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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Sharon Smith



I couldn't even come up with a title for this article. Maybe it should be "FAQ's" because I want to answer some of your questions. Maybe the title should just be a big fat "WHY?" Or perhaps the title should just be "CHANGE". You all know that I attended Assembly in Orlando in May and then a few days later attended the Michigan UMC Annual Conference in Northern Michigan. Talk about mind boggling! So much information to process and share. During both conferences, there is always time built in for rekindling friendships and making new ones. It was especially wonderful this year since it had been so long since we had been "in person"! Those opportunities sometimes reminded me that not everybody is comfortable with change.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says "Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." (CEB)

CHANGE: The United Methodist Women have been known by 25 different names since its beginning in 1869. This is the 50th year anniversary of when United was added to the name. The names have reflected the need and call of the times.

WHY THE CHANGES? It's really quite simple, dwindling membership numbers and dwindling contributions. I don't think any of us can argue with that. United Methodist churches are closing. Some churches are disaffiliating. We can't sit on our hands.

WHAT'S WITH THE NEW LOGO? The new design is fresh and reflective. A Christian cross in muted yellow, blue, orange and green, reflecting forward-looking faith and diversity in our organization in God's world. It's in line with the goals of our organization to be modern, inclusive and relevant.

SURVEYS, WHAT SURVEYS? Twenty-four thousand (yes, 24,000) members and non-members were surveyed revealing information about UMW that may, or may not, surprise you:

- 80% of existing members feel positive about UMW;
- 97% of nonmembers over 55 years of age found the way we gather as noninviting
- 80% of nonmembers under 55 years of age found the way we gather as noninviting
- 60% of nonmembers under 55 years of age indicated that the age difference is too big a hurdle.

Those numbers clearly indicate that UMW has to change to survive.

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PRESIDENTS LETTER (CONTINUED)

There is so much more information available on the new and improved website (uwfaith.org). Visit it, learn more about what's new and what's not. Read Response magazine. I believe these changes are necessary and that they are valid. I hope you do as well. If you still don't like change, I urge you to give it some time, some thought, some prayer, and focus on our Mission: *"To connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire influence, and impact local and global communities."*

Check out all the great information contained in this issue of The Messenger. Micki Phelps will be our keynote speaker at this year's District Annual Celebration. Her topic, CAN YOU SEE ME? sounds very interesting. Mission U is being held in only two locations this year, with one concentration topic: WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER? And while September may seem a long way off, keep in mind that there will be leadership workshops in conjunction with our Annual Celebration in St. Louis. We look forward to seeing all of you IN PERSON! Finally, your District Leadership Team members would love to visit your unit or circle. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to meet you and share our enthusiasm for change!

May God give us grace and strength.

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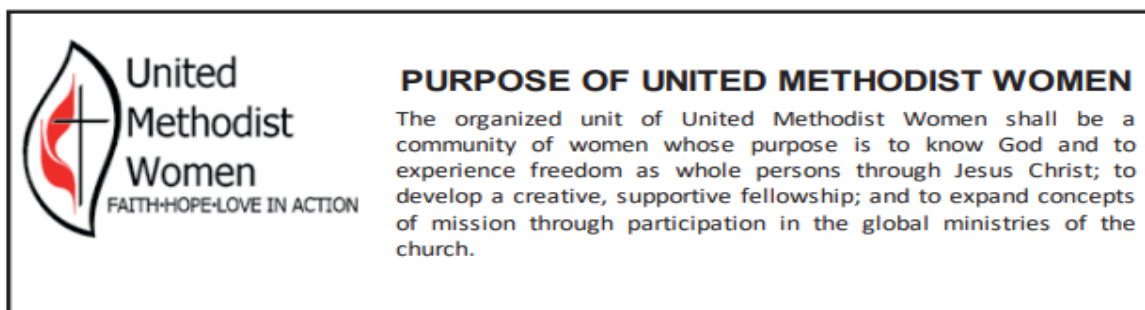
Cynthia Grostick, Newsletter Editor

Have you considered receiving the Mid-Michigan newsletter The Messenger by email? With the cost of paper and postage on the rise, the Mid-Michigan District would like to send out The Messenger by email rather than US Postal Service where possible. If you are currently receiving The Messenger by US mail and have a computer, would you please consider providing your email address to grostickc3@gmail.com.

