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The Power of Bold

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One cannot go forward with boldness on an empty tank. And that was where I was as I searched for the words to share the vision of Boldness with you. Then I remembered I hadn't read or looked through *response* for at least a month, if not for a year. I was trying to run bold on bare tires (bad metaphor!).

If you, too, are searching for more tread on your tires, there is nothing much more inspiring and invigorating than the September *response* that reviews Assembly.

As I looked through it, I was reminded that the foundation of United Methodist Women is based on women who cared passionately about the health, education, and economic status of women around the world. The reality of the connectedness of our world community of faith was reinforced.

Personal memories of Assembly:

- **Seeing my friend, Fawn, consecrated as a Deaconess...speechless**
- **Meeting and holding the hands of Deaconess Clara Ester...Hands that held Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and hands that held a baby, who is our future. We cannot ignore our past.**
- **Seeing the picture of women calling for a living wage in a demonstration. The lady in the center, Monica Bailey, is one of my class of deaconesses. Or as I call us, the DITs... Deaconesses in Training.**
- **I was reminded of the importance of reaching out in new places for new faces, especially for teenagers and young women.**
- **The continued need for reform of the penal system in the United States...**
- **Climate Justice**
- **Health Care for women and children**

What was I thinking? My tires weren't bare and my boldness isn't blunted...I just needed to be reminded of our past and our future.

As we go forward into the next 150 years of Boldness, tell the world that we are Bold and that

**Our "heart shall sing of the day You bring. Let the fires of Your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn."
Canticle of the Turning**

Go out Be Bold, Be Brave, Hold each other's hearts

Karen Hunt, Vice President

I hope that when you receive this newsletter that the weather will have improved and you will all be able to meet.

Please share this newsletter with your members and encourage them to participate in all of our activities. Our newsletters are also posted on our Missouri UMW website. Our newsletter can also be sent to members online so please let us know if you have members who would like to receive it.

We had a wonderful attendance at our fall 2018 meeting in Fulton at Court Street UMC and I encourage all of you to come again, attend our **Spring Meeting and Unit Officer Training at New Horizons UMC in Columbia, on April 27, 2019**. I always enjoy our meetings and seeing everyone. Looking forward to future meetings, our fall meeting is scheduled to be held **September 21 at Ozark Chapel in Osage Beach**. In the future, would your unit like to host the spring or fall meeting in 2020? It might also be possible to partner with another unit and host a meeting together. Please let me know if this could work for your unit. I am also looking for suggestions for programs. If you have a suggestion, please contact me. I am always happy to hear from you. Our district still has an opening for a Historian. This is pretty simple, especially if you enjoy scrapbooking although this does not need to be that involved, just a simple scrapbook. Please contact Sharon or myself know.



The wounds of this world will never be healed unless we are willing to walk in solidarity with the wounded.

Mid-State District Spring Meeting and Unit Officer Training, Saturday, April 27, 2019, at New Horizons United Methodist Church (see flyer on Page 3). Caryl Bryan will present the program on Turning Point, a homeless shelter located in Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church, Columbia.

**Mid-State District United Methodist Women
Spring Meeting and Unit Officer Training
Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**New Horizons United Methodist Church
1020 South El Chaparral Ave
Columbia, Missouri**

Registration begins at 9:30a.m,
Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.
Cost \$10.00 includes lunch.

Caryl Bryan will present our program on the Turning Point, a homeless shelter located in Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church in Columbia, Missouri north central neighborhood. To accompany this program we will have an ingathering of women’s items for Turning Point. Suggested items are new socks, low-cut socks and footie’s as well as tube socks; underwear-all sizes, practical, easy care-nothing fancy; rain ponchos; feminine hygiene products; plastic hairbrushes, head bands, “Scrunchies”, and barrettes.

The District Library will be present to loan books. We will also be selling Mid-State Library books that are no longer in the Reading Program.

Please make your reservation by **April 15th** by contacting: Karen Hunt
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email: kkhunt44@gmail.com

Name of Unit: _____

Names of attendees:

Name of Contact: _____ Contact's Telephone Number: _____

Give

Submitted by Sandy Dolezal, Social Action Coordinator

PARTERNING IN CHANGE United Methodist Women's four advocacy priorities are maternal and child health, climate justice, economic inequality and mass incarceration and criminalization of communities of color. Members across the country are pushing state legislatures to implement maternal mortality review boards to consistently track why women and children are dying preventable deaths in childbirth at a rate that is on the rise in the United States. Members are advocating for a living wage in their areas, for reduction in school resource officers and criminalization of children of color, for the top producers of carbon emissions to reduce those emissions and protect the earth and the health of the most vulnerable.

United Methodist Women members also faithfully give financially to support women down the street and around the world, from transformative education to spiritual growth to leadership development to service and advocacy. Shelters, schools, churches, community centers, outreach program, students, community centers and children's homes are just some of the work supported by members' Mission Giving. Mission Giving changes families and communities.

Our more than 90 national mission institutions across the United States are supported by members giving and are changing lives every day. They're helping to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by offering after school activities and mentoring. They're helping fight economic inequality by offering not just food and clothing and medical care but also housing help, job skills training, continuing education and community advocacy. Many national mission institutions offer baby supplies, parenting classes and other mothers' health and support programs to help stem the increasing maternal and child death rates. And the health care, food and advocacy they provide also helps support the communities dealing with the harmful effects of carbon emissions. Building God's kin-dom is a group effort-and the United Methodist Women members are making sure it happens.

