

# The Flame

Florence District  
PO Box 408  
Florence, SC 29503

## Made Especially For You



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



THE FLAME

September Special Edition 2020



# ANNUAL FORMS INSIDE!

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The Purpose: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to 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.

# Greetings From the Desk of the President

Azilee “DeeDee” Dickey

**M**y God is Awesome. He is Awesome.

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ and pray that during this pandemic you remain well.

We have seen many different things in 2020. A deadly virus that has wreaked havoc and took the lives of over 170,000 Americans. A 5.1 earthquake in North Carolina that many felt here in South Carolina.

A country that is continuing to protest for equality. We have witnessed food lines that are miles long and people who have worked all of their lives are now unemployed. Some days you may be wondering what’s next. How many more will die? As children of God, we must remember He is in control. He is our Rock. As United Methodist Women, we must live out our purpose. We must put Faith, Hope and Love into Action. We must continue to

pray for those who are directly impacted. We must continue to Trust and Believe. We must go the extra mile if we can. We must be “rooted” in His Words.

2020 has created several FIRSTS for us. Many churches are still closed for in-person worship and worshipping electronically. Mission u 2020 was held virtually. We have had to stay away from loved ones to help

protect them. For the first time, the Florence District United Methodist Women will hold the annual meeting virtually also. The meeting will be held Sept. 26th at 10am. For more information see inside.

Please remember to share the Flame. If you need me here’s my contact. My mailing address is 205 Kilpatrick Drive Sumter, SC 29154 (803)491-6699.

In His Service and  
*Yours,*

*Azilee*



*We must remember our God is Bigger than Covid-19.*

The Covid-19 pandemic made one thing very clear. We need to be able to communicate with you electronically.

Please submit your contact information to the secretary:  
Include your Name, Email and Phone #

Email: [wchandlerflowers@gmail.com](mailto:wchandlerflowers@gmail.com)

Text: 843.855.8581



**Complete and submit all forms to the  
District President (Azilee Dickey).  
Unless otherwise labeled.**

**Send to:**

UMW Forms  
Azilee "DeeDee" Dickey  
205 Kilpatrick Drive  
Sumter, SC 29154-9719

*Virtual! Virtual!! Virtual!!!*

# Florence District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting



Will Be Held Virtually

**September 26, 2020 @ 10am**

**Mark your calendar and make plans to ZOOM-in**

To register email or text the secretary:  
[wchandlerflowers@gmail.com](mailto:wchandlerflowers@gmail.com)  
843.855.8581

The LINK will be sent to you the week of the meeting

## Zoom Meeting Etiquette

- Stay on mute if you're not talking • Stay focused.
- Don't eat during the meeting.
- Don't do other private things while on a meeting.
- Don't move around

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2020 (for September 1, 2019—August 31, 2020)**

Unit (Church or group of churches) \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

President's E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ President's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

President's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership totals:

Total number of members in unit \_\_\_\_\_

Total deceased this year \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Deceased:

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Pledges and contributions:

Actual amounts sent in to District Treasurer:

Pledge to Missions \_\_\_\_\_ World Thank Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Gift in Memory \$5/card \_\_\_\_\_

Gift to Missions \$5/card \_\_\_\_\_ Special Mission Recognition (at least \$40) \_\_\_\_\_

Call to Prayer & Self Denial \_\_\_\_\_ Killingsworth \_\_\_\_\_

Wallace Family Life Center \_\_\_\_\_ Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg \_\_\_\_\_

Bethlehem Center, Columbia \_\_\_\_\_

Participation: (since September 1, 2018)

District Events (Number of people from your unit attending each event):

Annual Meeting 2019(at McCormick UMC, McCormick) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Apart 2020 (at Panola UMC, Greenwood) \_\_\_\_\_

Officers' Training 2020 (at Main Street UMC, Greenwood) \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Events (Number of people from your unit attending each event):

