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United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



From the President's Blotter

A New Year has begun, and United Methodist Women are already looking ahead to the challenges of the new quadrennial. We welcome a new United Methodist Women President. Her name is Shannon Priddy and you can read about her optimism on page 4 of the January 2017 of Response Magazine. In this article, she challenges us to make this year better than the last. She encourages us to "share the hope of women in mission and share the message that Jesus brings to our lives."

With the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new, United Methodist Women have set new quadrennial priority issues. In 2013-2016, the quadrennial issues were human trafficking, immigration, domestic violence and climate

justice. The priority issues for the 2017-2020 quadrennial are climate justice, criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration, economic inequality, and maternal and child health.

You can learn more about these issues by attending the Conference United Methodist Women Spring Meeting on April 1st and Mission u in July. The 3 Day School will be held July 7 – 9 and the 1 Day School will be on July 22nd. You can also learn more about them through the Reading Program. (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram)

Looking ahead to 2018, United Methodist Women will proclaim "*The Power of Bold*" in Columbus, Ohio at Assembly on **May 18 – 20, 2018**. This Assembly marks both the official celebration of

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the organization's 150th anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. Approximately 8,000 women will come together in faith to address the priority issues mentioned above. *The Assembly website* will officially launch in March of 2017 with regular updates on the event. Registration for the event will open Sept. 1, 2017.

Since we last met together in October, Leslie Koengetter has joined the District Team as our Vice President. You'll be meeting her at District events throughout the year. Leslie has served on both the District and Conference United Methodist Women's Mission teams in addition to her duties

in a local unit. She brings a wealth of knowledge and abilities to our group and we welcome her. She is a member of the Medford UMC. We want to thank Deborah Jones for her leadership and dedication to our team while she served as Vice President. We wish her well.

Also new to our team is Mary Wilson, from Church of the Good Shepherd in Willingboro. Mary is our new treasurer, taking over from Joyce Wolvin who retired from her duties in December. We thank Joyce for her faithful stewardship of United Methodist Women funds and wish her well.

Last October the Conference UMW Mission Team held their annual meeting and election where Kathy Schultz was elected Conference UMW President. She previously served as Program Committee Chairperson. She looks forward to seeing you at the Conference Spring Meeting on April 1st.

Your District Team members would love to get to know you better. Please invite us to a meeting or social gathering. We look forward to your invitation.

Pat Grant,
Capital District President

Committee on Nominations-2016/17:

Praise God for the past year, and the new year to come. It has been a challenging experience for The United Methodist Women. We wish to thank Deborah Jones, Joyce Wolvin, and Kim Bohley for serving; Deborah, District Vice President, Joyce, Treasurer, and Kim, Membership, Nurture and Outreach coordinator. We thank Leslie Korngetter, and Mary Wilson for so gracefully accepting the call to serve as our D.VP, and Treasurer. The Nominations Committee is in the process of finding a member to serve as Membership, Nurture and Outreach coordinator. May God continue to bless and strengthen each and every one in our mission.

Thank you,
Mary McLemore, Evelyn Carson, Carole, Nelson.

Keep in Touch

Visit www.gnjumw.org for District & Conference UMW News.

Place your cursor on News and then click on Capital. Our District news appears.

If you click on News, the Conference UMW news appears.



**Camden Neighborhood Center
Annual Tea and
In-Gathering
at
St. Paul UMC
201 Levitt Pkwy, Willingboro, NJ**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017
6:30 Registration
7:00 pm Program Begins**

Guest Speaker: Vedra Chandler
Senior Director of Programming for the Camden Neighborhood Center

Awarding of Five Star
&
Mission Today Certificates

Neighborhood Center In-Gathering

Foods that make up a healthy diet. We hope to have a list by the March 2017 postcard/flyer reminder.

