

**Long Island East District**

**United**

**Methodist**

**Women**

**NEXUS**

**April 2020**

## Message from Your President

Dear Sisters in Christ and all others who are experiencing life during these days:

Though many of us are overwhelmed with the state of the world, with feelings of doom and gloom, I hope that more of us are remembering that we are Easter People. I hope that at this time, we are involved with the Lenten Season, and our remembrance of what Jesus was going through as he prepared for his Crucifixion and Resurrection. I hope that we are reminded of the days, in the coming of Easter Week and all that that means in our lives, for this time and forever more. This time of living through the coronavirus, experiencing life as we have never experienced it before, could not be as painful as it must have been for Jesus, knowing that He was going to leave His loved ones, His faithful disciples and that His time here on earth was coming to the end, and that He may not have finished all He wanted to teach and share with them, with us. Some of us may be experiencing some of this, as we face this new thing, which is changing our lives now, and may change how we live for the rest of our days. If we survive. That is our prayer. I hope it makes us realize that all we have been given and all that God has made us stewards of, can be taken away from us in the twinkling of an eye.

This time of needing to change our total way of living, may be a result of our perhaps not following the way that Jesus had commanded us to live, when He walked among us. After all he left his Holy Spirit with us so that we would never be alone and would have the help we needed to know how we were to live in His image. So, during these days let us be in constant prayer, in constant praise and thanksgiving for the Father and the Son, so that perhaps we will come through this time and come to the place where Jesus wants us to be; that we may grow into what God would Have us be, stewards of this beautiful world which has everything we could ever want or need ; that we would learn to recognize ourselves and others everywhere, even our neighbors in my favorite place (Timbuktu) that they also are children of God; that they are our brothers and sisters and we are to love and to care for each other as ourselves. We are Easter people! I pray we did not blow it all!

As many of us complete Lenten Bible studies, and prepare for Holy Week, things will not be as they have been in years past. But! Good Friday will still come! Resurrection Sunday will still come! We will Rejoice! Because we are indeed Easter People!

While Jesus walked on this earth, he taught his disciples to be servant leaders. We UMW and others are His disciples and have been prepared for His mission. We will come through this time of trial by coronavirus. We UMW and others are Easter People; we must be ready to continue living our Purpose. As we proceed in social distancing for the coming days let us look to Psalm 31 for understanding, for comfort, for protection and reassurance of God's love for us all. AMEN!

Yours in Christ,

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Sisters In Christ,

Recently our lives have been shaken, altered, and filled with uncertainty secondary to a pandemic of COVID-19D virus. It has everyone on edge and have turned communities upside down. It has interrupted what is considered a “normal” or “routine” way of life for most of us.

Our panic buttons have been pushed to the extreme. We have raced to different pharmacies and discount stores for alcohol, hand sanitizer, disinfectants, and anything else we feel will protect us from this virus. In some cases, items were sold out. We have raced to the supermarkets to buy insurmountable non-perishable and perishable food items, as well as beverages in excess.

Yes, we are to take precautions, observe the news and other forms of media for accurate updates, and be prepared as much as possible. In the midst of all the confusion and concerns we have, our minds are wondering and our spirit may not be at it's best.

Let's not forget whose we are. God has our lives in his hands. We are his/her children and will be taken care of. This COVID-19D IS NOT bigger than our God. We must hold on to our faith and continue to trust God. Our Heavenly Father will never leave nor forsake us.

The following activities will strengthen and reassure us, lift our spirits, build our faith, and give us hope for the future:

- 1) Pray without ceasing and read daily Psalms 91 & 121.
- 2) Diligently meditate on the word of God.
- 3) Share with others God's blessings via phone, text, or email (keeping our distance).
- 4) Meditate while listening to music of your choice. Spectrum TV “SOUNDSCAPES” can be found on Ch. 1943 with some life quotes for living.
- 5) Read a novel of interest.

**Remember Psalm 46: 1-2** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.”

BLESSINGS!