Annual Meeting 2019 (at Buncombe St. UMC, Greenville) \_\_\_\_\_ Officers' Training (Columbia) \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Day, 2020 (at Epworth) \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Growth Retreat (at Lake Junaluska) (~~Canceled~~)

Come Together, Be Together ~~Canceled~~ Any Other Conference Events \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2020 (for September 1, 2019—August 31, 2020)**

Mission Education/Mission Today:

Total Number of Reading Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of subscriptions to *Response* \_\_\_\_\_

Use of Program Books (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

Use of Prayer Calendar (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ How used?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Racial Justice Diamond Unit (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

In what public school system is your unit located? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your unit complete activities to support Campaign for Children? (This can be any activities that support the welfare, education, nutrition, family life of children in your community.) \_\_\_\_\_

What other projects or activities would you like others to know about?

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***Send Information by Sept. 4, 2020***  
to: Azilee “DeeDee” Dickey  
205 Kilpatrick Drive • Sumter, SC 29154



# Mission Today Action Form

Unit President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members in unit \_\_\_\_\_

**Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items.**

**All units must complete #1.**

## Your unit

- \_\_\_ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_ 2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
- \_\_\_ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- \_\_\_ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.
- \_\_\_ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- \_\_\_ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- \_\_\_ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- \_\_\_ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once during the year.
- \_\_\_ 9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.
- \_\_\_ 10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- \_\_\_ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.
- \_\_\_ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

## Your unit, circle, or subgroup

- \_\_\_ 13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings
- \_\_\_ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.
- \_\_\_ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

Send completed form by **September 4, 2020** to:

Azilee "DeeDee" Dickey  
205 Kilpatrick Drive  
Sumter, SC 29154-9719

## Florence District Unit of the Year 2020

Local Presidents and Secretaries should work with their Unit in answering the question on this form to qualify for the Unit of the Year. The period runs from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

It should be submitted by September 4, 2020 to be considered for the award. Mail to Ms. Azilee Dickey, 205 Kilpatrick Drive Sumter, SC 29154 • 803-491-6699.

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Unit President: \_\_\_\_\_

Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES:	POSSIBLE POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Reading Program	2 points per book per person	_____
Use Program Book	2 points per program used	_____
Use Response & World Outlook	2 points per prescription	_____
Use Prayer Calendar	2 points per calendar	_____
ATTENDANCE AT:		
Conference Spring Retreat	2 points per person attending	_____
District Day Apart	2 points per person attending	_____
District Annual Meeting	2 points per person attending	_____
District Officers Training	2 points per person attending	_____
Conference/District Workshops	2 points per person attending	_____
SC School of Christian Mission	2 points per person attending	_____
PARTICIPATED IN:		
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	10 Points	_____
World Day of Prayer	10 Points	_____
World Thank Offering	10 Points	_____
INVOLVEMENT & GROWTH		
Increased Membership	10 Points per new member	_____
Increased Pledge	10 Points	_____
Met Pledge as stated to District	10 Points	_____
Visited Conference Mission Project	10 Points	_____
Formed New Unit or Circle	25 Points	_____
Invited & Was Visited by a District Officer	10 Points	_____
Hosted a District-wide Meeting	10 Points	_____
Presented a Mission Study	10 Points	_____
Elected Officers during October	10 Points	_____
Mailed names/addresses of Officers to District Secretary	10 Points	_____
Mailed Pledge on time	10 Points	_____





# United Methodist Women Reading Program

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Program: Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of books read: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you unit subscribe to Response:  Yes  No

Was the Program Book used?  Calendar used?