News from Membership, Nurture and Outreach

New Way to Report Membership

Membership is now being done on the UMW National website, so you no longer have to fill out a report and send it to the District Membership, Nurture and Outreach person. (So archive the postcards sent out in October)

Each local unit President should log into www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2016. Once you do that, a form will come up asking you to fill in the zip code of your church. Press search and your church name, your district (Capital), your conference (GNJ) and your Jurisdiction (Northeastern) should appear. Click on select, and the information will appear in the boxes immediately below. You will need to fill in the box that says Unit Name and then fill out the rest of the form and submit it. You will need to know the number of members as of Jan. 1, 2016, number added, number who are no longer members and total members as of Dec. 31, 2016 in order to complete the form

Each local unit member is asked to go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW. A form comes up that asks for the zip code of your church. Click on search and your church name, your district, conference and jurisdiction appear. Click on select and the boxes for church, district and conference will fill in. You will need to fill in the box that says Unit Name as it will not fill in. For most of us, the unit name is the church name. Fill out the rest of the form and submit. You'll then be taken to a new page where you can print a temporary Membership Card.

The form is relatively easy to fill out, so I hope that no one has any problems with it. For those who don't have computers, perhaps someone in your unit who has a computer could fill out the form for you.

If you need more information call Maria Rodriguez at [\(212\) 870-3725](tel:2128703725) or email her at MRodriguez@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

A Note from Lesley Koengetter, Capital District Vice-President.

2017 is underway and so is the program schedule for local United Methodist Women units. Planning programs is one of the most important aspects of keeping a local UMW organization vital and able to fulfill the Purpose. It is, however, one of the most difficult tasks. The Vice-president, along with the President and other leadership team members, is responsible for Program Planning. Here are some things to consider when planning your local UMW activities.

- (1) Since its humble beginnings in 1869 with 2 missionaries doing work in India, mission is and has been at the heart of United Methodist Women. All programs should grow out of “Living the Vision” as stated in the Handbook, p. 6. They should make mission possible by providing activities that include prayer, learning, serving, giving, advocacy, and building community.
- (2) Ideas for programs and unit activities can come from Response Magazine, social action alerts, local mission and non-profit organizations, the Reading Program, District and Conference UMW initiatives, Mission u (formerly Schools of Christian Mission) and the Program Book. District and Conference officers are always a good source for providing names of women and men who could speak to or present programs for local UMW groups. The latest news and information about United Methodist Women can be found on the website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org
- (3) Consider the ages and interests of the women in your unit and congregation. Vary the day and time of events to accommodate working women, retired women, older women who no longer feel comfortable driving in the evening, and women who work at home. For some meetings/programs it would be helpful to provide child care for women with children.
- (4) Plan at least one program each year to celebrate what you have accomplished!

Women have always banded together for the work of mission but the way we organize, gather, learn, and serve has evolved. You may have to “think outside of the box” but you can be a vital UMW group!

Boscov's Day Successful for Neighborhood Center

OCTOBER 18, 2016

I wish to offer a big THANK YOU again to all the local units that participated in Boscov's Day on October 2016. Everyone was really eager to help this year beginning in June.

We offer special thanks to Karen Bailey the president of the Wesley UMW unit in Columbus. Karen was able with helpers to send \$455 from the sale of 91 tickets.

Thank you to Reva Luce whose unit sold \$170 worth of passes for Epworth in Palmyra.

We were able to send \$1900 to the Camden Neighborhood Center from the Boscov's Day event.

The units that participated are listed below.

Beverly \$75	Palmyra Epworth \$170
Broad Street \$125	Pemberton \$25
St Mary Street \$25	Pennington First \$80
Columbus Wesley \$455	Roebing Trinity \$25
Cookstown \$50	Smithville \$25
Dobbins Memorial \$130	Cadwalader-Asbury \$25
Hightstown First \$25	Turning Point \$60
Hopewell \$15	Church of Good Shepherd \$150
Indians Mills \$90	Willingboro St. Paul \$105
Moorestown First \$40	Milltown {Raritan District} \$115
Mount Holly St. Paul's \$30	
Total \$1840	
Evelyn Carson	

Pinelands Area

Browns Mills; Buddtown; Juliustown; Lumberton; Mt. Holly: First; St. Paul; New Egypt; Pemberton; Smithville; Vincentown; Cookstown; Magnolia Rd.

