



# Catskill Hudson District United Methodist Women

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Dear Friends and Sisters in Christ,

During this season we call Lent, special in itself, we are now surrounded by many concerns. I don't have the words to speak to you that you haven't heard from our pastors, DS and Bishop. I would like to share with you excerpts from the Prayer and Responsive Reading, by Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere, the chaplain at our UMW's Church Center for the United Nations. She led our Conference UMW's retreat last year. You can find her complete prayer at

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/prayer-and-responsive-reading-for-those-affected-by-coronavirus> .

### **Prayer and Responsive Reading for Those Affected by Coronavirus**

by the Rev. Dionne P. Boissière

**ONE:** Holy One, we come to you in this moment of uncertainty and uncharted territory – facing this unprecedented global pandemic. Amid universal fear, panic, confusion and anxiety, please remind us that you are the God that calmed the storm and made the winds to cease. We cry out to you!

**MANY: Hear us O God of peace.**

**ONE:** Benevolent Savior, you have called us to be your hands and feet in this world. As we face this crisis together, help us remember to be mindful of how we speak to, live with and treat one another. May we truly seek to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

**MANY: Hear us O God of compassion.**

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**ONE:** Liberating God, remind us that we are still on the journey with Jesus during this Lenten Season. Restore our hope, renew our joy and give us your strength and remind us that resurrection will surely come.

**MANY: Hear us O God of grace.**

Amen.

Praying for your health, comfort and peace,

Barbara Sanborn

Catskill-Hudson District UMW President

## **Cancellations due to COVID19**

### **May 2, 2020 District UMW Day Apart**

We will let you know when it's been rescheduled. I've been told that there will be ice cream! Stay tuned.

### **Mission u is 2020.**

Stay tuned for additional information from National UMW with an online format. Attached is t  
The flyer which lists the studies should you still choose to purchase them.

## **Save the Dates**

**October 24, 2020** NYAC UMW Annual Meeting – More information will follow

**November 7, 2020** Catskill Hudson UMW Annual Conference – **Location TBD**

**Jan 29-31, 2021** Annual District UMW Retreat – Huntersfield Christian Training Center, Prattsville NY

## **Program Resources & Reading Program**

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

### **MISSION GIVING MAKES MISSION HAPPEN**

(This article is taken from RESPONSE magazine, March/April, 2020)

The July 1871 issue of *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the first magazine of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, published a map showing all of the mission sites of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India. It was prepared by Isabella Thoburn, one of the society's first missionaries. According to Frances Baker in *The Story of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, it was the first “cartographic view of these important missions ever laid before the Church.”

(Refer to the magazine for the included maps that show the places around the world women organized for mission are making a difference for women, children and youth.) In 2018 and 2019, United Methodist Women members' generous Mission Giving provided \$8.9 million to 288 national and international projects and partners in 43 countries. In the same time, 83 international scholarships totaling more than \$440,000 were given to students around the world, and students in the United States received more than \$112,000 through 29 scholarships. Mission Giving also supports eight regional missionaries, whose work with women's societies, ecumenical organizations and grassroots groups reaches 49 countries and the Caribbean. Mission Giving also supports the spiritual growth, leadership development and transformative education of its members as they engage in service and advocacy.

In March 1869, eight women founded the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at the Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston. Two missionaries' wives had witnessed the lack of health care available to women in India simply because they were women, and they organized, moved by their faith, to make a difference for women, children and youth around the world.

One hundred and fifty-one years later that organization is called United Methodist Women, part of the United Methodist Church, with hundreds of thousands of members who organize, moved by their faith, to make a

difference for women, children and youth around the world. Our giving changes lives.

**Submitted by Karen Reynolds – CH District Social Action officer**

### **Message from Communications Coordinator**

Do you know someone who is not receiving Lifeline? Please tell them to send me an email at [shirleymattice@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymattice@gmail.com) to be put on our mailing list if they are without a computer have them call me at 518-337-6166 I will take down their address so they will receive it by mail.

### **Daily Meditation/Prayers in these Challenging Times**

Every day - some kind of prayer or scripture or meditation will be posted on the Catskill Hudson District Facebook Page - here is the link - are you a member - perhaps you should be. [Catskill Hudson District NYAC of the United Methodist Church](#)

### **Not enough women to have a UMW unit? (Don't despair!)**

**You can still share in the fellowship, spiritual growth, and participation in the UMW missions to women, children & youth:**

- Join in the next town's UMW, or be part of several churches' units combining to be a Cluster or Charge UMW.
- Become a District UMW member by
  - making a monetary pledge to mission, and
  - learn about mission and social concerns
    - Umwonline.org – social networking with other members
    - Subscribe to response magazine
    - Attend a District or Conference UMW gathering & bring a friend!

