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ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2020 Summer Alert

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We are women with a 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."



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Conference President's Report

I need to start this Alert article mentioning the pandemic actions we had to take as a church and an outreach / laity ministry of the church as something we will never see in our lifetime again (WE HOPE!). This has been (and will be) historical; it has been anxiety-filled for some and a teaching time for others, and it certainly has been something we have questioned. Just different.

This last season of my leadership decisions for UMW, I just never saw it coming. Obviously, our World Health leaders, the drug researchers and the people in charge didn't either!

It was a real hard decision to say "don't meet" for the coming weeks to the district presidents; the United Methodist Women are planning and scheduling each meeting with assurance and confidence every year.

I did not find any handbook or a Standing Rule with an action plan B. I called a past president to see if anything like this had ever happened before. Our Governor and our Bishop were already helping make the decisions about not meeting - close the church to in-person gatherings until the "all clear!" I'm sure the words canceled, re-scheduled, and Zoom are all over many calendars. I am adding to this article in mid-April now, thinking about a remaining UMW conference meeting in July and an event in mid-October. Pre-planning a virtual gathering so we can begin plans to "re-gather the membership."

The next part of my article is now in mid-May when "re-open" is the buzz word. The virus is still with us, we're just waiting. For the church doors to open; to go back to a work schedule; to our normal routine again! But we're doers. That's why the district newsletter articles may seem a bit more compelling this edition.

We will miss the Cooperative Mission studies and training. The newsletter contributors have been asked to touch on the Mission studies and create a glimpse of the study content. National has promoted a possible webinar of the studies, but reality is ... not all have access to the internet or hot spots for that matter. The house may be cleaner than normal these days; and yes, the toilet paper shortage during the 2020 pandemic is something we'll laugh about in 2030! But our God is the same God. Who instructs, comforts, equips and strengthens.

To end, please continue to use safe practices that will maximize your health protection. The one remaining scheduled United Methodist Women conference event is the annual Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake in October. I will be conferencing with Blue Lake Staff, the Administrative Committee and then the AWF-UMW Executive Mission Team about this plan. Ultimately, you will personally decide your attendance.

Continue to visit our conference UMW website for current news and information.

<http://www.awf-umw.org>

In His service

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Conference Treasurer's Report

2020 Alabama West Florida Conference - United Methodist Women Pledge to Mission				
5/3/20	Pledge	Paid	Balance	% PD
Baypines	14,000	2,599	11,401	18.6%
Demopolis	15,000	3,095	11,905	20.6%
Dothan	14,000	6,132	7,869	43.8%
Marianna/PC	11,000	825	10,175	7.5%
Mobile	20,000	89	19,911	0.4%
Mtg/Oplk	8,000	2,223	5,777	27.8%
Mtg/Pratt	11,000	1,120	9,880	10.2%
Pensacola	22,500	3,590	18,910	16.0%
Events - Offering	2,700	1,831	869	67.8%
PLEDGE TO MISSION	118,200	21,503	96,697	18.2%
Sent to National	100,470	17,310	83,160	17.2%

Our world seems to have come to a halt with the stay at home guidelines to be safe from the COVID-19 virus. Although it is slowly getting back to some of us venturing out into the world again, it probably will not include your local United Methodist Women's unit meetings until perhaps even this fall.

However, the needs of our UMW mission giving remain the same both in our conference and the world.

So how do we rewrite how we have done funding in the past? Fund raising events have been postponed and some canceled until next year. Giving individually during your local unit meetings isn't working since we aren't meeting right now. So what do we do to help fund those that are in need? Here are some ideas.

1. Mail your check for your individual pledge to your local treasurer. If you don't know her address; call her and get it. If you can't get up with her, call your local president. Ask her when will she be mailing the local unit's check to the district. Encourage her to do sooner rather than later.
2. If that doesn't work, call or email your district treasurer. To get her name and address information, you can email me at jean@pinebelt.net or call me at 334-385-2521 and I can help you.
3. Rethink how you can do an event so that when you do have one, it is bigger and better than ever before. It might not be held until this fall or perhaps even next year, but you can make plans now over the phone, email and video conferencing through platforms like Zoom. If some of you are like me, stuck at home, it was a great time to clean out my closets. Our local unit plans on having a big Rummage Sale hopefully this fall with funds going toward missions.

