

## CELEBRATE ——— COMMITMENT CENSUS ——— CAN'T COMPLAIN

Our "C" word in the last newsletter was CHALLENGE(S). Listed above are some more "C" words to pay attention to now.

I love this song, by Kool and the Gang  
*"Celebrate good times, come on!  
Let's celebrate  
There's a party goin' on right here  
A celebration to last throughout the years  
So bring your good times, and your laughter too  
We gonna celebrate your party with you!"*

I hope you have some exciting ways scheduled to **CELEBRATE** United Methodist Women this year. The official anniversary date for the **150th Anniversary** of United Methodist Women (and its predecessor organizations) is **March 23, 2019**. It is designated as a Day of Giving. Every member and every unit is encouraged to make a contribution. Make those checks out to the Legacy Fund for \$15., or \$18.69 or \$20.19 or even for \$150.00!!! We are encouraging *all* units and *all* districts to celebrate *all* year, at *all* events!! Be sure to take pictures and write up some reviews about how you celebrate and send them to your district or Conference Communication Coordinators. Tell your stories!

Something else I am also *celebrating* right now, is the **COMMITMENT** I have seen from YOUR Michigan Conference Leadership team. We recently had an over-night planning retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in Dewitt. The weather even cooperated, for the most part. Together, 38, of us bonded, and brainstormed, and planned, and shared, and laughed and prayed, and of course, ate! One of my hopes for our time together was that EVERYONE would meet someone new and begin getting acquainted. What an amazing group of dedicated women you have representing your conference this year.

I recently read, "50 Women Everyone Christian Should Know," which is in the Leadership Development category for 2018. Please read it! None of this Conference Leadership Team or me or YOU will probably ever be written about in a book like this one, but in MY book you are ALL women every Christian should know!! And, now for a new challenge — I challenge you all to get acquainted with the special women on your District AND the Michigan Conference Leadership Teams. All District and Conference team members are there *for you* - to answer questions, provide programs and assist whenever/however possible. If you are fortunate enough to have one of

these team members in your area, include them, contact them, "pick their brains."

Now for a new assignment - that's the teacher in me - ALL local units need to do the **CENSUS** report by Mar. 30, 2019. Go to: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) and click on the green box - **CENSUS 2018**. Again, all district team members should assist with this.

Leadership Development Days were held recently, in Tempe, AZ. Four members from our Conference attended. It was very uplifting and very educational. Completing the CENSUS report was emphasized. The census reporting from our conference, so far, was *terrible!* We were literally at the bottom of the list! I *challenge* everyone to make completing this census report a *commitment right now*.

And finally, we **CAN'T COMPLAIN** about the geographical size of our new conference. While we were at LDD, we chatted with some women from the newly merged Mountain Sky Conference. It now consists of ALL of the states of Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and part of Idaho!! Think about THAT when you are traveling a few hours to meetings in your district or our conference!

This is going to be an exciting year for the new Michigan Conference and our nine new districts. We are off to a good start. Each district has some exciting events planned this spring. Remember, everyone is invited to ALL events. If it sounds good and you can get there.....then GO and take a car load!!

GO forth! Be BOLD! Continue being the amazing models of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in Action that you are.

We ARE in Service to Christ —

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## *From our Vice President*

Happy new year to all!!

It's planning time 2019! Being a United Methodist Woman is a unique role. It is a role that allows us to help, to grow and learn, fight for change, and live our lives in full bloom, finding inspiration in our work.

I hope we are all planning for UMW events this year, update your planners and prayer calendars, to include, Prayer Breakfasts, Keep Making Peace Day in East Lansing, Annual Conference in Traverse City, Mission u's held around the state and finally Annual Meetings and Celebrations.

Check the conference website and learn all the new district names.

Make a new bucket list to include: meeting someone new in your district, attending a local unit meeting, visiting a church that does not have a unit, telling the story of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Methodist Women. What seems ordinary to you can be amazing to someone else. It could shape the worldview of another person.

Everyone can be a role model,. We can use our gifts

and talents with compassion and enthusiasm. It's not about what you do, it's about how you do it.

I hope we are all planning to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting and Celebration. We are planning some fun times, celebrating 150 years.

The meeting is at Howell UMC, October 26, 2019. The celebrating and officer training will begin Friday, October 25, 2019.

Remember "working together wins!!!

