

Gleanings News

JUNE | 2021

SCCUMW

VIRTUAL MISSION U

JULY 24, 31, AND AUGUST 7, 2021

10:00AM – 12:00PM NOON

YOUTH EVENT: JULY 24, 31, 2021

September 18th

District Annual Meeting

Virtual

October 19th

District Executive Committee Meeting

Virtual

November 6th

Conference Officer Training

Virtual



SCCUMW

Virtual Mission u

July 24, 31, and August 7, 2021

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Youth Event: July 24, 31, 2021

We have known and felt what it is like when “things are falling apart on us.” We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything.

Could there be, as [2 Corinthian 4:16-18] put it, “far more here than meets the eye”?

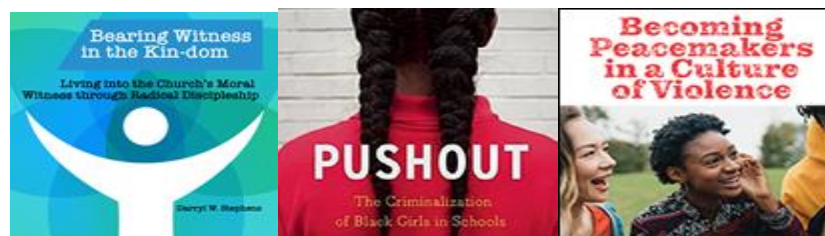
Mission u, like many activities in our lives, has moved to online events. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships and lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God’s grace is still unfolding, and our lives are being made new.

Will you join us?

During our upcoming Mission u event, we will examine the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of school, and how we as God’s people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

Our virtual **Mission u** will offer three studies in 2021: Two for adult participants and one youth study.

- **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship** by Darryl W. Stephens
- **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique Morris
- **Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders** by Jay Godfrey



Purchase books: Bearing Witness in Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship and Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence - www.umwmissionresources.org. Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools – any local bookstore.

Since there is not a registration fee, we encourage you to make a donation to our four Mission Projects. Please send all donations to the conference treasurer, Ruby Hannah, 3015 Audubon Dr., Hanahan, SC 29410. Online registration

For more information contact: Betty Swinton, Dean. 843-845-1971: swint723@aol.com



Message From Your President...

Greetings to everyone our Columbia District!! I pray everyone is vaccinated and ready to be together as vaccinations continue to be available. I am so ready to be able to hug my UMW sisters and see your faces in person, even if it is behind a mask. What a crazy time this has been in our lives. Even in a pandemic, the Columbia District is working hard to make sure we are connected and having our events, even if they have to be virtual.

Our Day Apart was a huge success with 100+ participants and Jessica Brodie, our guest speaker, did an excellent job talking to us about the many hats we wear.

On May 15th, we gathered by zoom for our Come Together Be Together hosted by Spartanburg District!! The meeting was spirit filled and fun!!

We are gearing up for Mission u to be held virtually on July 24th, July 31st and August 7th. The sessions that will be offered:

- **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship** by Darryl W. Stephens
- **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique Morris
- **Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders** by Jay Godfrey

You can contact Mary Nell Trussell for help in getting the books at trussee@windstream.net.

Our executive team will meet in June to plan our District Annual Meeting that will be held virtually on September 18, 2021. Francis Burns United Methodist Women will be our hosts. Our theme is "For Such a Time as This: Finding Jesus in Difficult Situations". We are blessed and excited to have Rev. Sharon Risher, the author of "For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre" as our quest speaker.

Please plan to attend and hear this wonderful speaker as she talks about her book. I encourage everyone to get the book in advance of the meeting. I believe that reading this book ahead of time will help make her presentation so much more meaningful. I am currently reading the book and Wow!!! This is such a powerful and thought-provoking book. You will not be disappointed.

We have so much to look forward to in the coming months and I pray that each of you will be able to attend our virtual meetings!! Please join us as we learn and grow together as United Methodist Women.

Please stay safe and enjoy our upcoming events!!!!

May God bless each of you!!!

