; attend a school board meeting; learn how schools are funded
- 22. Invite a District or Conference officer who is not part of the local unit to one or more meetings during the year
- 23. The unit makes a contribution to the PNW UMW Conference Endowment Fund
- 24. Contribute quilts to at-risk children; kits to UMCOR; participate in "Days for Girls," or to other local projects.
- 25. Two or more members volunteer at a community-based food bank, feeding program, or women's shelter
- 26. Visit Tacoma Community House or Atlantic Street Center, or invite a staff member to present a program; alternatively, present your own program with their DVD
- 27. Become a "Green Unit" by implementing one or more of the following: offer Fair Trade products; use earth-friendly food service items; recycle

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