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Marion District United Women in Faith Newsletter
December 2022

Officer Training for Local Units: Jan 14

If you hold an office in your local United Women in Faith unit or just wish to learn more about an office, join us by Zoom on January 15, at 10:00 am. Please click the link below to register. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your local office and how you can better serve.

[Click to register for Officer Training](#)



District Members in Attendance at SC Conference Annual Meeting

From the President:

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

My sisters in Christ, I give thanks to you for working together to host the SC United Women in Faith 50th Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, October 21-22, 2022. My heart is overflowing with gratitude as I think about how you so generously gave your time and resources to pull this event together. Let us pause to applaud ourselves for working so well with women from across our district and state to make this a successful endeavor.

As we return to in-person meetings, I am envisioning a fruitful 2023 going forward. This will give us a chance to fellowship and get to know each other better. Also, it is time to focus on growing our membership. This is the lifeline of our organization. In addition to recruiting more women in our churches, we have to reach beyond the walls to women in our communities. Remember we are United Women in Faith, meaning we are called to invite many women into this organization to work for a common mission.

Speaking of mission, we need to increase our pledge to mission. Our pledge to mission has dropped from where it was three years ago. Yes, we have been increasing our giving and receiving recognition as such; however, we are still not quite up to the level of where we were previously. We are doing well so let us continue.

In closing, congratulations to our new officers. Please be willing to assist and support when you are called upon. Remember, when we are all working together, we can accomplish many things.

**Sarah D. Woods,
Marion District President**

Images from SC Conference Annual Meeting:

Miranda Page, District Historian, captured these images from the Conference Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach. Sally Vonner, National United Women in Faith Transformation Officer was our keynote speaker for this event. Rev. Judith Knotts, pastor of Trinity UMC in Bennettsville led us during a time of worship.



. Betty Swinton



District Display



Afterglow



. Sally Vonner

From the Vice President:

Greetings United Women in Faith. I can do all things through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13. NIV. As we are approaching the end of 2022 we can look back at the beginning of the year and see that with God's strength we have accomplished what we as the Marion District United Women in Faith set out to do. From the beginning of January with officers training through October our annual meeting. Our Marion District Annual Meeting was October 8, 2022. Our speaker was the Reverend Fadetra H. Boyd, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Life at Columbia College, Columbia, SC. Rev. Boyd gave us the 5Rs- Rescue, Recover, Rebuild, Restore and Readiness. Our Mission u in Spartanburg, SC, The South Carolina United Women in Faith Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC and Officer's Training, Columbia, SC. were all held in person. Most of our local events were on zoom, but we look forward to having more of our 2023 events in person.

We are now in the Advent Season and we rejoice that Mary little baby was sent into this world to save us from our sins. I wish all a very merry Christmas with family and friends and a prosperous New Year 2023.

Diane P. Quick

Marion District Vice President



Reverend Fadetra H. Boyd

From the Treasurer:

Marion District Treasurer's Report and Updates as of November 14, 2022:

- Our 4th quarter & fiscal year for 2022 ends on 11-30-22.
- Please mail your completed 4th quarter Treasurer's Remittance Forms and checks so they reach me by 12-5-22.
- The Marion District 2022 goal for PTM was \$15,000.
- As of 3-1-22 Marion District Units pledged \$16,374.45 for Pledge to Mission
- Gifts to Pledge to Mission are as follows:

1st Quarter PTM = \$ 6,271.90 2nd Quarter PTM= \$ 4,908.40 3rd Quarter PTM= \$ 4,485.40 4th Quarter PTM= \$ 810.00 (PTM remittances received as of 11-14-22) \$16,475.70 Total Paid for PTM as of 11-14-22

- Proposed 2023 budget was discussed & approved at the District Executive Committee Meeting on 8-2-22.
- Marion District's Approved 2023 Pledge to Mission (PTM) is \$16,000.
- The Marion District Approved Budget for 2023 will be included in the December Tie Newsletter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kay Summerlin