As UWIF, we promote being a Green organization. Through the use of email less trees will be cut down, less pollution from making trees into paper, less chemicals used for the ink, and less paper and ink cartridges going into landfills. Besides, you will receive the newsletters faster than by the US Postal service. Please consider email if at all possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Do we have your current email address? Several are coming back as undeliverable. We are deleting those emails off our contact list. Also, some email systems have blocked the sending of the newsletter. Please make sure that our email (midmiumnews@gmail.com) is on your safe email list. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you would like to have your Conference newsletter, V.O.I.C.E., also come as email, you may visit the Michigan Conference website www.umwmichiganconference.org and on the left hand side of the home page is a box to enter your email address.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Lynda Crandall, Chair

United Methodists have opinions, and positions, on many current social justice issues facing our nation and our world. What positions are we, as United Women in Faith encouraged to take and support?

Critical Race Theory: Critical Race Theory (CRT) examines how laws in the United States have built and supported racial inequities. It is an ideological framework that names race as a social construct and asserts racialized inequities in society are fostered by historic and current systemic, institutional, and legal policies and practices. Methodists believe that we must learn about our history of inequality in order to understand and change. Rather than banning the teaching of our Nation's history of racial injustice we support and encourage the teaching of our children is all aspects of our history. Find out what your local school district is doing and advocate for including Critical Race Theory in their curriculum.

Gun Violence: *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church* contains our official positions on many issues, including gun violence. Resolution 3428 "Our Call to End Gun Violence," calls upon United Methodists to do several things.

1. Conversations and prayer
2. Assist those affected
3. Promote gun safety
4. Join together with faith communities that have experienced violence to learn
5. Join together at public sites where violence has occurred for prayer
6. Encourage legal sales
7. Prohibit guns on church property
8. Advocate for regulation:

Finally, we are called "to advocate at the local and national levels for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence." Some of these measures include:

- o Universal background checks on all gun purchases, ensuring that all guns are sold through licensed retailers, and establishing a minimum age of 21 years for a gun purchase or possession.
- o Ratifying the Arms Trade Treaty.
- o Prohibiting those convicted of violent crimes, those under restraining order due to the threat of violence, and those with serious mental illness that may be a danger to themselves or others from purchasing a gun.
- o Ensuring greater access to services for those suffering from mental illness.
- o Banning magazine and weapons designed to fire multiple rounds each time the trigger is pulled.
- o Promoting technologies that help law-enforcement agencies trace crime guns and promote public safety.

You are encouraged to read the entire Resolution 3428 available on-line at Cokesbury.com.

Discover ways you and your unit can support these positions by visiting www.uwfaith.org.

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Patty Puckett, Chair

Membership Reports are still being accepted. You may either fill out and mail the membership form or call to provide your unit's information. We would like to recognize all 2021 new members as well as deceased members at our annual celebration in September. Please mail to Patty Puckett, 1868 Burrwood Circle, East Lansing, MI 48823, 517-351-3151, Woodstone1@sbcglobal.net

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Karol Fry, Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation and Program Resources

Are you enjoying your summer while reading the next great book for your 2022 reading list? Be sure to include the current Response Magazine which is filled with information regarding the goings on from other districts, states, and countries around our world.

In the May-June Response Magazine, there is an article written by Candace Simpson who wrote “Who We Can Be Together,” this year’s study book for Mission u. I look forward to attending this year’s Mission u with our President Sharon Smith. I would like to see you there as well. There are two locations as you will see noted on the registration form. Tough choice, Lake Huron Retreat Center or Gaylord, two beautiful areas of our great lake state.

