

Missouri Conference United Methodist Women Mission Today Criteria For 2019

PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE MISSION TODAY UNIT:

The Missouri Conference and its District organizations are asked by United Methodist Women National Office to encourage every Unit to become a "Mission Today" Unit.

- To encourage use of mission resources throughout the organization;
- To increase contact between units and mission personnel and mission projects, thus helping units understand where their money goes;
- To expand concepts of mission including social justice as mission; and
- To energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

GOALS: The Missouri Conference has chosen the 34 items listed below as criteria for a MISSION TODAY UNIT. A local Unit may be recognized at one of these five levels:

FAITH ten (10) items including four (4) marked with an asterisk (*).

HOPE fifteen (15) items including four (4) marked with an asterisk (*).

LOVE twenty (20) items including five (5) marked with an asterisk (*).

JOY units who made and paid their Pledge (criteria #4).

PEACE units who participated in Mission Today and turned in their report.

The listing includes officers who might make as their goal the support and encouragement of those items listed under their office.

The Local Unit **President** may take responsibility for this criterion:

____ *1. The local Unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice policies by meeting the requirements for the Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice Club. After establishing the "club" membership, the unit must complete a different requirement each year.

Additional Requirement # _____ was completed this year.
(See Mai Gray Charter for Racial Justice Club Criteria 2019 for list of requirements).

The Local Unit **Vice-President** may take responsibility for these criteria:

____ *2. The local unit will use at least two (2) programs from the current PROGRAM BOOK during the year.

____ 3. The local unit will participate in the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" program and offering.

The Local Unit **Treasurer** may take responsibility for these criteria:

____ *4. The local unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.

____ *5. The local unit will be a 5-Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering.

- _____ 6. The local unit will purchase or will have collected at least \$25.00 for Mission Giving through the ribbons/corsages program.
- _____ *7. The local unit will participate in Mission Giving by the supplementary support of Missions globally. This criterion is met by participating in either one or both of the two facets of the Mission Minutes/Honors or Memorials:
 - 1) Candle Burning -- any amount of money may be given in memory of or to honor persons at either a one-time event (UMW Sunday) or over the course of the year.
 - 2) Mission Minute Certificate -- a Mission Minute Certificate may be purchased to be given to an individual as a way to honor them. The cost of the certificate is the amount of money equal to the cost of funding one minute of mission work through the United Methodist Women National (which varies each year.) Please order the Certificate through your District Treasurer. The Missouri Conference will provide the Certificate and would appreciate an extra \$1.50 for the postage.

The amount of money received by the Missouri Conference for this Mission Minutes/Honors or Memorials (both Certificates & Candle Burning) program will be recognized at the Annual Meeting by the burning of a candle(s) for the total period of time equal to the amount of money given by the local units in the Missouri Conference. The amount for 2018 is \$24.38per minute.

The Local Unit **Secretary of Program Resources** may take responsibility for these criteria:

- _____ *8. The local unit will have at least two (2) members subscribing to RESPONSE magazine.
- _____ 9. The local unit will have at least two people who complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan One; and have a book review program.
- _____ 10. The local unit, circle or subgroup meeting will include a "Response Moment", where an article from RESPONSE magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the Mission story. (Order *Response* from PO Box 395, Congers, NY 10920-0395. Cost: \$24/year or get Digital Response for \$20/year or through the website.)

The Local Unit **Spiritual Growth Coordinator** may take responsibility for these criteria:

- _____ *11. The local unit will use the PRAYER CALENDAR at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and for our mission work with Women, Children and Youth.
- _____ 12. The local unit members shall write to at least five (5) persons listed in the PRAYER CALENDAR at least twice a year.
- _____ 13. The local unit will involve members in a prayer partner program for the year.
- _____ 14. The local unit will plan or participate in a Spiritual Growth retreat.
- _____ 15. The local unit will develop a Bible Study using UMW Resources.

The Local Unit **Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** may take responsibility for these criteria:

- _____ 16. The local unit will sponsor/send at least one (1) person to the Mission u.
- _____ *17. The local unit will conduct/attend at least one (1) Mission Study each year. Present a Mission Study within their local church which is at least four (4) hours in length, uses approved text, strives for total church involvement, and is taught by a person who has attended or taught at Mission u.

OR

have at least 10% of the local unit membership participate in a District mission study which is at least four (4) hours in length, uses approved text, and is taught by a person who has attended or taught at Mission u.

- _____ *18. To become a *be just, be green* unit, complete the Sustainable Events Measurement Survey after every unit event. At least three principles must be completed. Only one completed item under each Principle is required. The Survey can be found on the Missouri Conference United Methodist Women's website (www.moumethodist.org/UMW). In subsequent years, one additional Principle must be completed. Return your completed survey after each event to the Green Team Task Force Coordinator, **Felicia Bamer by December 31, 2019.**

- _____ 19. The local unit shall sponsor a young woman (age 12-19) to attend Mission u.

- _____ 20. The local unit will obtain information, visit, or invite a representative from one of the National Mission Institution Agencies(NMI) to present a program about their Agency or members may participate in a "Mini-Mission Workday". NMI Agencies located in Missouri are: Della Lamb, Kansas City; Epworth, St. Louis; Inter-Serv, St. Joseph; Spofford, Kansas City and Susanna Wesley Family Center, East Prairie.)

