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# The Missive

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## *Julia Goodell*



2019 Woman in Mission  
Mid-State District  
And  
2020 President of Mid-State District

## Jackie Bruner, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Happy Fall to each of you! Our God has created some gorgeous views for us to enjoy. I hope all is going well for you and your UMW units. You still have almost 2 months to work on your Mission Today goals for 2019. Some are quite easy to complete, while others take a bit of work and time to master. You may find that your unit has completed or nearly completed more of these goals than you realized. Congrats for that! Please plan to submit your Mission Today report to me soon after the first of 2020. This will help me get my report put together to submit to my Conference counterpart.

Thank you for your willingness to work for your unit and to encourage your members to continue pressing on with the work of Christ. It takes all of us to be successful and continue the UMW legacy that has been handed to us.

In Christ's love

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## Judy Shannon Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Once upon a time there was a minister who was sitting on the porch with his wife, he was beginning to realize how much she meant to him. It was about time !!!!!!!for they had lived together forty-two years, and she had been such a help, a very willing worker. One day as they sat together, he said, "Wife, you've been such a wonderful woman that there are times I can hardly keep from telling you."

This simple story says a whole lot. Do you see women doing things that are done very well and you say to yourself that was really good? How about saying it out loud! But you know this, people need encouragement. You know how you feel when someone tells you how well you did. We ask a lot from our units and they usually come through. Thanks, Mid-State units, I am really proud to be a part of this district. We had a little rough time this year but it is getting better. This is why I encourage you to fill the position of Spiritual Growth Coordinator. This person can lift a whole unit with a prayer, poem, or just a good word. She in this position, would be looking for ways to uplift. Your unit will be blessed. I always felt more humble and thankful this time of year, looking back I can smile thinking about all the women I have seen and the things we have done. **Keep Reading, keep meeting, keep doing**, you will stay healthy. I will see you at the next Mid-State District event.

LOVE AND PEACE ALWAYS

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## Brenda Sells, Nomination Chair

Hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful colors God has blessed up with again this Fall. We had a great District meeting in September and thanks to everyone who helped to complete our officers for the upcoming year of 2020. It was definitely a team effort and I appreciate those who stepped up to join our Mission Team. There are still ways you can help as we need a volunteer to coordinate the VIM (Volunteers in Mission) trips as Sandy Dolezal has moved out of state and we need a volunteer for the ribbon corsages as Linda Mealy has taken on other duties. If you or anyone in your unit has a passion for missions or ribbons for missions, please let us know. These positions are appointed and do not have to be elected.

### Nettie Cherrington, Treasurer

Please be sure to have all monies to me by December 1 if you want credit for 2019. Also, to be a five-star unit you must contribute to the five channels of giving – **meet pledge, special recognition, gift to mission, gift in memory and World Thank Offering.**

I want to thank everyone for your help and support for the last five years as your treasurer. It has been a pleasure to serve the Mid-State District and I have gotten to know many United Methodist Women.

**MISSOURI CONFERENCE ~ UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**2020 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING EVENT ~ REGISTRATION FORM**

*“The Year of the LORD’s Favor”*

**Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th**

**Wesley United Methodist Church, 2727 Wesley St., Jefferson City, MO 65109**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH HOME/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DIET CONSIDERATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a first-time attendee of the Legislative Training Event? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need childcare? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please complete the following:

Responsible Adult attending LTE: \_\_\_\_\_ Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Early/Pre-Registration Fee – Due January 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
Late Registration Fee: Paid February 1 <sup>st</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 or on-site	\$90.00
Total Amount Enclosed	_____

So that we can plan accordingly, please let us know...

Do you plan to Tour the closed Missouri State Penitentiary (2 hrs.)? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Do you wish to be part of an Advocacy Team that will visit legislators? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Do you wish to Dine-In or do lunch To-Go on Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup>? DINE-IN \_\_\_ TO-GO \_\_\_

*NOTE: Unless we are informed otherwise,  
we will assume that all registrants will participate in all scheduled activities.*

If you know who they are, please list your local Senator and/or Representative below:

State Senator: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

State Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

If not, don’t worry. We will find out who they are and provide you this information when you register.

