



2020 Mission Today Report

United Methodist Women

Western North Carolina Conference

Name of Unit _____ District _____
Name of Person Reporting _____ Position _____
Phone(s) Include Area Code: Day _____ Night _____
Email _____

NEW IN 2020: (Changes are highlighted in yellow.)

Mission Today Gold – Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (*) and 4 other.**

Mission Today Silver - Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 4 other.**

Mission Today Bronze - Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 2 other.**

**Note: "Other" may also include items with asterisks (*).

Highlighted items were changed for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Report activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2020; Mission Today units will be recognized at Annual Celebrations in 2021.

Please check all the activities your unit completed in 2020 and return this form to your **District President**.

Putting a check in the blank next to a criteria states that your unit HAS COMPLETED that particular criteria in 2020. If unsure of your giving, you may contact your District Treasurer who has these records on file. Check blank in front of number of criteria completed in 2020:

CRITERIA:

- _____ *1. The Unit will make a Pledge to Mission.
- _____ *2. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Calendar is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- _____ *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- _____ *4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- _____ *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *response* (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- _____ *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. Use the "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook. (Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page, and on the "Mission Today" page.)
 - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- _____ *7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2016-2020. These are 1. Climate Justice; 2. Maternal and Child Health, 3. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration; and 4. Economic Inequality. Find information at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy.
- _____ *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- _____ *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020.

- ___ *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- ___ *11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- ___ *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- ___ 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies as attending.**
- ___ 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies.**
- ___ 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. (To join, contact the United Methodist Women Washington Office, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Room 100, Washington, DC 20002. Phone #: 202-488-5660. Email: csad@unitedmethodistwomen.com (Attach to Mission Today report the action that was taken and to which issue.)
- ___ 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.
- ___ 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) The United Methodist Women National Office and the Council of Bishops support this effort. Children's Sabbath materials are on our website.
- ___ 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "**response** Moment" where an item from **response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- ___ 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- ___ 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day. **Virtual participation in any of these events qualify as attending.**
- ___ 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event. **Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities. If checked, explain what you did at bottom of page.**
- ___ 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- ___ 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. This Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- ___ 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- ___ 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
- ___ 26. The 2019 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase our giving in the Gift to Mission channel by at least \$3,000.00. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$10.00 over 2018.
- ___ 27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on your Mission Today report.

List Local Project(s) here: You may attach an additional page if necessary.