In His service,

Debra Schooler, President

Columbia District



Notes from the Vice President

Greetings United Methodist Women Sisters in Christ:

Each one of us is *Special*. “For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10 NIV)

I am grateful for United Methodist Women who continue to do the good things God planned for us to do so long ago. Thank God for giving us the strength to carry on.

Columbia District United Methodist Women

Much appreciation is extended to all District Officers and Local UMW Unit Officers and Members for participating in the following activities: Black History Month Observance; A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Services; Women's Day Observance; Day-Apart Retreat.

I had the privilege of attending *A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial* events hosted by Francis Burns, Grace and Bluff Road joint service and Mt. Hebron. The ladies did an awesome job of addressing the theme: *She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference* and encouraging women to continue to make a difference in the world by giving to agencies that support women, children and youth around the world.

I was the Guest Speaker at Francis Burns UMC for the Women's Day Worship Service. I addressed the theme: *Knitted Together for God's Good Work*. Thank you, ladies for the invitation. It was an honor to represent Columbia District.

Nothing pleased me more than to see so many of our ladies zoomed into our Columbia District Day-Apart Retreat coordinated by Bridget Gruber and hosted by Shady Gove UMC. Jessica Brodie, editor of the *Advocate*, did an awesome job of providing us with a spiritual reflection on the many hats we wear as women.

In addition, I invited Ms. Kara P. Simmons, Executive Director of Columbia Bethlehem Community Center to attend our April CD UMW Executive Board Meeting. She gave us an update on the Mission Outreach and provided us with a “Wish List” for the Center. You will see this list posted elsewhere in this edition of *Gleanings*. Please find a way to help.

Currently, I am planning our Columbia District Annual Meeting that will be held September 18, 2021 via Zoom. My greatest joy was realized when Rev. Sharon Risher agreed to be our speaker for the event. She is the author of *For Such a Time as This: HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER THE CHARLESTON MASSACRE* which appears on our Reading Program list. Her story recounts her journey to finding love and forgiveness after losing her mother in the tragic mass murder that occurred at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. You will be inspired by her “powerful testimony of faith and transformation in the face of unspeakable evil.” She will speak to the theme: *For Such a Time as This: Finding Jesus in Difficult Situations*. For more information, please read the flyer that is included in this edition of *Gleanings*.

South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

Know that Columbia District was represented at the SCCUMW *Legislative Advocacy Day Events*; *Spiritual Growth Retreat* and *Come Together Be Together*. Several officers, myself included, as well as members across the district attended these events. **You do us proud!!**

Church Women United

My schedule allowed me to attend the following Church Women United (CWU) events: Bible Study; World Day of Prayer and Executive Board Meetings. CWU is asking for donations from groups around the Columbia area to purchase health kits to be distributed to social agencies throughout the Columbia area. By the time you receive this message, the May 30th deadline will have passed; however, I am sure your late donations will be accepted.

Upcoming Events

SCCUMW: Mission u	July 24 th , July 31 st , August 7 th , 2021	Virtual
CDUMW: Annual meeting	September 18, 2021	Virtual
CWU: Human Rights Celebration	Oct. 1, 2021	Virtual

Check your email and on-line sources for specific details.

NOTE

Much work goes into planning local, district and conference events. I encourage **all** ladies to make an effort to attend as many programs as you possibly can, and share the information with others in your local units. We are called. We are God's handiwork!



Love. Grow. Serve.

Carrie R. Murray

Vice President

Columbia District United Methodist Women

cmrmurra@bellsouth.net



From the Secretary's Desk

The Columbia District United Methodist Women Executive Committee met April 20, 2021 via Zoom. Vice President Carrie Murray (in the absence of President Debra Schooler) called the meeting to order at 6:08PM. Mrs. Murray extended a welcome to everyone and many thanks for their willingness to serve.

Persons in attendance included: Carrie Murray, Diann Selph, Tiffany Phillips, Sharee Washington, Patricia Armstrong, Mary Nell Trussell, Pat Hoesly, Linda Kennedy, Becky Travis, Robin Andrews, Vanessa Key, Faye Love, Sandra Love and Flo Johnson.