Helena Cooks  
Conference UMW Spiritual Growth

## Membership Notice

Greetings to all of our Long Island East UMW members. I pray that you will continue to socially distance and remain in good health. Thank you for the Units who have participated in the Census for 2019 so far. Some of you were counted as of December 31, 2019, as you may see in the NEXUS. This year we have been given an extra month to get our statistics for 2019. See directions below or call if you need help. I know that we have many active Units as you made pledges for that time period and last year. You just were not counted! And as I always say, there is strength in numbers. Others need to know those numbers in order to recognize the strength of our Organization, UMW! Remember that our membership statistics report directly to National Organization using our secure Internet Census Form which will be used for UMW membership statistics only and will not be shared with any outside organization. Please follow the directions below.

To send in your information:

- 1 Go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)
- 2 You will see an array of boxes
- 3 Click on the box titled Census 2019 (It says, "Presidents click to complete the census, but any UMW officer can complete the form if need be.)
- 4 The Form will appear
- 5 Fill out the information to the best of your ability and when you are ready click SEND

## IN MEMORY



It is with sadness that I report the loss of some of our long time past members, Mission u Teachers, Local, District and Conference, officers, and supporters. I will note the names at this time and invite you who had a closer connection with any of them, to feel free to write something about them, and feel free to send to me for inclusion in our next newsletter.

Terry Smith, supporter at all levels/positions of UMW

Eileen Jones, East Moriches , UMW Unit President

Sis. Sasafie Simmons mother of Joann McClam

Linda Nicholson, former NYCT District President

Myrtle Pollard, Westbury UMW member

Doris Tiedge, Circle Leader Merrick UMW

Mary Simonetti, Mother of UMW, Merrick UMW

Daphne Andrews Westbury UMC member

Rev. James Veatch, lifetime supporter of UMW especially as Mission u instructor

Dorothy Royal UMW supporter, Westbury UMW



## NEXUS LIE Dates for 2020

All UMW LIE Local Unit Officers are welcome to attend any of our District Team Meetings. We normally would meet on Wednesday mornings, 10AM-12AM, on the dates scheduled below. We would meet at the home of President, Grace Bryant but have suspended all face to face meetings until further notice. See Directory if you need to reach me or any of our Team Officers. I will be in touch with the Team either via Conference Call or Individually  
Please note the Dates Below for some of our scheduled updates and or cancellations.

UMW CENSUS DUE DATE EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>  
PLEASE BE COUNTED SEE THOSE WHO WERE COUNTED EARLY

***April 30, 2020 Date for CENSUS DUE see website. Please follow directions***

*April 22, 2020 LIE District Team Meeting TBD*

*April 24-26, 2020, Northeast Jurisdictional Meeting, CANCELLED SEE LETTER*

*April 25, 2020 NYC UMW LIE Spring Meeting, Cold Springs Harbour, UMC CANCELLED*

***May 1, 2019 Please APPLY for JO GIBSON Scholarship in the event you meet the criteria. No Decision has been made concerning Mission U which is scheduled for July.***

**June 11-14, NYAC HOFSTRA CANCELLED**

**June 17, 2020 LIE District Team Meeting, TBD**

**July 24-26, 2020 Mission u, Stamford Hilton Hotel, Stamford, CT TBD**

**LIE DISTRICT SCHEDULED HOST OF UMW CONFERENCE MEETING in OCTOBER at BAN SUK UMC in WESTBURY. PLANNING ONGOING**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Statement from United Methodist Women re Jurisdiction Events and Mission U



NEW YORK – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, United Methodist Women today announced changes for two of its major program events scheduled for April through May 2020.

The organization will seek to reschedule four of its five quadrennial Jurisdiction events where members elect United Methodist Women's national Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group members. Also, the organization is exploring online distance learning resources for those registered for its annual national Mission U training events for conference study leaders.

Additional information about these events is forthcoming.

We are committed to the health and wellbeing of our members and the women, children and families we serve. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot, in good conscience, continue to regularly convene. This decision aligns with the guidance of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's call for postponement or cancelation of gatherings of more than 50 persons.