Again, your dollars do count and are needed now more than ever before. Many of our UMW institutions, like Dumas Wesley, have had funding cut during this global pandemic. It has not only affected our health but also financially. Every dollar sent is used, appreciated and will go toward helping those that need it most.

Jean R. Creswell

AWF-UMW Conference Treasurer
2/3/2020



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Conference Communication Coordinator's Report

For a Time Like This

A resource

If It is Not Possible to Have a Face-to-Face Program

There are times when gathering in person is not possible, whether it be due to illness, transportation issues or distance. Technology offers wonderful solutions to help us to continue our fellowship even in trying times.

There are several videoconferencing platforms available. Two of the more popular options are described below. An internet connection and a working camera and microphone on your device is necessary to fully participate. These platforms allow you to share your screen, making it possible for everyone to view documents and PowerPoint slides and additional videos together.

Zoom

Zoom (zoom.us) allows anyone with an internet connection (phone, computer, tablet) to join in a videoconference. Zoom has free as well as paid options depending on your meeting needs. This video is a quick overview from Zoom on how to get started: youtu.be/qsy2Ph6kSf8. And here is a video from United Methodist Communications on getting started with Zoom for worship and small groups: youtube.com/watch?v=a2FZD1d_yFQ

Google Meet

Google Meet is free videoconference software similar to Zoom. All participants need a Google account to participate. This video provides a brief guide to the Google Meet platform: youtu.be/J_ywOjB1c4Q.

Considerations:

- Allow time for individuals to sign on and become familiar with the platform. You might want to have a test meeting to allow everyone to sign on for a casual chat before your first program.
- Welcome people as they join the call. It takes a few seconds from the time they join to the time their audio begins to work.
- Ask multiple people to be involved in the program so that all feel included and engaged.
- Be available via text, phone or other form of communication for those who are struggling to access the meeting—especially before your first few meetings on the platform.
- Recording your meeting is an option so that those who cannot attend can watch the material at a later time. You can upload the recording to YouTube and share the link for easy access.
- Meeting facilitators can mute all participants during portions of the meeting when just one leader needs to be heard to eliminate background noise.



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Conference Communication Coordinator's Report Cont'd

- Give time for people to socialize even though you are online. It is different in that only one person can speak at a time, so it will take some getting used to.

How to Adapt Programs

It will take some creativity to adapt the monthly programs to online meetings, but it can be done! The following are some ideas:

- Allow extra time at the beginning of the meeting for everyone to get online and greet one another.
- Invite participants to show and share items from their home for the worship table or altar to create a virtual altar.
- Ask different individuals to read the prayer, Scripture and litanies.
- Use YouTube recordings of songs to help lead singing and worship. You can share your screen to show the video. (Practice this ahead of time with a small group to see how it works.)
- Send a list of needed materials and instructions ahead of time (or mail them) for activities, so that each member can do them on individually and perhaps ahead of the meeting and be ready for discussion.
- Explore Zoom breakout rooms as a way to have small group discussions during your session.
- Set up PowerPoint slides for reading materials and discussion questions during the meeting. You can share your screen and show the slides from your computer.

Recorded Meetings

If you are recording the meeting, be sure participants know, as it may change what they choose to share (and wear!) during the session. Recordings are large files, and you may wish to upload it to YouTube to more easily share it with those not present. If you upload it as an unlisted video anyone who has the link can easily view and share it with someone else, but it would not be searchable. To limit circulation, you can also mark the video as private. When a video is private, it can only be seen by an approved list of people and the link may not be shared

Carefully consider if the information shared in the meeting should be shared with an audience outside of those present. Also, you may choose only to record a portion of your gathering.

- Tara Barnes

Faith, Hope, Love in Action

Michele Smith

Communications coordinator



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Social Action Report & Charter for Racial Justice

United Methodist Women Social Action Campaigns

Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action

Foundation of Campaigns as United Methodist Women

For more than 150 years, Methodist women organized for mission have worked in the name of Jesus to take positions on social justice issues and change legislation, systems, structures and practices considered unjust and oppressive. These bold foremothers advocated to end lynching, improve women's health, raise women's status in society, organize for fair wages and benefits for workers and families and adopt the Charter for Racial Justice.