**MISSOURI CONFERENCE ~ UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2020 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING EVENT**

*“The Year of the LORD’s Favor”*

**Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th**

*Event begins at 9:00 am on Tuesday and ends about noon on Wednesday at*

**Wesley United Methodist Church**

**2727 Wesley St., Jefferson City, MO 65109. Phone: 573-893-2556**

*All sessions, lunches and dinner are here. There’s ample parking and Wesley is handicap accessible.*

**EARLY/PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2020**

**Early Registration Fee - \$75.00**

**LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 21, 2020**

**Late Registration Fee - \$90.00**

If you desire to register after that date, you will need to register at the event and pay at that time. Please email the Registration Form (page 1 only) to us to let us know you are coming.

Registration fee includes all meals, transportation to and from the hotels, Wesley UMC, the capitol, and penitentiary, and all LTE materials. Send registration form with check payable to...

**MO Conference United Methodist Women**

**C/o Liz Rooks at 1409 S. Garfield**

**Sedalia, MO 65301 or [rookselizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:rookselizabeth@gmail.com)**

*Confirmation letters will be sent by email. Those who do not include an email address will receive confirmation by snail mail. NOTE: **EVERYONE must complete a registration form.***

ALL participants attending the 2020 LTE will have opportunity to...

- **Attend Legislative Update/Hot Topics session**
- **Receive training in Legislative Advocacy 101**
- **Go to Prison – Tour the closed Missouri State Penitentiary**
- **Advocate for Criminal Justice/Prison Reform bills.**
- **Hear Keynote Speaker, Jeanette Mott Oxford, Executive Director, Empower Missouri at our evening program/banquet. And all will...**
- **Learn about UMW Social Action Campaigns to...end Mass Incarceration; achieve Just Energy for All; advocate for A Living Wage for All; and end Maternal Mortality.**

You are encouraged to write your State Senators and Representatives to let them know you will be in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the Missouri Conference United Methodist Women’s Legislative Training Event and that you would like to meet with him/her at some point during that time – ideally Tuesday afternoon. If you are able to set a specific appointment time, then do so. If you do not know who they are, go to [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov) or [www.house.mo.gov](http://www.house.mo.gov) to find out.

**MISSOURI CONFERENCE ~ UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2020 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING EVENT**

March 10-11<sup>th</sup>

**DORTHA MAE OLSEN AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY – JANUARY 10, 2020**

This award honors Dortha Mae Olsen for her years of service to the UMW Mission Team. Dortha Mae has a special commitment to social justice issues and is a strong supporter of the Mission of United Methodist Women.

**Award Rules and Regulations:**

- This award shall be given to a **Person Who Has Never Attended** the event
- This award shall be for LTE registration, food, lodging, and travel
- Membership in UMW is **NOT** required

Applicant should send a brief bio along with answers to the following questions

1. In the future how can women be involved in a social justice issue(s)?
2. Do you believe United Methodist Women should be involved in politics?
3. How have you been involved in a social action issue?

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church/District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND APPLICATION FORM WITH BRIEF BIO & RESPONSES TO ABOVE 3 QUESTIONS TO:**

**Karla Lowe-Phelps, PO Box 2038, Lebanon, MO 65536**

Questions? Call: 417-531-3214 or

email Karla Lowe-Phelps at [klowephelps@gmail.com](mailto:klowephelps@gmail.com)

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10, 2020**

Late fee will be waived for scholarship applicants. Indicate scholarship applicant on registration form. *Award winners will be notified by February 7th*

Mid -State District UMW  
**Val Hinshaw Award Application**

An award shall be given to attend the Legislative Training Event (March 10-11, 2020) in memory of Val Hinshaw for her years of emphasis on Social Action within the Missouri Conference of United Methodist Women. This award is given to at least one registrant within the Mid-State District, of which Val was a member. Funding for the award come from donations from that local units to the District Treasurer.

