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# The Connection

DOTHAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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## IN HIS SERVICE 2020

*Those who have served well gain a good standing and considerable confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:13 (CEB)*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I think over the years I have served on the district team, I think about the changes, challenges, and Christ's blessings in our district. Our numbers of units and members has declined—something other districts are also experiencing. We are still “a community of women whose purpose is to know God . . . and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.” While 2020 has been a challenging year, I know you are continuing to work in your communities to help women, children, and youth. You have packed school lunches, volunteered at COVID test sites, and supported teachers and health care workers. You are sending in your pledges so our “global ministries” may continue. It has been a blessing to hear your stories and see the work in progress.

Our work may not continue in a steady path without your leadership and your willingness to work on the Dothan District Mission Team. Every member of the current mission team has contacted their counterparts in the district units asking for nominations to fill our vacant or soon-to-be-vacant offices. No one has responded. I'm not sure it was understood that only two of the current board members will be returning—Jane Brown as Spiritual Growth Coordinator and Carolyn McInnis as Treasurer and Communications. Whatever the case, it appears our district has determined our one officer, Treasurer Carolyn McInnis, can take care of all the district duties with the help of Spiritual Growth Coordinator Jane Brown. Carolyn will continue as treasurer and communications coordinator as well as attending the two Conference Executive Board meetings in order for the Dothan District to have a voice at the Conference table.

The Dothan District United Methodist Women has been an active group for many years, and that work will continue. Until we fill the vacancies, we will need every unit president to attend the district mission team meetings. We want you to have a voice in what is planned and how those plans are carried out.

While our church doors may be closed, the Church is not; neither is United Methodist Women as you have already shown. Our work will never be complete while women, children, and youth are in need. I have been serving on the district board since 2011. Many of you have served your district and unit for longer than that. While we may be tired, discouraged, or feel we are too old, there is still work to be

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### 2020

**Dothan District  
Mission Team**

#### President

Debbie Bracewell

#### Vice President

TBD

#### Secretary

Marilyn Skipper

#### Treasurer

Carolyn McInnis

#### Program Resources

TBD

#### Spiritual Growth

Jane Dyer Brown

#### Membership Nurture & Outreach

TBD

#### Social Action

Jean Johnson

#### Education &

#### Interpretation

TBD

#### Communications

Carolyn McInnis

#### Nominations

TBD

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done. *Ephesians 2:10* reads, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." We have been equipped for these positions; let us answer the call. .

If you have any nominations for any of the vacant spots, please let me know. We plan to hold elections by email in late September.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve this district and for you who serve this district so well.

In His service,

*Debbie G. Bracewell*

President  
Dothan District United Methodist Women

2020 Dothan  
District Pledge to  
Mission  
\$14,000.00

## TREASURER

2020 Dothan  
District Pledge to  
Mission Received  
\$8,482.68

Thank you for continuing to support United Methodist Women at the difficult time of self-distancing. I have received \$8,482.68 toward our district goal of \$14,000. This is 60% of our goal! Also, I have collected \$1,616.15 for our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering, \$376.00 for the Mattie Kolb Scholarship, and \$1,820.00 for our Conference Love Offering.

Please remember that although we are not meeting, United Methodist Women are still working and supporting women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world. You may also mail your pledge to your local unit treasurer, and she will send it in for you.

I hope that each of you are doing well and will be able to participate in our upcoming Spiritual Day and Mission Study. These meetings will be conducted over Zoom and details will be sent out soon. You may use a computer, a tablet, or your phone to attend the meetings. While Zoom meetings are not as good as in-person meetings, they will give us the opportunity to see each other's faces and hear familiar voices.

Also, please remember to contribute to the World Thank Offering. We traditionally take up this offering each Fall. You may send your contribution to your local treasurer, and she will send it to me. If you have any questions or if I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Blessings,

*Carolyn McInnis*

Dothan District Treasurer





## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



As mentioned in the Summer *Connection*, **Faith Talks** are available for viewing. **Faith Talks** are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. These videos cover a gamut of topics including grief, anxiety, racial discrimination, and economic inequality.

**Our Virtual Spiritual Day will be Wednesday, September 23, 10:30 – 11:30.** This will be a ZOOM meeting with a speaker from Alabama Works. We know that our work in social action leads to spiritual growth as we advocate for improvement the lives of women, children, and youth. This year's Spiritual Day will be focused on Economic Inequality.