Marion District UMW Treasurer 1200 McLean Dr, Dillon, SC 29536 843-632-1106

2023 Approved Budget:

Office Supplies, Postage.	\$ 239.27
Travel, Meals, Misc	900.00
Conference Annual Meeting- In Person	200.00
District Annual Meeting-In Person	400.00
Day Apart-Virtual	100.00
Mission u	544.24
Executive Committee Meetings (4 per year) Virtual	.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,383.51
Marion District 2023 Pledge to Mission	\$16,000.00

Treasurer Remittance Form

Keep clean original on file and make a copy to fill out for each remittance sent. Mail to Kay Summerlin, District Treasurer

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From Nominations:

My tenure in UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UNITED METHODIST WOMEN) is up but I would like to introduce KAREN MOTT as your newly elected Chairman on Nominations. SUPPORT HER!

In my 48-50 years in UNITED METHODIST WOMEN I have met some wonderful, spiritual women. Please continue as UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH to encourage each other to seek an office in the District of Marion. We NEED YOU.

Jane Hodges

From Social Action:

Congratulations to the following seven units in our district that successfully qualified this year for the Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Certificate of Recognition:

- 1. First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach***
- 2. Herbert Memorial United Methodist Church, Georgetown***
- 3. Little River United Methodist Church, Little River***
- 4. Main Street United Methodist Church, Dillon***
- 5. Smyrna United Methodist Church, Bennettsville***
- 6. Trinity United Methodist Church, Bennettsville***
- 7. Trinity United Methodist Church, North Myrtle Beach.***

It is important to note that the number of recipients again increased from the previous year. One of the diamond marked action choices to complete the requirements for the certificate is to supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice, a copy of which is attached to this report. The suggestion was made that this charter be included in each unit's annual handbook.

The following are the dates and times of the 2023 Legislative Advocacy Days which will again be held virtually: Wednesday, February 1, at 10:00 AM; Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 PM; Thursday, February 16, at 2:00PM; Saturday, February 25, at 10:00 AM. Each session will include a one hour workshop that is preceded by a hosted introduction and followed by a moderated question and answer period. We were very pleased with the attendance of the February, 2022, virtual sessions and strive for an increase in 2023. By presenting these very informative sessions virtually and at a range of time frames we are able to both accommodate the schedules of our attendees and to eliminate travel costs.

At our South Carolina annual meeting held in October, I had the pleasure of hosting a workshop on the subject of human trafficking. The presenters were Shelbia Carter-Wiley, the executive director of Engaging Minds Services, Inc., a nonprofit that provides services for victims of human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence, and Angela Brown, the Director of Victim Services of the Horry County Sheriff's Office. The three types of human trafficking are sexual trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude. The following represent a sampling of the disturbing facts that were presented:

- 1. Nearly 700 human trafficking victims were recorded in our state in 2019;***
- 2. South Carolina ranks 20th in the nation in these cases;***
- 3. Horry County ranks number one in the number of human trafficking cases in the state.***

Whereas traffickers can be of any gender, age, or race, they reach out to their intended victims at popular meeting places, through social media, drug dependence, peer involvement, employment,

and under the guises of emotional relationships or aiding with financial insecurities. Our presenters urged us to be cognizant of the signs that an individual is a victim of trafficking, such as a discrepancy in their age versus their appearance, their inability to produce a valid ID or speak on their own behalf, exhibiting signs of physical or mental abuse. If we see these characteristics in a suspected victim, we are to call 911 and thoroughly report our observations. We can offer support to Shelbia through the donation of our volunteer hours or finances – she provided the following addresses: PO Box 51896, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 or ContactUs@engagingmindservices.org.