Absentee members were Bridgette Gruber, Rhonda Washington, Christine Porter, Stella Chisolm, Vilma Cobb, Evelyn Ann Neal and Karen Furr.

Carrie Murray (in the absence of Bridgette Gruber) led us in prayer.

Secretary Diann Selph reported that the minutes were printed in the March 6, 2021 *Gleanings*. The minutes were reviewed, received and adopted as information.

We would like to thank Ms. Kara Simmons, Executive Director: Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) for an update on activities at the center. She will send a wish list to the Columbia District.

New Business/Announcements

*Administrative Team Conference Call was held April 12, 2021 at 11:00AM (Debra by way of email, Carrie Murray, Diann Selph and Tiffany Phillips) pertaining to payment for our guest speaker at our September Annual Meeting.

Proposals

1. Suspend the Standing Rule which specifies that the District Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker be paid an honorarium of \$150. Pay the \$500 fee requested by Rev. Sharon Risher from the district treasure.
2. The district will pay the \$150. The balance will be paid out of the pockets of individual volunteers.

Recommendation from the Administrative Committee to the Executive Committee:

Suspend the Standing Rule which specifies that the District Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker be paid an honorarium of \$150. Pay the \$500 fee requested by Rev. Sharon Risher from the district treasure.

MOTION: It was moved by Sandra Love and second by Mary Nell Trussell to have Rev. Sharon Risher as our Guest Speaker for our September 18, Annual meeting.

All 14 members were in favor of having Rev. Sharon Risher as our guest speaker.

The amount of \$20 was agreed upon based on the 14 members that were in attendance and a memo will also be sent to the Executive Team. Please note in the memo line on your check “Guest Speaker’s Fee.”

***Donations to Killingsworth Golf Tournament**

MOTION: It was moved by Sandra Love and second by Carrie Murray that the Columbia District UMW sponsor a hole at the Killingsworth Golf Tournament in the amount of \$100. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Reports were given from the following officers:

***President** Debra Schooler – reported that she has participated in the second leadership training provided by Bishop Holston and his team. “Our focus is to support our churches in this time of pandemic. I will be sending a summary of our training later this month. I participated in the scholarship selection for our UMW scholarship applicants and represented our District the Conference Executive Team meeting. I am learning a lot!!!”

Vice President – Carrie Murray have participated in the following activities:

February 2021:

1. CWU Bible Study
2. Legislative Advocacy Day Events via Zoom
3. *Say Her Name* skit in observance of Black History Month
4. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Services hosted by Francis Burns UMW, Grace UMW and Bluff Road UMW and Mt. Hebron UMW all via Zoom

March 2021:

1. CWU World Day of Prayer and Executive Board Meeting
2. Columbia District UMW Day-Apart Event
3. Speaker at Francis Burns Women’s Day Worship Service: Theme: *Knitted Together For God’s Good Work*; Mrs. Ella Burwick was recognized as FBUMW Woman of the Year.
4. Contacted Ms. Kara Simmons, Exec. Director of CBCC to be our guest speaker at the CD UMW April Executive Meeting
5. Solicited speaker for September 18, 2021 District Annual Meeting: Rev. Sharon Risher, author of *For Such a Time as This* a book that appears on our Reading Program list
6. Worked on Columbia District Meeting Schedule

April 2021:

1. Attended CWU Executive Board Meeting

Church Women United Update

1. May Fellowship Day has been cancelled.
2. Groups are asked to make monetary donations in lieu of health kits.
 - Make checks payable to Church Women United Columbia. In the memo line, write May Friendship. Mail checks to Pat Gilyard, 2801 Wales Road, Columbia, SC 29223
 - Deadline: May 30, 2021

Treasurer Tiffany Phillips – reported the check book balance as of April 20, 2021 is \$12,750.00.

Communication Coordinator Sharee Washington - Gleanings articles and reports are due to Communications Chairs by May 16, 2021.

“We are looking to transition to Mail Chimp or similar newsletter email service to send future *Gleanings* newsletters. This is to prevent the newsletter emails from going to junk mail, and to keep the email list fresh and current.”