Our Unit had a presentation about _____ (fill in Agency name here)
_____. (date)

The Local Unit **Mission Coordinator for Social Action** may take responsibility for these criteria:

- _____ 21. The local unit will have at least one (1) person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network and/or umwonline.org to receive and then respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. To join, contact your District Social Action Coordinator.
- _____ 22. The local unit will invite their State Representative and/or State Senator or a representative thereof, to a local unit meeting to discuss the status of key United Methodist Women's Social Action concerns.
- _____ 23. One (1) person from the local unit (other than their Conference or District Officer) shall attend the Legislative Event and make contact with their Senator and/or Representative.
- _____ 24. The local unit shall initiate or continue one study of the United Methodist Women Christian Social Responsibility Campaign Issues. Current Campaigns include: Prayers for Peace, Campaign for Children Phase III, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and United Methodist Women Green Team (Note: this is a partial listing.) Detailed listing, resources and campaign status/updates are available through United Methodist Women, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; website: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org> contact: Ms. Susie Johnson, email: johnsons@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

The Local Unit **Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach** may take responsibility for these criteria:

- _____ 25. The local unit will sponsor at least one person and/or teen to attend the Conference Annual Meeting and at least two members of the local unit (other than District or Conference officers) to attend a District event.
- _____ 26. The local unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children. The United Methodist Women National and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Contact the District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator for resources.)
- _____ *27. The local unit will add at least two (2) new members to its rolls.
- _____ 28. The local unit will observe one Sunday during the year as United Methodist Women's Sunday in the local church.
- _____ 29. The local unit will sponsor a woman from the local church to attend one or more of the Conference-sponsored Retreats.
- _____ 30. The local unit will sponsor a teen from the local church to attend one or more of the Teen and/or Conference-sponsored Retreats.
- _____ 31. The local unit will start a new United Methodist Women circle/group. Contact the District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator/District President for resources.
- _____ 32. The local unit will nominate one (1) of its own members for the District Woman in Mission of the Year Award. After the Districts make their selection, the recipients will be honored at the Conference Annual Meeting. Contact your District Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator to obtain the form, date and the United Methodist Women National Guidelines. Please follow these guidelines in the selection of your nominee.
- _____ 33. The local unit will invite a District or Conference officer (other than a member of their unit) to one of their unit meetings during the year.

The **Local Unit / Communications Coordinator** may take responsibility for these criteria:

- _____ 34. The local unit will have one member join the MO Conference United Methodist Women email group, from Google Groups. Instructions for joining can be found at: www.moumethodist.org/umwemail
- _____ 35. The local unit will have one member with e-mail access, Facebook or Google Email Group as to be the point of contact for their unit (and will notify the District Secretary and/or District Communications Coordinator with this 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 January 1, 2019 _____

Total membership on December 31, 2019 _____

The Local Unit is responsible for compiling the information for this report and submitting the report to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by January 15, 2020.

Person Reporting _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Unit/Church _____

(Please print all information)

(District Education & Interpretation Coordinators will be responsible for reporting to the Conference Education & Interpretation Coordinator by February 1, 2020).



Criteria Report Short Form For 2019

(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. Make and meet Pledge to Mission.
- *3. 5-Star Unit.
- 4. \$25 for ribbons/corsages program.
- 5. Candle burning or Mission Minute Certificate
- *6. At least two (2) members subscribe to RESPONSE.
- 7. At least two people complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read.
- 8. “Response Moment” at each meeting.
- *9. Prayer Calendar at each general meeting.
- 10. Write to at least five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year.
- 11. Prayer partner program for the year.
- 12. Plan or participate in a Spiritual Growth retreat.
- 13. Develop a Bible Study using UMW Resources.
- *14. Use at least two (2) programs from the current program book during the year.
- 15. Participate in the “Call to Prayer and Self-Denial” program and offering.
- 16. Sponsor/send at least one (1) person to the Mission u.
- *17. Conduct/attend at least one (1) Mission Study OR
Have at least 10% of the local Unit membership participate in a District Mission study.
- *18. To become a *Be Just, Be Green Unit*, you must complete a Sustainable Measurement survey. Turn in the form to Carolyn Celestine. Form is available on the website.
- 19. Sponsor a young woman to attend the Mission u.
- 20. Obtain information, visit, or invite a representative from one of the National Mission Institution Agencies to present a program about their Agency.
Our Unit had/or made a presentation about _____
(fill in Agency name here)
on _____. (date)
- 21. At least one (1) person join the United Methodist Women’s Action Network & respond to Legislative information at least three (3) times a year.
- 22. Invite State Representative and/or State Senator or a representative, to a local Unit meeting.
- 23. One (1) person shall attend Legislative Event and contact their Senator and Representative.
- 24. Initiate or continue one study of the UMW Christian Social Responsibility Campaign Issues.
- 25. 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.
- 26. Co-sponsor a Children’s Sabbath.
- *27. Add at least two (2) new members.
- 28. Observe United Methodist Women Sunday.
- 29. Sponsor a woman to attend one or more of the Conference sponsored Retreats.
- 30. Sponsor a teen to attend one or more of the Conference sponsored retreats.

- 31. Start a new circle/United Methodist Women group.
- 32. Nominate one (1) member for the District Woman in Mission of the Year.
- 33. Invite a District/Conference officer to one of the Unit meetings during the year.
- 34. The local unit will have one member join the MO Conference UMW email group, Google Email Groups Instructions for joining can be found at:
www.moumethodist.org/umwemail
- 35. The local unit will have one member with e-mail access, Facebook or UMWonline.org be the point of contact for their unit (and will notify the District Secretary and/or District Communications Coordinator with this 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 1/1/2019 _____

Total membership on 12/31/2019 _____

Submit the report to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by January 15, 2019. District Education and Interpretation Coordinators will be responsible for reporting to the Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator by February 1, 2020.

Person Reporting _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Unit/Church _____

(Please print all information)