Quality education for all SC students has been one of our district's primary social action focuses. Due to the fact that the school year began in our state with nearly 1100 open educator positions, our state legislature recently formed a teacher recruitment and retention task force to address this concerning issue. In a teacher exit poll conducted at the conclusion of the previous school year, the primary reason cited for leaving was disciplinary issues at their individual schools. While less than a third of the teachers cited "low pay" as a factor, 80% of those teachers interviewed responded that a higher salary might entice them back into the profession. To gain a better understanding of the issues involved, I recently interviewed two current, experienced Horry County public school teachers. Interviewed independently, both teachers stated that income was not a factor in the exodus of qualified teachers. Instead, both listed behavior problems as the primary issue that educators currently face. One expressed her dismay at the change in student attitudes upon their return to the classroom post-pandemic. She described this attitude as apathy toward learning combined with a lack of empathy of their fellow students. Also, the lack of accountability for their negative actions and an ever present excuse for these actions by their parents/guardians adds to the negative educational environment. The second teacher with whom I spoke expressed these same concerns and believes that increased educational funding would better serve our student population through expanded services for those with learning disabilities and mental health issues. Please continue to pray for guidance for our legislators and educators as they face the education of this young generation who are our nation's future.

As my term as district social action coordinator draws to a close, I would like to leave you with the following quote from the United Women in Faith website: "What we do: We serve. We advocate. We make a difference." It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity and hope that I have brought some light to the issues that confront us as Christian women who are "working to improve the lives of women, children, and youth."

I wish you a blessed Christmas season spent with dear family and friends while celebrating the birth of our savior Jesus Christ,

Sincerely
Wendy Fleming

From Membership, Nurture & Outreach:

Greetings to everyone!!

The Census Report for Marion District numbers has gone down from last year. Marion District churches that reported are as following:

- Main St. UMC
- Smyrna UMC (Burnt Factory Road)
- St. Stephens UMC
- Trinity UMC (Bennettsville)
- Mt. Carmel UMC
- Wesley UMC

The portal for the Census is close at this time. More information will be forward as soon as it is available.

Leadership Development Days 2023 (LDD) is quickly approaching! We are excited to gather virtually for this event January 19-21, 2023. We will begin at 7:00pm Eastern time on Thursday evening and have programming from approximately noon to 7:00pm Eastern time on Friday and Saturday. You can expect to receive more information and registration link very soon.

SAVE THE DATE: Come Together Be Together will be Saturday May 20, 2023. The Theme is Get Hope Be Hope. The gathering will be virtual. More to come soon.

Linda Sanders – Marion District MNO Coordinator
linda271954@gmail.com

Devotional:

This devotional is an excerpt from *Becoming A Well-Watered Woman In A Parched World* by Gretchen Saffles.

Flourishing in Jesus is about leaving behind a shallow faith for a deeper walk with him. It isn't about attaining perfection or arriving at a specific destination. It is not about having your life put together or avoiding struggles. It is about flourishing where you've been planted. As a Well-Watered Woman, you will not have a perfect life, but it will be full of hope, brimming with purpose, and fueled by grace.

If someone were to ask you how you are doing, what would you say? Most of us default to something like "Good" or "Fine" or maybe even "Good but tired." But chances are, you're also a tad (okay, a lot) overwhelmed, you have a long to-do list, and you're physically, emotionally, and spiritually weary.

When our roots run deep in God's goodness and steadfast love, nothing can shake us or break us forever. His goodness and unfailing love hold us together when life is falling apart. When we are not okay, we remember that our attitudes of praise are dependent not on the ease of our circumstances but on the fact that God is good—period.

Ultimately, what we believe about who God is and who we are in him affects the way we live and think, and these beliefs are buried in the root system of our souls. If we have good roots, our lives will produce the good fruit of the Spirit. These roots can only be established and strengthened when they are watered by the truth of Scripture, and cleansed from the lies of this world.

Hold fast to the Word of God, and it will hold fast to you. Living a well-watered life does not mean always being okay. It does mean you are always growing more attached to Jesus and less attached to this world. Yet, in the daily, unseen moments, the Gardener is tending your soul with the water of His grace and power making you whole.