Best regards

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## *Calling all Local Unit Treasurers*

Time to take care of some administrative business, especially since now we are all under the NEW Michigan Conference UMW! Please review pages 79-86 of the UMW Handbook 2017-2020 to get a good understanding of the Local Unit Finances. On page 80 is the following reference under Duties of the Local Unit Treasurer:

Make sure you have one checking account in the name of United Methodist Women. The President of the unit and the treasurer are the signers on the account. The bank will ask for a Tax ID number to open a new account. This is held by your United Methodist Women District/Conference treasurer. Please contact her for the documentation and the appropriate number.

Please contact your District Treasurer for the documents you need to update your bank account with the NEW Tax ID number of the Michigan

Conference. Yes, all units and districts within our Conference relate up to the same Conference Tax ID number. If you have questions, you may contact me anytime and thank you for taking on the important responsibility of Local Unit Treasurer.

Blessings,

**Julia Paradine-Rice**  
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## *News From the Communications Team*

The Communications Team has chosen the name **"The Voice, Valuable Organizational Information Connecting Everyone"** for the newsletter! We will publish 4 times a year, with this being the 1st issue for 2019. Deadlines for the upcoming issues are: May 10, August 10 and November 10.

Since we are now statewide, there are four people handling the communications piece so we can get you information in a timely fashion! Here is the list of people serving on the team:

**Kathy Freeland**—Newsletter Editor

**Amber Hassler**—Social Media—all Facebook and e-mail issues, including sending out "The Voice to all e-mail recipients

**Sally Messner**—All brochures and fliers, including information about Mission u and upcoming events, and The Directory

**Diana Miller**-Webmaster of all things United Methodist Women Michigan Conference and anything else the team doesn't know!

Please see p. 14 and 15 for our contact information!

## *Secretary of Program Resources—Brenda Street*

### *The Reading Program is Alive*

As we celebrate 150 years in mission, we will keep current on issues through our Reading Program. As we deepen our opportunity to share our spirituality, leadership development, nurturing the community, knowing and understanding the social action issues and becoming educated in mission, we want to invite others to join us.

United Methodist Women Mission Resource will no longer stock books on the Reading Program list or offer consignment orders for events. The District Secretary of Program Resources may have mission resource items for sale and free material. They will also have order blanks available and have directions on how you can place your own order.

Deans of Mission u will let the attendees know well in advance that books should be purchased before traveling or if a few will be ordered.

All is not lost because there are other resources many members use already. They check books out of the library. Cokesbury, Amazon, and other major retailers often have the books at a lesser cost than Mission Resource. If you purchase through Amazon Smile Program you can make a donation to the United Methodist Women. Visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).

Please visit [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/)

Reading Program, to see the list of books for each category and year. The Reading Program Year is from 2014 – 2019. 2020 books are being decided as you read this article.

**"When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?"** Jennifer Grant (2019 -Nurturing for Community)

Did I pass the mid-year crisis? Jennifer Grant makes me think I was having so much fun that, when my children call me old, I thought they were talking about my favorite shoes. "When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?" by Jennifer Grant brings a new light to thinking about who is old.

Each chapter brings a new memory and the thoughts of persons we meet on our journey.

Visit the [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org) to find additional information.

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## ***Social Action—Alice Tucker***

A new year started for us as one conference on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We had an overnight retreat under the leadership of the new conference president, Linda Darrow. The retreat began with the racial justice committee coming together. The Charter for Racial Justice was brought to the attention of all.

I have sent out several articles that I hope were of interest to you all. Although our focus is not on human trafficking this year it was important to note with the Super Bowl we had to be alert. Just as the Michigan State Police teamed with Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois State police with a goal of raising awareness and to educate on observing and recognizing trafficking so did we educate and make people aware.

The faith community leaders signed a petition calling on Ford Motor Company to stand by the national clean car standard. Current federal standards save about 540 million tons of greenhouse gas emission. Our past president, Micki Phelps was among those at Ford headquarters supporting faith to Ford campaign.

Black Lives Matter had its own week. It was to be called a week of action at schools to end harmful policies and procedures. It is important to note these three demands of Black Lives Matter: 1 end zero tolerance and implement restorative justice, 2 hire more black teachers, and 3 mandate black history and ethnic studies in the K-12 curriculum.

I have also reminded you of the Keep Making Peace Day on April 6, 2019 at University Church in East Lansing. Speakers are, Dr Mona-Attisha, (keynote) pediatrician who discovered lead exposure to Flint children.