Today, we continue to build on this foundation as we work to end maternal mortality, attain a living wage for all, interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and ensure energy that is just for all. As United Methodist Women of the 21st century, we are called to be bold in our witness, working to dismantle systems of oppression and build, together, a better world.

Our Biblical Foundations

The Bible teaches us that all creation is God's and "very good" in and of itself (Genesis 1:31). It teaches that God created humankind in God's image—all humankind (Genesis 1:27).

We don't yet live in a society that treats God's creation with dignity and respect. We still live in a world where institutional structures and social relations oppress people and defy the will of God.

Yet the Bible tells the story of God always and everywhere at work for liberation and healing, justice and peace. When asked what was the greatest commandment, Jesus answered:

"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
(Matthew 22:37-39)

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Social Action Report & Charter for Racial Justice Cont'd

To love our neighbor—and ourselves—means more than just providing care and comfort in times of suffering; to love our neighbor as ourselves we must change the systems that do harm in the first place.

This was a vital message of Jesus' ministry, challenging the existing social order, proclaiming God's reign:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)

The early Christian community recognized the vitality of this call. Christianity is not just something we believe, it is also something we practice. We are called to be “doers of the word, and not merely hearers” (James 1:22). We are called to a living faith—a faith that makes itself known by its fruits.

Indeed, God is always at work to make change in the world, appearing in unexpected ways and reversing the norms of “polite” society to ensure abundant life and wholeness for all.

Our Methodist Heritage

Our United Methodist heritage reflects a history of commitment to vital discipleship and social action. John Wesley strongly emphasized the Christian life as a combination of faith and love put into practice.

The United Methodist Church affirms these same beliefs today:

By joining heart and hand, we assert that personal religion, evangelical witness, and Christian social action are reciprocal and mutually reinforcing. Scriptural holiness entails more than personal piety; love of God is always linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice and renewal in the life of the world. (*The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016*, ¶102)

Get Involved in Campaigns

United Methodist Women's national campaigns are a way for us to work together on shared goals across lines of difference and geographic distance. When we all come together and lift our voices to address a specific shared concern, we are far more likely to win measurable change for our communities. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to join one of United Methodist Women's campaigns.

Faith - Hope - Love in Action

Ora A. Gillespie

AWF-UMW Social Action Coordinator



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Membership, Nurture, & Outreach Report

Hello Beautiful Ladies!

I hope you all are doing well. I want to thank all of you who participated in the Census this year. Without your help and cooperation, it would not be possible. At the writing of this article we do not have any Census info to share. I will be connecting on a meeting related in some coming days and the District Presidents will have a complete report to share with the results. The extended time for the Census should have given our conference extra time for each Local Unit president to complete for their membership.

If you're like me, I always look forward to Mission u each year and the 2020 set of studies was no exception. Even though we are not able to do in-person training, you can still involve yourself with a study (or even two!) Finding Peace in an Anxious World edited by Erin James-Brown; Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue; and Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris. You can purchase the books at www.umwmissionresources.org, and Pushout is available through booksellers and libraries.

If you want another online way to connect, have you checked out the United Methodist Women YouTube page? It is located at <https://www.youtube.com/user/umwomen/videos>. Once there, you can click on "Subscribe" and the little bell icon to receive notifications when a new video is posted. New videos have been posted over the past several weeks.

Another way to connect is by using Zoom. Zoom is an online application using your cell phone, tablet, laptop, or desk top computer. It uses your device audio and camera to broadcast to those in your "Zoomroom." You also have the option to only have audio, for those times when you just don't feel like being on camera. You can use Zoom for free up to a 30-45 minutes a call. So you can have a Zoom circle meeting or Mission u meeting, and it would not cost any member anything extra to participate! Using Zoom is easy. And yes, they have an app available in our device's app store or online at www.zoom.us

Calling in all nominations for a Priddy Pal nominee and Nell Chance Award nominee as soon as possible. Deadline for nomination submission is July 1, 2020. Submit your nomination to kristineUMW@gmail.com Please make sure you submit these nominees BEFORE the deadline so I can share with the Executive Mission Team during our July 11th meeting. A Priddy Pal is nominated from a Local Unit by the Unit United Methodist Women members who actively involve a younger woman in Faith, Hope and Love in Action.