Dear God, as you water our souls with your word, please enlighten our minds with truth; In flame our hearts with love; Inspire our wills with courage; Enrich each life with service; Pardon what we have been; Sanctify what I am; And order what each of us shall be. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Submitted by Druscilla Leach

Prayer Pals:

Prayer Pals were set up to form a connection between our sisters. We ask that as part of your daily devotions that you pray specifically for your pal. If you would like you can send a card or email that pal on special occasions. It would be left up to the person as to how they want to connect with her pal.

Growing spiritually is a better way that we can understand our part in God's mission and ministry in our world. Connecting with our other United Women in Faith in our conference through prayer and blessings can help us become stronger in our Christian journey. If you are interested in participating in this connection, please contact me, your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. I will forward your information to the Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator and you will be given your prayer pals' information and they will be given yours.

Please send this information to Pamela Ashwood email: pamzpeace@yahoo.com or mail to: Pamela Ashwood -- 1305 Hamlet Hwy -- Bennettsville, SC 29512

Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Phone: _____

Other information that you may wish for your prayer partner to know:

Program Resources

The 2023 Reading Program Catalog is now available. [Click here](#) to access.

For access for all digital resources, [click here](#).

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United Women in Faith**



[Click here for website: uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)

Marion District United Women in Faith 2023 Calendar

Jan 10	Executive meeting at 6:00-7:30 pm (zoom)
Jan 14	Local Unit Officers Training at 10:00 am. (Virtual)
Feb 1	Social Action Workshop #1 at 10:00 (Wed-Virtual)*
Feb 7	Social Action Workshop #2 at 7:00 (Tues-Virtual)*
Feb 11	Marion Cluster Meeting 9:30
Feb 16	Social Action Workshop #3 at 2:00 (Thurs-Virtual)*
Feb 18	Grand Strand Cluster Meeting at 9:30
Feb 25	Social Action Workshop #4 at 10:00 am (Sat-Virtual)*
Feb 25	Georgetown Cluster Meeting at 9:30 (In person)
Mar 4	Horry Cluster Meeting at 9:30
Mar 11	Bennettsville & Dillon Cluster at 9:30 WFLC (In person) Unit Census is due (TBA)
Mar 23	The Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 154th year
Mar 27-30	Conference Mission Trip to NC and Tennessee (see Mission ECHO)
Apr 1	District Day Apart (Host: Georgetown) 10:00 (Virtual) Executive Meeting Following (Virtual)
Apr 22	Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat (Host: Walterboro Dist) 10:00
May 20	Come Together Be Together (Host: Columbia Dist) 10:00
July 19-22	Mission u – (Spartanburg Methodist College/In-Person)
Aug 8	District Executive Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm (Virtual)
Oct. 7	District Annual Meeting 9:45/District Executive Meeting
Oct 20-21	SCCUMW Annual Meeting (Host: Orangeburg District-In-person)
Nov 11	District Officers Training (Host: Columbia District) 8:30

Share this newsletter. Please forward it to all members of your unit. If you wish to be added to the email list, please send your name, church and email to jlentz@hotmail.com

**Janice Lentz, Communications Coordinator
jlentz@hotmail.com**

2023 Marion District UMW Officers

President: Sarah Woods, sadsawlife@yahoo.com

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CON-Horry Cluster:

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Cluster Leader Grand Strand: Rae Faires, tfaires@atmc.net

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District Superintendent: Rev. Tim Rogers, madist@umcsc.org

Forms You May Need

Marion District Standing Rules, 2022 Revision

([Click to download](#))

Intent to Pledge Form
[\(Click here to download a copy\)](#)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MARION DISTRICT
INTENT TO PLEDGE**

**You must complete and email this form to District Treasurer by March 1, 2022, as the first requirement to qualify as a MISSION TODAY UNIT. If mailing form, please allow extra time.
(Please Print Except for Signatures)**

Date: _____

Name of Church and City Location: _____

Unit Name: _____

Cluster Name & Cluster Leader: _____

Unit President _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Unit Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Pledge to Mission Giving: \$ _____

President/Treasurer Signatures

Send to:
Kay Summerlin
Marion District Treasurer 1200 McLean Drive
Dillon, SC 29536 843-632-1106 (cell) mikeandkay0233@gmail.com

