

**"If you don't like something, change it;
If you can't change it,
Change the way you think about it!"**

Wow! Wow! And, wow! How crazy has this past 6 months been! Who would have EVER thought that the world would have turned so topsy turvy in every way, shape and form!

Hopefully, you and your whole family are safe and staying healthy. Hopefully, you are not going too stir crazy! The first few weeks and months were strange and difficult enough, but now it has been twice as long that we have been dealing with quarantine and stay-at-home orders and wearing masks and not seeing our families and not celebrating special occasions. I am definitely a "half glass full" kind of person, but I really think that this "way of the world" right now will probably get much worse before it begins to get better. One suggestion: just forget 2020. Let's just have a "do over." On Jan. 1, 2021, we'll just do 2020 again. If it were only that easy!

This newsletter is FULL of information to update you on what is going on with UMW - in our Michigan conference and nationally. Please feel free to call anyone on the conference team anytime if you still have questions or need more information.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to check out the UMW websites. All current news about our Michigan Conference and your respective districts is at: www.umwmichiganconference.org

And all news pertaining to our National organization is at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Check out the recent press release of the statement affirmed by the Board of Directors regarding Black Lives Matter: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-board-affirms-black-lives-matter-to-god> 2021 is the beginning of a new quadrennial. The new UMW Handbook will be released in segments until after General Conference (9-2021). There is a new [webpage](#) for the 2021-2024 Handbook. The updated officer roles and responsibilities are also linked from this page.

With the new quadrennial starting in 2021, there will also be new **Social Justice Priorities**. Actually, there will not be NEW priorities. We will concentrate our efforts and resources on two familiar topics:

Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of Communities of Color, with particular focus on the **Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline** campaign;

Climate Justice, with a particular focus on the

Just Energy for All Campaign.

Order The **Sampler** now from the [eStore](#).

Subscribing to the sampler allows you to receive five key resources as they become available. This money-saving package is \$40 (plus free shipping). Offer ends April 2021. The Annual Sampler includes:

- 2021 Spiritual Growth study (\$10).
- 2021 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2021-22 Program Book (\$10).
- 2021-24 Quadrennial Calendar

Mark October 23-24, 2020 on your calendar NOW!

I invite you to *change the way you think* about attending your District Annual Celebration and our Conference Annual Celebration/Business meetings this fall. I hope you are supportive of this huge change that your Conference Leadership Team made. All celebrations will be held virtually, via Zoom. Concern for the health of all of our members was our priority. A decision had to be made months ago. As it has turned out, this was a right decision because we could not have continued our plans for in-person gatherings. We are following the guidelines set by our Bishop. Our host churches would still not have been able to accommodate our meeting needs.

Whether you have always attended these fall celebrations or you have never attended one - *now*, you really have no excuse NOT to attend. You do not even have to travel. You can remain in the comfort of your own home. You don't even have to get dressed!

Let's have GREAT attendance this year. **Get registered** for both your own district and for OUR conference celebrations. Now!

STAY SAFE! STAY CONNECTED!!

You are being lifted up in prayer!

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

The 2020 Michigan UMW Conference Program Committee has decided that we will hold a virtual meeting on October 24th 2020 from 9:30 am to about noon. What a great opportunity for District and Local women to join us for this celebration. It truly is a "come as you are" event.

There are 3 main items that need to be voted on: the Proposed Slate of Officers, (on p. 12 with pictures of all nominees on p. 13) the 2021 Budget (found on p. 9) and the changes in the Standing Rules (on p. 14 & 15 in this newsletter or on the Michigan Conference UMW website) (umwmichiganconference.org). The ballot can be found on page 11 along with the registration form.

Registration is required for those wanting to be a part of this Celebration. Contact information is required in order to get the link to the ZOOM event. Please send in the registration and ballot by October 14^h.

There is no fee for this event, but I'm asking you to consider sending in the cost of the day (\$16 plus travel) so that we can continue our

Mission Giving. The money received will be divided between the Pledge to Mission and the United Methodist Community House.

Counterpart Leadership training will be held by ZOOM on Friday night, October 23rd at 6:30 pm. Please join us for a learning session before we head into "breakout rooms" for about an hour of officer training. We encourage the in-coming officers as well as the out-going officers to join us as we can learn much from those who went before us.

Hope to "see" you on the 23rd and /or 24th.

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MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

UMW has wisely decided to emphasize conservation. Our planet and its resources are finite. The following activity is a graphic demonstration.

Directions:

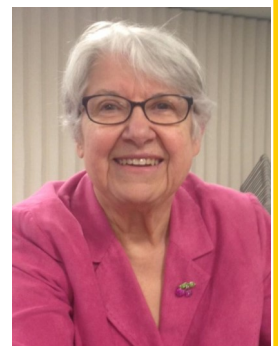
- Represent the earth with one large apple. Slice it into equal quarter pieces. Three slices represent earth's oceans. Only one quarter (one slice) represents earth's land area.
- Slice the 1/4 piece that represents land in half. One half of this quarter slice is inhospitable to humans (rocky mountains, swamps, polar regions, deserts, etc.).
- What fraction now remains? (1/8) This remaining piece is where people live, NOT where they grow their food. Slice the 1/8 piece into four pieces and put three aside. What fraction do you have left? (1/32) The 3 pieces of 1/32 sections set aside represent the areas that are too steep, too rocky, too wet, too cold, or where the soil is too poor to grow food. They also represent shopping malls, cities, parks, factories, suburbs,

schools, parking lots and other places where food is not grown.

- Very carefully peel the 1/32 slice of the apple. This tiny piece of apple peel represents the very thin surface of the earth's crust (the topsoil, 2 inches to 5 feet deep) upon which we depend for our food and survival.

And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of water God called seas. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:10.

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FROM THE TREASURER

Before writing this newsletter, I reviewed what I had written for the Spring Conference newsletter and discovered that almost everything I wrote is exactly what I want to write 4 months later. Not much has changed in 4 months! We are STILL in very challenging times. Almost all gatherings have been cancelled or are very minimal. Many local units are not meeting at all, especially if computer access is a challenge. District Leadership Teams are more challenged than ever communicating with local units and with each other. It almost seems somewhat “normal” to be on hold. I even have a tendency to forget what day of the week it is.

HOWEVER, United Methodist Women is determined to continue to support the National and International organizations and projects we have committed to serving. The needs for women, children and youth around the world have not gone away. Even if we as individuals are not able to go out and meet with our units in person, we can continue to donate to meet our pledge for 2020.

- Maybe we can imagine how much money we would have spent at a rummage sale and donate that amount without having to add any clutter to our homes.
- Maybe we can calculate how much money we have saved by not eating out during the past 4 months and donate that amount.
- Maybe we can see how much we have saved in gasoline for our cars by not driving so much and donate that amount (and pat ourselves on the back for reducing our impact on climate change)
- Maybe each one of you has more creative ways to fund-raise or save money to donate in these times (I would love to hear your ideas). Call each other on the phone and share your ideas.

No matter what, we need to plan how we can continue to support the mission of United Methodist

Women, ESPECIALLY in these challenging times. Even if we can't meet, we can donate money to help serve the vulnerable women, children, and youth in Michigan, in the United States and around the world.

If for some reason, you can't donate to your local unit, you can send money directly to your District Treasurer (with a note acknowledging your local unit). If for some reason you are getting this newsletter but no longer have a local unit, you can donate as an individual. If you don't know who your District Treasurer is (or you don't know what District you are in), you can call me. **734-649-4849**. I have had a couple of calls from local units who did not know what District they were in.

As I have said before (I am quoting myself), if any of this information seems too confusing to you, or you would like to know more, I am always happy to get emails or phone calls – even letters. **ASK ME QUESTIONS!** Now is a good time.

Prayers and support for everyone,

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MISSION COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL ACTION

"The New Norm Has Us Facing Forward"

It's time to look back as we move forward. The year has had many challenging events all of which we are socially involved. I hope we have taken notice of all the things going on around us. We certainly should have taken notice of the new norm that we are facing. We have learned to social distance and wear face covers when we are among others in what once was a normal situation. So many things are working against us and we must be strong as we go forth.

As advocates for women, children, and youth we see a student sent to Juvenile Detention for not doing homework. We see police brutality forcing our young people into the streets trying to make a better America. We see a troubling thing with our right to vote. The post office which has been true to us for many years has been compromised and the mail is being suppressed to prevent us from voting by mail. Covid -19 is real and we shouldn't have to put our lives in danger standing among many to vote in person. There are so many things to address if I only had the time and space. I don't have the time nor the space, but I do have a real warning, wear your mask and social distance and keep moving forward.

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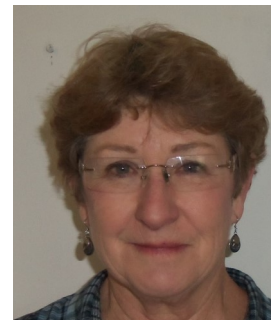
MISSION COORDINATOR FOR MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

Bring out the lawn chairs! Meet in the yard or the park. Meet in small groups to be refreshed by the living word and fellowship. Sit 6 feet apart in a circle. Wear masks while listening. Don't let your Unit die out because of social distancing and isolation. The need is great for us to work for social justice, feeding the hungry, disaster relief.

Yes, we need technology and our computers to reach out to educate ourselves, as well. Recruit tech savvy women from your church/ community to work with you. Have them help with ZOOM Meetings. They may become new members of your group.

Please put the dates of the District and Conference ZOOM annual meetings on your calendar to attend from the comfort of your home or church.

Blessings.
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The North Central Jurisdiction would like to welcome our new officers.

President	Marchelle Phelps
Vice President	Patricia Bostic
Nominations	Simmie Proctor
Board of Directors	Ruby Anderson

Congratulations in your new leadership role for 2021-2024.

For those who registered for our Quadrennial Meeting, you will be receiving your full refund.

Thank You Thank You

I enjoy working with all of you. May God continue to Bless all of Michigan United Methodist Women.

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MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

I can't believe our Annual Celebration/Business Meeting on October 24th is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to our Officer/Leadership Training the evening before too, where the Conference Officers will have Zoom Training for everyone interested in learning more about the various offices of United Methodist Women. This Newsletter is full of the information and applications on how to Register for all the events. I will be preparing a booklet of E&I tips that all current and next year's E&I Officers can use and all are encouraged to attend the training. Remember, your current year duties don't end until the end of 2020. So please register right away for the training class so I can print off a booklet and get it into the mail to you before the Celebration and Training. Ideally I should have the booklet available on-line for you at the Training, but I'm afraid I'm not tech savvy enough on Zoom to put up another screen for us to see and talk about in the Training class. Therefore, please register early so the Registrar can let me know who will be attending and I can quickly get your E&I Booklet in the mail to you personally.

Thank you all for enduring, praying and being United Methodist Women during our current health crisis. I know there hasn't been a lot of activity in our Districts and Churches this year, but I do appreciate your filling out your Mission Objectives Form the best that you can and doing whatever God is calling us to do at this time.

I am currently enrolled in a National Training Class for Education & Interpretation Officers so will be able to share a few new pointers at our Leadership Training I hope. I have learned that E&I should be working with the Treasurer to answer the age-old question "Where Does Our Money Go?" I'm excited to be working with our Conference Treasurer, Mary Danforth, to answer this question and will be able to give us an easy (hopefully) report on this that you can share with your Districts and your Units to help encourage mission giving throughout the United Methodist Women. For this I will be ever grateful.



Blessings of love and safety for you all.

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SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

The Reading Program New Norm

The Reading Program is still going strong and the 2021 list should be available soon. The books are related to the United Methodist Women issues in each of the areas. Do not forget to keep your record as well as share what you read with others. Virtual Training will be October 23rd. All current and newly elected Secretary of Program Resources are asked to join us. We are also inviting Local Secretaries Program Resources to join us. Make certain you register.

The District Resources Secretaries are asked to send me their Reading Count that you will be reporting at your Annual Meeting. I will tally it and give a report at the Annual Meeting on October 24th.

I am encouraging everyone to visit the unitedmethodistwomen.org website. There are resources that can be downloaded; Faith Talk videos; podcast; the e-store; and how to get involved in mission, and social issues. Get involved and join Action Alert. See you at the Training and the Annual Meeting.

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2020 Mission Today Unit Objectives
United Methodist Women - Michigan Conference

Please print

clearly!

Name of Unit _____ District _____

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Name _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their Annual Meeting the following October. Check the numbers completed.

- Units completing any 8 or more objectives will be a "FAITH" unit.
- Units completing 9 or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" unit.
- Units completing 17 or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" unit.
- Units completing 25 or more objectives, with 12 asterisks (*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" "LOVE" unit.

Mission Giving

- _____ 1. *Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- _____ 2. *Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- _____ 3. Donated to local women's shelter or children's/youth program.
- _____ 4. Offered scholarships to *Mission u* and/or other United Methodist Women activities.

Spiritual Growth

- _____ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- _____ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- _____ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

Membership

- _____ 8. *Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- _____ 9. *Added one new member not included in above.

Attendance

- _____ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- _____ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Methodist Women's unit.
- _____ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- _____ 13. *At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference *Mission u*.
- _____ 14. *At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- _____ 15. *At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the *District Elected Leadership*

**Mission Education**

- _____ 16. *Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
_____ 17. *Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
_____ 18. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
_____ 19. *Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
_____ 20. *Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
_____ 21. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
_____ 22. *Unit had two members reading **response** each month.
_____ 23. *Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
_____ 24. Unit had one *Social Action* program.

Mission Action

- _____ 25. *Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
_____ 26. Had a member of United Methodist Women present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
_____ 27. Had at least one member visit a United Methodist Mission Project and report to the unit.
_____ 28. *Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Methodist Women's Action Network
_____ 29. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
_____ 30. *Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
 •Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
 •Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
 •Communicated with representatives advocating for children issues.
 •Attended a school board meeting.
_____ 31. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Methodist Unit.
_____ 32. *Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year.

Possibilities include:

- Read books and articles about another race or culture.
 •Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
 •Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
 •Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
_____ 33. Sent this completed form to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by **deadline date:** February 1, 2021.

 This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit.
(Circle all that apply)

Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation:

**Five Star Person – 2020****Michigan Conference United Methodist Women***[The 5 Channels of Giving are represented by the 5 points of the "5-Star" Pin.]*

Give this form and your donations to your UNIT TREASURER by November 15, 2020. She will send it to the District Treasurer. You will receive a "5 Star" pin, which will be presented to you at your District Annual Meeting in 2021" (usually September or October).

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Unit: _____

Pledge to Mission - An individual member's pledge to mission is the amount she/he decides is her/his share of the local unit's budget. (A unit Pledge to Mission is the portion of its budget which is set as a goal to send through district and conference treasurers to the National United Methodist Women for support of mission programs beyond its community. The decision about the amount to be pledged is the responsibility of the unit. The remainder of the unit's funds are used for administration and membership development expenses, and for local missions supported by the unit.)

Your Pledge amount _____ (_____ enclosed _____ already given to unit)

Special Mission Recognition ("SMR" - minimum \$40) - A gift to mission in honor of any person in amounts of \$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1000, and \$2000. For each gift an oval gold pin with a cross and a certificate with the name of the honoree and the giver are provided by the National UMW Mission Resource through the District Treasurer. Your local treasurer will fill out a Special Mission Recognition Form with the following information:

Amount of Gift _____ (\$40 minimum)

(Gifts may also be

Name of Honoree: _____

made in honor of a

Send pin to: _____

group or without an

honoree's name.)

Gift to Mission (minimum \$5) - A gift of \$5 or more for mission may be made in honor of any individual, and a card will be provided for you to send to the honoree. Cards available are: *Baby, Special Day, Thank You, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday, Christmas, Congratulations, In the Service of Christ, and Peace*. You need not provide the name of the individual honored.

Amount of Gift _____ **Type of Card Requested** _____

Gift in Memory (minimum \$5) - Gifts may be made in memory of any individual, in the amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, will be provided to send to the family of the deceased. You need not provide the name of the individual or the family.

Amount of Gift _____

World Thank Offering - Spontaneous additional gifts can be given in gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. This is an opportunity to respond to God's grace one time or collect coins throughout the year.

Amount of Gift _____ (_____ enclosed _____ already given to unit)

YOU ARE A FIVE STAR PERSON!

****Please give your completed form and donations to your UNIT TREASURER.**

2021 Budget for Michigan Conference United Methodist Women

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>
District A&MD	\$96,055.00	\$94,415.00	-\$1,640.00
North Central Jurisdiction A&MD	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Assembly/NCJ/Seminars	4,500.00	1,500.00	-3,000.00
Charter for Racial Justice Initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Annual Conference Attendance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Church Women United State Assembly	400.00	400.00	0.00
Conference Annual Celebration	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Conference Directory	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
District Officer Leadership Training	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Keep Making Peace - attendance	350.00	350.00	0.00
Newsletter	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00
Officer Resources/Literature	1,000.00	500.00	-500.00
Mission u - Conference Scholarships	2,500.00	1,000.00	-1,500.00
Mission u - Subsidy Albion/Conf Officer Registration	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Mission u - Subsidy East/Conf Officer Registration	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Mission u of the North - Subsidy/Conf Officer Reg.	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Church Women United - donation	400.00	400.00	0.00
Justice For Our Neighbors - donation	500.00	500.00	0.00
Keep Making Peace - donation	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
UMCH Program Support - donation	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Audit	500.00	500.00	0.00
Conf SMRs/Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	1,500.00	500.00	-1,000.00
Conference Leadership Retreat	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Dependent Care	80.00	80.00	0.00
Lodging	600.00	600.00	0.00
Meals	500.00	500.00	0.00
MI Non-Profit Corp Annual Fee	20.00	20.00	0.00
Mileage	4,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Misc/Contingency	495.00	185.00	-310.00
Postage	350.00	200.00	-150.00
Printing, Supplies & Checks	500.00	300.00	-200.00
Technology	250.00	250.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$162,000.00	\$149,700.00	-\$12,300.00
PLEDGE TO MISSION	\$247,500	\$228,300	

Approved by Finance Committee - 8/19/2020

Approved by Leadership Team - 8/19/2020

**United Methodist Women
Michigan Conference Annual Celebration
October 24, 2020 held as ZOOM meeting
9:30 am-Noon**

**Featuring: Greetings from the Bishop
Devotions by Ruth Jones
Memorial Service with Cindy Thiele
Speaker Tracey Weaver Brame on School to Prison Pipeline
Updates from the Conference President and Various Officers
Report on Offering and Election Results**

Monetary donations, given in place of your registration fee, will be gratefully accepted for the Pledge to Mission and for the United Methodist Community House for their programs.

Suggested donation \$16.00 Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UMW



Please fill out the registration form and the ballot on the next page and send it, along with your donation to:

Dorie Litchfield

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OR email to: creator.dorie@gmail.com

Phone: 269-580-3449

OR you can register online at <https://my-site-102740-102533.square.site/>

Once your form and ballot have been received, the connection for the Annual Celebration will be sent to you—please make sure that you fill in the e-mail address and your name so we can reply to you!

REGISTRATION FORM FOR ANNUAL CELEBRATION, BALLOT FOR VOTING AND OFFICER TRAINING

Once you are registered, the link for ZOOM will be sent to you via e-mail.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ District _____

Office held _____

Which level—please mark

Conference _____ District _____ Local _____

Suggested donation \$16.00. Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UMW

Last Day for Registration: October 14, 2020

Please send this form and donation to:

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Will you attend counterpart training: yes _____ no _____

Office Attending _____

Voting Ballot—Please mark Yes or No

I approve the Proposed Slate of Officers Yes _____ No _____

(Since we have a full proposed Slate of Officers and we are doing this meeting virtually, we are not asking for nominations from the floor. Please submit names of individuals to be considered for future office vacancies to Linda Schramm@lars@greatlakes.net)

I approve the Proposed Budget for 2021 Yes _____ No _____

I approve the Changes to the Standing Rules Yes _____ No _____

(Changes are found in the newsletter/ full document found on the website.)

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A District President - Patti Steinberg - 2020) NSD

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Slate of Leadership Team presented by Michigan United Methodist Women Committee on Nominations 2020:

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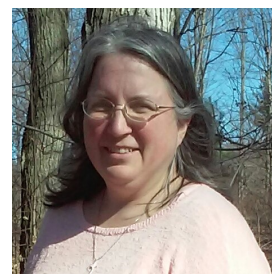
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CHANGES IN THE STANDING RULES FOR 2021

We continue to live into The Standing Rules for 2019 and 2020 that were created for the new conference organization. Several things have had to be adjusted for the way they are being done now. Clarifications of wording and timing were made throughout the document, for example:

The word business was inserted wherever annual meeting was used to indicate the Annual Business Meeting part of the Annual Celebration.

Anywhere the conference newsletter was mentioned the name *The Voice* was used.

The terms Elected/Appointed Leaders was changed to Elected Officers wherever it applied.

The **Section III. Elected/Appointed Leaders** was changed to **Responsibilities of Elected Officers**.

Other more substantive changes are mentioned here.

I. **Nominations, Elections and Appointive Procedures** – New Letter I. referencing tenure.

II. Committees

Three parts of the **Section III. Responsibilities of Elected Officers. A. 3,4,5** were shifted to the **Section II. Committees: B. Leadership Team**.

Letter B. Leadership Team - Numbers 4 to 8 were replaced with a reorganized Numbers 4 to 8 including the three paragraphs moved from **II. Responsibilities of Elected Officers**

Letter G. Committee on Nominations – the membership was adjusted to reflect our current situation. It shall be composed of nine women, one from each district.

Letter I. Committee on Standing Rules – A new 4 was added.

4. District Presidents shall send a copy of the District Standing Rules to the Conference Standing Rules Chairperson when they are revised.

Letter J. Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies – an additional sentence added in No.1.Fifth Line - Additional members will be nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

Letters L ...Directory and M.... Historical Reports were combined into **Letter L Committee on the Directory and Reports** and subsequent letters shifted down.

New Letter N. Committee on Mission u – clarification of who pays expenses to whom and Attendance at Mission u of Leadership Team members not part of this committee.

III. Responsibilities of Elected Officers –

Letter A: 3, 4, and 5 were shifted to the **Section II. Committees: B. Leadership Team**.

New numbering is 1, 2, 3, 4. Removal of Section B as it is no longer done.

IV. **Meetings** – Throughout A. Annual Celebration and Business Meeting, adjustments were made to registration procedures related to invited guests. The guests were added to the paragraph of the person inviting them. 2. Publicity and Registration was replaced with a reorganized Number 2. Publicity and Registration

Letter C. **Social Action Event** 1. Added correct wording for sponsors and the title of the program “Keep Making Peace”

V. **Funds** – “members of the Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies” was added to Letter B. Meeting Expenses within the Conference Nos. 4 and 8 and Letter D. Resources No. 1. Letter H. District Budgets and Funds – No. 7 referencing interest was deleted.



VII. **Courtesies** – Deletion of A referencing an Honorary President. It does not need to be in the Standing Rules.

VIII. **Resources – Letter A.** The words “obtained from or” in the first sentence and the last sentence referencing publications for sale at conference events have been deleted.

The entire edited Proposed Standing Rules for 2021 are on the website umwmichiganconference.org.

If you have any questions as you review them, please be in touch with Diana Miller at diana@ddmiller.net.

CALENDAR FOR FALL MEETINGS

Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women - Wednesday, Sept 16, 10 am - 12 pm, ZOOM. Keynote Speaker - Ellen Harbin - "Be The One". Voting items are included in the newsletter. Business will be voted on at the meeting.

Greater Southwest District United Methodist Women - Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 am, ZOOM, Keynote Speaker - Sandra Douglas Bibilomo - "Economic Equality". Business will be in their newsletter and voted on at the meeting.

Midwest District United Methodist Women - Originally scheduled Saturday, Sept. 19. They have decided not to have an actual meeting. They are encouraging members to attend the Conference meeting. Business will be voted on through a ballot in their newsletter.

Heritage District United Methodist Women- Saturday, Sept 26, 9:30 - 12 pm, Series of recordings presented by ZOOM. Keynote Speakers, Tim Kobler and Shonagh Taruza. "Sowing the Seeds of God's Love." Ballots have been sent and registration is still open. Ballots due September 12.

Northern Waters District United Methodist Women - Saturday Sept 26, Video segments of parts of the annual meeting will be available. Keynote Speaker - Rev. Jodie Flessner - "Peace in Troubled Times". Business will be voted on through a ballot in their newsletter.

Central Bay District United Methodist Women - Saturday Oct. 3, 9:15 am - 12:30 pm, ZOOM, Keynote Speaker - Linda Darrow - "YOU can - You CAN!". Business will be in the newsletter and voted on at the meeting.

Northern Skies District United Methodist Women - Originally scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 6. They have postponed having an actual meeting. They are encouraging members to attend the Conference meeting. Business will be voted on through a ballot in their newsletter this fall. They are planning their in person annual meeting in May of 2021.

East Winds District United Methodist Women - Originally scheduled Saturday, Oct 10. They have decided not to have an actual meeting. They are encouraging members to attend the Conference meeting. Business will be voted on through a ballot in their newsletter.

Greater Detroit District United Methodist Women - Saturday Oct. 10, 9:30 am - 12 Noon, ZOOM, Keynote Speaker - Sharon Appling. Information will be in their newsletter. Business will be voted on at the meeting.

Michigan Conference United Methodist Women - Saturday, Oct 24, 9:30 am - 12 Noon, ZOOM, Keynote Speaker Tracey Weaver Brame - School to Prison Pipeline. Business information and the ballot will be in The VOICE newsletter.

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2020 Calendar of Events

Aug. 22	Michigan Conference UMW Team Meeting, Finance Meeting, Comm. On Nominations, Mission u	ZOOM Meeting
Sept.-Oct.	District Annual Celebrations	
Oct. 23	Michigan Conference Leadership Training	ZOOM Meeting
Oct. 24	Michigan Conf. UMW Celebration	ZOOM Meeting
Nov. 21	Michigan Conference UMW Team Meeting	ZOOM Meeting

2021 Calendar of Events

Feb. 10	Michigan Conference UMW Team Meeting	ZOOM Meeting
May 15	Michigan Conference UMW Team Meeting	ZOOM Meeting
Aug. 14	Michigan Conference UMW Team Meeting & Finance	ZOOM Meeting
Oct. 23	Conference Annual Celebration	TBD
Nov. 13	Michigan Conference UMW Team Meeting	TBD