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Mid-State Events

Mini u-August 24,
Wesley UMC, Jefferson City

Fall Meeting – September 21
Harper Chapel, Osage Beach



Conference Events

Annual Meeting- June 7-9 UMC

Mission u – July 26-28,
Central Methodist University, Fayette
July 1 Final registration deadline for Mission u

September 27-28 – UMW Annual Meeting &
Officers' Training

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2019 Nomination Form for Mid-State District **Woman in Mission**

Nominee Information:

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____
 Local Unit / Church _____

Criteria for Nomination: Please note that you can nominate a Woman in Mission that meets one or more of the following criteria.

New member recruitment	Organizing new circles or subgroups
Leadership Development	Reading Program involvement
Social Justice Ministries involvement	Campaign to help Children/Youth
Creative Program development	Interpretation & Use of National Office Resources

United Methodist Woman membership involves all that we do as women for mission. Each of the areas above is where UMW concerns are organized. These encompass the whole PURPOSE of the UMW. These are some of the specific categories for Woman in Mission, but there are many other ways to serve in the local unit and beyond.

In 150 words or less, indicate why the nominee should be considered for the 2019 Mid-State District Women in Mission. Please indicate if the nominee encourages, participates and/or is a leader /officer within the different categories.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____

Please note nominations should be submitted to Gwen Blodgett by May 25, 2019.

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Five Star Units 2018
 Brunswick, Community, Glasgow, Huntsville,
 Trinity, Centralia, Missouri, Gravois Mills,
 Jefferson City 1st, West Park

Jackie Bruner, Education and Interpretation

Spring greetings to all of you! How marvelous to look out the window and see God's handiwork everywhere. Sometimes we take the beauty of our world for granted, but the trees and flowers make us aware of our many blessings.

I wanted to remind you that Mission u is coming quickly. It will be July 26 – 28 on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette. The registration forms and other information about the studies for this year are available online at <https://www.moumethodist.org/missionu>

If there are women, youth or children in your unit who would like to attend, your unit might consider paying some or all of their expenses. There are also 2 scholarships available, and the description of those is found at the same website.

Our Mid-State District will be hosting Mini u on August 24 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Jefferson City. Add this date to your calendar, and watch for more information and registration forms coming your way. If you are unable to attend Mission u, this is a way to stay current with UMW studies. I wish each of your health, peace and love.

Gwen Blodgett, Membership, Nurture & Outreach

As the Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator for Mid-State, I would like to thank everyone for your assistance and support. I would like to remind everyone to nominate a "Woman in Mission" for 2018.

Mission u will be held from July 26-28th at Central Methodist University in Fayette. This is a new format that is being tried in order to accommodate more people. I encourage every unit to sponsor someone as it is a wonderful educational and spiritual opportunity.

My position involves nurture and outreach as well as membership. How can I assist each member grow in their discipleship? How can I assist with outreach in your part of the district? In order to discover what **YOU** require, I will be reaching out to the units to learn where you meet together, when you meet and what I can do to assist you. In closing, remember the UMW Vision continues to be: *"Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."* **OUR MISSION CONTINUES!!!**

Brenda Sells, Chair of Nominations

It was good to see so many at our Spring meeting. I want to remind you of the opportunities coming up in 2020 for you to use your God given gifts to help our Mission Team. The officers needed are: **President, Secretary, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Social Action Coordinator, Communications Coordinator and Chair of Nominations**. Please consider taking an office so we can keep up the good work of our District UMW.

You may contact myself, Brenda Sells, or any other nominations committee member – **Diana Revelle, Lu Lockwood, Linda Mealy or Renee Holloway**. We will need to finalize the list of new officers this summer so we can present the officers at our Fall meeting. We want **YOU** to join our team.

Judy Shannon, Spiritual Growth

THE SPIRIT MOVES!!!!

How happy I was to see all of you at our spring meeting. You can just feel the Holy Spirit filling the meeting with women who are committed to our purpose of UMW. It is catching, that Spirit, it spreads and when you get back to your unit you can encourage more of your members to come and participate. Our District Superintendent Mi Hyeon Lee attended our meeting. She went all around visiting with everyone and we had the opportunity to really have a nice conversation. She is well versed in the UMW tradition. Her mother was a president in UMW. It was really good to have her there. In our society today there are so many negative spirits flying around to try to defeat the positive things we do. We know the Holy Spirit is more powerful and does its work in us. It is hard in this society of me first thinking and I want to have fun, that really does not satisfy..... UMW shines. Praise God for the Holy Spirit.

I was so happy to see the certificates given for the 5 Star Units, the Reading Program, the Mission Today programs. This shows we are growing and learning. Knowledge is power. If you don't know about these programs or do not understand them, please contact a district officer. They are important.

Mission U is coming up July 26-28, 2019. *The Bible Study is Practicing Resurrection, the Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship.* The issue Study is *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission.* It is really a joy to go to Fayette at CMU. Brianna, my granddaughter is so excited, she went last year and she told her teacher she would be back! I wish I could spread her enthusiasm throughout our whole district. We need to start our youth early in church activities. We are so close you could drive back and forth, please consider going. I hope the Holy Spirit nudges you into the experiences you can have by taking risks, trying something new, get involved, you will be blessed if you do.

Please keep UMW in your prayers, in the non-commitment, in our society it is hard sometimes to make that extra effort, but you are so glad when you do. **God Bless You All.**

Karen Hunt, Vice President

It's just been a few days since our Spring Meeting and it was so good to see all of you. You should all have your District Directories and the agenda from the Spring Meeting. There are helps and reminders in the agenda so please take time and review them. Take the agenda apart and share it with your unit. Let it help you to make the most of your resources. I also ask you to share this newsletter with your unit. Make copies or refer your members to read it online. www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen then click on Mid State UMW. This will give you all the district information and recent newsletters. Each unit has a shepherdess on the Mission Team; they are listed in the directory and willing to help you. We want to recognize each and every unit as a 5 Star Unit, with Mission Today recognition, receive your nomination for Woman in Mission and recognize all Reading Program participants. Watch for reminders and helps in each newsletter. We want to help and strengthen your unit. Together we are stronger.

Do you have an idea for a program? I welcome your suggestions; please contact me at kkhunt44@gmail.com *Also, Mid-State needs a Historian. Duties are very simple and this would work for anyone who attends, e.g. Spring and Fall meetings. *

I am hoping to see you at either Mission u or Mini u and then at the Fall Meeting at Harper Chapel in Osage Beach, September 21st

United Methodist Women Sign Up for Social Action Alerts!

United Methodist Women is focused on four issue priorities, and within them, four campaigns. You can receive periodic e-mail alerts on any or all of these campaigns to stay informed and to take action! Sign up for any of the campaigns below. (Your e-mail is never shared with other organizations.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Conference _____

I would like to receive information on the following:

- General social action Updates
- Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline
(Criminalization of Communities of Color/Mass Incarceration)
- A Living Wage for All (Economic Inequality)
- Just Energy for All (Climate Justice)
- End Maternal Mortality (Maternal Health)

Members and friends can also sign up at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/action alerts. Please help us by circulating this at all local, district and conference United Methodist Women meetings!

Sandy Dolezal, Social Action Coordinator

"Do you wonder what Social Action issues are of concern to our UMW National Office? Are you interested in how social issues especially affect women, children & youth? You can receive information on these questions & up to date news about a variety of Social Action issues by signing up for the Social Action Alerts. To sign up just complete & mail the form or go online at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/action alerts.

By signing up you can receive information on a variety of Social Action issues including our current 4 advocacy priorities: maternal & child health, climate justice, economic inequality and mass incarceration & criminalization of communities of color. This is a free service provided by our national office in NYC. **BE INFORMED, BE BOLD & BE AN ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE.**

Joni Troyer, Secretary of Program Resources/ Mid-State Librarian

Summer reading!

I wanted to share a few resources with you to help you with your reading program. The Mission Resources Center did not print a 2019 booklet of the books list.

For an On-line complete list of Reading Program books 2014-2019:

- www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/reading-program/all-books

Books / materials for the Reading Program can be obtained:

- Local Libraries
- Mid-State Library for books 2014 – 2017
- Amazon or Barnes & Noble or other retail book outlets
- Mission Resource Center (not reading program books; however, they have Mission u books)
- Mission Resource Center website: www.umwmissionresources.org

The five categories of the Reading Program are: Leadership Development, Education for Mission, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, and Nurturing for Community. The Children's books and the Youth books are available to be counted toward ANY plan. And we acknowledge Each One Read One award for members that read only ONE book for the year.

**I challenge your units to have at least each member read ONE book to receive this EORO award.
I challenge you to read one book every other month this year! Soon you will have completed Plan I.**

And don't forget to read the *response* magazine! It's a wonderful read with so much information to share. All of this will encourage each of us to strive to read more. And as we read---we grow! We increase our awareness of our purpose as UMW members!

Hope to see you all at Mission u in July!

Enjoy your summer and read every day!

Mid-State District Library:

Our Mid-State District Library continues to be used! We have Reading Program books from 2014-2017 and several Mission Study books from 2018. We have enough books in the library for your unit to check out several at a time and then share within your unit before returning. Recently the Fairview UMW contacted me and were able to select 16 books for checkout to be used in their unit this year. I'm so excited that these books are being used and not just residing in my basement!

Please email or call me with your selections to check out. I can meet you in the Columbia area to deliver the books to you. We can work something out if you have a request, just contact me.

We had an awesome use of the Mid-State District Library at the Spring Meeting. We had 30 books returned and 44 books checked out! I'm thrilled that the books are getting read! Our available inventory is 69 books currently, so there are still books available for check-out.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be at Mission u in July if you have any books to return.

Nettie Cherrington, Treasurer

First of all, I want to thank the units that have sent in funds for the first quarter. You have done a good job. I look forward to a great year. I hope you are planning to attend Mission u at Central Methodist University in July.

Thanks to all those who attended the UMW meeting at New Horizons April 27. It was good to see so many units represented. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Harper Chapel on September 21.

Blessings to all and have a great summer.

Linda Mealy, Corsage/Ribbon Coordinator

This is a great opportunity to show your appreciation to the United Methodist Women who have heard God's calling. This year we will celebrate the legacy and history of bold women. Those who have and still are making a change to help women, youth and children live a better life in the United States and all over the world. The 150 Year Ribbon is sold for \$2, a great way to honor the women in your unit.



Jackie Bruner
Education & Interpretation
Coordinator

MISSION TODAY UNITS

LOVE – Ozark Chapel

HOPE – Brunswick, Missouri Methodist-Columbia
Moberly Trinity

FAITH – Prairie Home, Community-Columbia
Eldon, West Park, Moberly

JOY – Linn Memorial-Fayette, New Hope,
New Horizons

Shirley Link
Communications Coordinator

Mid-State Reading Program Participants 2018

Each One Read One...Heather Darby, Kathy Maynard, June DeWeese, Margaret Saunier

Plan 1 – Barbara Dearing, Joyce Sears, Linda Endersby, Janet Epperson, Barb Phillips, Ava Swofford, Gwen Blodgett, Tonette Rippetto, Kathleen R. Sapp, Betty Dillard, Rene Collins Rau, Diana Revelle, Pat Fleischer, Martha Ratliff, Kathy White, Carol Harris, Jan Engelhardt, Lu Lockwood, Joyce Smith, Doris Stout, Karen McMahan, Gale Chevalier, Sheryl Hager, Judy Gudehus, Karen Hunt, Margaret Tatum, Judy Shannon, Debra White.

Plan II – Rev. Jan Schnepf, Mary Lou Buie, Sally Dorrell, June Glaser, Dolly Kiser, Sandy Dolezal.

Plan III -Louise Bassett

Plan IV- Joni Troyer, Janet Hofstetter, Donna Blackburn, Judith Kersten

First time readers are – Barbara Dearing, Linda Endersby, June DeWeese, Kathy White, Sally Dorrell, Margaret Saunier, Carol Harris, Lu Lockwood, Karen McMahan, Debra White

******2018 participants read a total of 327 books in the UMW Reading Program******