Mission Today Action Form

[\(Click here to download form\)](#)

Please Send Completed Form To: Ruthann Wooten

 116 N. Dew St. Latta, SC 29565

Send by this date: 9/ 5 / 2022

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 **Daily Prayer Guide at most meetings** 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: the magazine of women in mission**.
- _____ 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 **Daily Prayer Guide** – at least once during the year.
- _____ 9. Participated in **education programs for children through prayers and donations of funds, supplies or volunteer hours at schools, homes and churches. This includes Vacation Bible School participation.**
- _____ 10.* Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving which are Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition and World Thank Offering.
- _____ 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: the magazine of women in mission** 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.

*Those items noted with an asterisk will be
verified by the district treasurer. [Rev.2/2022](#)

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

[\(Click here to download form\)](#)

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the unit's commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the diamond-marked activities must be included. You are to send a copy of this completed form to your District Social Action Coordinator by September **1, 2022** in order to be recognized at the Marion District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Please mail form to: District Social Action Coordinator Wendy Fleming, 760 Rambler Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Name of Church and address: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

DATE COMPLETED

ACTION CHOICES

- _____ 1. Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
- _____ 2. Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
- _____ 3. Share articles from *Response* and *New World Outlook* or *UMW Action Alerts* relating to racism
- _____ 4. Supply each member with a copy of the *Charter for Racial Justice*
- _____ 5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
- _____ 6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book
- _____ 7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study, Mission U or Mini Mission U
- _____ 8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background
- _____ 9. Have at least one member participate in the virtual UMW Legislative Day
- _____ 10. Participate in postcard-writing or e-mailing your legislator that encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
- _____ 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an 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 with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race

_____ 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)

_____ 17. Other _____

SCCUMW Marion District Social Action Coordinator **Wendy Fleming (Wflemingsbu@gmail.com)**

MARION DISTRICT UMW
Potential Leader Form
[\(click here to download form\)](#)

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 Unit _____

Additional experience within the church or community other than UMW:

Which offices are of most interest to you?

President __ Vice President __ Secretary __ Treasurer __ Nominations __

Communications__ Spiritual Growth__ Social Action__ Program Resources__

Education & Interpretation(Missions)____ Membership,Nurture & Outreach ____

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 form to a committee on Nominations member or send to:

Jane Hodges
Chairman on Nominations
1420 St. Thomas Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC. 29577
janehodges72@yahoo.com

Click to download the Charter for Racial Justice handout:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/charter-for-racial-justice-english>



Charter for Racial Justice

in an Interdependent Global Community

Adopted by the 1980 General Conference of
The United Methodist Church

Because we believe

1. That God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;
2. That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
3. That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
4. That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental and political exploitation;
5. That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sister and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;
6. That in our common humanity in creation, all women and men are made in God's image, and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
7. That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;
8. That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships, and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures and practices of both church and state;

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

Therefore,

as United Methodists in every place across the land, we will unite our efforts
within the church to take the following actions:

1. Eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church, giving special attention to those institutions that we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices, environmental policies and availability of services and facilities.
2. Create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.
3. Increase efforts to recruit people of all races into the membership of The United Methodist Church and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.
4. Establish workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
5. Raise local churches' awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, medical care and environmental justice for all members of the community, and to create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.
6. Work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people such as through support of the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights.
7. Support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in church and community.
8. Facilitate nomination and election processes that include all racial groups by employing a system that prioritizes leadership opportunities of people from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing legacy of racial injustice, and use measures to align our vision for racial justice with actions that accelerate racial equality.

Join the Prayer Calendar Online

Did you know the beloved United Methodist Women Prayer Calendar has its own Facebook page? [Follow the page today](#) for daily mission focuses, birthdays of mission personnel and holidays to include in your prayers. The Prayer Calendar lets you know what is happening in mission and moves you to put your faith, hope and love into action.

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.

Look for the Mission Echo and other information on the Conference website www.umcsc.org/umw

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