I got my study book recently and am just beginning to read it. Here’s what it says on the back cover in case you haven’t received your copy.

Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13

The 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community. As the author notes, “For followers of Christ 2,000 years later, it's important for us to sit with the range of emotions we have in response to these words. It's not easy to build and sustain communities, especially when there are forces that drain us, exhaust us, and even push us to act uncharacteristically. And yet, we are called to act on the most ethical principles of our faith so we can witness the kingdom of God on earth.”

In each of the eight sessions, participants will explore a different passage within Luke 13 – what it meant to the people of Jesus’ time and what it means for us today. The goal of this study is to inspire a global community of justice-oriented believers to challenge damaging theologies and create healthy rituals for abundant living.

NOMINATIONS CHAIR

Donna Kleiver, Chair

Someone out there is missing an opportunity to serve our God and United Women in Faith. The District needs you to “TURN IT UP” as we search for willing women to volunteer with the Mid-Michigan District. We are currently looking to fill three positions on the Nominations Committee. As a member of the District Leadership Team, you will receive many benefits:

1. Great opportunity to serve the Lord through the church.
2. Gain knowledge of the work United Women in Faith do for women, children and youth.
3. Make friendships and gain a support group.
4. Develop self-confidence in leadership abilities.
5. Gain experiences never expected.

Will you be willing to HELP? Please complete the Interest Form included in this “The Messenger” with your name or that of someone in your unit. Forward the form to me and I will make the contact. The commitment is for one year at a time and you can always provide your name as a possibility for a future position. We Challenge you to give it a try! Please forward the completed form to: Donna Kleiver, Chair of Nominations Committee, 8905 Petrieville Hwy Eaton Rapids MI 48827, Dmkleiver2016@gmail.com , 517-648-6119

LEADERSHIP INTEREST FOR MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

THANK YOU for prayerfully considering serving with United Women in Faith at the District level. Training and encouragement are always offered along the way. And it's a great way to meet United Women in faith all over the district and our state.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Local Church _____

Even though experience is not necessary, please indicate previous service in United Women in Faith (UMW) below. Please list position(s).

Local level _____

District level _____

Conference level _____

National level _____

Area(s) of Interest - please check:

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Nominations
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership, Nurture & Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/> The Messenger Editor

You may consider my name for:

☐ Any position on the District United Women of Faith leadership team.

☐ Nothing currently, but please keep my name on file and contact me later.

☐ Please call me, I have some questions I would like to ask.

SEND TO: Donna Kleiver; 8905 Petrieville Hwy; Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Email: dmkleiver2016@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 517-648-6119

Revised: June 8, 2022



Of the East
Lake Huron Retreat Center, Burtchville
 H.O.M.E. August 13 8:30 am
 August 13-15 (Thursday-Saturday)
 3:00 pm Registration

Of the North
First United Methodist Church, Gaylord
 October 19-20 (Monday-Tuesday)
 9 am Registration



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

Study Leaders:



Tiffany Newsom

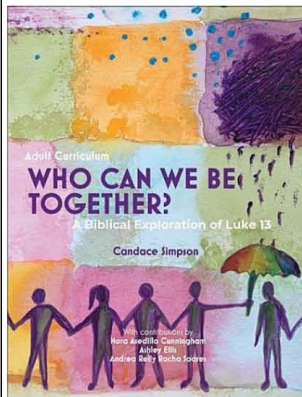


Ethel Gill



Ruth Sutton

EVERYONE ATTENDS THIS STUDY

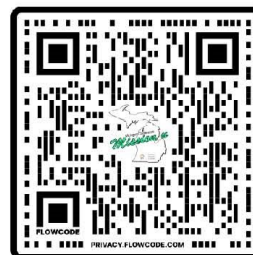


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This book is available at: https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53516

If you prefer, you can order one to be picked up at the Mission u event that you attend. Please indicate this in the Mission u merchandise section of the order form.

