



Greetings UMW Sisters

The first half of the year has been active and exciting. We have joined together to share a creative and supportive fellowship while working hard to achieve our goal of providing a better life for women, children and youth all over the world.

Our year started with 17 members attending Conference Annual Day in Demopolis where we won all three Conference Awards and exceeded our 2018 Pledge. The next events were:

- District Training at Christ United – 48 members present
- District Annual Day at St. John- 106 members present
- District Mission Study at Springhill Avenue – 41 members present
- UMCOR at Christ United – 50 members present
- Mission u at St. Luke in Pensacola- 19 members present
- District Mission Study at Citronelle – 37 members present

Whew!! That was a lot, but we are now looking forward to the last half of the year. Our Presidents/Circle Leaders and Treasurers are requested to attend the annual workshop on August 24th at Springhill Avenue. We will review this year's work and prepare for next year. All members are welcome to attend.

Our Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator, Gail Bradford has planned a spiritual, informative day for us on September 28th. This event will be hosted by Christ United UMW. We will elect 2020 District Officers and adopt updated Standing Rules. Please read the information included in this publication and come prepared to vote. There are still vacant positions on the nomination slate. Please let us know if you are interested in serving – WE NEED YOU!!

Please start registering now for Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake in October and for the EXCITING EVENT COMING TO OUR CITY IN APRIL, 2020- that event of course is, the SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION CONFERENCE, CALLING u – TO CELEBRATE. Our goal is at least 100 Mobile Members to register. We will be asked to assist with hosting.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and as always, I thank our unit leaders for participating and encouraging our members to attend and participate in local, district and conference events. The future of our units depends on your leadership.

The District Mission Team is always available to assist you in any way possible – just call

Sincerely,

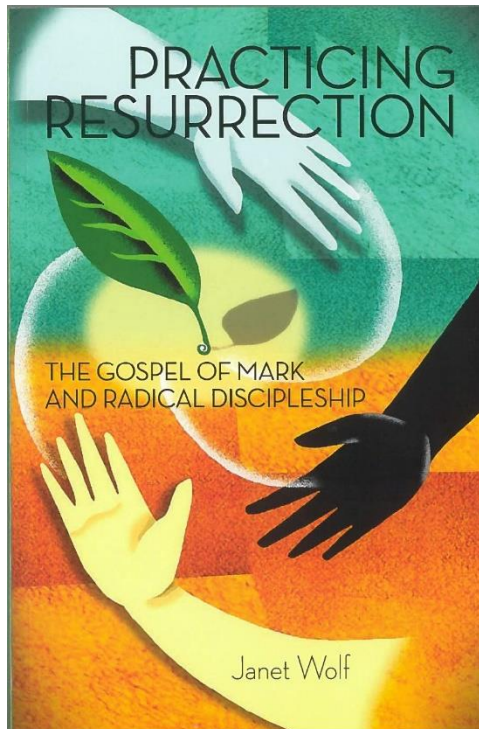
Barbara Carroll, Mobile District UMW President

We are United Methodist Women – We put FAITH HOPE and LOVE INTO ACTION

Spiritual Growth Mission Study

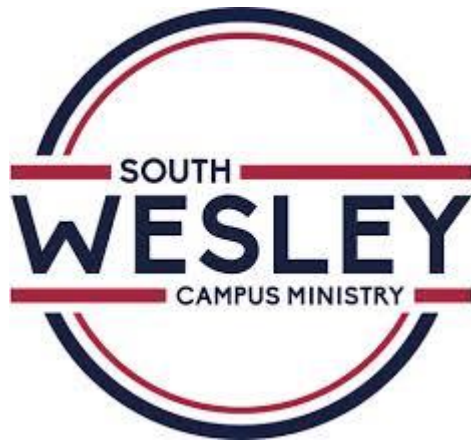
Thank you to the 37 members and guests who attended the District Mission Study on August 10th. Sylvia McCaskill, the president of the Toulminville-Warren Street UMW Unit, did a fantastic job leading us through *Mark and Radical Discipleship*, by Janet Wolf. Attendees explored the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide. Citronelle United Methodist Church hosted the Mission Study and provided a luncheon of fully loaded baked potatoes, salad and dessert. We all felt right at home and enjoyed the delicious lunch. Thanks to the Unit President Marion Platt, presidents and circle leaders who are participating and encouraging your unit members to attend events and activities. Download the district study here:

<http://bantamgraphics.com/pdf/PracticingResurrection.pdf>



UMCOR Workshop

The UMCOR Workshop at Christ United Methodist Church was a great success. 13 units participated by bringing items, making cash donations, and assembling the health kits. The estimated value of the kits and supplies came to \$7,582. 443 kits assembled and sent to Sager Brown along with donations and extra bulk materials.



