

Long Island East District

United Methodist Women

NEXUS

September 2018

Message from Your President

Dear Sisters in Christ and all others,

What a year we have had as we continue our journey as the “Bold” women we have been called to become in living our Purpose. We who were able to attend the UMW Assembly in historic Columbus, Ohio have been reinvigorated to do the work we were called to do. And those who attended for the first time have been inspired in ways unimaginable to join us and you on this “Bold” journey as “Bold” women.

Then, just as we were settling down from our excitement from attending Assembly, we prepared for Mission u. Some of us wondered if we could be so inspired again just after our experience at Assembly. Well we were!

Each year I say I have never learned so much about my faith and how I should be living it out in my everyday life, as at Mission u. And then the next year comes and I say it again. Then I promise myself that I will never miss Mission u. (I think I have only missed one since I first attended at Hofstra University and did the study on Public Education.) That Mission u, then called the School of Christian Mission, has lead me into a life of public service and social activism in every facet of my life. It has meshed my religious journey into my everyday life. They have become one and the same. The phrase “What would Jesus do?”, rings in my head almost immediately in all situations. And if not immediately, it comes to me in retrospect that this is what Jesus would have wanted me to do. With that I encourage you to start planning to attend our next Assembly, four years away in Orlando, Florida, and our next Mission u, next year. I believe that once you’ve attended either one of these, you’ll never want to miss another one.

And now, as we come to the end of this year, and celebrate what we have down on our journey thus far, and prepare for next year, let us take note of the things we need to wrap up in preparation for our District Annual Meeting and later on our Conference Annual meeting, October 27, 2018, in the Catskill Hudson District.

Please note these dates in order to be included in the Conference Journal.

September 15th Financial Report to Treasurer Mary Munkenbeck

September 23rd Mission Today, Diversity Today Tool, Memorial List to Grace Bryant

September, asap, Reading Program to Pat Knebel, 40 California St. #C16, Stratford, CT06615

Join with us as the Port Washington UMW, will host October 6, 2018 for our District Annual Meeting, as we all continue on our journey forth in MISSION.

Yours in Christ,

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Treasurer's Notes for September Newsletter

Please take the time now to review your unit's financial status. Although your yearly pledge may be received later in the year, if your unit wants to be recognized as a Five Star Unit for 2018, **all qualifying money must be received no later than September 15**. To qualify as a Five Star Unit, the local unit needs to send a remittance for each of the following categories:

Pledge to Mission: Each unit is urged to notify the District Treasurer of a pledge that it wishes to make to Mission. It is a portion of each unit's budget that is set as a goal to submit to the Women's Division through the District Treasurer.

Special Mission Recognition: An individual or your local unit honors a special person. Gifts can be in the following amounts: \$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1000 or \$2000. The recipient receives a lapel pin and a certificate. Details are in the UMW handbook. The pin and certificate are ordered through the District Treasurer. Delivery has been enhanced due to improvements in the on-line ordering system, but adequate time should be allowed for processing. Any Special Mission Recognition may be ordered with a certificate only for recipients who have several pins.

Gift to Mission: A gift of \$5 or more for mission is sent in honor of any person. A card may be sent by the donor (an individual or the local unit) to the honoree. These cards may be ordered from the District Treasurer. There are several card themes: For a New Baby, Congratulations, Peace, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thank You, Thinking of You and Happy Birthday.

Gift in Memory: A gift (minimum of \$5) is made in memory of a member of the unit or a friend. Gift acknowledgement cards are available from the District Treasurer. They may also be ordered in packages of 10 from the Mission Resource Center. When a Gift in Memory is made, the Local Treasurer send the money, along with the "tear off portion" of the card to the District Treasurer and sends the card to the family of the deceased.

World Thank Offering: Individuals or families collect additional gifts in special boxes or containers (see Mission Resource Center catalog for appropriate resources). Gifts are brought together once a year, usually with a special service of thanksgiving. A service is printed each year in the Program Book.

Please be sure to observe the September 15 deadline. Contact me with any questions about unit contributions to date.

Thank you.

Mary Munkenbeck 631-567-4939

SOCIAL ACTION

*“Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy”
Proverbs 31:9*

Greetings my sisters in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I pray you all had a very blessed and fruitful summer but as one season comes to an end and another emerges due to the grace of God, the never ending mission of serving others is timeless and infinite for the United Methodist Women.

