

Reunion of the Greenwood District UMW Executive Team! *After 14 Months Apart, The Group Has An In-Person Meeting May 23*



Thanks to having Covid vaccinations and more relaxed conditions, the Greenwood District UMW Executive Team met on Sunday, May 23 at Main Street UMC. Mary Lynn Polk led a devotional reminding us to “*keep the main thing the main thing*” - that is, **God is in control!** She also reminded us to ask ourselves each day, “*What can I do for God today?*” Due to the pandemic, most members of the Executive Team stayed in their positions for an extra year. Pictured above—Left to Right (seated): Ellen Schumpert, Nominations; Zella Williams, Historian; Linda Woods, Nominations; (back row) Sarah Greene, Cluster 1 Leader; Linda Kidd, Communications Coordinator; Rebecca McDonald, Social Action Coordinator; Carolyn Cantrell, Program Resources Coordinator; Mary Lynn Polk, Spiritual Growth Coordinator; and Betty Staples, Nominations. Pictured below (left to right) District officers who are leading the way: Joyce Crouch, President; Betty Swann, Secretary; Carol Marse, Vice President; Marcia Miller, Treasurer. All were happy to be together!



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News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW



Greetings Ladies of UMW,

I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. I hope you all are doing well and staying safe. I cannot believe summer is here already. This year seems to be going by so fast.

I want to thank each of you for continuing to support United Methodist Women through the challenging times we have had during 2020 and 2021. It is your dedication and support that helps us meet our goals, pledges, and support of our mission projects. Please keep up your great work!!

I do hope some of you were able to attend our virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat in April. This was a great event. Hopefully, sometime in the near future, we will be able to resume having our meetings and events in person.

I also hope some of you will register for the three (3) Mission U events that will be held on Saturdays, July 24th, July 31st, and August 7th from 10 am to 1 pm. I know these will be very good and informative sessions.

PLEASE NOTE -- our District Annual meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2021 at Grace UMC in North Augusta. We are planning on having our meeting in person this year. Please have your units get all of your reports, pledges, etc. in before the deadlines. **Please see information on reports and forms due for the Annual Meeting on pages 10 through 15 of this newsletter.**

Ladies, I do have a special request. We are very much in need of officers for the District Mission Team. Our Nominating Committee is working diligently to find ladies to fill these positions. Please take time to pray and think on this and, if you would be willing to serve God and UMW, please contact me and I will get you in touch with the Nominating Committee. My number is 864-981-0942.

I want to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment during these past 2 years. It has been a very frustrating time, but with God's help we are moving forward.

Thanks,

Joyce

News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW



The Annual Meeting of Greenwood District UMW is scheduled for September 25, 2021 at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta. This year's theme will be **Keeping the Faith**. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship service and meeting begin at 10:00 a.m. We greatly appreciate President Nikki Moore and the ladies of Grace UMC hosting the Annual Meeting. It is my hope that we have a large number of attendees! Let's try to have representatives from every unit in attendance!

See you in September!

Blessings,

Carol

THE READING CORNER

News from Greenwood District Program Resources Coordinator

By Carolyn Cantrell

I hope you are continuing to read books from the UMW Reading Program lists.

Books can be found at book stores, libraries, on line and smile amazon.com to earn a.5% donation to UMW.

So many great books to read. So many ways to draw closer to God and to change lives.

If you have finished a book share it with another member. If you need a book in a certain category I will try and get it for you. Give me a call; if not at home leave name and number where I can reach you.

The new handbook can be found at [https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members_leaders/2021-2024 handbook](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members_leaders/2021-2024_handbook)

Reading Program Report for 2021 is on Page 15.

Carolyn Cantrell 864-223-0271

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Happy Reading!

Carolyn



News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Hello, UMW Ladies!

My request is going to be short and sweet. Our Greenwood District has a goal of **\$16,000** for **Pledge to Mission**. As of this date, we are only at **\$3,015**. We have a long way to go and a short time to get there. All remittance monies are due August 30 to receive your certificate with gold seal.