USA Wesley Foundation

The USA Wesley Foundation is looking for volunteers to provide dinner for Tuesday Night Worship. Each Tuesday they provide dinner, worship and a lesson for students. Dinner starts at 6 PM every Tuesday before worship, so food can be brought at 5:30. You can choose to make the food, buy something from the store, or order catering. Whatever food you want to bring is up to you; the students are grateful for it all! Dessert is optional and the Wesley Foundation provides utensils and plates. They usually need food for about 30-40 people. You are also welcome to stay and eat if you are interested in the opportunity to get to know our students. To sign up, contact Clay Smith at USAWesley@gmail.com.



Local Talk

"The Joys and Challenges of Living on the Navajo Reservation for 18 years" with Bill and Joyce Genz

September 10th 2019

10:00am

Kingswood UMC, Lacefield Hall

Join Bill and Joyce Genz as they share their collection of Navajo art and their 18 years as educators living on the Navajo Reservation in Lukachukai, AZ. They will also share current ministry opportunities for United Methodist Women. Please RSVP to Kingswood UMC at 661-0420 by September 1st.

MOBILE DISTRICT MISSION TEAM 2019

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Spiritual Growth
Gail Bradford

Historian
Shirley Bryan

Parliamentarian
Sylvia McCaskill

Committee on Nominations
Jamie Blake, Chair
Martha Teasley
Shirley Bryan

2019 District Conference Calendar

- 8/24 District Presidents/Treasurers Workshop
- 9/28 District Spiritual Enrichment Day – Christ United
- 10/11-13 Conference Spiritual Enrichment Day – Blue Lake
- 10/26 District Mission Team Meeting– District Office
- 11/10 United Methodist Women’s Day

Pledge Report

We have collected \$14,505.84 so far of our \$20,000.00 pledge for 2019!

Nominations

The following people have been nominated to serve on the Mobile District UMW Team for 2020. We need a Treasurer, Vice President and Nominations. Call if you are interested.

Membership Nurture Outreach: Renee Savell, Springhill Ave.

Spiritual Growth: Ginger Sorensen, Theodore

Social Action: Karen Haven, Christ United

Nominations Class of 2021:

Sharon Hyland, Kingswood

Judy Burnham, South Brookley

Education and Interpretation

I know that we all have busy lives, and we sometimes forget how good God has been to us. This is why it is so important for us to donate to the **5 channels of Mission Giving**.

The 5 channels of Mission Giving are: Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Special Mission Recognition Pins & Certificates, Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory

Through mission giving UMW members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world. About 70 percent of Mission Giving funds from members go to programs and projects supporting women, children and youth. Around 20-30 percent of funds given remain with the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for local mission. Only 9 percent covers administrative costs.

Service and Advocacy focusing on priority issues for 2016-2020 of Climate Justice, Economic Inequality, Maternal and Child Health, and Criminalization of People of Color. Past priorities have been Human Trafficking, Global Migration, Gender Justice, Racial Justice and Food Justice.

It is essential that all units review the Mission Today Criteria, so that our units can be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

Rosalind M. Darby
Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Calling u ... to Celebrate

April 17-19, 2020

Riverview Hotel & Convention Center

Registration Fee - \$185.00

Registration begins July 1

Registration deadline - December 1, 2019

Assisting with hosting the event will be needed. Start collecting Mardi Gras beads and related items for the opening parade.

Register on <https://www.umwsej.org/registration>



District Spiritual Enrichment Day

Saturday, September 28, 2019
10:00am – 2:00pm
Christ United Methodist Church

Please join us for District Spiritual Enrichment Day. Dr. Deborah Bishop DS will serve Communion and we will have a special guest speaker Rev. Jennifer Gregory, Tanner Williams UM. Two votes will be taken on that day, Election of 2020 Officers and Standing Rules. Refreshments will be served after.