A living wage refers to a theoretical income level that allows an individual or family to afford adequate shelter, food, and the other basic necessities. The goal of a living wage is to allow employees to earn enough income for a satisfactory standard of living and to prevent them from falling into poverty. According to the Department of Labor, the federal minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. As we know, this will not provide an adequate income to meet the needs of housing, food, clothing, medical care, etc. Join us September 23 to hear Jacqueline Allen from Alabama Works.

*Jane Dyer Brown*

Dothan District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Economic  
Inequality

## Dothan District Virtual Spiritual Day

**Where:** YOUR HOME!

**When:** September 23, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

**Topic:** Economic Inequality

**How:** ZOOM (You will receive more information about how to connect using your computer or telephone closer to the date). If you have already used ZOOM, then you are set. If you have not used ZOOM, you will receive information about how to connect in the meeting invitation. We will open the meeting “room” a little early to allow everyone time to connect before the meeting starts. If you do not have a computer, you can still participate by calling on your telephone (the number to call will be on the ZOOM meeting invitation). Everyone using their telephones will be able to hear everything, but will just not have video. If you have any questions, please call me (Carolyn McInnis, 334-447-0555).



## DOTHAN DISTRICT UMW SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL ACTION



### **A Living Wage for All: Economic Inequality**

To Dothan District UMW members:

I hope and pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. Let us lift up those in prayer who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us be grateful if we are still bringing in an income either through work or a retirement pension. But some of us are negatively impacted by this year's pandemic.

From the United Methodist Women website:

What happens if you or a loved one falls ill, and you get no pay when you're out of work? You get zero wages, may deplete savings and incur debt, and could lose your job. Join our campaign to urge members of Congress to support the bipartisan FAMILY Act guaranteeing paid family and medical leave for all!

Go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org/paid-family-leave](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/paid-family-leave) to send an online letter right now! There are resources for taking this campaign to your units as well.

Consider watching the documentary "Zero Weeks" in your unit or church and then inviting others to take action as well! Here is a YouTube link to a trailer for this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-GvvyeeIMQ>. You would need to make the decision to buy or rent the documentary to watch it in its entirety.

Note: The Department of Labor issued some changes on April 1 of this year in a temporary rule: Paid Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/ffcra> While this is good, the temporary rule will expire December 31, 2020.

Blessings to all,

Jean Johnson  
Social Action Coordinator

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Economic  
Inequality

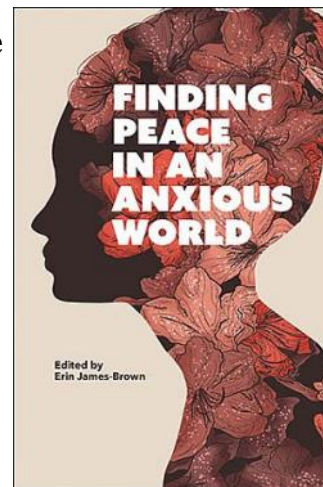
## DOTHAN DISTRICT MISSION STUDY

### *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*

Spiritual Growth Mission Study: 2020

*Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, the 2020 Spiritual Growth Study by staff of the Urban Village Church, uses the book of Proverbs and “The Serenity Prayer” as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God’s peace that surpasses all understanding. Using “The Serenity Prayer” as a scaffold, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ.

“The Serenity Prayer” shaped a 2015 four-part sermon series at the Urban Village Church in Chicago. It was through that series that the church was able to address the tumultuous events of that summer and present a framework for how to approach a God who desires peace for the hearts of God’s people in times of anxiety. These sermons are the basis for this book.



The four chapters, each written by a different Urban Village Church leader, focus on different aspects of the prayer—serenity, acceptance, courage, and wisdom—and each concludes with a spiritual practice to help further develop the featured characteristic in your life.

**The Dothan District is planning a 4-part live Zoom mission study.** We have scheduled these sessions for October 7, 14, 21, 28 to begin at 10:00 A.M. and end at 11:00 A.M. Each session will last approximately 60 minutes depending on participation. The studies will be recorded so you will be able to access the study if you miss a session. The book may be purchased online through [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org) or through Amazon.