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Mentoring for the Future of United Methodist Women: At the Annual Day Meeting in 2018 the AWF-UMW adopted a mentoring program to encourage every member to mentor at least one person. The plan is to be known as **Priddy Pals** in honor of Shannon Priddy, National President who visited during Annual Day Meeting in 2018. **Mentoring is frequently mentioned in Shannon's writing and speaking on behalf of United Methodist Women.**

How it will be accomplished: Beginning immediately every member of AWF-UMW is challenged to seek out a young woman, ages 19-39, and intentionally involve that young woman in some activity of United Methodist Women.

Involvement may include but not be limited to:

- Giving technical help to UMW members - that is - help with smart phone and computers.
- Reading a book from the Reading Program together with a UMW member.
- Driving members to meetings - even if you don't need a driver.
- Proofreading newsletters and other documents prior to publication.
- And in many other ways as creative members seize the opportunity.

Recognition - beyond membership growth: This award will be presented at the Annual Meeting to the young woman chosen by the MN&O committee who have become **Priddy Pals** based on short paragraphs provided by both the mentor and the mentee (disciple) telling the story of their friendship. These stories are to be sent to the AWF-UMW conference MN&O coordinator and must be received by July 1st and NO nominees submitted after this date will be considered.

This recognition Program will be evaluated annually.

Past Priddy Pals include: Addison Genard, Mobile District; Anne Capps, Demopolis District

A Nell Chance nominee: This award is named for Nell Chance as a way to remember her and the many ways she believed in our mission as United Methodist Women. She was a moving force in the mission work of United Methodist Women of the Alabama-West Florida Conference for many years and a passionate believer in our mission to women, children and youth. Nell was a member of Monroeville United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church in Monroeville, Alabama.

During her adult life, she served in many positions not only in her local unit, but district, conference and jurisdiction as well. You may remember hearing Nell explain why we need to support United Methodist Women first saying, "I have never seen the March of Dimes contribute to the Heart Fund so why do we support agencies not connected to United Methodist Women?"

The award is open to all ages who are currently active in United Methodist Women. A brief letter should be submitted by individuals or mission teams giving biographical information and explanation of how this person has demonstrated the standards set by Nell Chance. A photo of the nominee, if available, included with the letter will be most helpful.

Look forward to seeing you all very soon!

In His Service,
Kristine Jones



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Education and Interpretation Report

How Are You Staying Connected with Your United Methodist Women Members? “Checking in to see how you are doing” seems to be my standard opening to emails and texts for the past few months. I find that “seeing” someone on video enables me to feel closer to others. In the past few months, I have enjoyed my local circle meetings, Unit officer updates, District Local Presidents’ meetings and AWFC Conference Team meetings through Zoom videoconferences. However, I know that the technology involved can be challenging or unavailable to some of our members. In all cases, there is nothing like a good old-fashioned telephone call to connect with others.

This **Alert** issue was originally scheduled to promote Cooperative Mission u, which has been cancelled for this year. Most or all our United Methodist events have been cancelled or postponed indefinitely making it difficult for E&I officers to promote events. Even though we are not able to be involved in hands-on ministries at this time, we must not lose our purpose of educating and being educated during this slower time. United Methodist Women’s agencies critically need our prayers, our continued financial support and the advocacy of informed UMW members.

You can encourage your local unit officers to promote praying for and supporting the UMW National Mission Institutions. You can encourage transformational educational opportunities currently being provided by the National United Methodist Women office. You may wish to publicize the webpage <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/news> as a way to keep informed.

Other educational opportunities are available through the archives of **Faith Talks** at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>. I have participated in many of the Zoom webinars as scheduled each month, typically on the third Thursday. The **response** magazine is supplemented by podcasts available at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/responsepodcast>.

I pray that life will not just be “back to normal” for most of us. Our future must be kinder and more just for all. As always, I am available as your conference officer to support you in education and interpretation of our UMW work.

Blessings as we continue our work IN HIS SERVICE,

In His Service,

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Program Resources Report

Looking for a New Book to Read?