The Pinelands Area gathering is on April 5, 2017 at 10:30am-12pm at the St. Paul UMC, Mt. Holly, NJ

Viola Grant, Coordinator



Prayer Calendar

Do you like to receive cards on your birthday? If your unit has the Prayer Calendar, invite your members to look up their birthday and see who in the mission field shares the same day and send them a card. Addresses are provided in the back of the calendar book. Members could count this toward fulfilling Mission Today requirement No. 4 (non-starred) and you might receive a note back to share with your group.

The District Team would like...

Your District Mission Team has several planning meetings throughout the year and we are always looking for meeting places. Is there a room in your church that we could use? We'd love to meet the members of your local unit and have you sit in on our meeting. Your suggestions and insights might be just what is needed when we get bogged down in details and doubt. If your unit would like to host a meeting, please clear it with your trustees and pastor and contact me to set things up. Thank you for considering this. Pat Grant, [\(609\) 771-6081](tel:6097716081) or email me at plg186@aol.com.

MISSION MONEY MATTERS...

Congratulations to the following units who have achieved **Five-Star** status for **2016**:

Broad Street, Burlington	African, Trenton
St. Mary Street, Burlington	Cadwalder, Trenton
Cookstown	Turning Point, Trenton
Hopewell	Vincentown
Indian Mills	Good Shepherd, Willingboro
Medford	St. Paul, Willingboro
Mt.Holly, St. Paul	
Epworth, Palmyra	

Certificates will be presented to these units at the Capital District Neighborhood Center Tea on Tuesday, April 4th at the St Paul UMC in Willingboro.

In 2016, the proceeds from the Tea in April, the Breakfast in October, the sale of Boscov Passes, and individual unit giving amounted to \$3,735.00.

Our pledge to Conference for 2017 is \$23,000.

BECOME A 5-STAR UNIT....

There are 5 Categories of Undesignated Gifts on your remittance sheet. Give an amount in each area and qualify as a **5-STAR** unit.

The 5 areas are:

1. **Pledge to Mission**: Should be 60% of your budget.
2. **Special Mission Recognition**: Honor a retiring officer, or anyone, with a gold oval pin and a certificate. \$40 minimum.
3. **Gift to Mission**: Increments of \$5.00.
4. **Gift in Memory**: Increments of \$5.00
5. **World Thank Offering**: Any amount collected to share with others in the world.

Please note: When sending money to the treasurer, it is important that you complete the **REMITTANCE FORM**. There is also a form for your pin order and one for supplementary gift information.

Don't forget the **Legacy Fund!**

Thanks for your help,

If you have any questions or need forms, please call me:

Mary Wilson, Treasurer

609-877-1950

15 Pennypacker Dr., Willingboro, NJ 08046

(maryghwilson@yahoo.com)

GNJUMW Mission Today Unit

Church's Name: _____ District: Capital Date:

**Complete this form and return to Education & Interpretation Coordinator
Sarah Carter, 10 Andover Court, Southampton, NJ 08088 by March 2017.**

Your name:

Address

Email:

Mission Today Criteria (2016)

Select the level that fits your unit:

- _____ **Bronze- Complete 8-12 criteria, including at least 4 starred items.**
 __ __ **Silver- Complete 13-17 criteria or more, including at least 6 starred items.**
 _____ **Gold- Complete 18 criteria or more, including at least 6 starred items.**

***Starred items:**

1. Each unit, circle, or subgroup will open its meeting by saying the UMW **PURPOSE**.
2. The unit will use **The Prayer Calendar** at each general meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.
3. The unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission.
4. The unit will add at least 2 members to its roll.
5. The unit will have at least 2 members subscribe to **Response** magazine or **New World Outlook**.
6. The unit will use at least 2 programs from the **UMW Program Book** each year.
7. The unit or circle will conduct at least one mission study (4 hours or more a year).
8. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year:
 - Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.
 - Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups.
 - Hold a joint Vacation Bible School.
 - Hold pulpit exchanges.
 - Share joint worship services on special occasions.
 - Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family
9. The Unit will be a 5 Star unit, contributing to all 5 channels of Mission Giving.
10. The unit will include Neighborhood Center, Camden, NJ in its budget, submitting funds through the district treasurer. This is the only National Mission Center within the Greater NJ Annual Conference.
11. Each Unit will contribute annually to the UMW Legacy Fund.