### Four Jurisdiction Events

The four Jurisdiction events include United Methodist Women's South Central Jurisdiction, Western Jurisdiction, Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Northeastern Jurisdiction. As of now, the North Central Jurisdiction event in Sioux Falls from June 26 – 28 will still take place. Additional information is forthcoming regarding the potential new dates and election plans.

For individuals who have registered for a postponed jurisdiction event but cannot attend the new date, we will offer an opportunity to transfer registrations. We are unable to offer refunds. This is consistent with our current cancellation policy.

Please note this situation is fluid. Should federal or state governments issue, advise or strongly recommend that social distancing remain in place for longer than expected, we will govern ourselves accordingly. We will notify registrants as soon as possible if a change of plans occurs.

It goes without saying that this is a situation none of us could have anticipated or imagined. The rapid spread of the COVID-19 has rightly inspired pause and concern. There is legitimate concern for our families, vulnerable community members, persons suffering from the illness, and the children and older people entrusted to our care. While we endure a season of behavior modification, we must hold fast to our faith, our calling and our mission to put faith, hope and love into action. We will remain prayerful, vigilant and hopeful.

Should you have questions in reference to the jurisdiction events, please direct them to [jurisdictions2020@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:jurisdictions2020@unitedmethodistwomen.org). Questions about Mission U's can be directed to [mission.u@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:mission.u@unitedmethodistwomen.org).

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**New York Annual Conference Mission u**  
Josephine Gibson Memorial Scholarship 2020 Application Form  
Mission u (formerly CSOCM) Dates – July 24-26, 2020  
**Scholarship Application Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

*APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED*

Eligibility for this scholarship is limited to those persons who are members of the New York Conference ATTENDING Mission u for the FIRST TIME. This includes adult females, youth ages 12-17, or adult males who are chaperoning male youth.

**(All youth must have a chaperone)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Female Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an officer in your local or district United Methodist Women? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
If yes, what office do you hold in UMW? \_\_\_\_\_

Female Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Age 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 (please circle age)

Male Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Age 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 (please circle age)

Male Adult \_\_\_\_\_ chaperoning Male Youth; please write in their name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below (and on the back if needed) please tell us (1) why you want to attend Mission u, (2) why you should be considered for scholarship assistance, and (3) how you will use what you learn at Mission u in your Local Unit, District United Methodist Women and/or your Local Church.

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**SPONSOR:** I am a (local) (District) (Conference) UMW officer. I support this application for a Jo Gibson Scholarship. You may contact me for additional information at:

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(Telephone Number of Sponsor)

(Name of Sponsor)

**Submission of the application DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a scholarship.**

**Completed application MUST be postmarked by May 01, 2020**

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## LONG ISLAND EAST DISTRICT UMW

April 2, 2020

Dear Unit Treasurers:

May the Lord bless us all in this time of strife and isolation. The year is moving along and although we have cancelled all of our activities there are still some deadlines which I would like to point out.

The LIE District has pledged \$15,000 for 2020 to the Conference. Thank you all for your generosity.

Deadline reminders:

- ✚ June 30<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Pledge remittances
- ✚ September 15<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Pledge and 5-Star remittances
- ✚ September 21<sup>st</sup> for Pledge 2021 (I will send out the forms in September)
- ✚ December 15<sup>th</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Pledge and year end remittances

A few reminders:

- ✚ All checks should be made payable to: **LIE District UMW**
- ✚ Only **one (1)** check should be written with each remittance form for the total amount.
- ✚ Each remittance should be made on the **Treasurer's Remittance Form** and **Supplementary**

**Gift**

**Form** (as needed) found in the UMW Handbook. All forms can also be found on the UMW website [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org).

The **UMW Census 2020** deadline has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>. I ask all **UMW Units** to go online at [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org). Let's get that information to the Conference/National UMW. and fill out the form. If you need any help, please call or email me and I will talk you through it or I can do it for you with your help if you are not comfortable using the computer. They are asking for the number of members in each unit and whether they use certain resources available through the UMW. Let's get that information to the Conference/National UMW.

By the Grace of God let us be safe and stay healthy so we can meet in the near future to celebrate His Good Name.

In His Service,

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