Want to go deeper in your learning? [Sign up for a free online course](#) designed especially for United Methodist Women as a companion guide to ***So You Want to Talk about Race*** by Ijeoma Oluo. This is a 2020 Bonus Book selection in our reading program that is available in many local public libraries and available on Amazon in several versions.

FAQs

How does this online course work?

- Reading Supplement: Take this course after you have finished the book or as a companion alongside your chapter-by-chapter reading. You will want to have your copy of the book before you begin the online series.
- Self-paced: Participate any day/time that works for you.
- 10-Session Series: After you finish one session, start the next. Sessions align with selected chapters in the book.

How do I participate in the online course?

- (1) Register. If you are new to BRIDGE, you will need to [register here](#) first.
- (2) Enroll. If you already have a BRIDGE account, you can log-in right away and access the [program of courses here](#)

How do I get the book?

- The book is available in paperback, hardcover, Kindle and audiobook. It is available from many local and digital retailers.
- If you want to participate in this reading experience but are unable to afford the cost of the book, please reply to this email with a request for scholarship assistance and we will make every attempt to provide you a copy free of charge.

Information provided by National United Methodist Women organization.

In His Service,
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Nominations Chair Report

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT MISSION U THIS YEAR? THE TIME WE WERE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER AND LEARN ABOUT SO MANY THINGS. WE HAD BOOKS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH, COUNTRIES, ISSUES THAT HAD WE NOT GONE TO MISSION U WE WOULD NEVER KNOW WHAT WE WERE MISSING.

When I heard that there would be no Mission u this year, I must say I was so disappointed. Since I became a member of Gulf Shores UMW in 1995, I have always been very excited to go to Mission u (not called that in 1995). I know in all those years that I have only missed going a few times.

I was so excited to come back and give my Circle a program on what I had learned so they would want to read the book. If it was a Study about a country, usually someone had been to the country and brought items from that country for all to see. And many did read the book and we would discuss it again....so much fun.

We learned so much about how people all over the world lived in such poverty and we always wanted to help. We would take up an offering many times and our treasurer would send it wherever it needed to go.

I could not believe that there were always studies that had been chosen five years before the study and was so relevant for the time. This year **Finding Peace in an Anxious World** is one that is such a study. Are we not in an anxious world and would like to find peace? This might be the perfect timing to read this one.

I love to read and even enjoy the Youth and Children's books. I suggest you try a Youth book if you are one who doesn't really like to read. How are we ever going to learn about others if we do not read? So, go pick up a book and go on your adventure.

I have been blessed to be able to travel and see just how people in different countries live. I thank God that He has made that possible for me.

Even as the in-person gatherings begin to make group studies look "different" go ahead and order the Mission u study books and read or join in with others "on-line." Not only will you be blessed, but you will learn so much. And what better time than now when we have to sit home with nothing to do!

In leading mission studies, we find many talented members that can explain and interpret with the prepared material for these classroom adventures. In many ways, leadership in UMW we can find these same talented members willing and able to capture the attention of the many interests around the world as we support the many community centers and institutions through our Pledge and giving. Please consider completing a talent bank form for your local, district or conference committee on nominations members. Every year an office is opening up!

In His Service,

Peggy Cunningham

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Committee on Nominations, Chair



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Dear Southeastern Jurisdiction Event Attendee,

This year has become a year unlike any other in our lifetime. We know you are making all manner of decisions about what can proceed as hoped and expected and what must be cancelled or postponed, and each of these hard decisions brings with it its own grief. It is with great concern for the health and wellness of our membership that we have decided to cancel the Jurisdiction Events for 2020 and not reschedule them into 2021. Since 80 percent of registrants fall in the “at risk” category of 60-plus it is impossible to guarantee everyone’s safety until a vaccine has been successfully implemented across our country and beyond.

This decision was reached after much discernment, discussion, and prayer. Please know that it is because we want our membership safe during this pandemic, the leadership of the board and each Jurisdiction came together to arrive at this decision.

Please join us by showing support for your Jurisdiction teams as, yet another set of plans is disrupted during this anxious time, when the most marginalized persons are at such egregious risk.

