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Marion District United Women in Faith Updates
September 2023

51st Marion District Annual Meeting

(In Person)

October 7, 2023

Note Change of Address!

**St. Phillip UMC 146 Bowling Green Road,
Marion SC 29571**

9:15-9:45 Registration

Theme: "Uniting in Faith"

Speaker: Rev. Michelle Louk, Associate Pastor of First UMC, Myrtle Beach

Use the registration form below and come celebrate with your United Women in Faith sisters.



Marion District Annual Meeting Registration

51st Marion District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

(in Person)

October 7, 2023

St. Phillip UMC 146 Bowling Green Road, Marion SC 29571

For registration information contact Kay Summerlin, Registrar (843)-632-1106 or email

mikeandkay0233@gmail.com

9:15-9:45 Registration

Theme: "Uniting in Faith"

1 Corinthians 1:10 - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Church _____

Fill out Registration and send with payment to Kay Summerlin, 1200 McLean Drive, Dillon, SC 29536

Make check payable to Marion District United Women in Faith

Deadline: September 21, 2023

Check if you are: (check more than one)

District Officer Clergy Local Church Unit/Circle Officer Under 40 First Timer

(List additional names and phone numbers on separate sheet and enclose with registration)

_____ Number person(s) @ \$13.00 each Total \$ _____

From Membership Nurture and Growth:

Local Unit Presidents, Please participate in the 2022 Unit Survey.

The questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and transform communities.

Your responses matter. Your answers will allow the United Women of Faith National Office to:

- **Deliver more resources on the areas that matter most**
- **Gather engagement data based on region**
- **Celebrate all the work you are doing on behalf of women, children and youth**

South Carolina SHINED like the winning stars we are last year by being #1 in the conference with membership counts and that is only because you all came together as an amazing group and followed up several times to make sure our units got it done! Hats off to all of you.

The Deadline has been extended to September 30.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthCarolina> to have your unit counted.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me .

Linda Sanders (843)439-4486 or linda27954@gmail.com

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**51st South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
October 20-21, 2023
St. John's United Methodist Church 104 Newberry St NW Aiken, SC**

For registration information contact Hazel Darby, Registrar (803)516-1354 / hazeldarby@bellsouth.net

Theme: "Unity in Christ"

Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all that apply:

- First Timer Conference Officer District Officer Past Conference President
 Under 40 Unit President Mission Director Clergy
 Age 14-30 Voting Delegate Missionary / Deaconess
 Childcare needed – Number of Children _____ Ages _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____

****By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/media avenues. ****

+++++++Cut here and mail top portion to Registrar listed below+++++++

Friday, October 20

Registration check-in: 12:30pm – 3:00pm / Late check-in: 6:15pm-7:00pm

Displays and activities, Limitless donations drop-off, Soul Care Prayer Room

Session 1

- 2:45pm Gathering & Opening /featured local mission organization/Bible Study – Faith Center Sanctuary
4:00pm Break with option of light chair exercise (Faith Center Sanctuary)
4:15pm Workshop on Community Creation Care: Climate Justice – Faith Center Sanctuary (option to view displays, do mission encouragement & support card making, or go to Soul Care Prayer Room)
5:30pm Dinner – MEAL TICKET REQUIRED (inside name tag holder)

Session 2

- 6:45pm Gathering music
7:00pm Communion Worship Service – Main Sanctuary

Saturday, October 21 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:00am

Session 3

- 8:45am Gathering, Memorial Service, General Business, Informational Moments, Special Recognitions, Offering, Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shirley Gordon, Orangeburg Wesley Foundation – Faith Center
12:15pm Lunch – MEAL TICKET REQUIRED

Session 4

- 1:15pm Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements

Mail early registration fee of \$45 payable to SCCUWF to Hazel Darby, 109 Meatcutter Rd., Bamberg, SC 29003 postmarked by September 30. Late registration fee postmarked by October 14 is \$55. Onsite fee is \$65.