Visit <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finding-peace-in-an-anxious-world> to read the information about the study, to purchase the book, and to access the video resources. **A Companion Study Guide** may be downloaded if you would like to use this in small groups or for individuals. Each chapter also has a set of resources at the end of the chapter to help expand our understanding of the concepts being studied.

SAVE THE DATES

### *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*

MISSION STUDY  
OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, 28  
10:00–11:00  
Via ZOOM

Mission  
Studies

Mission  
Studies

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2021-2024 Handbook

The **2021–2024 Handbook** offers guidance on how to organize in ways that help fulfill United Methodist Women's Purpose and best use the gifts of members to meet the needs of our community in the world. It includes policies and guidelines, such as bylaws, specific roles and responsibilities of leaders, how finances are handled and ways to organize.

The complete 2021–2024 Handbook will be forthcoming after the General Conference 2021, digitally and in print, and will incorporate changes resulting from General Conference decisions.

Starting in the summer of 2020 the policies and guidelines are being offered **online only** to help you to organize and carry out your work effectively until the complete Handbook is published. Please check this page periodically for helpful resources.

### **2021-2024 Handbook:**

 [Constitution and Bylaws](#)

 [Funding the Mission: Finance Policies and Directions](#)

 [Forms for Treasurers](#)

## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### LAUNCHING OCTOBER 17th

During these challenging times, we must continue to look towards God and make our spiritual health a priority. The **AWF - UMW Conference Team** is working hard to bring SER to you! Although we are unable to gather in person this year as a conference, the conference will be providing a video series for you and your unit to enjoy. This series will provide enrichment and spiritual strength as we walk through this season together. As is the usual custom during SER, an offering is collected to support our Pledge. This custom will continue during this virtual meeting, and your offerings may be sent to

**Jean Creswell, Treasurer, P.O. Box 250, Arlington, AL 36722**  
Please make check payable to AWF-UMW.

Thank you for your participation in helping the Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat be successful in this virtual way!

**Registration Opens September 3rd**

## ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women Online (ZOOM) 2020 Voting Information

Due to the cancellation of our in-person 2020 AWF-UMW Fall event / Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, we will now hold electronic elections for the 2021-2022 nominees in a ZOOM meeting on October 10, 2020. Here is a summary of the voting process:

- Each nominee's bio and office are included in this edition of the Alert for your review.
- The ZOOM meeting guide and instructions will be shared with voting delegates from the District Presidents and Conference President at a date determined closer to the Election date.
- Our election process includes Nominations from the Floor. This part of the election will be recognized on September 10, 2020 (a Thursday) from 12 Noon until 8:00 PM (same day). The nomination from the floor name, Bio and picture should be sent email to the Conference President during this same time.
- Nominations from the Floor will not be accepted in the Election Process during the 9:00 AM Election Time on October 10, 2020.
- Election requirements are As stated in our Standing Rules; the voting delegates include the following:

#### III. ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS Art. V. pages 105-107

1. The electorate of the conference organization shall be composed of the following:
  - a. One representative from each local unit.
  - b. Conference Executive Committee
  - c. Bishop
  - d. District Executive Committees
  - e. District Superintendents
  - f. Directors of the National United Methodist Women residing within the conference
  - g. Officers of the Southeast Jurisdiction Organization residing within the Conference

The voting process includes a ZOOM meeting, and a guide will be shared at a date closer to the election, but some basics include these steps to "join the meeting":

1. Click on the meeting information provided 1-week prior to the Oct. 10th election. This invitation will include the web info and phone numbers if connecting with your phone.
2. Join a meeting using one of these methods: Click Join a Meeting if you want to join without signing in.
3. Enter the meeting ID number and your display name.
4. Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and click Join.
5. You will be placed into the meeting and asked to mute or at meeting start ALL will be muted.

This election on ZOOM will be different for all of us. Please be open and receptive to the new way of electing our next term of officers. The committee on nominations has worked throughout all the conference to find our new leaders for the 2021-2022 term. I will be available for questions about anything ZOOM elections at [mawbel36575@yahoo.com](mailto:mawbel36575@yahoo.com)

Debbie Bell  
AWF-UMW President

## Conference Nominations Chair Report

Greetings, from the 2020 AWF-UMW Committee on Nominations, Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women (AWF-UMW) members,

WE NOW HAVE A COMPLETE SLATE OF OFFICERS nominees' report. Please join me in thanking the AWF-UMW members that have said "Yes" that will help our leadership mission team. Please read the nominees bios included in this edition of the Alert. Some of the names you will recognize and others you see for the first time. Also read the virtual voting directions to be held during October. As Committee on Nominations Chair, I ask you for prayers for our UMW membership and especially for these nominees to be covered with confidence as they answer the call to lead in each office. Finally, let us not forget to support our Pledge to Missions that helps women, children, and youth in our community, the state, the Nation and around the world. I confess that sometimes I must be reminded that I have forgotten to pay my pledge. Just remember how Great is to be a United Methodist Woman being the hands and feet for Jesus.