Please work with your UMW units to help us achieve this goal.

Thanks to all,

Marcia



For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

News from Greenwood District Spiritual Growth Coordinator

By Mary Lynn Polk



After all this year has brought and the many activities we have been unable to do, I am delighted for the prospects of seeing everyone again!

I have two items I would like to call to your attention today. The first is a request for feedback on this year's Day Apart. Since we could not meet in person I tried to create a "Day Apart Meditation Activity" for use either as individuals or as a socially distanced Unit. Since this was not a typical program nor was it something I was accustomed to writing, I would like your input. We did not send out an evaluation, so I would like one now, please. If you want to keep it anonymous, you can combine the unidentified feedback with that of others and ask the President of your Unit to send them all in one email or put the different emails in one envelope and mail them to me. (or, you can use the Evaluation form below-Please send to me at 303 Curl Creek, Greenwood, SC 29649 or mary.lynn.polk@gmail.com.) Thank you!

The other request is to ask you to get a copy of our **Charter for Racial Justice** before we have our Day Apart next March. I plan to ask Carolyn to try to get copies of it for our Annual Meeting this Fall. They have been free or you can go to our internet presence with the Conference and print out a copy.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting in September! *Mary Lynn*

2021 Greenwood District UMW Day Apart Special In-Home Day Apart Practice Of Two Spiritual Disciplines from Previous Days Apart— **PRAYER and LISTENING** **EVALUATION**

Instructions for this meditative activity were for you to select a time and a quiet place where you could spend at least 30 minutes alone with God and your thoughts., taking with you a rock, a seashell, or a picture that reminds you of God's Awesome Power. You were also instructed to get your Bible and light a candle to remind you of God's presence with you and maybe some meditative music.

Meditating on God's Love through Scripture, thank Him for His Love and the Love of someone close to you, praying for that person and focus on the Great Commandment in Matthew 22: 36-40, then to Listen for God's presence in your thoughts as you think of someone in your life who is hard to pray for, and in sincere prayer, pray for that person.

If you (and/or others in your UMW Unit) completed this Exercise, please share your experience below:

Virtual UMW Meetings in 2021 Brought Good Attendance

The information below is excerpted from the June 2021 issue of Mission Echo, Conference UMW newsletter. As you can see, the Zoom connection helped to produce good numbers in attendance.

Our district Day Apart celebrations took place this spring. Many districts used Zoom and hosted virtual events. Zoom programs allowed us to see and hear each other in live real time.

Our Spiritual Growth Event April 24th was hosted by Rock Hill District, and St James United Methodist Church. We had 271 registered.

Our Come Together Be Together on May 15th provided a virtual focus on theme "This Too Shall Pass: Keep the Faith". We registered 202 for our "Fun for All Ages and All Stages of United Methodist Women" event.

Thank you for being dependable, courageous, bold women expanding God's kingdom in South Carolina and beyond. I applaud you! I celebrate you! I encourage you! I pray for you! May your strength and energy continue to blossom and grow. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Cathy Ford SCUMW President 2019-2022

Greenwood District United Methodist Women 2021 Calendar of Events

June, 2021—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

June 6-9, 2021—South Carolina UMC Annual Conference

July 3, 2021—Limitless Party (for ages 14 to 30), 10 a.m., Virtual Event

July 22-24, 2021—Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC

OR

July 24, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

July 31, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

August 7, 2021—Mission u, 10 am + 1 pm—Virtual Event

August, 2021—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

September, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home, Columbia, SC

September 25, 2021—Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting—Grace UMC, North Augusta, SC

October, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

October 23, 2021—SCCUMW 49th Annual Meeting 10 am & 1 pm, Host: Hartsville District UMW—
Virtual Event

November, 2021—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community Center, Spartanburg, SC