Local President's Report

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~~~Local Church PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2023~~~

Report should cover one year beginning and ending with your Annual Meeting

Report is due September 1, 2023 (sadsawlife@yahoo.com)

Sarah Woods 110 David Circle, Bennettsville, SC 29512

District Marion President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I. Membership Totals:

Number of Circles: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members in Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Number pledging \$5 for WFL: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Pledges + Contributions: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge Made/Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Amounts sent through District Treasurer:

Pledge to Missions: \_\_\_\_\_ World Thank Offering \_\_\_\_\_

Gift in Memory: \_\_\_\_\_ Gift to Mission: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Mission Recognition: \_\_\_\_\_ Call to Prayer and Self Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Legacy Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Killingsworth: \_\_\_\_\_

Wallace Family Life: \_\_\_\_\_ Bethlehem Spartanburg: \_\_\_\_\_

Cola Bethlehem Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Presidential Scholarship Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Participation numbers

District Events: (number in attendance from your District)

District Annual Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting) \_\_\_\_\_

Local Officers Training: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Apart: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: (Name and Date of Event) \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

IV. A. Virtual Conference Events: (number in attendance from your local church)

Legislative Advocacy Days-4 workshops \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Growth Event \_\_\_\_\_

Come Together /Be Together \_\_\_\_\_ Limitless Party \_\_\_\_\_

B. In Person Conference + UWF National Events: (number in attendance from your church)

SCCUMW 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Mtg. \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer Training \_\_\_\_\_

Mission u \_\_\_\_\_

V. Other: (Name and Date of Event) \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

VI. How did your District recognize Annual Day of Giving?

\_\_\_\_\_

VII. Mission Education:

Reading Program participants 9/2022 – 8/2023: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Members using Program Book: \_\_\_\_\_

# Subscriptions to *Response*: \_\_\_\_\_ # Units using Daily Prayer Guide: \_\_\_\_\_

#Mission Today Unit: Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_ Diamond Unit (Charter for Racial Justice): Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. Do you publish a Newsletter? Yes or No

Name and Publication Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

IX. Any other information about your local that I should know? Add a page to share your news.

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## **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*

[Click here to download form](#)

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## **Diamond Unit Checklist:**

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit

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

## Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

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, 2023** in order to be recognized at the District Annual Meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Please mail/email form to: (Acting) District Social Action Coordinator Linda Eichenbaum

Name of Church and address: \_\_\_\_\_

### DATE COMPLETED

### ACTION CHOICES

- |           |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. _____  | 1. Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice                                                                                                        |
| 2. _____  | 2. Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area                                                                              |
| 3. _____  | 3. Share articles from <i>Response</i> and <i>New World Outlook</i> or <i>UMW Action Alerts</i> relating to racism                                                |
| 4. _____  | 4. Supply each member with a copy of the <i>Charter for Racial Justice</i>                                                                                        |
| 5. _____  | 5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice                                                                                                         |
| 6. _____  | 6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book                                                                                         |
| 7. _____  | 7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study                                                                                                  |
| 8. _____  | 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. _____  | 9. Send at least one member to UMW Legislative Day                                                                                                                |
| 10. _____ | 10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged                                             |
| 11. _____ | 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own                                                    |
| 12. _____ | 12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event                                                                     |
| 13. _____ | 13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism                                                                                                                        |
| 14. _____ | 14. Celebrate Black History Month in February                                                                                                                     |
| 15. _____ | 15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race                                                                             |
| 16. _____ | 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.)                                      |
| 17. _____ | 17. Other _____                                                                                                                                                   |

Linda Eichenbaum  
5905 Falcon Landing Circle  
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582  
[LVE2551@sccoast.net](mailto:LVE2551@sccoast.net)  
843-902-2750

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## Reading Program Books 2018-2023:

Download the list of all books on the reading program 2018-2023 by clicking on the link below.

[List of Books A](#)  
[List of Books B](#)

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[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 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 11            | Bennettsville & Dillon Cluster at 9:30 WFLC (In person)                  |
| Mar 18            | Marion Cluster 9:30 (in person)                                          |
|                   | Unit Census is due (TBA)                                                 |
| Mar 23            | The Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 154th year                                |
| <b>Mar 27-30</b>  | <b>Conference Mission Trip to NC and Tennessee (see Mission ECHO)</b>    |
| Apr 1             | District Day Apart (Host: Georgetown) 10:00 (Virtual)                    |
|                   | Executive Meeting Following (Virtual)                                    |
| <b>Apr 22</b>     | <b>Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat (Host: Walterboro Dist) 10:00</b> |
| <b>May 20</b>     | <b>Come Together Be Together (Host: Columbia Dist) 10:00</b>             |
| <b>July 19-22</b> | <b>Mission u – (Spartanburg Methodist College/In-Person)</b>             |
| Aug 8             | District Executive Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm (Virtual)                        |
| Oct. 7            | District Annual Meeting 9:45/District Executive Meeting                  |
| <b>Oct 20-21</b>  | <b>SCCUMW Annual Meeting (Host: Orangeburg District-In-person)</b>       |
| <b>Nov 11</b>     | <b>District Officers Training (Host: Columbia District) 8:30</b>         |