### **St Paul's United Methodist women**

Submitted by Susan Petrosky UMW President

Here's a snapshot of what our sisters are doing in Middletown.

We collected hot chocolate and pudding cups for the local "No Kid Hungry" program at each meeting. Some members also fill and distribute the backpacks once a week to 4 local elementary schools. We filled 92 backpacks.

We volunteer with laundry help for our warming station sorting and filling bins with clean laundry for our "guests"

We volunteer at the Wednesday dinner community serving, cooking and welcoming many homeless people and lonely seniors who need our love and support.

We provide scholarships to college students and older adults who have returned to school furthering their education.

We regularly send cards and call past member to keep them connected to us. We strongly feel they are still a part of us.

We do displays for Women's history month and invited and honor women in our church. We also have guest speakers who talk about women's issues during a special church service in March. Last year we honored Jean Guice who was very active on the district level

**The St. James UMW in Kingston** has been busy sewing the past few weeks! First, we got together and cut out and sewed about 35 drawstring bags. These were given to our sisters in the Red Hook UMW, who make washable pads and provide other supplies for **“Days for Girls”**. The bags of supplies are sent to girls in places where they may not have access to feminine products. These girls often leave school, as they miss a week a month because they need to stay home during their periods. Given these supplies, it is hoped that more girls will complete school.



Another project we have been working on is **protective cloth masks**. So far, we have given masks to our Happy to Help Food Pantry volunteers, who have been continuing to give much needed food to the community. We have also been asked to make masks for a local radiation center and a doctor’s office. If any other groups or individuals would like to make masks, you can get directions on line, or try the plan we used:

### How to make a face mask

**What you will need:**

- Cotton blend fabric, t-shirt material, sheets (all prewashed). Hold up to the light, if it’s thin, you may want to use three layers.
- Elastic- 7” long. ¼”- ½” flat works best. If using round, rope type, tie small knot in end.
- Pipe cleaner, 4-6” long or floral wire with dab of hot glue on each end to cover sharp end.

You can make two sizes, adult or child.

1. Cut two or three rectangles: adult: 9” x 6”; child 7 ½” x 5”. Stack the pieces, right sides together.
2. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew 3/8” seam to first corner, stop.
3. As you start sewing the side, insert one end of the elastic, (inside) go forward and back to anchor. As you go down side, insert other end of elastic, keeping it flat, forming a loop inside. Sew forward and back.
4. Turn and sew top seam at 4/8”. This is wider to allow pipe cleaner to be added later.
5. Turn and begin other side, 3/8” wide, insert elastic, go forward and back (again, inside); continue down, insert other end of elastic.
6. Turn, sew 3/8” seam along bottom. Leave 2” to be able to turn right side out later.
7. Return to top seam. Place pipe cleaner or wire between layers of fabric close to the seam. Sew close to pipe cleaner to anchor it there, being careful not to hit it with needle. This will be the top, and will allow it to be fitted to the nose.
8. Turn mask right side out. Press if needed. Top stitch top and bottom edges to close and finish, ¼”.
9. Pin 2-3 tucks in each side, all facing downward. Stitch sides to anchor.

# **THANK YOU to all the Local UMW Presidents for filling out the Census. They've extended the deadline to April 30,2020**

## **United Methodist Women Census 2019**

*Thank you from the National Office: important information for your local unit.*

**Local Unit Presidents:** Local Unit Presidents are asked to complete this form for the 2019 United Methodist Women census.

Greetings Bold Women!

United Methodist Women is celebrating 150 Years! Throughout the past (2) years your guidance and input has been invaluable as United Methodist Women position themselves for the next 150 years of mission.

This year's census is focused on giving information and sharing ideas for sustainability and growth! *However, we still need your full participation and count!*

### **Your Feedback**

As you have observed, over the past two years the census has evolved from a simple form into a more formal survey that would help inform the work at the national office and conference level. This important feedback was needed in order to plan for strategic growth and measurable impact.

Thank you for your overwhelming response! We've had a very productive two years!!! We would like to congratulate Western North Carolina Conference on being the highest reporting conference for the past (2) years.