Much time was invested by the 5 Jurisdiction teams over the past 4 years planning details and working with members and staff to make sure all five events were great celebrations of the 150th anniversary. The creative efforts of each team and the hundreds of volunteer hours created bonds of friendship that will never be broken. We are heart sick at missing this time to come together in celebration, study, and planning for the next quadrennium. There will be time allotted to celebrate the work of these amazing teams at the next Assembly.

All UMW quadrennial elections normally taking place at the Jurisdiction Events are now taking place remotely. This includes the Jurisdiction Team elections. All normal election protocols are possible through virtual elections including nominations from the floor. Delegates and nominees will receive direct communications about election training and procedures through their Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations Chairs and the National office.

We ask that everyone who has registered for the Jurisdiction Events wait just a little longer for information about refunds while we work with our teams to share any owed expenses amongst all Jurisdictions so that contributions per person will be minimal. We will email all registrants when ready. Please do not call your Jurisdiction Teams to allow them the time to figure out the best procedures for next steps. A FAQ document will follow to guide Conferences on final reconciliation of any remaining travel purchases.

Stay safe and stay in love with God.

Sincerely,

Shannon Priddy, National President

Judi Nibbelink, Western Jurisdiction President

Betty Helms, Southeastern Jurisdiction President

Denise Snyder, Northeastern Jurisdiction President

Rita L. Smith, North Central Jurisdiction President

Charlotte Morrow, South Central Jurisdiction President



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2020 AWF Conference Calendar of Events

Theme: In His Service,

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

JAN 17-18 (Fri-Sat)	Friday start 5:00PM XTeam Officers & Distr. Presidents	*Executive Mission Team Meeting Location: Marianna First UMC, Marianna, FL Officer reports
FEB. 6-8 (Fri-Sun)	Friday start conf president, treasurer, CON Chair, GC delegates	Leadership Development Days (LDD) Location: St. Louis, MO National organizes hotel/event schedule
FEB 14-15 (Fri-Sat)	Fri 3PM Checkin All invited	AWF-UMW Conference Annual Day Location: Enterprise First UMC in Enterprise, AL
APR 17-19 (Fri-Sun)	Fri 8AM-6PM checkin	Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) meeting Location: Mobile, AL CANCELLED
JUL 11 (Sat) CHANGE	Friday start 5:00PM XTeam Officers & Dist. Presidents AND District Treasurers	**Executive Mission Team Meeting 2020 District Budget Reviews Location: CHANGE / ZOOM MTG. District Treasurers will also be required to attend this meeting
JUL 24-25 (Fri-Sat)	Schedule pending	Cooperative Mission u Location: Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery, AL CANCELLED
OCT 9-10 (Fri-Sat) ! NEW, 2-DAYS !	Fri 3 PM Checkin Sat 7AM Checkin All invited	Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat 2021 Executive Mission Team elect/install Location: Blue Lake Assembly Grounds CANCELLED
NOVEMBER (Recommended)	ALL	UMW Day celebrations per Local Unit Be Invitational!
NOVEMBER 7 (Sat ONLY)	Sat. 8:30AM to 3:30PM	District president & District treasurer <u>ONLY</u> Location: TBA

CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINES FEB.10, MAY 10, JULY 10, NOV. 10

* Includes conference executive mission team officers AND District Presidents

** Includes conference executive mission team officers, District Presidents AND District Treasurers

† March 6-7, 2020 COSROW – Blue Lake Assembly Grounds All Invited

† Sept. 13, 2020 **CHANGE** Clergy, ONLY UMChurch Annual Conference - FrazerUMC

† Sept. 26, 2020 **CHANGE** LAITY UMChurch Annual Conference - FrazerUMC

AWF-UMW - Conference President, ONLY

† May 5-15, 2020 **POSTPONED** General Conference 2020 Minneapolis, MN Delegates

In 2020, the AWF-UMW calendar of events and meetings were adjusted for the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home and Safer-at-Home orders for the Nation.



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2020 HEALTH FORM AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

Allergies to medications: _____

In the event of an emergency, contact: Name: _____

Relation: _____ Phone #: _____

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at the Mission u Event, I authorize the ALWF Mission u to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation is needed.
2. Release my health information to the authorized individual/agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Consent Plan: This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed "life-saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person listed as emergency contact person is unable to be reached. I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Non-Consent Plan: I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the case of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place: _____

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for nay act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____



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