

Missouri Conference United Women in Faith Mission Today Planning Worksheet for 2023

PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE MISSION TODAY:

The Missouri Conference and its District organizations are asked by United Women in Faith 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 Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

GOALS: The Missouri Conference has chosen the 36 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 2023 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 undesignated 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 locally and/or globally. This criterion is met by participating in any one of the three facets of the Mission Giving; Mission support, Memorials, and/or Mission Minutes.
 - 1) Donating to a local Women’s Shelter, Food Bank, Festival of Sharing program and/or Children’s/Youth Programs.
 - 2) Candle Burning -- any amount of money may be given in memory of or to honor persons at either a one-time event (UWF Sunday) or over the course of the year.
 - 3) 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 Women in Faith National (which varies each year.) Please order the Certificate through your District Treasurer. The Missouri Conference will provide the Certificate and include 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 **2023 is \$16.56 per 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 will participate in the Reading Program encouraging ladies to become Reading Partners.
- _____ 11. 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:

- _____ *12. 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.
- _____ 13. The local unit members shall write to at least five (5) persons listed in the PRAYER CALENDAR at least twice a year.
- _____ 14. The local unit will involve members in a prayer partner program for the year.

- _____ 15. The local unit will plan or participate in a Spiritual Growth retreat or attend a Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.
- _____ 16. The local unit will participate in a local retreat, prayer vigil or develop a Bible Study using UWF Resources.

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

- _____ 17. The local unit will sponsor/send at least one (1) person to the Mission u.
- _____ *18. 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.

- _____ *19. 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 Women in Faith website (www.moumethodist.org/unitedwomeninfaith). In subsequent years, one additional Principle must be completed. Return your completed survey after each event to the Green Team Task Force Coordinator by December 31, 2023.
- _____ 20. The local unit shall sponsor a youth (age 12-19) to attend Mission u.
- _____ 21. 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; Cornerstones of Care, Kansas City; and Susanna Wesley Family Center, Charleston.) <https://www.moumethodist.org/links>

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:

- _____ 22. The local unit will have at least one (1) person joining the United Women in Faith’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.
- _____ 23. 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 Women in Faith’s Social Action concerns.
- _____ 24. 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.

- _____ 25. The local unit shall initiate or continue one study of the United Women in Faith's Christian Social Responsibility Campaign Issues. Current Campaigns include: Prayers for Peace, Campaign for Children Phase III, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and United Women in Faith's Green Team (Note: this is a partial listing.) Detailed listing, resources and campaign status/updates are available through United Women in Faith, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; website: <http://www.uwfaith.org> contact: Ms. Susie Johnson, email: johnsons@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

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

- _____ *26. The local unit will sponsor at least one person and/or teen to attend the Conference UWF Annual Meeting and at least two members of the local unit (other than District or Conference officers) to attend a District event.
- _____ 27. 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 Women in Faith National and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Contact the District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator for resources.)
- _____ *28. The local unit will add at least two (2) new members to its rolls.
- _____ 29. The local unit will observe one Sunday during the year as United Women in Faith Sunday in the local church.
- _____ 30. The local unit will sponsor a woman from the local church to attend one or more of the Conference-sponsored Retreats.
- _____ 31. The local unit will sponsor a teen from the local church to attend one or more of the Teen and/or Conference-sponsored Retreats.
- _____ 32. The local unit will start a new United Women in Faith circle/group. Contact the District Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator/District President for resources.
- _____ 33. 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 Women in Faith National Guidelines. Please follow these guidelines in the selection of your nominee.
- _____ 34. 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:

- _____ 35. The local unit will have one member join the MO Conference United Women in Faith email group, from Google Groups. Instructions for joining can be found at:
www.moumethodist.org/umwemail
- _____ 36. 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).

Mission Today Report Form For 2023

(To be completed by **ALL** units even if not completing the requirements for Mission Today.)

President

- *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.

Vice - President

- *2. Use two (2) Programs from current PROGRAM BOOK.
- 3. Participate in "Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program and offering.

Treasurer

- *4. Local unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.
- *5. Be a 5-Star Unit.
- 6. \$25.00 ribbons/corsages program.
- *7. Donation to a local program, Candle Burning or Mission Minute Certificate.

Program Resources

- *8. At least two (2) members subscribe to RESPONSE magazine.
- *9. At least two people complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on One of the books read.
- 10. Participate in Reading Program.
- 11. Have a "Response Moment" at each Meeting.

Spiritual Growth

- *12. Prayer Calendar at each general meeting.
- 13. Write to at least five (5) persons listed in The Prayer Calendar at last twice a year.
- 14. Prayer partner for the year.
- 15. Plan or participate in a Spiritual Growth retreat.
- 16. Develop a Bible Study using UWF Resources.

Education & Interpretation

- 17. Sponsor/send at least one (1) person to the Mission u.

- *18. Conduct/attend at least one (1) Mission Study OR Have at least 10% of the local Unit membership participate in a District Mission study.
- *19. To become a Be Just, Be Green Unit, you must complete a Sustainable Measurement survey. Turn in the form to Coordinator. Form is available on the website.
- 20. Sponsor a youth (ages 12-19) or young woman to attend the Mission u.
- 21. 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)

Social Action

- 22. At least one (1) person join the United Women in Faith's Action Network & respond to Legislative information at least three (3) times a year.
- 23. Invite State Representative and/or State Senator or a representative, to a local Unit meeting.
- 24. One (1) person shall attend Legislative Event and contact their Senator and Representative.
- 25. Initiate or continue one study of the UWF Christian Social Responsibility Campaign Issues.

Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

- *26. Sponsor at least one person and/or teen to attend the Conference UWF Annual Meeting and at least two members of the local Unit to attend a District event.
- 27. Co-sponsor a Children's Sabbath.
- *28. Add at least two (2) new members.
- 29. Observe United Women in Faith Sunday.
- 30. Sponsor a woman to attend one or more of the Conference sponsored Retreats.

- 31. Sponsor a teen to attend one or more of the Conference sponsored retreats.
- 32. Start a new circle/group of United Women in Faith.
- 33. Nominate one (1) member for the District Woman in Mission of the Year.
- 34. Invite a District/Conference officer to one of the Unit meetings during the year.

Communication Coordinator

- 35. The local unit will have one member join the MO Conference UWF Facebook group. Instructions for joining can be found by contacting the President.
- 36. The local unit will have one member with e-mail access or Facebook 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 01/01/2023 _____

Total membership on 12/31/2023 _____

Submit this report to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by January 15, 2024. District Education and Interpretation Coordinators will be responsible for reporting to the Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator by February 1, 2024.

Person Reporting _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Unit/Church _____
(Please print all information)