You can register for Mission u online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> or scan the QR Code



All Conference and District officers are to attend and assist where needed at a multi day event paid by the Conference or District. Participating is one of the privileges given for their UMW work. It helps us all be well informed. Officers will be expected to pay to attend any additional Mission u events. Exceptions will be granted by UMW Conference/District Presidents and must be relayed to Mission u Deans.

This form MUST be filled out for Mission u NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

District: _____

Roommate Request: _____

Check all that apply:**Information:**

- ☐ First time attending
☐ Conference Officer
☐ District Officer

- ☐ Paid online
☐ Study Leader ☐ Laity
☐ Missionary ☐ Clergy
☐ Financial Assistance Applicant

Special needs:

- ☐ First floor housing ☐ Help moving around campus
☐ Minimal stairs ☐ Sign language interpreters
☐ Minimal walking ☐ Special dietary needs (specify)

**HOME (Hands On Mission Experience) will take place
 At Mid City Nutrition Soup Kitchen at 805 Chestnut
 Street, Port Huron from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. If you
 want to arrive the night before, lodging is on your own.**

***Mission u of the East
 Lake Huron Retreat Center***

- ☐ HOME ~ August 11, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM FREE
☐ Virtual \$25
☐ August 11-13 ~ Commute/ Six Meals \$95
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 1 per Room \$277
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 2 per Room \$227
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 3 per Room \$205
☐ August 11-13 ~ 2 Nights/6 Meals ~ 4 per Room \$183

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON

TOTAL DUE: _____

Registration due July 31

Mission u of the North, 1st UMC, Gaylord

- ☐ October 17-18 (Lodging on your own) \$70

TOTAL DUE: _____

- ☐ Child Care Age: _____

Registration due October 9

Mission u Merchandise

- ☐ Study Book Who Can We Be Together? \$11 each

TOTAL DUE: _____

This form can be found on the Michigan UMW Website, registration can be paid by check payable to: Mission u
 or online at: <https://michiganconferencemissionu.square.site/> This link is also found on the website.

Send registrations to: Sally Messner, 124 Boyd Street, Fife Lake, MI 49633, mimissionu@gmail.com

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UMW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**MISSION U 2022**

One of the goals of Mid-Michigan District UMW is to provide scholarships for two local church women who have not previously attended Mission u. Childcare will be included at Mission u of the West at Albion College if needed. If there are more than two requests, the final decision will be made by the Executive Team of the Mid-Michigan District Mission u Team. Individuals may apply or you may submit a nomination in someone's name.

Name of person submitting the form: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Name of local church/UMW Unit: _____

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail (if available): _____

Nominee's age level: 18-25 _____ 26-40 _____ 41+ _____

Is nominee attend full time (Thur. through Sat.) _____ (Mission u of the West)

Name and ages of children attending that will need childcare: (Mission u of the West)

Name and ages of children who will attend Kid's or Youth Mission School (K-12th grade)

Please explain below why nominee should be considered: (use back of sheet if necessary)

Complete and return by June 1, 2022

Karol Fry: 601 Randolph Street, Mason, MI 48854

fry@msu.edu

June 16, 2022

Dear Friends & Supporters of Soaring Unlimited Haiti, and the Baby Box Program:

Having survived the trials of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its several variants, we are again reviving the annual **Rummage/Bake Sale** to support our work in Haiti and the Baby Boxes for Haiti Program here in the US, especially right here in Lansing, Michigan. Much has been accomplished since that Program began four years ago: almost 480 Baby Boxes and layettes have been distributed to Haitian mothers, construction is complete on the Birthing Center next to the clinic in Pistere, and the Baby Box Sewing Program has been re-located from its former home at Lansing First UMC (which closed 12/31/2021) to new space at Lansing Grace UMC, but we need your help to continue our work.