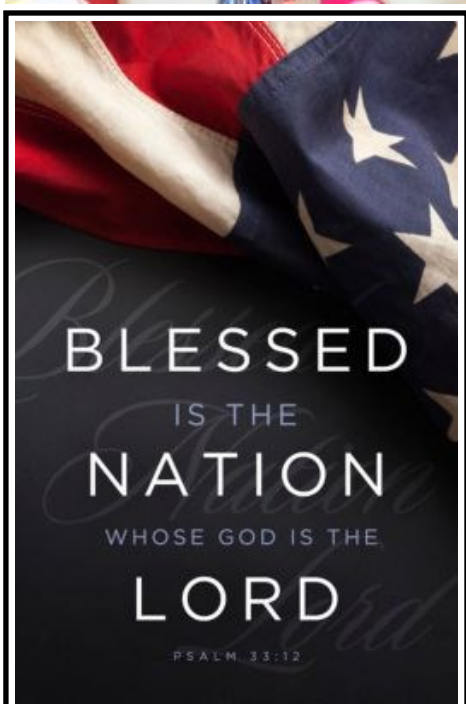
November 6, 2021—District Officers Training—10 a.m.—Host: Florence District UMW—Virtual



Extra Guests at the May Executive Committee Meeting

Chatting with Ellen Schumpert (left) and Zella Williams (right) at the May Executive Committee meeting is Jessica Kidd, daughter of Linda Kidd, and her best friend, "Bop", who had also had their vaccinations!

GOD 
is
LOVE



We couldn't help but notice this firetruck playground at Main Street UMC when visiting for the May Executive Committee meeting. What a beautiful display of the Cross and Flame in the background!

Mission u 2021



2021 Virtual
Mission u
July 24 | July 31 | Aug. 7
10 a.m. to noon | Zoom
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Special Message About Mission U—Registration Information

In lieu of a registration fee for Mission U, I am asking each lady to make a sacrificial offering for our 4 Mission Projects. We can still support our mission projects with stamps, gifts cards from Food Lion or Walmart, paper products, 13 gallons trash bags, snacks, and juices. [Check https://www.sccumc.com](https://www.sccumc.com) for registration.

Peace and Blessing,

Eunice White

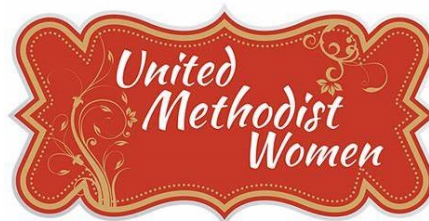
SCCUMW Education and Interpretation Coordinator



Legacy Fund Update

As of April 15, 2021: \$35,659,582 • 59% of the total goal of \$60,000,000

(\$87,074.64 has been raised by SC Conference UMW)





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Grace United Methodist Church, North Augusta, SC

“Keeping The Faith”

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service and Meeting begin at 10:00 a.m.

(More Details To Follow)

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 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.

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

is looking for women who are willing to serve God and UMW by serving on the District Mission Team.

Please take time to pray about this, and if you are willing to serve as a

District Officer, please contact

**Joyce Crouch, District President
at 864-981-0942**

**and she will notify the
Nominations Committee—Thank You!**



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Wondering What Your Officer Duties Are?

If you are an officer in your Local UMW Unit and wondering what the duties of your position are, feel free to contact the District Officer in your position and ask them for help.



Reminder of District Reports Due From Local UMW Units

It's not too soon to begin working on your Local UMW Unit Reports that are due to be submitted prior to this year's Greenwood District Annual Meeting scheduled for September 25 at Grace UMC in North Augusta! **Realizing that participation has been difficult this year due to the pandemic, please complete your Unit's forms to the best of your ability.**

Forms are included on pages 11-15 of this newsletter! Thank You!