Non Starred items:

1. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Cooperative School of Christian Mission or Mission "u"
2. At least 2 members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the district or conference annual fall or spring meeting.

3. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
4. Members will write to 5 persons listed in the **Prayer Calendar** each year.
5. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least 2 ways.
 - a. Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs. Sponsor a Children's Sabbath (program promoted by the Children's Defense Fund).
 - b. Get involved with children In mentoring, tutoring, and "Big Sisters" programs.
 1. Write letters, e-mail or call congressional representatives or others in government about children's issues.
 2. Visit your local schools or attend a school board meeting.
 3. Donate or collect for UNICEF.
 4. Donate school supplies for children; such as including children from Haiti, Camden Neighborhood Center or CUMAC.
6. Each unit or circle will include a Response moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
7. Have at least 2 people from the unit, circle, or sub-group, complete one of the reading programs and report on one of the books read. Also to encouraging all members to complete Plan One and have a book review program.
8. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
9. Make a pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" UMW unit, (Get information on how to become a green unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/environment> or contact the United Methodist Women INC. Office of Community Action.)
10. Hold or attend a mini-spiritual growth retreat.
11. The unit will include support for one of the following in its local budget.
 - a. A local domestic shelter, such as: The Carpenter House, NJ Coalition for Battered Women.
 - b. A regional food bank or local food pantry. Such as CUMAC, Patterson, NJ, SJ Food Bank, Pennsauken, NJ, Food bank of Trenton, NJ.
 - c. Support Camp YDP in Patterson, NJ, Ranch Hope for Boys in Alloway, NJ and Victory House for Girls in Williamstown, NJ
 - d. Support pregnancy crisis centers such as: Robin's Nest, Hope Pregnancy Center, Birth Haven, and The Lighthouse.
 - e. Support the GNJUMC Advance initiatives specials.
12. The unit will contribute kits to Church World Service or UMCOR. This may include; health kits, birthing kits, layette kits and clean-up buckets, sewing kits.
13. The unit or circle will develop a prayer shawl ministry, quilting ministry, or the making of baby caps, layette blankets for local hospitals or lap robes for local nursing homes or UM Homes.
14. The unit will have at least one person to attend the UMW North Eastern Jurisdiction or the UMW Assembly.

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United Methodist Women Dates

2017

Local Officer Training	January 21, 2017 9am - Noon (Jan. 28 th , Snow date)	Hightstown UMC
Leadership Development Days	January 27-29, 2017	Charlotte, NC
District Leadership Team Meeting	February 4, 2017	St. Paul UMC, Willingboro
Conference UMW Leadership Team Mtg	February 25, 2017 9:30 am	Hopewell UMC
Neighborhood Center Winter Gala	Mar 11, 2017	
Conference Spring Meeting	April 1, 2017 9 am –	Moorestown UMC
Capital Neighborhood Center Tea	April 4, 2017 6:30 – 9 pm	St. Paul UMC, Willingboro
District Leadership Team Meeting	April 8, 2017 10 am	St. Paul UMC, Willingboro
Waves of Grace Women’s Retreat Center	April 21 & 22, 2017	Wildwood Convention
Conference UMW Leadership Team Mtg	May 20, 2017	St. Mark UMC, Montclair
District Leadership Team Meeting	June 24, 2017 Noon?	
Cooperative School of Christian Mission		
Mission “u” (Weekend)	July 7 – 9, 2017	Georgian Court Univ.
Mission “u” (One Day School)	July 22, 2017	TBA
Finance Meeting & Leadership Team Mtg	August 5, 2017 9:30 am	Oceanport UMC
District Leadership Team Meeting		
Capital Fall Communion Breakfast	October 7, 2017	Church of the Good Shepherd, Willingboro
Conference Fall Meeting Mission Resource Center	October 21, 2017	
Leadership Development Days	November 10 – 12, 2017	St. Louis, MO
Officer Training for District Officers	November 18, 2017	TBA

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