Spiritual Growth Bridgette Gruber - No Report

Social Action Patricia Armstrong – “At the last meeting we discussed the possibility of hosting a viewing of the movie Pushout- the Criminalization of Black Girls. The movie is available on DVD. I visited the Pushout website; no viewing of the movie is listed for 2021. During our Social Action Coordinator State meeting one of the discussions was around a Districts service project. Some Districts have had a district project; others have not. Is this something Columbia District would be interested in?”

MOTION: It was moved by Patricia Armstrong and seconded by Sandra Love to purchase the DVD-Pushout. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Communication will come together to see how we can best show this movie. It was also suggested that we use this as a Columbia District Service Project. This information will be shared with the group.

MNO Debra Schooler - “In absence of an MNO officer, I worked with our New York office in getting the Columbia District census information on our units. I was able to get in touch with and report the census info on most of our active units. Once I get the final report from New York, I will share with our team.”

Education and Interpretation Rhonda Washington - The tool kit on how to promote the Annual Conference is available. More info to come as the date gets closer.

April is Columbia Bethlehem Community Center (CBCC) Special Emphasis month. Ms. Kara Simmons, Executive Director of CBCC will provide updates at Tuesday’s Executive meeting.

Wallace Family Life Center - No update

Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center - No update

Program Resources Mary Nell Trussell – “Earlier this year I sent a list of the Reading Program books as well as books that were available for checkout from the Lexington and Richland County libraries to unit presidents and district officers.”

“I will send a reminder very soon to encourage everyone to continue reading and to finish their plan by August. I will be glad to order our book for Mission u, *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom*, for anyone who is interested.”

Chair of Nominations Linda Kennedy – reported that there are three vacancies on the Executive Committee that will need to be filled: MNO, Spiritual Growth and Nominations. She also asked that it be noted in the records that Nominations be notified when a position is open.

Historian Pat Hoesly – reported that she is always looking for pictures. She’s accepting unit or district photos.

Cluster Reports were received from the following Leaders: Cluster 1: Robin Andrews, Cluster 2: Vanessa Key, Cluster 4: Faye Love and Cluster 6: Sandra Love.

Closing prayer was given by Sandra Love. Meeting adjourned 8:03PM.

Please complete the Columbia District Local Unit Officer Report below and return to me as soon as possible so we can make a directory for our District. If there are no changes in your unit please let me know as well.

Diann Selph

Columbia District Secretary
selphdiann@yahoo.com



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Rhonda Washington/Sharee Washington
Communication Chairs

Columbia District Local Unit Officers 2021

Print or Type

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. If I have already received your information, please accept my thanks.

Office	Name	Address	Phone Number(s) Home and Cell	Email Address
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Communications Coordinator				
Spiritual Growth Coordinator				
Social Action Coordinator				

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator				
Education and Interpretation Coordinator				
Secretary-Program Resources				
Historian				
Chair of Nominations				
Circle Leader				

Send info to
Diann Selph
117 Summerhill Drive,
Columbia, SC 29203
Selphdiann@yahoo.com

A Note From Our Treasurer:

Thank you so much ladies for your contributions to help the missions we support as United Methodist Women. During this pandemic, your help make a difference!!!!

3rd Quarter Remittance:

Reporting period 06/01/2021-08/31/2021 due by **09/05/2021**.

4th Quarter remittances:

Reporting period – 09/01/2021 – 11/30/2021 due by **12/5/2021**.

1st Quarter Remittance Sent 03/10/2021: \$21,305.32

Pledge:	\$10,978.00
SMR Special Mission Recognition:	\$500.00
Gift to Missions:	\$100.00
Gift in Memory:	\$110.00
World Thank Offering:	\$245.00
Cola Bethlehem Center:	\$1,403.75
Spartanburg Bethlehem Center:	\$1,653.75
Conference Love Offering:	\$12.50
Killingsworth:	\$1,494.07
Wallace Family Life:	\$3,448.25
Call to Prayer and Self Den:	\$689.00
UMCOR:	\$50.00

Day Apart Offering \$1,055.00 sent to Wallace Family Life.