Reading Program— Form on page 15 - Send to Carolyn Cantrell

Mission Today Form—Form on Page 14—Send to Barbara Barber

Memorial List— List of Deceased Members (9/1/20-8/31/21) - Send to Joyce Crouch

Charter for Racial Justice – Diamond Units Form—Form on Page 13—Send to Rebecca McDonald

2021 President's Report– Form on Pages 11 & 12 —due by September 15 - Send to Joyce Crouch

Five Star/Gold Seal SC Mission Award Determined by Marcia Miller, Treasurer, based upon your unit's budget and quarterly reports—see Treasurer's update on Page 3 for more information)

The following is due by December 31, 2021 or earlier:

Local Unit Officers List - Send to Betty Swann, Secretary



PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2021 (for September 1, 2020—August 31, 2021)

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:

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, 2020)

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

Annual Meeting 2020 (Cancelled Due to Covid-19)-Annual Report Submitted? Yes () No ()

Day Apart 2021 (Also Cancelled—Personal Day Apart Meditation Instead –Completed? Yes () No ()

Officers’ Training 2021 (Also Cancelled) _____

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

Annual Meeting 2020 (at Main St. UMC, Greenwood-Virtual Event) _____

Officers’ Training (Columbia) (Virtual Event) _____

Legislative Day, 2021 (at Epworth) (Virtual) _____ Spiritual Growth Event (Virtual) _____

Come Together, Be Together (Virtual) Any Other Conference Events _____

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2021 (for September 1, 2020—August 31, 2021)

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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?

Send this report (Pages 11 & 12) to:

Joyce Crouch

110 Crouch Drive

Kinards, SC 29355

By September 15, 2021



Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award

In order to receive a Diamond Unit Certificate, a minimum of three activities must be completed. Certificates will be presented at your District Annual Meeting.

Please return this form to Rebecca McDonald, Greenwood District Social Action

Coordinator at the address below by August 15:

127 Hill and Dale Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646, jbecca@gmail.com

- _____ 1. Watch a video relating to concerns addressed by the Charter for Racial Justice.
- _____ 2. Give a book report on a UMW Reading Program book selected from Social Action area.
- _____ 3. Share articles from Response magazine relating to racism.
- _____ 4. Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.
- _____ 5. Present a program on the Charter for Racial Justice.
- _____ 6. Use a program on racial justice or human rights from the UMW Program Book.
- _____ 7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study.
- _____ 8. Give a Unit report about an experience; i.e. attendance at a music or theatrical performance by persons of a different culture, race, or ethnic background..
- _____ 9. Send at least one UMW member to Legislative Day.
- _____ 10. Participate in post card writing or email to support legislation on behalf of the economically deprived or challenged.
- _____ 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program activity with ethnic group different from your own.
- _____ 12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event.
- _____ 13. Participate in a Bible Study on racism..
- _____ 14. Celebrate Black History Month in February.
- _____ 15. Suggest and plan your pastor (or pulpit choir) an exchange with a pastor/choir of another race.
- _____ 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a Celebration, Worship, Vacation Bible School, Service of Prayer and Self Denial).
- _____ 17. Other (Collect items/funds for UMCOR Kits—collect items for other community social welfare/ educational purposes.)

Church Name: _____ Church Address: _____

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To Barbara Barber, Greenwood District Education/Interpretation Coordinator, 2381 Harmon Quarters Road, Prosperity, SC 29127, bbarber@newberry.k12.sc.us, Phone: (803) 924-4250

by August 15

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.

Check if 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.

Check if 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.

2021 UMW Reading Program Individual Participation Form

Name _____ Church _____ Telephone _____

Reading Program Plan: _____

BOOKS READ:

DATE:

Education for Mission:

Nurturing for Community:

Social Action:

Spiritual Growth:

Leadership Development:

PLAN I: 5 books a year • One book from each category • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN II: 10 books a year** • Two books from each category • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN III: 15 books a year** • Two books from each category • Plus five additional books from any category. • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN IV: 20 books a year** • Two books from each category • Plus ten additional books from any category. • Selections can be from the 2016–2021 reading lists if not used previously

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

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We're on the web:

www.umsc.org/umw

Click on Greenwood

**District—A good place to find
forms when needed.**



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