In His Service,

Peggy Cunningham  
CON Chair  
251-752-1714  
Peggyc2@gulftel.com

## Conference Nominations Bios

### President

**Debbie Bracewell** has completed a four-year term as Dothan District president. Her professional experience includes the positions of high school English teacher, cheer coach, cheer judge, executive director of National Council for Spirit Safety and Education, editor of online cheer magazine, and public speaking. She currently is an after-school tutor, president of the Recovery Organization of Coffee County, and a volunteer for church and community. Debbie has been a member of the Enterprise First United Methodist Church Circle 6 since 2004 and is the current president of the United Methodist Women unit at Enterprise First United Methodist Women. She is the Dothan District President and has served as Membership Nurture and Outreach chair and Communications chair. She has been teaching mission studies at the conference and district level since 2014. Debbie has a degree in English Education from Troy State, a master's degree in Secondary Education from Troy State Dothan, and a master's degree in Strategic Communication from Troy University. Debbie is a widow with 2 sons, 2 stepsons, and 10 grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and traveling.



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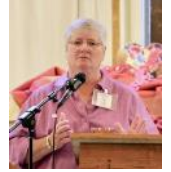
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## Conference Nomination Bios

### Secretary

**Debbie Bell** has completed a four-year term as the conference president. I am thankful for your consideration to be the AWF-UMW Secretary in this next term. I am a native Mobilian and a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile AL; I have held many UMW leadership positions nearly 20 years and look forward to being a mission participant if able. The many ministries I have volunteered in church (besides UMW) include VBS, Grounds and facilitating Sunday school. My skills to be your Secretary would include attending my Local Unit, district and conference events & meetings as well as completing minutes for our conference meetings, completing the annual Directory and attending to the duties as notated in the AWF-UMW Policies. As God sees fit and to the best of my ability, I can promise financial support through my Local Pledge to Mission and will strive to execute all duties of the AWF-UMW Secretary.

My husband Richard and I live in the Semmes community of the Mobile area. Our families are close by and we gather with them when we can. We both love the outdoors and doing for others. Our dog Thor lets us stay with him.



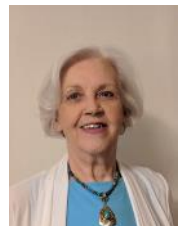
### Communications

**Debbie Bush.** Debbie Bush is a member of the St. Luke UMW in Pensacola, FL in the Pensacola District. She has been involved with UMW for 20 years. She has been an officer in the district and conference leadership and those leadership roles include the district president and district and conference communications. She and her husband live in Pensacola, FL, with their daughter Mariah. She is glad to serve the AWF-UMW membership again in communications.



### Education & Interpretation (E&I)

**Joyce Genz.** Joyce Genz is returning for a second two-year term as the E&I coordinator. She is an active United Methodist Women member at Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama. Joyce has served as the unit president for the past 6 years. She lived and taught on the Navajo reservation for 19 years before moving to Mobile where she had a 25-year career at Spring Hill College. Joyce taught in the Intensive English Language Institute and later retired as dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies. In retirement, Joyce and her husband Bill continue to teach English as a Second Language to students from all over the world at Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile. Joyce has led a number of mission studies at the unit and district-level and led Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States in the 2017 and 2018 AWFL Mission u. Joyce holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Evangel University in Springfield Missouri and a Master of Science in Instructional Design from the University of South Alabama. She loves teaching, reading and gardening. Joyce has two children Daniel (deceased) and Geri.