The uncertainty of our country’s present economic status and the rising cost of housing, food and medical care severely affects those in our society that are on low and fixed incomes; such as the elderly, women, those receiving public assistance, the disabled, veterans, and the working poor. History has shown; as well as presently, that the United Methodist Women are staunch advocates in addressing disparities in working conditions, economic justice, equal pay, gender justice, social justice, immigrant justice, climate change, racial justice and domestic violence.

In order to keep true to our mission, the latest campaign deemed extremely pertinent by the UMW national office for the months of September and October is the “Living Wage for All Campaign”. The UMW has joined forces with the National Farm Workers Ministry and the women of the Immokalee workers Coalition who are petitioning “Wendy’s restaurant” to sign the “Fair Food Agreement” which will guarantee equal pay for their farm workers, improved working conditions, and the elimination of sexual violence in their fields. The UMW national office is asking ALL units to take action by obtaining pre-made “postcards” which include a statement and request to Mr. Petlz; CEO & owner of Wendy’s, to concur with and join the “Fair Food Program” which addresses the above issues. These postcards can be downloaded and printed out by going to the unitedmethodistwomen.org website and clicking on “**Action Alert**” which will bring you to the page that contains information on the campaign and a link to the download page, as well as additional educational ways and suggestions each unit can take to bring more attention to this most pertinent issue.

As always, it is an honor and a pleasure to be a bond servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to serve as your social action coordinator helping to further the mission of the United Methodist Women. As we approach our 150th year of service to the world, my prayer for us today is that our Father in Heaven continue to enable the UMW to be His Hands and Feet, never wavering, always persevering, and soaring high as eagles for another 150 years.

God Bless,

Serena Richardson
Social Action Coordinator

Greetings from the Nomination Chair

Sisters in Christ,

We are looking for people who can serve as officers at the District level. Please look at your unit to see if there is anyone interested in serving on the District Team.

Nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor at the LIE UMW Annual Meeting on October 6, 2018. However, we are not waiting until October to start our search. We distributed Talent Bank forms at our Spring meeting and we have been making calls. All positions are up at this time, and it appears we may have vacancies on our Team, as a result of death, relocations, and illnesses. WE have had a very cooperative and stable Team over the last few years and have really grown in Christ together. So, we prayerfully encourage you to consider joining us during this time of transitions.

As part of the District Team, I learned more about UMW, its missions, and the opportunity to get to know faithful leaders. But most of all, I experienced how we are connected as a body of Christ.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Dorothy Kim,
District Nomination Chair

Unit _____

IS YOUR UNIT A MISSION TODAY UNIT

The purpose of Mission Today Unit is to:

- Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that United Methodist Women understand where their money goes.
- Encourage use of mission resources through United Methodist Women.
- Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

Criteria for a Mission Today Unit

Units are encouraged to complete a minimum of 10 of the following criteria, including five of those marked with an asterisk (*). The criteria are to be fulfilled EACH YEAR, based on the timeline of each conference.

- *1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the units to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
Date: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
- *2. The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission. Date _____
- *3. The unit will add at least two members to its roll.
1. _____ 2. _____
- *4. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to Response magazine.
1. _____ 2. _____
- *5. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book during the year.
1. _____ 2. _____
- *6. The unit, circle, or subgroup will conduct at least one Mission study a year.
Leader: _____ Topic: _____
- *7. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways during the year. Some suggested plans of action:
 - Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of different racial/ ethnic background, using programs from the Program book.
 - Develop bi-racial/ cultural or multi-racial/ cultural koinonia groups.
 - Hold a joint Vacation Bible School.
 - Hold pulpit exchange
 - Share joint worship service on special occasions.
 - Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family.Action taken: _____
Date: _____.
8. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the Conference School of Christian Mission. Name: _____
9. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the district or conference annual meeting. Name: 1. _____, 2. _____.
10. The unit will have one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
Name: _____.
11. Members shall write to five people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year. Person in charge of project Name: _____

12. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways.
- Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and their needs.
 - Sponsor a Children’s Sabbath, promoted by the Children’s Defense Fund.
 - Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring, and “big sisters” program.
 - Write letters, e-mail, or even call congressional representatives and / or other government regarding children’s issues.
 - Visit your local school.
 - Attend a school board meeting.
 - Learn how our school are funded

Explain _____

*13. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
Date _____

14. Each unit circle or subgroup will include a Response moment where an item from the magazine will be lifted up, as a way to tell the mission story.