Mission u Photos



President and Treasurer's Training

Saturday, August 24, 2019
10:00am
Springhill Ave UMC

This is a Mandatory Training for Presidents and Treasurers. All other current and incoming officers are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch and a cup. The District Team will be providing refreshments.

Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

October 11-13, 2019

Blue Lake

Make plans to attend the Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. The devotion will be by the District Spiritual Growth Coordinators. There will be no lunch provided on Sunday this year, dismissal will be before lunch. Registration online now <https://www.awf-umw.org/>

Do You Know Who?

Do you know your unit members? We all come to meetings and get a lot done with much spirit and enjoy the fellowship! In your next meeting take time to turn to the person next to you.... ask "what do you like to do?" Take one person in your unit...get to know them!! Start a visiting club.... go out to eat once a month! Pray for each person in your unit ...this will make you feel better too!

This is a priority for our UMW to grow in membership, nurture and outreach!

Try the "Who am I?" Game. This is the ice breaker to make you laugh. Don't give your name ...let all guess 3 questions....as to what you do that nobody knows, where born, and where you went to high school or college? Whatever questions.

Get to know your unit people, then we can grow more and have a growing membership! Enjoy the cool fall...just around the corner! May the lord be with us all.... everyday!

God bless you.... hugs...

Robbie Bunkley

District Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

Standing Rules

In accordance with the UMW National Handbook 2017-2020, we now have a Standing Rules Committee. Our policies are updated and are now known as Standing Rules. The revised Standing Rules were approved by the District Team and will be presented for approval vote to the membership body at Spiritual Enrichment Day. Please read over the rules attached at the end of the Informer.

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Purpose

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.

Local mission to assist immigrant families as they pass through Mobile.

Approximately 5 buses come through Mobile daily at the Greyhound Bus Station starting at 10:30am. There are a few groups that meet the buses and pass out drinks, snacks and personal items. Please contact Mr. Barragan for additional information 251-367-0050. Items needed are:

Water
Blankets
Snacks
Fresh Fruit
Diapers (3-5 in a ziplock)
Wipes
Hygiene Supplies (3-5 in a ziplock)
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Coloring books
Crayons
Small Toys
Small Books

STANDING RULES
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mobile District Adopted September 28, 2019

I. APPOINTED LEADERS. Art. II, p. 101

The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the following persons to a one-year term:

1. Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules who shall serve as Parliamentarian
2. Registrar
3. Historian

II. DUTIES OF APPOINTED LEADERS, Art. II. p. 101

The Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules shall work with the Committee to keep official actions of the organization in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws.

1. Parliamentarian shall decide doubtful questions and assist in all matters of parliamentary nature in the conference organization and the Executive Committee. Roberts Rules Order Newly Revised shall be the authority for such decisions.
2. The Registrar shall serve for all United Methodist Women District meetings.
3. The Historian keeps written and pictorial record of all district events including history of elected officers and all related business matters.

III.COMMITTEES. Art. III and IV. P. 135-140 1

1. There shall be a Committee on Nominations

1. The Committee on Nominations shall be composed of five persons including the Chairperson.
2. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules and Policies. The committee shall be composed of the following:
 - a. Chairperson, appointed by the President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations
 - e. Registrar
 - F. Local Unit President (appointed)
 - g. Others as determined by the Executive Committee

The committee shall perform the following:

- a. Keep the District Standing Rules up to date to conform to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National United Methodist Women.
- b. Receive proposed additional Standing Rules which shall be approved by the District Executive Committee and adopted by membership vote at the business session at Spiritual Enrichment Day.
- c. The committee shall formulate policies to recommend to the District Executive Committee for action.
- d. Provide, collect and maintain Talent Bank Forms
- e. Provides slate of officers to be nominated for election
- f. Keeps records of officer terms served for election and completion of terms
- g. Notifies committee of award pins and recognitions to be given annually

2 . There shall be a Committee on Registration

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. Registrar, appointed by the president, shall be the Chairperson
- b. Treasurer
- c. Communications Coordinator
- d. Others as determined by the District Executive Committee
- e. The committee shall serve for all United Methodist Women District meetings.
- f. The duties of the committee shall be:
 1. Prepare registration forms and late fees if applicable
 2. Confirm with the facility the number to be housed and fed
 3. Report the total number of persons registered for all district events
 4. Report by type of credentials held by those in attendance (local delegate, district delegate, conference delegate, etc.)
 5. Develop and collect evaluation forms at each district event