The Baby Box Program has been asked to expand to the local government hospital to give even more Haitian babies a safe place to sleep. Soaring Unlimited also continues its efforts in the community with education and the medical clinic which is often the only source of medical care for the local people living in the isolated mountain area. Without Soaring's clinic, people often turn to witch doctors who "treat" them with voodoo and magic (neither scientific nor successful).

Due to changes at the Plumbers Union Hall, this year's RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE will again be held at the nearby Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 4931 Contec Dr. (north off E Jolly Rd) in Lansing from August 22-27 according to the following schedule:

Clean, gently used items can be brought to the Hall Monday - Wednesday, 8/22 - 24 from 9 am - 5 pm.

Baked goods should be packaged, priced and ready for sale; they can be dropped off anytime Wednesday between Noon and 6 pm or during the following sale hours on Thursday and Friday:

HOURS OF THE SALE: Thursday & Friday, August 25-26, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm & Saturday, August 27, 9:00 am to 1 pm.

We need both men and women to help carry donated items into the hall. We also need help to unpack, arrange and price items on the tables Monday afternoon through Wednesday. Both **Men** and **Women** are needed on sale days as well to help carry purchased items out **AND** on Saturday especially after 1 pm to help pack up and remove any remaining merchandise.

Please help us by announcing this sale in your church's newsletters and bulletins a few weeks before our sale. We need *donated items, volunteers* **AND** *shoppers*. For more information, please call Rummage sale Chairperson Jean Norris (517-974-5085) or Soaring Unlimited Board President Tom Hanna (517-256-3580). To volunteer for a few hours or day(s), contact me, Dorothy Frederickson (517-882-4609) or Jan Blough (517-214-7517).

Thanks so much for your continued help; with your assistance, **we will succeed!**

Sharing Christ's love with the people of Haiti,

Dorothy Frederickson
Rummage/Bake Sale Committee
Soaring Unlimited, Haiti and
The Baby Box Program

Haiti Baby Box & Soaring Unlimited Benefit



**Sheet Metal Workers Hall
4931 Contec Dr. (North off E. Jolly Rd)
Lansing, Michigan**

FOR INFORMATION CALL JEAN: 517-974-5085

Thurs & Fri, Aug 25 & 26, 9 am-6 pm

Saturday, Aug 27, 9 am – 1 pm



2022 Mission Today Unit Objectives

United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

Please print clearly!

Name of Unit _____ District _____

Name Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their District Annual Meeting the following October. Check the numbers completed.

- Units completing any **8** or more objectives will be a “FAITH” unit.
- Units completing **9** or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” unit.
- Units completing **17** or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” “JOY” unit.
- Units completing **25** or more objectives, with 12 asterisks (*) will be a “FAITH” “HOPE” “JOY” “LOVE” unit.

Mission Giving

- _____ 1. *Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- _____ 2. *Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- _____ 3. Donated to local women’s shelter or children’s/youth program.
- _____ 4. Offered scholarships to *Mission u* and/or other United Methodist Women activities.

Spiritual Growth

- _____ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- _____ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- _____ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

Membership

- _____ 8. *Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- _____ 9. *Added one new member not included in above.

Attendance

- _____ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- _____ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Methodist Women’s unit.
- _____ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- _____ 13. *At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference *Mission u*.
- _____ 14. *At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- _____ 15. *At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the *District Elected Leadership Training*.

Mission Education

- _____ 1. *Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- _____ 2. *Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- _____ 3. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- _____ 4. *Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- _____ 5. *Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- _____ 6. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- _____ 7. *Unit had two members reading **response** each month.
- _____ 8. *Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- _____ 9. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