Mission Special Emphasis:

September - Killingsworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Tiffany Phillips

Columbia District Treasurer
2336 Hard Scrabble Rd
Columbia, SC 29223

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The Celebration of Life for 2020-2021

Please indicate below the names of the ladies who have left their earthly home this UMW year. September 2020 to present.

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

CHURCH

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM

Please email to Bridgette Gruber, Spiritual Growth Coordinator,
chesterj.gruber@outlook.com. Or mail to 1531 John Chapman Rd., Irmo, SC 29063.
Please return by August 25, 2021.

Social Action Coordinator Report

How you doing Columbia District!

Over the years I have learned to appreciate all of the seasons. Spring reminds me that God still loves us; God still brings forth new life; God is willing to restore life to all. I feel restored, and I'm feeling reinvigorated. I'm trusting that 2021 will provide us with more opportunities to safely engage in mission work.

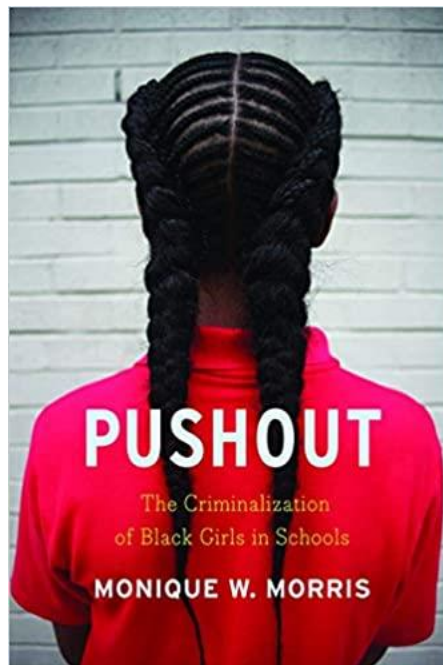
Stay tuned. We are planning a virtual movie outing. We will have an opportunity to watch the movie "PUSHOUT : The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools." What about a District mission project? Columbia District United Methodist Women and I'm excited and hope you are to.

Stay safe. Get your COVID-19 vaccine and encourage others to do the same.

Peace and Blessings,

Patricia Armstrong

Columbia District Social Action Coordinator



Program Resources Report

I hope everyone is enjoying reading books from our UMW Reading Program. We still have 2 ½ months to finish our programs for this year. Members may use the form to report their readings to the local unit. Please report the participants from your local unit to Mary Nell Trussell by August 15 at mntrussell83@gmail.com. Please send the names of the participants from your unit and the programs they completed.

Mission u will offer three studies this year. Two will be for adults and one for youth. Adults will choose one study. They are:

- 1) *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship* by Darryl W. Stephens,
- 2) *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris,
- 3) *Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence: A Curriculum for Youth Leaders* by Jay Godfrey.

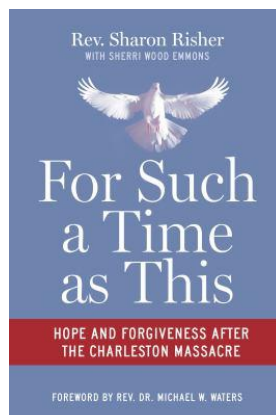
Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship and *Becoming Peace-makers in a Culture of Violence* can be purchased at www.umwmissionresources.org.

I will be glad to order these in bulk to save on shipping. Please send your order to mntrussell83@gmail.com by June 20. *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* may be purchased at local bookstores.

Our speaker this year at the Columbia District Annual Meeting is Rev. Sharon Risher. Her mother was a victim at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church massacre. Her book, *For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre*, is on the reading list. Please encourage your members to read it before the meeting in September. You may order a copy from www.umwmissionresources.org. I will be glad to order this also. Please send your order by July 15.

Mary Nell Trussell

Columbia District Program Resources



Additional books I have read to complete PLAN _____ of the Reading Program are:

Los libros adicionales que he leído para completar el PLAN _____ del Programa de Lectura son:

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- I have also read **response** regularly.
- También he leído **response** con regularidad.
- 나는 또한 읽었다 **response** 정기적으로.