Rev Melanie Carey will share how people can make a difference for peacemaking in the church.

Rev Paul Perez will enlighten us on the border situation. He has led a delegation of Board members and staff to the U.S.-Mexico border. He is a member of the international General Board of Church and Society.

Jim Cason is coming from Washington D. C. to share how citizens can lobby Congress.

Last but not to be forgotten is our birthday on March 23, 2019 when we will be 150 years of age. Say Happy Birthday and give to the Legacy Fund.

**Alice Tucker , Social Action**

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**Leadership Development Days**

**Viola Jones, Patti Steinberg, Sally Messner  
& Linda Darrow**

## ***Education and Interpretation ~ Michele L. Weston***



Attention all Michigan UMW Districts and Local Units ~ Effective in 2019, the Michigan Conference of United Methodist Women voted to move to a January through December Calendar Year for reporting at their Annual meetings for the ***E&I Mission Today Objectives, Five-Star Giving, and our Reading Program***. So what does this mean for reporting *this year* at your Annual Celebrations, in September/October since the end of December has not been reached? Let me try to clarify.

Since the full 12 month reporting year will not be over in October, 2019, we will *hold the reports for one year* and report the people and units at their Annual Meetings in September/October, 2020!! We ask everyone to stay on the same reporting schedule, rather than some going from October 1 thru September 30th, or others from September through August, etc. then tallying them up to report at that year's annual meeting. We want to be consistent and more transparent.

So for 2019 meetings, you will use the same report from 2018, even though there is an overlap and repetition. Plus if you know of any others that should be counted in 2018, please go ahead and add them. This will start the 2019 reports to be for the same full year from January to December as the reports made in 2020. The reports for 2019 should be sent to the respective Mission Coordinators on the District by about **February 1st** of each year. The District Officer will maintain these local unit reports for you until the District Annual Celebrations in September/October.

I have asked that the 2019 Mission Objectives form be submitted again with this Newsletter with the February 1, 2020 date on it to be sent to your District E&I Coordinator. You will need to fill in the name and address of that officer on the form before sending it out in your Newsletters. As you've probably all sent the form out in your January Newsletters, be sure to send it out again in your next Newsletter with the clarification that the reports cover until the end of 2019!

Remember, friends, this calendar and reporting change is for our Mission Today Objectives, as well as the Reading Program and Five-Star Giving.

On a lighter note, I'm looking forward to working with you in 2019 on not only the Mission Today Objectives of your Units, but to enhance the ways all of us, whatever our experience, age or abilities, can serve and learn to love in the Missions of our United Methodist Women.

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## ***Membership Nurture & Outreach—Pat Snyder***

### **The Year Has Come!!! 2019 -- Our 150th Birthday**

Come let us celebrate. Remember March 23 - our legacy giving day. We have established a Legacy Fund so the mission work will continue for the next 150 years. First we must all sign up our membership again this year. We are a new conference. Leave a personal legacy and sign up your daughter or granddaughter.

Simply go to the website, [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org). Blue box is for individual membership. While you are there take a look around. The reading program will be a good place to start your adventure.

Local and district membership must be registered by **March 31, 2019** for our 2018 year. Use the

green square marked "**Census 2018**". This is the one report every unit needs to fill out with a new set of questions this year.

Thanks to everyone for good reporting.

**Patricia Snyder**

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## ***Spiritual Growth—Ruth Jones***

There are WONDERFUL resources available on-line for programming and for special worship services. If you Google such subjects as United Methodist Women's Sunday, United Methodist Women's Day, or Sermons for UMW Sunday, you will be amazed at the plethora of materials you will find. Also look up "Tools for Leaders: Hope and Hospitality" on the UMW site. It is a 304 page book full of everything useful in planning, including interactive services on immigration.

Don't forget to see what current and old program books have to offer, as well as Response magazines (I especially recommend that you look at the December 2011 and April 2012 issues for resources on immigration).