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## Conference Nomination Bios

### Social Action (SA)

**Ora Gillespie.** Ora Gillespie is returning for a second two-year term as the SA coordinator. She was born in Burnt Corn, Alabama, and moved to Montgomery at 8 years old. She joined Metropolitan UMC at 12 years old after hearing a sermon preached by the Rev. Joseph Lowery. Ora has been a member for more than 40 years and has served as unit president for Metropolitan for several years and serve as the Social Action Coordinator for the Montgomery-Prattville District for three years. A quote from, Ora “I have embraced this community of women and am excited to be a part of the legacy”. Ora grew up in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship until graduating from high school. She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary education from Alabama State University; Master of Education, Fayetteville State University; University of North Carolina, Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California. Career Highlights: Taught in Florida three years, North Carolina seven years, and California twenty-five years, grades K – Adult Education, mentor and demonstration teacher for thirty-seven years; retired teacher, California 2004. Ora is a proud mother of two adult sons, Dekovan and Damian, three (3) grands and three (3) great grands. She says that life is great and full of love and joy!



### Committee on Nominations (CON), Class of 2021-2024

**Clara J. Ester.** Clara Ester is a native of Memphis, TN and a graduate of LeMoyne-Owen College. She moved to Mobile, AL in February 1970 to serve at Dumas Wesley Community Center. She retired December 2006 as Executive Director. She’s a member of Toulminville -Warren Street UMC where she has served in numerous positions. She served as District Lay Leader for many years and on the nominating committee; as well as Vice President of Mobile District UMW. She was a 2012 delegate to the UMC Jurisdictional Conference and a 2016 delegate to General Conference. She served on the Episcopacy Committee and on the Conference Board of Laity. Over the years she has served on several boards of the AWFC. In 1986, she was commissioned as a Deaconess of the UMC. She served on the National Program Advisory Committee of UMW 2012-2016. She was elected UMW Director 2016-2020.



### Committee on Nominations (CON), Chairperson

**Peggy Cunningham.** Peggy is returning as the Chair of the committee on nominations. This officer is elected by the Committee on Nominations.



### Charter for Racial Justice Committee (CRJ)

These two members to the Charter for Racial Justice committee are appointees by the conference president. They are included in the election as a formality and recognition.

**Cathy Givan** has just completed her four-year term as AWF-UMW conference Secretary. She is from the Montgomery-Prattville District.



**Beth Arp** (on the right in the picture) is an active member in the Foley UMW in the Bay-pines District.



## Conference Standing Rules Review

Changes to be voted on during the October 10, 2020 virtual meeting. Please review your copy of the Standing Rules (located on the website [www.awf-umw.org](http://www.awf-umw.org))

For these needed changes:

### **Rule Change Recommendation 1.**

Page 13, 6. There shall be a Committee on Program. The committee shall be composed of the following:

DELETE i. Secretary of Program Resources;

CHANGE subsequent lettering: j. TO i., k. TO j. l. TO k.

### **Rule Change Recommendation 2.**

Page 15, (roman numeral) III. Elections and Meetings Art. V pages 105-107

In order to ... b. Elected in Odd Years.

DELETE Secretary of Program Resources.

These are recommendations from the Annual review of the Standing Rules as presented during the July Executive Mission Team meeting by the Standing Rules & Policies Committee to the Executive Mission Team members now placed into the Alert newsletter as notification prior to the designated voting date for voting delegates.

Standing Rules & Policies Committee

Parliamentarian, Chair

Committee members:

President

Treasurer

Secretary

Committee on Nominations Chair

## Mission u

Although in-person Mission u events have been cancelled for 2020, the national website has information about how to explore this year's topics online and through downloads. Please visit the website at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-u> to get more information. Also, the 2021 studies are listed, so we can start thinking about next year!

This webpage is also where you can get information (videos, a study guide, and information on how to purchase *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* for our upcoming Dothan District Mission Study.

# SEJ Election Results

The COVID-19 pandemic has stopped most of our UMW in-person gatherings in the Alabama-West Florida. The SEJ meeting in Mobile in April was going to bring together more than 500 UMW members from across the southeast to our conference area.

The SEJ planning committee began plans to re-schedule and then a final determination: cancellation. The registration fees were originally determined as “non-refundable” but has since been coordinated to be refunded. All attendees that registered should be receiving or already received that registration refund. During the SEJ meeting in Mobile the next quadrennium (2021-2024) of SEJ Leadership were to be announced and the National Board of Directors were to be elected. On July 13, 2020 that voting process took place on a ZOOM meeting.