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](mailto:jlentz@hotmail.com)

Janice Lentz, Communications Coordinator  
[jlentz@hotmail.com](mailto:jlentz@hotmail.com)

## 2023 Marion District UMW Officers

President: Sarah Woods, [sadsawlife@yahoo.com](mailto:sadsawlife@yahoo.com)  
Vice Pres: Diane Quick, [d\\_quick2@bellsouth.net](mailto:d_quick2@bellsouth.net)  
Secretary: Dianne Hopper, [deegravesHopper56@yahoo.com](mailto:deegravesHopper56@yahoo.com)



Treasurer: Kay Summerlin, [mikeandkay0233@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandkay0233@gmail.com)  
Communications: Janice Lentz, [jlentz@hotmail.com](mailto:jlentz@hotmail.com)  
Program Resources: Linda Eichenbaum, [LVE2551@sccoast.net](mailto:LVE2551@sccoast.net)  
Social Action:  
Spiritual Growth: Pam McLaurin Ashwood, [pamzpeace@yahoo.com](mailto:pamzpeace@yahoo.com)  
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CON-Dillon Cluster: Ja-Novice Richardson, [gj221@bellsouth.net](mailto:gj221@bellsouth.net)  
CON-Georgetown Cluster: Helen Smith, [yayahelen@aol.com](mailto:yayahelen@aol.com)  
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CON-Horry Cluster:  
CON-Marion Cluster: Diane Hopper, [Dhopper@marion.k12.sc.us](mailto:Dhopper@marion.k12.sc.us)  
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Cluster Leader Dillon: Miranda Page, [memo3@bellsouth.net](mailto:memo3@bellsouth.net)  
Cluster Leader Georgetown: Ellen Ward, [rodneyellen49@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyellen49@yahoo.com)  
Cluster Leader Grand Strand: Rae Faires, [tfaires@atmc.net](mailto:tfaires@atmc.net)  
Cluster Leader Horry:  
Cluster Leader Marion: Alicia Graves, [alediakismar@yahoo.com](mailto:alediakismar@yahoo.com)  
Historian: Miranda Page, [memo3@bellsouth.net](mailto:memo3@bellsouth.net)  
Dean Mini Mission u: Jane Crawford, [crawfordj@dillon.k12.sc.us](mailto:crawfordj@dillon.k12.sc.us)  
Conf Nominations Committee: Velva Ellerbe, [Ellerbevt@aol.com](mailto:Ellerbevt@aol.com)  
District Superintendent: Rev. Tim Rogers, [madist@umcsc.org](mailto:madist@umcsc.org)

## Forms You May Need

### **Marion District Standing Rules, 2022 Revision**

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#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MARION DISTRICT

**INTENT TO PLEDGE**  
[\(click to download form\)](#)

**You must complete and email this form to District Treasurer by March 1, 2023, 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

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# READING PROGRAM

## Reporting Form

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

독서 프로그램독서 프로그램



### PLAN I

- 5 books each year.
- 1 book from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

### PLAN II

- 10 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

### PLAN III

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

### PLAN IV

- 20 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

Books can be purchased directly from the retailer of your choice or borrowed from your local public library.

For books on previous reading lists, go to:  
[uwfaith.org/read](http://uwfaith.org/read)

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

## REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

NAME:

PLAN CHOSEN:

I

II

III

IV

CURRENT YEAR:

### MISSION EMPHASES

Education for Mission

Leadership Development

Nurturing for Community

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

I have completed the required reading for PLAN I . The books I have read are listed on this form.

LOCAL UNIT

DISTRICT

CONFERENCE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

I have also read **response** regularly.

**response** *Check off the issues you have read!*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Mission Today Form**

[\(click to download\)](#)

## MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: Ruthann Wooten  
116 N. Dew Street  
Latta, SC 29565

Send by this date: 09 / 01 / 23

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](#)

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

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**Click to download the Charter for Racial Justice handout:**

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

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# 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.**



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