All UM hymnals have good "women's hymns." Wonderful ideas for music are to be found online as well, Google Carolyn Winfrey Gillette's "One Day, Naomi and Ruth Crossed the Border." She has given permission for free use of this hymn,

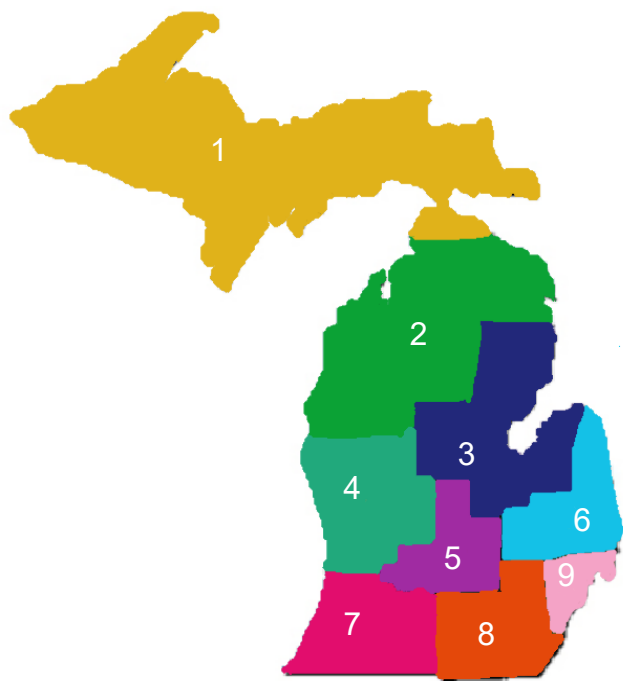
which uses a tune in our hymnal. Contact me anytime I might be of help.

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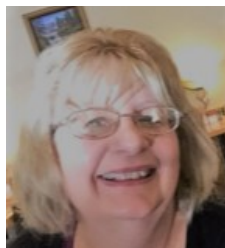


## New Districts



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- 7: Greater Southwest
- 8: Heritage
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## NEWS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS



### Northern Skies District

"Covenantal Living" from the Mission U Study, "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living", is the focus for our **Spiritual Growth Retreat on May 3 and 4 at the Comfort Inn in Manistique.**

We hope to find a renewed sense of what it means to live in a place where there is wholeness for your family, your church, your community, and the earth.

First time attendees get half off! That includes the hotel, meals, AND registration. See our Facebook Page or our newsletter on the Conference UMW site for more information.

Recently the Menominee United Methodist Women had their UMW Sunday and Jane Yaeger shared this:

Are each of your units holding a United Methodist Women Sunday? It is a great opportunity to let the congregation know a little more about us and spread the word about the mission we are all about. This year, we combined our Special Mission Recognition with the UMW Sunday service. Our ladies take care of the entire service and most of the time we have a chili lunch or salad lunch after.

Last year we had a "style show" with fashions from designer Paul for the women of Ephesus, such as the breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, etc. We had fun with the costumes and hamming it up with the narratives and, of course, the serious message woven in.

This year we had three short skits with a humorous take on faith, then hope, then love in action. After each skit we had a short message about each; for instance, after the faith skit, we talked from 2 Timothy 1:3-7 and said there are many assets we have to pass on and what about passing on faith.

What we haven't thought up ourselves, we have found resources online with which to work. There is a lot of info, ideas and pictures on the UMW website and online. Our projectionist was able to get some nice UMW pictures for the screen on the wall with the resources available.

Have some fun with it!

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### **CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT**

Greetings from sunny southern Florida!

The transition is complete and the Central Bay District UMW is fully operational. On February 9 the Spiritual Brunch was held at Frankenmuth UMC. Melene Willsey, pastor at New Heart UMC in Saginaw, was the speaker. The attendees gifted the New Heart church with approximately \$1700. Approximately 130 people were in attendance to hear Pastor Melene speak.

The next event will be the Spiritual Retreat at The Springs in Gladwin, MI, April 26 and 27. The Revs. Lisa and Ron Cook from Sanford will be the leaders of "Wonderful Worship". We look forward to the program presented by Ron and Lisa.

Each of the District Leadership Team members have been assigned several local UMW units based on the Central Bay District Dzones. Each team member is charged with establishing a relationship with the local units assigned them and keeping them informed of District events.

Regularly, I am reminded that the UMW is an international organization. Recently, there was an article in the UMC news about the UMW in Liberia taking a stand against the rape of women in their country. In October while I was in Liberia, I had the opportunity to meet with women from the UMW of Ganta UMC in Ganta, Liberia. On that date they were presenting a gift of food items to the Ganta Hospital for the use of families with family members in the hospital. These are the same kinds of activities that all of us are involved in here in the United States. This is what we do! We look out for and take care of each other, especially women, children and youth.

See you in the spring!

