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Mid-State District Newsletter

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UMW 101 Zoom Meeting

Working with the Mission Criteria short form (see page 5) as a planning tool, The Mission Team met on January 9, 2021 with 29 members in attendance.

Members of the mission team presented ideas on implementation of different items in the criteria.

Mission team members will be sharing this information with local units. It was great to put names with faces!

Message from President Julia Goodell

It is Martin Luther King, Jr Day as I write this article. I remember the turmoil of the 60s and the Civil Rights Movement. I remember being afraid for my country and conflicted in my faith as the church struggled to find Christ's path in the turmoil. In the middle of that chaos, I suffered both a severe illness and had major surgery. I wasn't sure I would see 30. But here I am now 75 years old in a country in turmoil, a church in conflict and a pandemic. But now I have a history of God being steadfast, of a Sunday School class that sustains me and a number of UMW units who are still faithful. In 2020 I visited several UMW units, we had ZOOM meetings, and probably 1000 emails proving to me that Mid-State women are strong, compassionate disciples of Christ. What an honor and privilege it has been to move through these difficult times with you.

Better times are coming. We are moving into a new structure for UMW. You can read about the new structure in the 2021-2024 Handbook, available on the national UMW website. I encourage everyone to read the new constitution and bylaws. Your District mission team is just finishing up new standing rules to be in harmony with national UMW. By March each unit should receive a draft copy for your consideration. The standing rules will be voted on at our April 24 district meeting probably on ZOOM again.

Our PURPOSE is still the same. It is just the structure that is changing to be more flexible and streamlined. This is a great opportunity to recommit ourselves. To joyfully find new ways to live out our faith United as Methodists and as Women. Let us sing a new song in harmony, my sisters.

Blessings always,
Julia Goodell
District President

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING!

Date: April 24, 2021 **Time:** Gather at 9:30; Meeting begins at 10:00

The meeting will be a **hybrid** meeting with **in-person option** at Missouri UMC, 204 South 9th St., with parking in the back off 10th Street. There will also be an online **ZOOM** option for those who prefer not to travel or meet in person. (See page 4 for ZOOM invitation).

This an especially important business meeting (the only District wide business meeting for the year) for the discussion and voting on new Standing Rules which have been updated to harmonize with the National UMW's Constitution and Bylaws. We will also have an election and installation for the offices of Secretary and Chair of Nominations Committee. No meal.

The events of 2020 have made meeting together difficult. Some have embraced electronic capabilities like Zoom, Skype, and others, but some have not felt comfortable or do not have the electronic capability to meet virtually.

Another option is the conference call. A conference call is done over the telephone. One person in the group is listed as the host and initiates the call. All other members simply dial a designated telephone number and everyone in the group is on the same telephone call at the same time. Below is information about a reputable free conference call company. Hopefully, those who have not been comfortable with the virtual meetings, will take advantage of this free service to continue keeping your groups active.

FreeConferenceCall.com www.freeconferencecall.com (844) 844-1322

From their website: Receive a FreeConferenceCall.com account instantly with just an e-mail and password. Once you sign up, you will be provided with a **Dial-in Number and Access Code** for immediate conferencing. Your account is **available to you 24/7** and there is no need to schedule or make any reservations. Each audio conference can **accommodate 1,000 callers** on an unlimited number of free conference calls.

Missouri United Methodist Church UMW

Diana Revelle

Our unit has struggled as has most every unit in the district to stay connected and continue in service. We have continued in connection through Zoom meetings and stay in touch with each other through notes, emails, and telephone calls. Two of our members found a creative way to keep busy by writing and publishing books. Yvonne Skouby wrote a book entitled, Cooper Hill, Missouri, The Village and One-Room School, 1857-1957. The village was co-founded by Yvonne's great-grandfather in 1857. Louise Martin's, book, Just One More Story, is a memoir covering her life's story from grandparents forward.

MUMC was pleased to present four Mission Recognition Pins, and we held a memorial for 7 of our members lost to death since December of 2019. Our candle burning remembrance collected \$3,610.00 to send to mission. In addition, members assisted at the Wardrobe, at Loaves and Fishes, and collected items for local mission.

Our year has begun in a meaningful way as we presented the UMW Spiritual Growth study, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, from January 21-February 11. The study was offered via Zoom and was open to the church.

At the January zoom meeting Mission Today Criteria were examined. There are several items that pertain to outreach: adding new members, sponsoring women and teens at UMW events, organize a worship service to observe United Methodist Women Sunday, and nominating a member for the District Woman in Mission of the Year. These may be more difficult at this time but continue to watch for upcoming events online and in the newsletters. Begin making plans and reaching out to people to see if there are those in your area who would like to attend such events.

Annually, National UMW has asked that we complete a National Census form that is online. This year the name of the census is changing from National Census to "Unit Survey". Over the past 5 years, the form has taken shape to be more than a numbers reporting tool and more of a questionnaire regarding the health and vitality of the unit. The past three years questions were asked about what does it mean to be a thriving unit and what attributes do you relate to thriving. This year, unit presidents are asked to self-select in what area(s) their members/units are thriving. This will help influence what it means to "thrive" at the district and unit level as well as inform the national office and conference leadership on strengths and areas for improvement. The deadline for submission is March 30th, 2021. If you have issues or would like help completing the form, please contact Gwen Blodgett at 573-239-4773 or email g.blodgett@att.net. The link is <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020>.

As District Secretary I was surprised to learn that the Missouri Conference Secretary wanted the list of Unit Officers by November 1st. This is required from all Districts to be included in the Conference Directory. It means units would need to hold elections earlier in the year.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing everyone at the District Spring Business meeting on April 24th.

SPRING DISTRICT ZOOM MEETING INVITATION!