The names listed below are the 2021-2024 quadrennium Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) and the National Board of Directors Leadership for United Methodist Women. Please notice and join in the celebration of the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women representatives on this team: On the SEJ team, Chair for Committee on Nominations, **Barbara Carroll**, Mobile District. On the Board of Directors, **Betty Helms**, Dothan District

## **Congratulations to our Leadership Team**

President Sue Owen - South Carolina Conference

Vice President - Kay Roach - Florida Conference

Secretary - Hazel N. Hall - North Carolina

Treasurer - Tryphenia Speed - North Georgia

## **Congratulations to our Committee on Nominations**

**Chair - Barbara Carroll - Alabama-West Florida Conference**

### **Members-**

Kristin Dorris - Tennessee Conference

Melba Mitchell - Memphis Conference

Linda Gale Rigdon - South Georgia Conference

Betty Taylor - Kentucky Conference

## **Congratulations to our Directors and Alternates**

### **Directors -**

**Betty Helms - Alabama-West Florida Conference**

Deloris Carhee - North Georgia Conference

Haejin Ban - North Georgia Conference

Caroline Martin - Tennessee Conference

Debra Payne - North Alabama Conference

Melba McCallum - North Carolina Conference

### **Alternates -**

Kim Eller - Western North Carolina Conference

Tonya Lanier - Western North Carolina Conference

**Keep track of AWF-UMW, National  
and Jurisdiction news:**

<https://www.awf-umw.org/>  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>  
<https://www.umwsej.org/>

## REPORTING DUE DATES

Local Officer to District Officer

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Treasurer's Report Unit Treasurer	By November 30 Carolyn McInnis, District Treasurer
*Name of Deceased Members Unit Secretary	By November 30 (please report any December deaths by January 10) Jane Dyer Brown, Spiritual Growth
*Local New Unit Report Unit Secretary	By November 30 TBD, Membership Nurture & Outreach
*Social Action Report Unit Social Action Coordinator	By November 30 Jean Johnson, Social Action
*Reading Program Reports Unit Program Resource	By November 30 TBD, Program Resources
*Mission Study Participants Unit Education & Interpretation	By November 30 TBD, Education & Interpretation
Consolidated President's Report Unit President	By November 30 Debbie Bracewell, President
New Officer Lists Unit Secretary	By November 30 Marilyn Skipper, District Secretary
*Included in the Consolidated President's Report	

### 2020 District and Conference UMW Dates

September 10 — Conference Nominations from the Floor via Email, Noon—8:00 p.m.  
 September 23 — Virtual District Spiritual Day, 10:30—11:30 a.m.  
 October 7, 14, 21, 28 — Virtual District Mission Study, 10:00—11:00 a.m. (one chapter per week)  
 October 10 — Virtual Conference Elections, 9:00 a.m.  
 October 17 — Virtual Conference Spiritual Enrichment, TBA

## Our 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.*



## TALENT BANK INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP

(To be completed by prospective leader)

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spoken \_\_\_\_\_ Racial Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_

Professional skills, job experience \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Office(s) Held in United Methodist Women

Office(s)	Dates of Service
Local _____	_____
District _____	_____
Conference _____	_____
Jurisdiction _____	_____

Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Talents or Skills \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of Special Interest or Concern

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| <input type="checkbox"/> secretarial             | <input type="checkbox"/> recruiting members      | <input type="checkbox"/> publicity       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> social issues           | <input type="checkbox"/> workshops       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer                | <input type="checkbox"/> creativity              | <input type="checkbox"/> newsletters     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> accounting/bookkeeping  | <input type="checkbox"/> recording minutes       | <input type="checkbox"/> retreats        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> organization of details | <input type="checkbox"/> public policy           | <input type="checkbox"/> music           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nominations             | <input type="checkbox"/> public relations        | <input type="checkbox"/> youth           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> program planning        | <input type="checkbox"/> community building      | <input type="checkbox"/> children        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> administration          | <input type="checkbox"/> inclusiveness/pluralism | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Do you wish to serve on which level (circle): Local    District    Conference

Which office(s) on the United Methodist Women’s Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President             | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations       | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation |  |

Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice?

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Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:

Full Day \_\_\_\_\_      Weekend \_\_\_\_\_      Extended Time \_\_\_\_\_

Yes or No                      Yes or No                      Yes or No

\_\_\_\_\_ I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in \_\_\_\_\_.