Highlights from the census:

Social Media: Most units use FACEBOOK to promote work. Majority of units stated that they do not need Social Media training, Assistance needed in posting events for greater visibility (2), inviting others/marketing to new audiences(3), creating a social media page (4)

Assistance needed in expanding the reach of mission u and in passing the knowledge to the unit or to the church

Assistance needed in engaging members in mission studies

Social Justice Campaigns: Most units are working on Ending the school to prison pipeline (mission u 2020/2021 focus), Climate Justice(2) Living Wage(3) End Maternal Mortality (4)

For Education, most units use the program book for how to engage in the work of UMW, visited the UMW website for resources (2)

Building Relationships: Majority of units reached out to local or state groups to explore how to work on the priority issues

The last census supported that almost 50% of local units describe their unit as thriving

## Strategies for Growth

For several years you have asked us to develop tools to help our organization attract new women from various generations. Along with your feedback we've now conducted additional surveys across women members and non-members in the UMC and beyond to understand what new women are seeking.

As a result, we are now in position to develop and test key ideas and strategies for organizational growth as well as, support local mission activities and relationship building.

In 2020, the National office will begin developing new resources, launching targeted giving, piloting a soul care retreat model to introduce women to UMW and testing new, additional membership join options for potential members from various generations alongside of our current "join" model.

Please continue to share your ideas to inform the way we change and grow into the next 150 years!

Census Submission Deadline: **Thursday, April 30, 2020.**

The United Methodist Women will never share contact information outside the organization without permission.

[Local Presidents: Complete Your 2020 Census](#)

[https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census\\_2019.html](https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2019.html)

Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page to fill out your form. If you don't have internet access please call me at 518-337-6166 or email you information to [Shirleylmattice@gmail.com](mailto:Shirleylmattice@gmail.com) I will enter the information for your local unit. I've also included screenshots of the form you can also fill out and send directly to me for submission. Thank you

Question - Not Required - Church Name

*District Name, Conference Name and Jurisdiction Name will automatically populate on computer screen.*

\*Question - Required - Unit Name (only unit name, not circle name)

\*Question - Required - District Name

Question - Not Required - Conference

Question - Not Required - Jurisdiction

Question - Not Required - Church Address

Question - Not Required - City

Question - Not Required - State

Question - Not Required - Zip Code

\*Question - Required - Unit Type

Question - Not Required - Primary Language

\*Question - Required - Unit President - First Name

\*Question - Required - Unit President - Last Name

Question - Not Required - President's Telephone Number

\*Question - Required - President's E-mail

\*Question - Required - Total Number of Members as of December 31, 2019

\*Question - Required - Number of New Members Added in 2019

\*Question - Required - Number of Members Lost by Death or Other Reasons

Reported By (Information of person who is reporting this data) .

\*First Name: Required

\*Last Name: Required

\*Email: Required

\*Phone Number: Required

Yes, I would like to receive e-mails from United Methodist Women

Question - Not Required - Position of the person reporting the data

Please select response 

Question - Not Required - If Other, please specify (Position, not listed in the previous field)

Question - Not Required - What is the average age of local unit/circle members?

Please select response 

Question - Not Required - How would you define a thriving unit? (check all that apply)

- Actively working on at least one of the Social Justice campaigns (advocacy + service)
- Inviting and attracting new women into your local unit
- Creating new circles or expanding where we meet to include outside of the church
- Shifted our meeting times
- Created new ways for women to join either virtually/online or by video
- New women in leadership positions
- Pastor's support

Question - Not Required - Please use one word to describe how you define a thriving unit

Question - Not Required - Does your unit subscribe to response magazine?

Please select response 

Question - Not Required - How does your unit use response magazine?

- Bible study
- Conversation starter
- To stay informed about the broader work of United Methodist Women

Question - Not Required - Would you consider using response as a free downloadable resource?

Please select response 

Question - Not Required - Please tell us which of the social actions campaigns your United Methodist Women unit engaged in during 2019.

- Just energy for all
- Interrupting the school to prison pipeline
- Living wage for all
- Maternal child health

Question - Not Required - Please tell us which of the social actions campaigns your United Methodist Women unit will engage in for 2020.

- Just energy for all
- Interrupting the school to prison pipeline
- Living wage for all
- Maternal child health

Question - Not Required - Please share how you have engaged in these social actions in 2019.

- Education/training
- Advocacy
- Letter writing
- Legislative visits/calls
- March or rally participation
- Organizing
- United Methodist Women webinar participation
- Partnering with other organizations focused on one of the campaigns
- Other

## **PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The organized Unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and 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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# Mission u 2020

JULY 24-26, 2020  
STAMFORD HILTON  
STAMFORD, CT

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society as they relate to our faith and to fellowship with other members of the New York Annual Conference.

Mission studies this year feature:

Spiritual Growth: Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety

Geographic Study: Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Issue Study: Mass Incarceration : School to Prison Pipeline

Youth & Young Adult : Walking with Jesus in Anxious Times : Managing Anxiety

Children's Study: Growing in Peace Instead of Fear : Understanding Emotions



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