4. There shall be a Committee on Program

The committee shall be composed of:

- a. Chairperson, who shall be the District Vice President
- b. President
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
- e. Spiritual Growth Coordinator
- f. Education & Interpretation Coordinator
- g. Social Action Coordinator
- h. Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator
- I. Communications Coordinator
- j. One Local Unit president (appointed by president)
- k. Others as the Executive Committee determines

The functions of the committee shall be to:

- a. Plan and recommend to the organization programs that contribute to the fulfillment of the PURPOSE, including the program of the annual meeting and Spiritual Enrichment
- b. Designate a special subcommittee to carry out its plans for the annual meeting and/or other designate programs
- c. Implement the plans and evaluate the effectiveness of each program.

5. There shall be a Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies:

The committee shall be composed of the following, one-third of whom shall be women of color, insofar as possible:

- a. Chairperson, who shall be the District Social Action Coordinator
- b. Nominations Chairperson
- c. One Local Unit president
- d. Units' Social Action Coordinators or representative
- e. Two members selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skill necessary to accomplish the task.

The functions of the committee shall be to develop and recommend to the District Committee:

- A. plans for the implementation of the Charter;
- B. plan for training district and local leadership in the implementation of the Charter
- C. monitors district-approved action to implement the Charter
- D. regularly evaluates progress made on the approved district and local implementation plans.
- e. The committee shall meet at least twice annually

IV. ELECTIONS AND MEETING Art. V and VI, pages 105-107

- A. The electorate of the district organization shall be composed of the local unit members present.
 - B. In order to ensure continuity on the Executive Committee, officers shall be elected for a two-year term as follows:
 1. Elected in even years:
 - President
 - Secretary, who is responsible for putting the directory together
 - Mission Coordinator for Social Action
 - Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
 - Communications Coordinator, who is INFORMER editor
 2. Elected in odd years:
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach
 - Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
 - Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
 - C. Those elected shall assume their duties January 1, following their election.
3. All motions, reports, resolutions made from the floor of the Annual Meeting shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Secretary at the time of presentation.

V. FUNDS Art. VII, p. 108

- a. No more than 15% of the district mission giving shall be used for administration and membership development expenses of the conference
- b. By December 15, annually, districts shall return to the conference treasurer any monies left in their treasury, with the exception of an annual start-up fee of up to \$750. The other exception is noted below: 1. the only monies a district may hold at year's end are as follows:

- \$50.00 (fifty) for workshops. This money may accrue for no longer than four (4) years, if unused the dollars will be returned to the conference treasurer as Administration and Membership Development Funds.
- \$25.00 (twenty-five) per year may be put into savings for up to five (5) years for Scholarships to Church Women United.
- c. Any remittances from the districts that do not meet the deadline shall be credited in the next year.

These Standing Rules were approved by the body of the Mobile District United Methodist Women at the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat on September 28, 2019. This version supersedes any previous standing rules. They are effective immediately.

Financial Policies

- **SYMPATHIES SENT IN THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT**

- A. Duties of the district president shall be:

- a. to send a "Gift in Memory" card to a member of the current District Executive Committee residing within the district in the event of the death of a parent, child or husband.
- b. To send a "Gift in Memory, in the event of the death of a member of the District Mission Team, or a past president of District United Methodist Women or predecessor organization residing within the bounds of the district.

The amount of the gifts named above shall be determined by the district finance committee and shall be reported by the district treasurer to the United Methodist Women. She shall notify the district secretary giving her the correct information concerning the person to be remembered.

- c. To send a card in case of illness of a member of the district mission team to notify the membership nurture and outreach mission coordinator.

- B. It shall be the duty of the district secretary to take action if the district president is the concerned and to notify the members of the district team.

