

Counting your Members! ~Alexis Robinson

For 2011 the Membership Counting forms have been revised (as many requests were made to Women’s Division to simplify the forms).
 The forms are available in both Microsoft Excel and PDF formats. The Excel forms can be completed on your computer, then printed and mailed or faxed to:
 Women’s Division
 475 Riverside Drive Room 1501
 New York, NY 10115
 Phone: 212-870-3736 Fax: 212-870-3726
 E-mail: mrodrig@unitedmethodistwomen.org
 (For those that do not have Excel, please print out the PDF from and complete manually).

January 30, 2012 is the deadline the local membership census forms to the District M, N and O or the District President.
 March 15, 2012 is the deadline for District M, N and O or District President to send the worksheets for District Leader to the Conference M, N and O or the Conference President.

- Copies of the forms are available on the following websites:
1. Missouri Conference Website: www.momethodist.org/umw
 2. Women’s Division: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org
 Search “Counting Membership for 2011” (*Not available at the time of printing*).
 3. At the bottom of this article is an example of what info needs included in the Excel format or even your own form via Word.

If you have any questions, call mail or e-mail, Alexis Robinson, Missouri Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
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Happy Holidays Everyone!

Example of info to be included in the Membership Worksheet for

District Leader:
 Conference Name
 District Name
 Reports by
 Position
 Contact info (Phone/Email)
 The column titles should state the following:
 Column 1: Name of Local UMW Unit
 Column 2: Number of Members 1-1-11
 Column 3: Number of New Members
 Column 4: Number of members lost by death or other reasons
 Column 5: Total members as of 12-31-11
 Totals should be done for each column. If you use Excel you can use formulas to total it automatically.

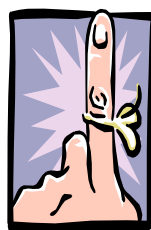
Send copies by March 15, 2012 to Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach or President.

The Sharing of God Gifts ~Carolyn Celestine



In the story in Matthew 14:13-21, Jesus fed 5,000 men, plus women and children with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. A miracle? Yes. Jesus gave the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to the disciples. They ate and were satisfied. And then they picked up the broken pieces that were left and distributed it to the 5 thousand. I believe that each person that received a piece of bread shared with someone else, and so on and so forth. This is a story of the sharing of God’s gifts. Giving individually to a project is wonderful. But when you combine your contribution with 7,000 other persons, it can make a powerful impact not just on one person or project but on many people and many projects.

Please consider increasing your monthly or annual giving by just \$1 and watch the miracle happen. Your unit will make its pledge, your district will make its pledge, the conference will make its pledge and ultimately those gifts will help women, children and youth around the world. “The ‘feeding’ of more than five thousand.” A Miracle.



Don't Forget!
 Dec 31 2011 *Mai Gray* and *Mission Today* Due
 Jan 10 Deadline: *Mission Voice* Articles
 March 6-7 Legislative Event

Mission Today Reports ~Gail Davis

2011 MISSION TODAY REPORTS

Local unit Mission Today Reports should be sent to your district Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by December 31, 2011. Please do not use any form revised prior to January 2011. The correct forms are available on the MO Conference UMW web site or from your district E & I Coordinator.

The Mission Today criteria for 2012 will be published in the February Mission Voice and on-line. The criteria will be the same as this year with one exception. Item #17 about being a "green" unit is being rewritten to provide clarification and guidance.

**MISSOURI CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MISSION TODAY CRITERIA FOR 2011**

(To be completed by **ALL** units even if not completing the requirements for a Mission Today Unit.)

1. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice. After establishing the "club" membership, the Unit must complete a different requirement each year.

Additional Requirement # _____ was completed this year.
2. Use at least (2) programs from the current program book during the year.
3. Participate in the "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" program and offering.
4. Make and meet Pledge to Mission.
5. Local unit will be a 5-Star Unit.
6. \$25 for Ribbon/corsage program.
7. Candle burning or Mission Minute Certificate.
8. At least two (2) members subscribe to RESPONSE.
9. At least two people complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read:
Plan I ___ Plan II ___ Plan III ___
Plan IV ___ EORO ___
10. "Response Moment" at each meeting.
11. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting.
12. Write to at least five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year.
13. Participate in a Prayer Partner Program.
14. Plan or participate in a Spiritual Growth Retreat.
15. Sponsor/send at least one (1) person to the Cooperative School of Christian Mission.
16. Conduct/attend at least one (1) Mission Study OR Have at least 10% of the local Unit membership participate in a District Mission study
17. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" United Methodist Women unit. More info at www.umwonline.org
18. Sponsor a young woman to attend the Cooperative School of Christian Mission.
19. Obtain information, visit, or invite a representative from one

of the National Mission Institution Agencies to present a program about their Agency. Unit had/or made a presentation about _____ (Agency name) on _____ (date).

20. At least one (1) person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network & respond to Legislative information at least three (3) times a year.
21. Invite a State Representative and/or State Senator (or their representative) to a local Unit meeting.
22. One (1) person shall attend The Legislative Event and contact their Senator and/or Representative.
23. Initiate or continue one study of the UMW Christian Social Responsibility Campaign Issues.
24. Sponsor at least one person and/or teen to attend the Conference Annual Meeting and at least two members of the local Unit to attend a District event.
25. Co-sponsor a Children's Sabbath.
26. Add at least two (2) new members.
27. Observe UMW Sunday.
28. Sponsor a woman to attend one or more of the Conference sponsored Retreats.
29. Sponsor a teen to attend one or more of the Conference Sponsored Retreats.
30. Start a new circle/UMW group.
31. Nominate one (1) member for the District Woman in Mission of the Year
32. Invite a District or Conference officer to one of the Unit meetings during the year.
33. The local unit will have one member join the MO Conference UMW email group, Mission-Online-of-MO-UMW. Instructions for joining can be found at: www.moumethodist.org/umwemail
34. The local unit will have one member with e-mail access be the point of contact for their unit (and will notify the District Secretary with contact information).

Please return this form to your District Education & Interpretation Coordinator so we will have this membership information. Thank you.

Additional Information:

Total membership on 1/1/2011 _____

Total membership on 12/31/2011 _____

Submit the report to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by **1/15/2012**.