News from Education and Interpretation

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

Daily Needs:

- paper towels
- cleaning products (bathroom/kitchen cleaners)
- Lysol spray
- hand soap
- face masks
- gift cards to grocery stores, hardware stores (Lowe's or Home Depot) and or Walmart/Target
- microwave
- refrigerator

Summer Initiative's Needs:

(Items will be for young middle and high school men)

- \$5 gift cards to Walmart or Fast Food restaurants for student participation giveaways
- bookbags
- socks
- white or black under shirts
- male hair brushes/combs
- toothbrushes/ tooth paste
- pants belts
- recreational supplies (basket balls, footballs, soccer balls, jump ropes)

Kara Simmons, Executive Director

cbccexecutive@umcsc.org

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center....Continued
Boys Camp at CBCC

TOGETHER UPLIFTING COMMUNITY KIDS



KING'S TRAINING CAMP

SPONSORED BY THE TUCK PROJECT SC

5 POWERFUL MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS EACH DAY.

Entertainment, games, giveaways and educational sessions will be provided.

**JUNE
28-30**

9 AM - 4 PM



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**JAMAL "BREEZY"
STROUD**



MICHAEL DEASE



COMMUNITY KEYS



KELLY SIMMONS III

EMPOWERMENT SESSION BY: JARVIS SMITH



LOCATION
COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM
COMMUNITY CENTER
308 MCRAE STREET
COLUMBIA SC 29203

COST FREE

AGES: 9-15

BREAKFAST & LUNCH
WILL BE PROVIDED

CATERING BY
NOELLES
CATERING

CONTACT TERRANCE TUCKER | P: 803.497.8142 | E: TLTUCK05@YAHOO.COM

Spartanburg Bethlehem Community Center

As we approach the summer season, I am glad to report that we are slowly opening the Center back up for activities and services.

We have been able to keep a limited number of students on track with our virtual learning center where our students have been able to use our computer lab to participate in on-line learning and receive assistance with assignments as needed.

We are in the process of signing children up for our Summer Program with a goal of enrolling 40 children.

Renovations to our Early Learning Center are ongoing and we should be up and running by the start of the new school year.

Our Senior Wellness programs have opened back up and our ladies are glad to be back to their "Active Living" sessions. Our "Sewing to Sew" program was able to open back up this past January.

We thank you for all of your prayers and donations. The Center can **ALWAYS** use monetary gifts, but, we can also use donations of individually packaged after-school snacks.

Ladies, thank you for all that you do for us and we do ask that you go to our web page and "like" us on Facebook and Instagram.

Grace and Peace,
Barbara Holley
SCCUMW Representative

Let's Collect Those Can Tabs



Supports The Ronald McDonald House

- Each local unit will collect can tabs at their church.
(Coordinated by local unit E&I Coordinator/unit member)
- Take a photo of your unit with the can tabs.
(Photos may appear in upcoming Gleanings issue)
- Collection Deadline: **August 15, 2021**
- Winning local unit receives a UMW Program Book and Calendar and two books added to their unit's Program Resources for the year 2021-2022.

Contact Rhonda at rhondawashington@hotmail.com or 803-629-4503 to arrange pickup of your tabs during the week August 15-22, 2021.

Rhonda Washington

Columbia District Education and Interpretation Coordinator

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.

Report due August 19, 2021.

Please send completed reports to: **Rhonda Washington, 131 Hawks Nest Court, Columbia, SC 29212** or email to: rhondawashington@hotmail.com

News from Membership Nurture and Outreach

Thank you ladies for making sure we were counted. The Unit Surveys were completed and filed with our New York Office. We had 25 Churches reporting with a total of 1,389 UMW members. Many units are not active, and we hope to visit those churches to see if we can combine units to help them form new units, that represent several churches. This is certainly a work in progress, and we will continue reaching out to our Circles to help them stay active. Please contact Debra Schooler if you need help with keeping your unit active. Our executive team is happy to help. We need you and want you to be a part of the Columbia District.