- **Love Gifts and Special Recognition**

- (if needed and available) Honorarium for speakers and/or musicians for Annual Day, Spiritual Enrichment or all other special district events shall be decided by the district mission team. In addition, all expenses (travel, food, etc) shall be paid. The treasurer shall deliver honoraria checks to the leader/speaker/musician at the conclusion of the event and send checks for other expenses upon receipt of the expense vouchers.
- Anyone who leaves the district mission team without serving out tenure, but serving at least two (2) years in an elected position, will receive a Basic Mission Recognition Pin and white certificate.
- If a person serves eight (8) consecutive years on the district team, she will receive a Basic Mission Recognition Pin set with a small sapphire and a gold certificate.
- If a person serves as district president for four (4) years, she will receive a Basic Mission Recognition Pin set with a small sapphire and a gold certificate. The district may take a love offering and the pin will be determined by the amount of the offering. The district treasury and the chairperson of the nominations committee shall be responsible for spearheading this offering.
- A Basic Mission Recognition Pin and white certificate shall be presented to members of the nominations committee at the conclusion of a four (4) year term. Members who do not complete their term shall be given a "Gift to Mission" card. The chair of nominations shall advise the district treasurer of the names of those who should receive recognition.

- B. **Financial Matters**

1. The district shall pay for paper, envelopes, copying, and postage for letters and newsletters sent to local officers and others deemed necessary for promoting the work.
2. Registration Fees – There shall be a registration fee for the Conference Annual Day and Spiritual Enrichment Retreat which is determined annually. This fee shall be paid by the district officers attending. The amount of Mission U registration fee is determined by Mission U Planning Committee and shall be paid by district officers attending.

C. Scholarships and Subsidies (If funds are available)

1. District Officers shall receive lodging and travel expenses to Mission U, Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, and Conference Annual Meetings whose presence is required at a conference committee meeting shall have their expenses paid.
2. There will be at least two scholarships available annually for use at either district or conference events. Requests may be submitted in writing to the District Mission Team and determined on a first come basis giving preference to first time opportunity to experience the event and younger members

D. Travel within District (If funds are available)

Travel for district offices may be paid at the rate approved annually by the conference mission team for district team meetings, District Annual Day Spiritual Enrichment Day, Officer's Training, or other meetings called by district mission team. This expense is to be paid from the district Administration and Development Fund. Vouchers showing mileage shall be presented to the district treasurer for payment.

- E. The district treasurer is a member of the conference finance committee and shall attend committee meetings, if possible. It shall be her duty to have the budget for district AM&D funds approved by the district mission team and ready for presentation and approval by conference finance committee meetings.
- F. The Treasurer's Books shall be audited each year. Cost of audit shall be included in district budget.
- G. When funds are available, the district president and E & I coordinator may receive a copy of the Annual Sampler Subscription which includes two mission study books and in the fall a new program book, prayer calendar, date book and Response magazine. The Spiritual Growth will receive a Prayer Calendar and Response magazine. The subscriptions for these officers shall be ordered by the district E&I coordinator and paid for by district funds.
- H. Copies of UMW Handbook shall be made available on-line for district officers.
- I. A nursery, if necessary, shall be provided for all district events by request.
- J. Expenses: Vouchers/reimbursements shall be signed by the district president and district treasurer
- All approved expenses shall include receipts attached to voucher
- K. District Pledge to Missions: The District Treasurer shall report to the District Mission Team at each meeting the amount of pledge that has been submitted and amount needed to meet the pledge
- L. Love Offering: A love offering is asked of each district member in addition to pledge amount to further support missions and administration. This amount is determined annually

C. Publications:

- There shall be a district newsletter published 4 times per year to inform members about upcoming events
- There shall be a District Directory published and distributed annually to all Mission Team Members, Local Unit Officers, DS and Conference Team containing contacts and pertinent information for the operation of the district. Ex: calendar, budget, leadership
- The following statement must be included in the directory: United Methodist Women do not furnish lists of their elected leaders or members to individuals outside the organization unless authorized by the Executive Committee

D. Attendance At Meetings:

- All members of the Mission Team are expected to attend ALL Mission Team Meeting, events and activities
- If unable to attend district mission team meetings, district officers shall submit written reports so that it can be included in the minutes of the meetings.

E. Miscellaneous

- At the end of the term of all offices, all records shall be turned over to the in-coming officers by December 15.
- Exiting officers shall have a transitioning session with in-coming officers prior to Officer's training meeting in February and if possible assist in their first officer training.
- All information from out-going officers must be given to the incoming officer by January 15 for the new calendar year