Topic: Mid-State UMW District Business Meeting
Time: Apr 24, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5248797907?pwd=ZEVXOFI1eVJPb25rMTVReHI5d2QvUT09>

Meeting ID: 524 879 7907
Passcode: 04112020

(For those who are joining with a standard cell phone or home phone without audio only, call the number below and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted. Long distance charges might apply.)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

] Diana Revelle 573-489-2228

revellediana@gmail.com

2020 Mission Today Criteria Short Form

ALL units complete this form 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 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 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 person to Mission u.
- *17. Conduct/attend at least one 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, complete a Sustainable Measurement survey. Turn in the form to Felicia Bamer.
19. Sponsor a young woman to attend 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 a presentation about _____ on _____ (date)
21. Have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network & respond to legislative information at least three times a year.
22. Invite State Representative and/or State senator or a representative, to a local Unit meeting.
23. One person shall attend the Legislative Training 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 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 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 internet and e-mail access be the 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. Thank you!

Total membership on 01/01/2020:

Total membership on 12/31/2020:

Submit the report to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by **January 15, 2021.**

District Education and Interpretation Coordinators will be responsible for reporting to the Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator by **February 1, 2021.**

Person Reporting:

Unit/Church:

Email Address:

Phone:

Thoughts from Jackie Bruner “For the beauty of the earth, Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise!”

I hope you are enjoying the beauty that is all around us. Even the muted browns and yellows are lovely to look at!

The end of the year is coming quickly. You will find the short report form for Mission Today included in this newsletter. Please complete that and return it to Gwen Blodgett or me soon after January 1. Even if you have only met 1 or 2 of the goals, you will get credit just for participating. It has been a challenging year, and we all understand if you have not met all the goals you wanted to.

Some of you have requested the Mission Studies that would have been used at Mission U 2020. They are:

1. Finding Peace in an Anxious World
2. Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission
3. Pushout – the Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

1 and 2 can be ordered from the Mission Resource Center, and 3 is available on Amazon. Thank you to those units who have pursued these studies on your own. Studies for 2021 should be available soon.

I hope you are staying safe and well. Hopefully, we will all be together again soon, and our sense of community will be revived. I think about all of you often and miss seeing your beautiful faces. We all need to give thanks during this season for all the blessings we have been given! Jackie Bruner ***Copies of the Mid-State Mission U Scholarships will be on the Mid-State UMW web page as soon as final plans are made for Mission U.

2021 Mid-State UMW Units and Shepherdesses

Church and/or Location	Shepherdess	Church and/or Location	Shepherdess
Brunswick	Peggy Page	Jefferson City-First	Diana Revelle
Camdenton	Sally Dorrell	Jefferson City-Wesley	Diana Revelle
Centralia	Barbara Dearing	Laurie-Ozark Chapel	Sally Dorrell
Columbia-Community	Diana Mooney	Malta Bend	Barbara Dearing
Columbia-Fairview	Diana Mooney	Moberly-Trinity	Gwen Blodgett
Columbia-Missouri	Julia Goodell	Moberly-West Park	Gwen Blodgett
Columbia-New Horizons	Julia Goodell	New Bloomfield	Linda Mealy
Eldon	Renee Holloway	New Hope	Gwen Blodgett
Fayette-Linn Memorial	Nettie Cherrington	Prairie Home	Jackie Bruner
Fulton-Court Street	Linda Mealy	River Circuit	Linda Mealy
Glasgow	Nettie Cherrington	Rocheport	Jackie Bruner
Huntsville	Gwen Blodgett	Tipton	Jackie Bruner

Spiritual Growth -- Sally Dorrell

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual

songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:19-21

Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone and I have to say 2020 was a very different year. I am ready to move on to 2021. We had a good officer training via ZOOM. This has been a first for many of us, but we all seem to be adjusting. It was great to see so many dedicated ladies of UMW attend. I thank each of you for your willingness to serve as an officer. Our jobs are so important and fulfilling as we do the mission work that we have dedicated ourselves to. I hope this pandemic will subside and we will be able to meet in person very soon but until then we will need to connect in different ways. When I received this writing, I thought if I would remember these helpful hints each day what contentment I would have in my life and I would be able to serve my Lord better each day. What do you think?

ONE DAY AT A TIME

The most useless thing to do

The greatest Joy

The greatest loss

The most satisfying work

The ugliest personality trait

The most endangered species

The greatest "shot in the arm"

The greatest problem to overcome

The most effective sleeping pill

The most crippling failure disease

The most powerful force in life

The most dangerous pariah

The world's most incredible computer

The worst thing to be without

The deadliest weapon

The two most power-filled words

The greatest asset

The most worthless emotion

The most prized possession

The most beautiful attire

The most powerful channel of communication

The most contagious spirit

The most important thing in life

Worry

Giving

Loss of self-respect

Helping others

Selfishness

Dedicated leaders

Encouragement

Fear

Peace of mind

Excuses

Love

A gossip

The brain!

Hope

The tongue

"I Can"

Faith

Self-pity

Integrity

A SMILE!

Prayer

Enthusiasm

GOD!

I hope you will put these tidbits of helpful information where you can read them each day and I pray you will be blessed each day to the fullest. Your Sister in Christ, Sally Dorrell, Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Peggy Page, Communications Coordinator

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UMW Websites:

National UMW: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census 2020>

MO United Methodist Conference: <https://www.moumethodist.org/>

MO Conference UMW: <https://www.moumethodist.org/unitedmethodistwomen>

Mid-State District UMW: <https://www.moumethodist.org/umwmidstatedistrictwebsite>

***Information about the Mid-State Mission U Scholarships will be on the District Webpage when the Mission U final details are decided.