*Books read between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020*

**Send Information by Sept. 4, 2020**

to: Azilee "DeeDee" Dickey

205 Kilpatrick Drive • Sumter, SC 29154

**PLANS:** *All books read for credit must be on the current list (2015-2020). The lists are online at: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram/plans)*

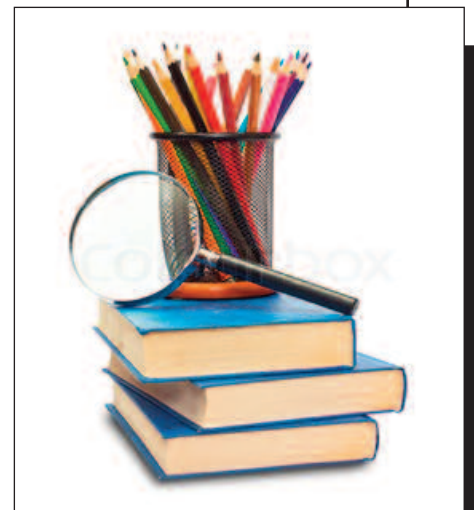
Everyone is encouraged to read the Response magazine regularly.

**Plan I** = 5 books (*1 from each category*)

**Plan II** = 10 books (*2 from each category*)

**Plan III** = 15 books (*2 from each category plus 5 additional books from any category*)

**Plan IV** = 20 books (*2 from each category plus 5 additional books from any category*)



**Categories:**

- Education for Mission • Leadership Development
- Nurturing for Community, • Social Action, • Spiritual Growth

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Charter for  
**Racial Justice**

### **ACTION CHOICES**

In order to receive a Diamond Unit Certificate, a minimum of three activities must be completed. At least one of the three **MUST** be from the diamond group (first four activities listed below).

- \_\_\_ ◆ Watch a video relating to concerns addressed by the Charter for Racial Justice
- \_\_\_ ◆ Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area.
- \_\_\_ ◆ Share articles from Response and New World Outlook or UMW Action Alerts relating to racism.
- \_\_\_ ◆ Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies.
- \_\_\_ ◆ Present a Program using the Charter for Racial Justice.
  
- \_\_\_ Have a program on Racial Justice/Human Rights from the UMW Program Book.
- \_\_\_ Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study.
- \_\_\_ Give a report to the unit about the experience of attending a musical or theater performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background.
- \_\_\_ Send at least one member to the Capital Day.
- \_\_\_ Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived of challenged.
- \_\_\_ Experience worship, bible study, or UWM unit program/activity with an ethnic background different from your own.
- \_\_\_ Attend or host an international tasting party, cultural fair or other international event.
- \_\_\_ Participate in a Bible Study on racism.
- \_\_\_ Celebrate Black History month in February.
- \_\_\_ Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race.
- \_\_\_ Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (*celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, Service of Prayer and Self Denial*).
- \_\_\_ Other - (Collect items/funds for UMCOR Kits - Collect items for other community social welfare/educational purposes

Please submit to Azilee Dickey • 205 Kilpatrick Drive Sumter, SC 29154

Thank you for all you have done and are doing to achieve  
 "The Purpose" of United Methodist Women.

You are encouraged to pay your pledge to mission before September 1, 2020

**The District pledge to the UMW Conference is \$25,000.**

For us to reach our pledged amount, we are asking your local unit,  
 if you are financially able, please send an additional remittance.

**The Conference Treasurer has instructed us to use the following  
 QUARTERLY REPORTING DATES  
 FOR LOCAL TREASURERS:**

<p>1st Quarter is  <b>Dec. 1 - Feb. 28</b>  <i>Reports due to District Treasurer</i>  <b>by April 5th</b></p>	<p>2nd Quarter is  <b>Mar.1 - May 31</b>  <i>Reports due to District Treasurer</i>  <b>by June 5th</b></p>
<p>3rd Quarter is  <b>June 1 - Aug. 31</b>  <i>Reports due to District Treasurer</i>  <b>by September 5th</b></p>	<p>4th Quarter is  <b>Sept. 1 - Nov. 30</b>  <i>Reports due to District Treasurer</i>  <b>by December 6th</b></p>

*Any funds received after reporting date will be carried over to the next quarter.*

Pearl R. Brown

*Florence District Treasurer pbrown2076@gmail.com*

*The pandemic has affected us in many ways. The United Methodist Women must continue to be a light to the world by putting our purpose of faith, hope and love into action. For those that can we ask that you give.*

*Special Emphasis Months*

**September - Killingsworth**

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

February - Wallace Family Life Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center