15. Have at least two people from the unit, circle or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans, and report on one of the books read; encourage all members to complete Plan one; have a book review program.

16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year. Name: _____
Office: _____

17. Make a pledge to care for God’s creation and become a “Green” united Methodist Women unit (get information on How to Become a Green Unit at www.umwonline.org/environment or contact Women’s Division Office of Community Action.)
Explain: _____

18. Hold a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat, prepare for the retreat by watching the video “Resurrection Road” and get the accompany study guide “Resurrection Women.” For additional information contact the Women’s Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology. Explain: _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

To Become a Mission Today Unit in the New York Annual Conference:

Bronze Unit	---	Complete 5 – 8 of the activities including	*2 and *13
Silver Unit	---	Complete 9 - 12 of the activities including	*2 and *13
Gold Unit	---	Complete 13 - 18 of the activities including	*2 and *13

Please submit the completed form to Grace Bryant.

New York Conference United Methodist Women  Diversity Today Unit Program
Charter for Racial Justice Implementation Tool

UNIT _____ District _____

Submitted by _____

GUIDELINES:

- Place an X beside the requested Unit Status (Pearl, Ruby, Diamond)
- Place an X beside the item completed in each of the three (3) categories A, B and C below
- Check the item on the Mission Today Unit criteria sheet to indicate that you “Participated as a unit in the New York Conference Charter for Racial Justice UMW Diversity Today Unit Program”.
- **UMW Local units:** Forward the completed Form for the *Charter on Racial Justice UMW Diversity Today Unit Program* to the District Education and Interpretation Coordinator on the same date the Mission Today Unit criteria form is submitted to the District.
- **UMW District Presidents:** Please recognize units that qualify for DIAMOND, RUBY, OR PEARL status at the District Annual Meeting. Forward the names of the UMW local units participating in the *Diversity Today Unit Program* to the New York Conference Social Action Coordinator and brought to the attention of the Conference President, for inclusion in the New York Conference UMW annual document.

Unit Status: Check One of the following:

____ PEARL unit completed two or more (one from two different categories)

____ RUBY unit completed four or more (one from category A and B below and two from category C

“Activities beyond the Local Unit”)

____ DIAMOND unit completed six or more (two or more from each of the three categories) from the following actions.

A. UNIT PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES:

- 1____ Devote one meeting to studying and discussing Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- 2____ Used a program on Racial Justice/ Human Rights from the UMW Program Book and /or “Tools for UMW Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice Handbook (Website)
- 3____ Participated in a Bible Study on Racism. (Example available in “Resources for Racial Justice” Handbook)
- 4____ Watched and discussed videos related to racial justice
- 5____ Invited an international guest speaker to come and present on their home country.
- 6____ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to Racism
- 7____ Shared articles from Response and New World Outlook relating to Racism regularly.

B. UNIT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES:

- 8____ Display Charter for Racial Justice and lift up at least one issue at each local, district and conference meeting.
- 9____ Supply each member with a copy of the Racial Justice Policies and the UMW Racial Justice Timeline.
- 10____ Purchase and discuss two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background.
- 11____ Participated in a qualifying UMW social action mission study.

12___ Studied a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies for example, racism, immigration

rights, voting rights, racial/ ethnic profiling, inadequate healthcare—maternal/ childcare, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

13___ Visited the Racial Justice site on the United Methodist website and worked with the District and the Conference

on the Charter for Racial Justice.

C. ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE LOCAL UNITS:

14___ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who promoted Racial Justice.

15___ Someone attended and participated in the Social Action Study at Mission U.

16___ Organized a postcard or letter writing campaign to the Local—State— Federal governmental officials on issues

and concerns regarding economically and deprived communities and people.

17___ Experienced worship with a church of different ethnic background.

18___ Hosted an International cultural celebration or community fair.

19___ Implement a worship experience for your unit or church with emphasis on Racial Justice, such as United

Methodist Women Sunday.