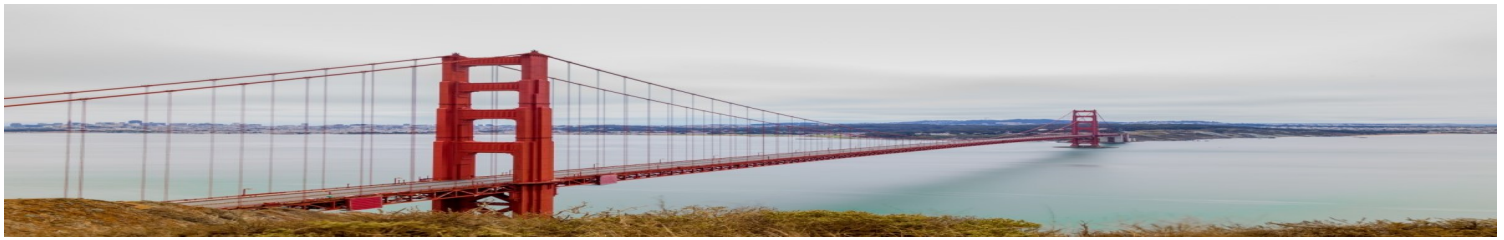
Mission Action

- _____ 10. *Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- _____ 11. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- _____ 12. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
- _____ 13. *Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women's Action Network.
- _____ 14. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- _____ 15. *Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
 - o Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
 - o Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
 - o Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues.
 - o Attended a school board meeting.
- _____ 16. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Methodist Unit.
- _____ 17. *Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year. Possibilities include:
 - o Read books and articles about another race or culture.
 - o Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
 - o Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
 - o Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- _____ 33. Sent this completed form to your **District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** by **deadline date: February 1, 2023.**

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit. (Circle all that apply)



Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:



**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
FOURTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE

WHEN:

Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Registration at 9:00 a.m.
Begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.
End by 3:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 (includes lunch)

WHERE:

St. Louis First United Methodist Church
116 South Franklin Street
St. Louis, Michigan

OFFERING TO SUPPORT

Grand Rapids Community House and
Gratiot County Hope House

INGATHERING:

Feminine hygiene products for St. Louis
First UMC Personal Needs Pantry
(i.e. shampoo, conditioner, deodorant
tampons, incontinence pads, bath
soap, ladies briefs [new only])

Church is wheel chair accessible

NOTE: Use West entrance to church

We are delighted that Marchelle “Micki” Phelps, current President of the North Central Jurisdiction, will be presenting our key note address. Many of you know Micki from past Conference events as she has served United Methodist Women since 1990. When the Detroit Conference merged with the West Michigan Conference and became the Michigan Conference, Miki was instrumental in making that tradition seamless as she was Detroit Conference UMW President at the time. She will bring to our District her personal experiences and observations about significant social justice issues we face today. Issues that United Women in Faith actively advocate for. Join us and take the opportunity to meet and hear Micki present, **“CAN YOU SEE ME?”**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name _____

Church/Unit _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Unit office or mission coordinator position held, if any _____

(Leadership development and officer/mission coordinator workshops will be held during this event.)

Check payable to Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women \$ _____

Special Needs/Diet: Please specify _____

Child care provided, if needed. Please provide sack lunch for each child. Names and ages: _____

Send registration **BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2022** to Audrey Putman, 1931 Loraine Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910

Each registrant must submit this information. Thank you!

United Methodist Women Proposed Mid-Michigan District 2023 Budget**ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (A&MD)****OFFICER EXPENSES:** (Those not associated with District or Conference Events)

100	Postage	\$100.00
101	Office Supplies	200.00
103	Travel (including visitation to local units)	2,000.00
104	Meals	.00
105	Printing	50.00
106	Bank Expense	75.00
107	Audit	100.00
108	Dependent Care	50.00
109	Officer Resources/Literature	100.00

TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES**\$2,750.00****CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES:** (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, dependent care, scholarships, when not covered by Conference)

200	Conference Annual Meeting	.00
201	Keep Making Peace Day	.00
202	Mission u	2,000.00
203	Other Conference Events	.00

TOTAL CONFERENCE EVENT EXPENSES**\$2,000.00****DISTRICT EVENT EXPENSES:** (Those associated with events, including travel, meals, supplies, printing, dependent care, honoraria, scholarships for local women)