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Jackie Bruner, Mid-State Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

Winter greetings to each of you! I hope as you are reading this newsletter, you are warm and well. Thank you to each unit that submitted the Mission Today Criteria report. Each of your units appears to be busy working, learning and being in service.

I would encourage all of you to begin thinking about attending Mission u this July in Fayette the dates and areas of study should be coming to you soon. If you have ever attended, you know how much you can learn from the studies and how enjoyable it is to meet and fellowship with women like you. If you have never been able to attend, this may be the year for you. Your unit may want to consider paying the registration/lodging for one of your members. Everyone will benefit from the knowledge and experiences of someone in your unit.

I would also suggest that your unit consider "adopting" a woman in mission, either a missionary or a deaconess. The Prayer Calendar provides names and addresses for these women. You could correspond with the person you select and learn more about their service.

Thank you for continuing to learn and becoming even better-informed United Methodist Women.✕

Judy Shannon, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Well, we are starting another new year. I always look back to last year to see what was accomplished and what was not. HA! I feel I never get enough done. How about you? I also look at what was accomplished, I think we do more than we think we do, but how do you feel about how you spend your time? One thing I have not done as much as I had planned, I have cheated myself and God by not spending enough time discerning the present state of my spiritual life. My spirit is always in the present yearning for peace in God. We have been told many times that we must be intentional about creating silent time with for God. I think I will get this done or that finished, then I will be quiet in my special place, and let myself feel God's presents. Do you know how hard that is??? You never get everything done, so your mind keeps focusing on life's chores. They all are important, but without that base, that quiet time, all the other things seem to fade in comparison. I saw a movie a few years ago about a War Closet I think, the person in the movie actually went in a closet cleaned out with special things in it for her time with God. This is going to be my priority this year, If I can do this, I believe everything else will fall into place. How about joining me in this effort, we can compare notes on our progress.

I really feel fortunate that we have so many resources at our finger tips. Reading about what is going on around us is so important, all the programs U M W has for us to equip ourselves for the challenges we face today. The 5 star unit, reading program, mission today Mission u, and the District meetings that pull a great group of women together. Don't you feel good about being a part of such a group? I urge you this year to spend more time with God in quiet time and soak in His love, things will go better.

I hope to see you in Columbia at Community UMC for the conference retreat April 5-6, Mountain Lodge theme sounds great, **I am ready how about you!** †

Gwen Blodgett, Membership Nurture & Outreach

Welcome to 2019. I have the privilege of joining the District Mission Team as the Membership, Nurture and Outreach. This is my first position with the District and I appreciate the assistance I have received as I learn the ropes. I would like to thank Jo Anne Sinclair for her advice and support.

I would also like to thank everyone who has completed the 2018 National Census and the District Mission Today reports. Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

The Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Community United Methodist Church in Columbia begins Friday, April 5 & 6 Hope to see you there! ☐

Brenda Sells, Chairman of Nominations

There is your opportunity to join our Mission Team in 2019. Due to circumstances, we have two positions that we need to fill for this year which is Communications Coordinator and Treasurer. I feel both of these ladies would be a great help to anyone in the transition of filling these positions. Please consider joining our team and contact myself or anyone on the Nominations Committee.

Diana Revelle, Lu Lockwood, Renee Holloway & Linda Mealy.

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

Update on Mid-State District Library:

Our Mid-State District Library is still going strong! Here's an update:

- If you need a listing of the books in the library, please contact me. The books in the library are on the Reading Program list from 2014-2017 only.
- The Library books are physically in my home and they are ready for checkout anytime. 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.
- At the Spring Meeting in April, we will have the Library books for check-out. Also, PLEASE bring your Library books to return that you have previously checked out so we can have them available for more readers.
- At the Spring meeting in April, we will sell the older books that have fallen off the Reading Program list from 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2013. The Mission Team decided that the books will be sold for \$5 each with the funds being returned to the Mid-State District.
- The Mission Team decided that we will no longer purchase new books for the Library starting with the 2018 books. We will continue the use of the existing library books, but there will be no additional funding set aside for new books.

I'm so excited that we will continue to use this valuable resource for several more years! Please check-out books as much as you can! **And READ!**

Please let us know if you have any questions. And don't forget to return your library books that you checked out in 2018.◇

Reading Program 2019: Cozy up and Read!

As the temperatures plummet, grab a good book and read! Now is the perfect time to try out a new book from the UMW Reading Program List. Peruse the list from the last 5 years, 2014-2019. Check your local library for titles or check out the Mid-State Library for favorites from 2014-2017.

I've been compiling our Reading Program report for the District for 2018. A full report from 2018 will be given at the Spring Meeting, but our results from last year include 43 ladies participated in the Reading Program—ranging from Each One Read One to Plan IV. Great job *ladies!*

At the Spring Meeting in April, I will have the 2019 Reading Program books and Mission u books

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Mid-State and Conference 2019 Calendar

2019 - Mid-State District Calendar of Events

Mid-State Spring Meeting - April 27 - New Horizons, Columbia

VIM -May 6-10 - MMDC, Chatham, IL

Mid-State Mini u – August – Wesley UMC – Jefferson City

Mid-State Fall Meeting -September 21 – Harper Chapel – Osage Beach

2019 – Conference Calendar of Events

Spiritual Growth Retreat – April 5-6 - Community, Columbia

Annual Meeting – June 7-9 UMC

Mission u – July 25-28 – Central Methodist University – Fayette

Annual Meeting & Officers' Training – September 27-28 - Community UMC, Columbia

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