# 2021 Pledge to Mission



United Methodist Women  
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CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*We give thanks to God for you!*

Submit form by September 4, 2020 to:  
Ms. Pearl Brown (Treasurer)  
2076 Cade Road, Lake City, SC 29518

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*Count us in!*

*We Pledge...*

*in loving  
memory*  
Of  
Our Deceased

**Florence District Methodist Sisters**

*Please report the church name and the name of our beloved United Methodist Sisters that passed away last year (August 15, 2019 thru August 14, 2020) to your Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Dr. Evelyn Fulmore. You may send me a copy through my email: efulmorex2@aol.com or mail to: Evelyn Fulmore 3781 West Pointe Drive Florence SC 29501.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

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Church \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for sending this information to us so we can remember them in the program at the SCCUMW 2020 Annual Meeting in October 2020.*

# RAINBOW WOMAN

## South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women



*A Rainbow Woman gives to all five channels of giving:*

- \$40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
- \$ 5 Pledge to Mission
- \$ 5 Gift to Mission
- \$ 5 Special Recognition in Memory
- \$ 5 World Thank Offering
- \$60 Total

Your \$60 RAINBOW WOMAN offering must specify that you are giving to the above five channels and designate to whom your pin will go, the person your Gift in Memory is for, and that you are giving the \$60 as a Rainbow Woman. You cannot simply give \$60 to your unit treasurer; you must state that it is for Rainbow Woman giving and complete this form.

\* Special Mission Recognition Pin: In Honor or In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Reverse side) (name of person being honored or memorialized)

Send Pin to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\* Pledge to Mission

\* Gift to Mission- Which card to send? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Thank You, Baby, Birthday, etc.)

Send card to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\* Gift in Memory In Memory of: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person in whose memory the gift is made)

Send card to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\* World Thank Offering

Given by: Rainbow Woman's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street name or box, state and zip)

*All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. It is suggested that the Rainbow Woman gift be given in addition to your regular Pledge to Mission. If you have questions about becoming a Rainbow Woman, please contact your District Treasurer, Pearl Brown • [prbrown2076@gmail.com](mailto:prbrown2076@gmail.com) • 843-382-3564 • 2076 Cade Rd. Lake City, SC 29560*

**Florence District Local Unit Officers**  
 form can be emailed to [wchandlerflowers@gmail.com](mailto:wchandlerflowers@gmail.com)

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Church** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the **name, address, phone number(s) and email address** of each officer in your local UMW unit that is listed below.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone Number(s) Home and Cell</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
<b>President</b>				
<b>Vice President</b>				
<b>Secretary</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>				
<b>Chair of Nominations</b>				

*Form can be emailed to [wchandlerflowers@gmail.com](mailto:wchandlerflowers@gmail.com)*

**If you prefer to mail  
send to:**

Azilee Dickey  
 205 Kilpatrick Drive Sumter, SC 29154

As each has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another, as good stewards  
of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

## WE NEED YOU!

Interested in making a difference?  
Want to share you GOD given talents?

Florence District UMW CON  
is looking for you!  
Executive team members are needed.

Little time BIG reward.

*As Janice Cockfield Eaddy, SCCUMW Vice President  
and the Program Committee finalize plans for the  
South Carolina United Methodist Women 48th Annual Meeting  
(Oct. 2020)*

*they ask that you carefully read these scriptures:*

“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” - Deuteronomy 31:8

So do not fear, for I am with you;

do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:8

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9





# What have you beendoing during the Covid-19 pandemic?

<i>I have been...</i>	<i>I have been...</i>	<i>I have been...</i>
<i>I have been...</i>	<i>I have been...</i>	<i>I have been...</i>
<i>I have been...</i>	<i>I have been...</i>	<i>I have been...</i>



Let others know what the United Methodist Women are doing in your church. Send announcements to [wchandlerflowers@gmail.com](mailto:wchandlerflowers@gmail.com). They may be featured in an upcoming issue of The Flame. Space Permitting.