(For adaption with approval as New York Conference Charter for Racial Justice)

Submitted by: Deaconess Claris Skerritt, NYC UMW Social Action Coordinator

June 2015



NEXUS LIE Dates for 2018-19

All UMW LIE Local Unit Officers are welcome to attend any of our District Team Meetings. We meet on Wednesday mornings, 10AM-12AM, on the dates scheduled below. We meet at the home of President, Grace Bryant. RSVP; See Directory Other UMW Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Dates and locations are listed below or will be listed in future newsletters.

September 15, 2018 UMM Conference Event “When Men Pray” Westbury UMC

September 15, 2018 NYC UMW Meeting White Plains, Conference Center

September 19, 2018 LIE District Team Meeting

September 29, 2018 Westbury UMW Fall Fair

October 6, 2018 NYC UMW LIE Fall Meeting Port Washington UMC

October 24, 2018 LIE Team Meeting /New Team Officers

October 27, 2018 UMW NYC Annual Meeting, St. James UMC, Kingston, NY

Registration Required, See flyer for website information

November 17, 2018 Laity Day, Tarrytown , NY Registration Required

The District Team is available and wishes to visit churches within the LIE District which do not have a local UMW unit or one which is currently inactive. Please contact Grace Bryant, LIE President to make arrangements.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

2019 Mission u Studies

Spiritual Growth Study: Mark and Radical Discipleship

By Janet Wolf

In the 2019 Spiritual Growth Study, *“Mark and Radical Discipleship,”* author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. Wolf explores the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus’ followers and in Mark’s recounting of the gospel story.

Geographic Study: United for Change

United Methodist Women in Mission: 150 Years and Beyond

By Ellen Blue

United for Change by Ellen Blue is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women’s 150th anniversary. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the fact of mission.

Adult Issue Study: What About Our Money? A Faith Response (2nd yr.)

By Susan K. Taylor

What About Our Money? A Faith Response explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith. Through this connection between our faith and our money, readers discover how to live closer to God and God’s people, even in our North American culture that is so deeply defined by money.

Youth Study: Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark

By Carolyn Poling

In *Who do you say that I am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark*, Carolyn Poling guides youth through the Gospel of Mark, helping them to define who Jesus is to them, who he says he is in scripture, and how this impacts how we live our lives.

Children’s Study: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

By Rita Hays

In *Marked: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark*, Rita Hays invites children to join Jesus on an exciting lifelong pilgrimage of discipleship and mission.



WESTBURY UMC PRESENTS

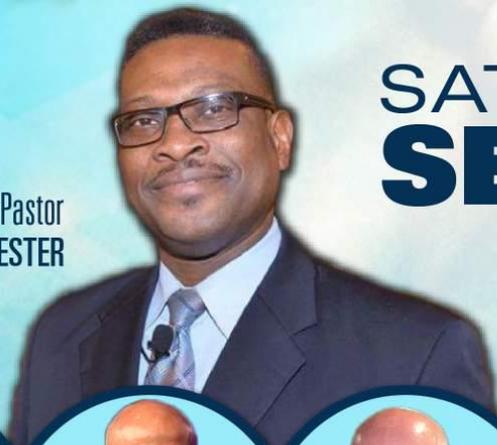
Calling Forward Men From Every Arena To Experience

WHEN MEN PRAY

A ONE DAY MEN'S **CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY
SEP. 15

Host Pastor
REV. ELON SYLVESTER



Pastor CHARLES REID



Pastor POLO VELEZ



Minister / Evangelist TOM RICE



Youth Minister KERON MAXWELL

FREE EVENT | 9AM - 1PM

"I Will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." — 1 Timothy 2:8

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LONG ISLAND EAST

2018 Fall District Meeting

October 6, 2018

Port Washington, United Methodist Church

35 Middle Neck Road

Port Washington, New York 11050-0203

516-883-1430

Rev. Romana Abelova & Rev. David B. Collins, Co- Pastors

Presentations

Living Our Purpose

**Registration/Breakfast
Program/Meeting**

8:30 – 9:15 AM

9:15 AM – 1:00 PM

We will again be collecting new clothing items (ladies underwear size 8, socks size 9-11, XL sweatshirts and XL sweatpants with drawstrings) for the SAFER Project, which provides services for victims of rape, sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

We will also be collecting paper goods for Far Rockaway Mission.

We will now be collecting Tyson A+ labels, Boxtops for Education for the Red Bird Mission as per their request.

Directions:

If needed contact Kira Bryant, Communications Coordinator