**Award Rules and Regulations:**

- The award shall be for registration, food, lodging and travel.
- A first- time attendee will be given special consideration, but others may apply.
- Membership in the United Methodist Church and UMW is required.
- Applicant should send a brief biography, along with answers to the following questions.

1. Do you believe United Methodist Women should be involved in politics? Please explain.

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2. In what way can you contribute to social action through your UMW?

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3. How will attending the Legislative Training Event make a difference to you?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline: January 1, 2020**

Submit application to: Linda Mealy, Mid-State District Social Action Coordinator  
 6037 Winding Road, Fulton, Mo 65251

If you have questions or need more information please contact Linda at 573-642-1054 or mealyle@gmail.com

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

The Fall meeting at Harper's Chapel was so much fun! I enjoyed seeing many of you and sharing about the Reading Program and the Program Resources available to our units.

As 2019 draws to a close, it's time to finish your 2019 Reading Program! There is still time to have Each One Read One-we can all choose one of the books on the Reading List and read it before the end of the year. We can do it! encourage everyone to continue to read throughout December. Please fill out your Reading Program Plan and return them to your unit SPR. It would be very helpful if the SPR person from each unit can send all the Reading Program Plans for the unit to me at the address below. I will need to know which Reading Program Plan and which books from each category have been read for each person. Please send your completed Reading Program plans by January 1, 2020, or if you have any questions about the Reading Program, please contact me:

**The Mid-State Library was in full use at the Fall meeting.** Here's a short report on the Library books:

- We had 31 books returned to the library that were previously checked out.
- We had 24 books checked out from the library.
- Our current library inventory includes 85 books available for check-out; we have 71 books currently checked out and in use.
- We sold 11 books (total \$55) from the books that have "fallen off" the reading program listing. We currently have 33 more books to sell.

We will have the MS Library books at the Spring meeting, however if you would like to check out a book or return books before that, please contact me and we can work out something. If you would like, I would be glad to bring the MS Library books to your UMW unit meeting. I really want our district to use these library books as much as possible. The content of our reading program books covers so many topics! There is so much to learn! Listing of books available visit online.....[moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen](http://moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen)

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## Karen Hunt, Vice President

It was wonderful to see all of you at our Fall District Meeting at Harper Chapel United Methodist Church. We had a really good meeting thanks to those very gracious ladies at Harper Chapel, our program presenters Diana Revelle and Becky Kreek, and all those who said yes, we can, who we elected as our Mid-State Mission Team for 2020. If you missed the meeting, a program containing information and year end forms was mailed to your unit president. Looking forward to the upcoming year, I am urging each of you to make plans to attend the **Legislative Event in Jefferson City March 10-11, 2020, our Spring District Meeting April 18, 2020 at Prairie Home United Methodist Church** and our **Fall District Meeting will be September 19, 2020 at New Bloomfield United Methodist Church.** Please mark the dates on your calendars. We want to see you there new things will be happening this year so don't miss out.

Special thank you for the prayers, cards, memorials and calls this year for the loss of my mother and son. It was a difficult time. Your love has touched us. It was truly appreciated.

Gary and Karen Hunt

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## Calendar

**November 30, 2019** South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event early registration deadline.

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**January 10** Legislative Training Event Scholarship Application deadline

**February 21** Legislative Training Event late registration deadline

**February 25** South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event final registration deadline

**March 10-11** Legislative Training Event, Wesley UMC, Jefferson City

**March 26-29** South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event, Little Rock, AR

**June 5-7** UMC Annual Conference

**July 24-26** Mission u, Central Methodist University, Fayette

**September 25-26** MO Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Kimberling City

**January 1** Legislative Training Event Val Hinshaw Scholarship deadline

**April 18** Mid-State Spring District Meeting, Prairie Home

**September 19** Mid-State Fall District Meeting, New Bloomfield