300	District Annual Meeting	400.00
301	Local Unit Leadership Training	100.00
302	District Spiritual Growth Retreat	1,000.00
304	Other District Events: Epiphany	.00

TOTAL DISTRICT EVENTS EXPENSES:**\$1,500.00**

400	Newsletter/Directory (including printing & Postage)	2,000.00
401	Program Resources (including sales tax)	150.00
402	District SMR, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, etc.	300.00
403	Church Women United	.00
409	Miscellaneous	.00

TOTAL**\$2,450.00****TOTAL BUDGETED A&MD****\$8,700.00****PROPOSED 2023 PLEDGE TO MISSION****\$30,000.00**

**Mid-Michigan District Proposed Changes for 2023
Standing Rules Committee Report for September 14, 2022**

The 2022 Standing Rules were provided (email) to the entire Leadership Team for them to review and offer suggestions for needed changes.

Listed below are a few changes for 2023. Additional changes, because of up-dated details about the organization and are still being presented, they will be applied with the 2024 Standing Rules when appropriate.

We encourage everyone to read the Standing Rules and offer any other suggestions for changes to be considered. The Standing Rules should state accurately how we operate in our District. If we are not doing something, the section(s) should be removed from the Standing Rules.

Pg. 4 IV. A. 9 All leaders upon retiring from their office must give all pertinent materials including ~~Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Handbook,~~ and all information.....

Replace with: All leadership, upon retiring from office, must give current Standing Rules and all information.....

(Constitution, Bylaws and Handbook are no longer hard copies and now available at UMFaith.org)

Pg. 8 K. 1. ~~Order quadrennium United Methodist Women Handbooks as needed for the elected leaders of the Leadership Team.~~ (Handbooks are now available at UMFaith.org)

Pg. 9 K. 3. ~~Automatic mailing from Mission Resource Center of Annual Sampler will be subscribed to yearly for the President, Vice President, and Secretary of Program Resources.~~ (Annual Sampler is no longer available).

Replace with: Order from Mission Resource Center Prayer Guide, Program Book, and Mission u study book(s) for President, Vice President, Secretary of Program resources and the **Spiritual Growth Coordinator**. (Prayer Guide should be provided for the Spiritual Growth Coordinator as well)

Pg. 15 **ADD: Equipment and Property Owned becomes XI**
Spiritual Growth Coordinator: One Communion plate and two goblets.
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator: Tea light candles, center candle, candle ring, and table covering.
President: Mid-Michigan Banner, pole, stand and gavel.
Old District records for Lansing District and past four years for Mid-Michigan District are with Past President.
Looking for a permeant storage.
Treasure: Adding machine.
Program & Resources: Adding machine and cash box.

September 14, 2022

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Westwood UMC

538 Nichols Rd. Kalamazoo, MI

Registration starts @ 8:30 am



Keynote
Speakers from
Kalamazoo



**Celebrate our accomplishments
and learn how we fulfill this verse**

Hebrews 13:2 NIV

²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Register online at: <https://my-site-102740-102533.square.site/> or scan the QR Code:

In Gathering:

Personal & Feminine hygiene items:

(pads, tampons, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste,
Toothbrush, etc.)



Registration Form

Send to: Mrs. Donna Blair, 2470 Quail Run, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

dblair@hotmail.com or 269-270-6096

Name_____

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City_____ Zip Code_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Please check one: _____ Local Officer _____ District Officer _____ Conference Officer

District_____ Office Held_____

Home Church and City_____

Please check Event(s) attending:

_____ Friday Officer Training/Leadership Development, starts promptly at 4 pm, \$6.00 per person

_____ Saturday Celebration, \$18.00 per person

_____ TOTAL DUE

Dietary restrictions: _____

Child Care Needed? _____ Yes _____ No

Name and age of child(ren): _____

Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UMW

Send registration and payment no later than October 7, 2022 to:
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October 22 — Conference Annual
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January 7 — Epiphany at Carson City UMC

May 12-13 — 2023 Spiritual Growth Retreat
at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt