

November 2021

Dear Sisters,

I would like to ask you to complete your information for the year 2021 and your officers for 2021 and membership for 2021 as of January 2021 and December 2021. This helps to unite us in sending information out to your local unit. This year it is vital for us to connect. We have had to postpone our in-person Appalachian District UMW events and our WNCC UMW events for two years. This has been difficult decisions and it has caused us to lose members and units, not to mention enthusiasm. We know in-person gives us a boost. However, we have followed the guidelines needed to protect us all from the COVID 19 as much as we possibly can. **These forms are due by December 15, 2021.**

As United Methodist Women, we are praying and trying to live out the Micah Mandate, “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8 is powerful.

I am uploading the pages for the Year End Report to the wnccumw.org District page. If you have completed any of the recognition areas listed for 2021, please send that either electronically or print and complete and send via USPS. My sincere appreciation to you for your willingness to serve as a local unit officer.

As president of the Appalachian District, I would like to thank you for your responses. May God wrap His arms around you and sustain you. We seek His will in our world. If I may be of service to you in the days ahead, please do not hesitate to call. I welcome Linda Greer as the 2022 -2024 Appalachian District President. She will be a “shining star” to light up our district in a new and exciting way.

You remain in my prayers.

Love in Christ,

Sherry Summerlin

President of Appalachian District UMW 2020-2022

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“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.”

Forms to be completed by December 15, 2021

1. Membership (VERY important) Please complete on-line.
2. Mission Today
3. Mission Studies
4. Justice Today
5. Reading Program
6. 2021 Local Unit Officers (VERY important) Please send for contact purposes.

Each Local Unit is asked to complete the 2021 Census questions as they relate to your unit on the national website at

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org Click on the Census 2021 Link completed

If you have questions or need help, please feel free to contact Sherry Summerlin.

BELOW, PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ANY UMW MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2021:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please print clearly or type

Please review and complete the information below regarding membership in your unit.

This form must be returned by December 15, 2021 to sherrysummer@charter.net or mailed to Sherry Summerlin, 120 Shady Oak Terrace, Hudson, NC 28638:

Church/Unit Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Unit President First and Last Name: _____

Unit President Phone and email: _____

Number of members (as of 1/1/2021) _____

Number of NEW members added this year _____

Number of members lost by death or other reasons _____

Final number of members (as of 12/2021) _____

Name of person reporting this data: _____

Position of person reporting the data: _____

Phone and email: _____

Mission Today 2021 – Reduced Criteria due to COVID-19

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Unit Name _____

Person reporting _____

Contact: (email or physical address and phone number)

NEW IN 2020 and continuing in 2021:

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 (*).

Items in RED were changed due to COVID-19.

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 available at right. \$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:

- Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
- Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
- Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
- Use the Resources for Racial Justice Available on our conference website on the “Downloads Available” page under “Mission Resources.”
- Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.

If you are a “Justice Today” unit, you have met this criteria. See “Downloads Available” on conference website.

_____ *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-adocacy.

_____ *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 meeting and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced. **Virtual participation qualifies as attending.**
- _____ 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 national website: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org Type "Children's Sabbath" in the search box.
- _____ 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 2020 Conference Financial Goal is: To increase unit pledge giving by at least \$5.00 per member. The unit will help accomplish the goal by increasing giving in this channel by at least \$5.00 per member over 2019.
- _____ 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.

Be a Mission Today Unit!

Mission Resource Center

Website: www.umwmissionresources.org UMW Mission Resources, PO Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349;

Phone: 1-800-305-9857 (toll-free); Fax: (770)280-0061; e-mail: cs@umwmissionresources.org

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**APPALACHIAN DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2021 Mission Study Report**

Unit Name _____

Report Completed by _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Office in UMW _____

Mission u

Name of Study

Attended

District Mission Study

(Local) Sub-Groups, Circles, Fellowship Reports *

Name of study

Attended

#Hours

Children or Youth Mission Study Report*

Name of study

Attended

#Hours

**Remember that to count as a Mission Study, programs must be National Mission Study Topics and be a minimum of 4 hours.*



Appalachian District United Methodist Women

2021 JUSTICE TODAY REPORT

(Charter for Racial Justice)

Unit _____ Submitted by: _____

Unit Status

___ **Gold Unit** having completed 6 or more of the following actions

___ **Silver Unit** having completed 4 or more of the following actions

___ **Bronze Unit** having completed 2 or more of the following actions

Unit Programming

___ Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies

___ Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook

___ Participated in a bible study on racism

___ Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice", copy available in each District. (study guide available)

___ Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area

___ Invited an International guest to come and speak about their home country

___ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)

___ Regularly shared articles from response and New World Outlook relating to racism

Unit Enrichment:

___ Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Polices AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting

___ Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies

___ Purchased and discussed two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background

___ Participated in a qualifying UMW Social Action Mission Study

___ Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling

___ Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance to a music program, theatre performance by person(s) of a different culture, race or ethnic background

Beyond the Local Unit:

- ____ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
- ____ Sent one (1) member to Mission U to take the social action study
- ____ Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
- ____ Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.
- ____ Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event
- ____ Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., UMW Sunday

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2021 READING PROGRAM REPORT

Name of Local Unit: _____

Total Unit Membership _____

NAME of PERSON READING	Participants PLAN I	Participants PLAN II	Participants PLAN III	Participants PLAN IV	Participants CHILDREN
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
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19.					
20.					
Total Number of Readers in each Plan					

Local Unit Officers 2022

Unit Name: _____

Submitted by: _____

Church Address: _____

Church City: _____ Church Zip: _____

Church Phone: _____

(Remember that the only required positions are those in bold: President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Chair of Nominations)

Office	Name	Address	Zip	Phone	Email
President					
Vice President					
Secretary					
Treasurer					
Nominations Chair					
Spiritual Growth					
Mission Education & Interpretation					
Social Action					
Membership Nurture & Outreach					
Program Resources					
Communications					
Historian					

Parliamentarian					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					
Circle Chair					