Blessings to each of you.

Debra Schooler,

Acting MNO Coordinator



The Columbia District is currently seeking officers for 3 vacant positions:
**Membership Nurture and Outreach (MNO); Spiritual Growth Coordinator; and
Committee on Nominations class of 2025.**

Please fill out the attached form and send to Linda Kennedy!!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local Unit: _____ Ethnicity _____

Age: 20's___ 30's___ 40's___ 50's___ 60's___ 70's___ 80's___

Employed? _____

Experience within the church or community:

Which offices are of most interest to you?

Nominations _____ Spiritual Growth _____ Membership Nurture & Outreach _____

Are you able and willing to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen the Purpose of
United Methodist Women? _____

Please return this form by June 30, 2021 to:

Linda Kennedy (Chair of Nominations)

608 Wilmette Road

Columbia, SC 29203

lhkhome@sc.rr.com

803-786-7671



Columbia District
United Methodist Women
49th Annual Meeting

September 18, 2021 10:00AM Via Zoom
Host: Francis Burns United Methodist Church



Theme:

***“For Such a Time as This:
Finding Jesus in Difficult Situations”***

Focus Scripture:

“...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)



Speaker: Rev. Sharon Risher, author of *For Such a Time as This: HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER THE CHARLESTON MASSACRE*

There is no registration; however, we ask that you send a love offering.

Make checks payable to: Columbia District UMW

Mail checks to: Tiffany Phillips * 2336 Hard Scrabble Road * Columbia, SC 29223.

Proceeds will be divided among the four Mission Projects and Racial Justice.

The conference is looking for a few good women! If you are interested in serving as a conference officer, please fill out the attached form and send to Kathy Roys!!

**South Carolina Conference UMW
Potential Leader Form**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Ethnicity _____

Age: 20's ___ 30's ___ 40's ___ 50's ___ 60's ___ 70's ___ 80's ___

Employed? _____

Professional Skills/ Job Experience: _____

Offices held in United Methodist Women:

Local Unit _____

District _____

Conference _____

Jurisdiction/National _____

Additional experience within the church or community other than UMW:

Which offices are of most interest to you?

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Are you able to participate in online meetings? _____

Are you able to travel for meetings and events? _____

When would you be available to serve? _____

Are you able and willing to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen the Purpose of United Methodist Women? _____

Please return this form to a Committee on Nominations member or send to:

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News from our Limitless Young Ladies

Join us July 3rd as we celebrate being LIMITLESS!!!!!!

Our party will be “Zooming” on July 3rd from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm!

Please register using the link below and if you know any young ladies in your Churches that are between 14 - 30, please encourage them to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcudumqpwuHddRAN3pyIqIqpNld0eI17HD>

We are celebrating you! The young ladies of our District and our conference!!! We will have a time of sharing and getting to know each other and a time of play. We are planning some online games that will be crazy and fun to play. This is a time of celebration!!!

As our Limitless team forms, we want to be a mission- oriented group who help other young people in our state as we find out needs in our areas. Our Limitless Team’s mission is to provide young ladies opportunities to build faithful and supportive relationships through worship and service. Opportunities for service to others is growing in our state and you ladies are needed for this time in our lives. As the pandemic ends and we can get out and help others, there will be many opportunities to make a difference. So many of our youth are struggling with the challenges that the pandemic has forced on us, that I pray we can provide some opportunities to get together and form new friendships and ways to reconnect with each other. We need you!!!!!!

If you would like to serve on our Limitless Committee, please contact Lavonne James (vonne613@gmail.com) or Debra Schooler (debrajschooler@gmail.com) and we will put you on our team!!!

In Christ,

Debra Schooler

Limitless Mentor

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2021

Calendar of Events

July 24 th , July 31 st , & August 7 th	Mission u	Virtual
September:	Killingsworth Special Emphasis	
September 18 th	District Annual Meeting	Virtual
October:	Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special Emphasis	
October 19 th	District Executive Committee Meeting	Virtual
November 6 th	Conference Officer Training	Virtual





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"She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong." Proverbs 31:16-17



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