**Ruth Sutton, President**

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### **MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

During the past few months the Mid-Michigan District has begun to work on our Standing Rules. Our District Leadership Team will be meeting in March to review the Standing Rules Draft and start planning for 2020 by reviewing our current dates and programs for any changes. We are also connecting with our District Friends.

As the President of Mid-Michigan, I was privileged to attend the Michigan Conference Leadership Team planning meeting on January 25-26 at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI. I gained much valuable information with the redistricting, the Michigan Conference Plans, information from National and made new friends and reunited with old friends. I have already shared much of the information with the Mid-Michigan Leadership Team.

Mid-Michigan District's next program will be our Spiritual Growth Retreat on May 3-4, 2019 at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, Michigan with the Midwest District. Our Districts rotate the leadership and Midwest District has been planning the program. The topic will be "What is your Spiritual Style?" with Jody Pratt as our facilitator. I am looking forward to this time to connect and share in the spirit of our Lord.

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**EAST WINDS DISTRICT**

East Winds District United Methodist Women have great expectations and a calendar full of opportunities for 2019. April 6 is Keep Making Peace 2019. The theme is "One Person Makes a Difference". Registration is open at [www.msuwesley.org/kmp2019](http://www.msuwesley.org/kmp2019).

The East Winds UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat can be a one day or two day opportunity for you April 12 and 13. It is held at Lion's Bear Lake in Lapeer. Our energetic speaker is Rev. Sari Brown and her theme is "Many Faces of God: Experiencing the Divine as Women". **For more information contact Cyndy Rossman at [cynrosjam@gmail.com](mailto:cynrosjam@gmail.com).**

East Winds District UMW Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, April 27, at Port Huron First UMC. Speaker is Julia Cramer looking at "Amazing Grace" through music over many decades. Register with Judy Chasney at 989-553-0076.

Don't miss an opportunity to attend Mission u, The opportunities begin in July and conclude in October.

East Winds District United Methodist Women's annual meeting will be Saturday, October 12, at Davison UMC. All are welcome.

The UMW Annual Michigan Conference Celebration will be October 25-26 at Howell UMC. Mark your calendars! It is not to be missed.

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**GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Linda Burton-Collier and I am the new president for the Greater Southwest District. I have lived in our new district for over 32 years (in Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo, White Pigeon, and Hopkins). I currently live on a 900-acre family farm between Hopkins and Allegan. I have served most recently as the Dean of Mission u for the West Michigan Conference UMW. I have also served as Social Action Coordinator for the West Michigan Conference and vice president, treasurer, and secretary and on the nominating committee for the former Kalamazoo District UMW.

Currently I also serve on the board of United Methodist Community House, on the executive committee for Community Action of Allegan County, and am the coordinator for the Hopkins Community Food Pantry. In my spare time I love spending time with my husband, Earl, walking my dog, visiting the animals on the farm, going to my granddaughters' basketball games, and enjoying our blended family of 7 children and 11 grandchildren.

**Linda Burton-Collier, President**

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## **GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT**

This has been a hard winter with record cold temperatures, high winds, and icy roads. Like this winter, change can be hard, even scary. How can it be easier, less scary? With anticipation and acceptance, faith in God and in others and with prayer and preparation.

Recognizing a decline in units and members United Methodist Women at the national level made changes by relaxing rules and making them recommendations. Conference and district leaders and members at the local level should do all we can to encourage and attract new younger members, to keep units alive and to revitalize and grow local units.

Possibilities? Continue a UMW Unit even after a church is closed. When churches are closed and members are encouraged to attend a nearby church revitalize an existing unit or start a UMW Unit. If a nearby UM Church does not have a UMW Unit invite women in that church to attend your meetings and programs; suggest they might join your unit.

Communication from the district to local units and members and vice versa is vitally important. Greater Detroit District uses email to 'get the word out' to local units and members. This requires the district to have names and contact information. There is a form included in The Phoenix and on the website. The Phoenix and regular notices and information are sent by email. Those who do receive email from us please share with members who do not.

During Memorial Moments at Prayer Breakfast in February names of UMW members who transitioned during the past year were recited and recognized by the toll of a bell. Pastor Anna Moon, musician and vocalist, provided an inspiring message and beautiful music when she moved to the keyboard where she played and sang words that greatly complimented her message. Pastor Anna is an associate pastor at Troy Korean UMC.

A printed trifold card with the names and contact information of all members of Greater Detroit District UMW 2019 Leadership Team were available at the Prayer Breakfast and will be available at upcoming events. Mission/Ministry Workshop is March

9 at Beverly Hills UMC. The topic, is Throwing Children Away, School to Prison Pipeline. The Spiritual Life Retreat is April 5 & 6 at the Lake Huron Retreat Center.

I invite individuals or units in Greater Detroit District with any question or concern to contact me by email or phone. I offer prayers to accept and deal with change and help it happen.

**Kay Korn, Greater Detroit District UMW President**

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**Members of Greater Detroit**

**on the way to Petoskey**



## HERITAGE DISTRICT

I recently saw this quote, "No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending" (Unknown). I really began to think about that statement. The conclusion was that we don't start over; but we begin again right where we are, making things better in our lives.

I am happy to say the past year has been very exciting for the Heritage District. The Ann Arbor and Albion districts combined to make a new district with 102 churches. On September 29<sup>th</sup> we had over 100 people in attendance at our annual celebration & training. It was a time of joy and celebration for our gathering and there was a feeling of inclusiveness that one attendee said she had not expected when they found they were changing. We were putting the "Pieces Together", as the title of the program said. Now on to the new beginning.

We have a new Mission Team and a calendar for the year with meetings at churches throughout the district. 2019 Standing Rules will guide us along with the ones from our Conference and the National UMWs. The goal this year is to become a team of people working together as a mission for UMW. We are planning a Team Building Retreat in February to not only help strengthen the new team but develop Job Descriptions and plans for the coming year.

The team is working on improving our contact and communications with the units in our district. Some of our team members will take on sending information to local presidents on a regular basis.

Plans are in process for the Heritage District Retreat to be held March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at Judson Collins Retreat Center. We will have a Social Action speaker for Friday evening and Rev. Faith Fowler will be our speaker for Saturday. Details to come. The annual meeting will be held September 28<sup>th</sup> at Howell UMC.

So many plans and so much to do but it feels good. This is the start of something new for all of us and we will be making things better as we go forward.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the **new** is here!

Blessings to all of you in the New Year!!!

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**Sherry with Harriet Jane Olsen at Assembly!**



**Leadership Development Days in Tempe, AZ**

**Linda Darrow, Sally Messner, Harriet Olsen, Patti Steinberg, Viola Jones**





## NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—MILDRED BRADDOCK

I bring you greetings on behalf of the North Central Jurisdiction. My name is Mildred Braddock. I serve on the Committee on Nominations. I am very happy to be with you today, to bring you exciting news of the Jurisdiction meeting to be held in the Dakotas Conference in 2020.

We will be gathering to elect new National Directors and a new Jurisdiction Team.

The dates for this event are June 26-28, 2020, in Sioux Falls, SD. We will gather at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel. I hope you will make plans to join us as we celebrate United Methodist Women.

Start making plans to attend. Come by plane, bus, or automobile. Keep a lookout for further information in the near future.

In my position, I am looking for persons who show leadership qualities, and would be willing to be considered as potential nominees to serve on the North Central Jurisdiction Team for 2021-2024. If you are interested in submitting your name, please talk to me about filling out a Potential Leader Form. A copy is included in this newsletter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

We hope to see you all in Sioux Falls, SD, as we are calling you! Thank you.

**Mildred Braddock**

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**References:**

**1.Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information (phone/e-mail)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person submitting this information:**

**Signed (your name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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United Methodist Women  
North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team  
Committee on Nominations  
Potential Leader Form

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Age(Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken \_\_\_\_\_

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March 23	Annual Day of Giving	<a href="http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/day-of-giving">unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/day-of-giving</a>
April 6	Keep Making Peace	University UMC
May 18	Michigan Conference UMW Mission Team Meeting	Carson City UMC
May 30-June 2	Michigan Area UMC Conference	Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City
July 10-13	Mission U of the West	Albion College
July 20	Mission U of the South	Southfield Hope UMC
August 15	Mission u Hands On Mission Experience	Port Huron Area
	Mission u One Day Sampler	Lake Huron Retreat Center
August 16-17	Mission U of the East	Lake Huron Retreat Center
August 21	Conference Leadership Team, Finance & Mission u	Howell UMC
October 21-22	Mission u of the North	Gaylord UMC
October 25	Conference/District Officer Education Program & Training	Howell UMC
October 26	FIRST Michigan Conference UMW Annual Celebration	Howell UMC
November 16	Conference Leadership Team meeting	TBA