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LIVING AS EASTER PEOPLE

I have just begun my May-June 2019 issue of The Upper Room. The Editorial Director, Lindsay Gray's words about living as Easter people were especially meaningful to me right now with what is happening in our denomination. I have tried to keep up with what happened at the General Session, the end of February; and, with all that is coming out now from various church leaders, like Bishop Bard and several District Superintendents. I hope that you are also watching our church news sites and your district news sites. There is SO much to digest. So much of it is very difficult to understand. I encourage you to be persistent, to be diligent, to be intentional.

I am taking some literary license by sharing some of her words. "At times, it is tempting to give up, to turn away from a confusing calling or challenging ministry or the exhausting good work God has called us to. We need to remember that the difficult times give us opportunities to experience God's presence anew and reclaim our identities as God's beloved children. We need to remember that following Christ is not without difficulties, but is worth it in the end."

"Living as Easter people amidst the challenges of daily life is not easy, but together - as the body of Christ - we can remind one another of the hope and joy that God offers to us all."

There is much hurt and emotion and disappointment right now among the thousands of United Methodists across our state, our country, our world. I agree with Ms. Gray, that as we travel through these next months, I pray that our struggle and encouragement will give us strength to persevere when life is not easy. What I say to you now is, let's wait and see. I have heard this repeatedly and I do believe it is the best answer I have right now to the question, "what is next?" Annual Conference is around the corner, the end of May, and is the next time there will be a lot of conversation and discussion. We will be voting on who our delegates will be to the General Conference in 2020. Watch for all the updates after Annual Conference.

On a lighter note — I hope to see many of you at Annual Conference, especially at the United Methodist Women's luncheon, Friday, May 31st, UNDER THE BIG WHITE TENT!!!

I am so excited that we will be able to gather in this wonderful spot again. You can attend JUST the luncheon, but you need to be registered for it. Our guest speakers will be Eric Williams, CEO and Carla Moore, COO of United Methodist Community House, our own National Mission Institution in Grand Rapids. They are so excited about joining us and sharing all the exciting news and updates about "The Methodist."

Have you celebrated yet? In your local unit? In your district? Have you sung Happy Birthday yet? Have you eaten any birthday cake or cupcakes? Did you have an in-gathering? Did you take an offering for the 150th Legacy Fund? Did you take some pictures? I sure hope so! NOW.....please send those pictures and tell those stories.... of how you celebrated the 150th Anniversary / birthday of United Methodist Women.

Please send the details / articles to me or one of the members of the Communications Committee. What fun it will be to see pictures and read about the variety of ways our membership has celebrated this momentous occasion.

I hold you all close to my heart,

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TREASURER'S CORNER

“What are acceptable uses of our local UMW funds?”

This is a very common question, especially as the needs in our local geographic areas seem so overwhelming, we ask ourselves – why would we send our funds to other parts of the world when the needs here demand our action? The Local Unit budget consists of 3 main categories:

1) Pledge to Mission – UMW Mission Giving (including Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offerings, etc.) always remains at the heart of our organization. This is why we were organized on a “cold and stormy night” in 1869 and it has been our guiding purpose ever since!

2) Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) – These are the funds you spend locally to enrich the educational and spiritual growth of your local membership (think postage, printing, local events and attendance at conference and district events).

3) Mission Locally – This category allows the local unit to be in mission in its own area. As you decide where to So, how much should your local unit allocate to each of these categories? You decide! Traditionally about 60% is for Pledge to Mission, but you may feel that amount is too big or too small, so decide locally what the right

percentage is for your group.

What are not acceptable uses of our local UMW funds? Items that are the responsibility of the church are not appropriate, such as the church operating budget, building fund, parsonage upkeep, etc. UMW members already give to these areas in the offering plate on Sunday – our UMW funds are specifically for our local, district, conference, and national mission purposes! If you want more information it can be found beginning on page 82 of your UMW Handbook 2017-2020.

Do you have another question you would like answered about our UMW money? I need to know your questions, so please contact me at juliapr@charter.net, or 989-576-0675, or at 4114 Sanctuary Drive, Alma, MI 48801, and look for your question answered in a future edition of this newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you!! give these funds, do so with the UMW purpose in mind. Don't send funds to organizations that already have community-wide sources of support (Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, etc.)

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FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings, to all,

We are celebrating 150 years of faith, hope and love.

Today, know that it's ok to turn the page, our next chapter is waiting. It is time to focus on the future of our mission, as we reflect and honor our legacy.

Keep an open heart and mind, and good things will blossom. We are all preparing for some warmer weather, Mission u, Mission workshops and annual meetings.

The 2019 Michigan Conference UMW Annual Meeting will be at Howell First United Methodist Church- 1230 Bower St., Howell, Michigan. Ph.:517-546-2730. Officer training and Legacy Celebration will be on Friday, October 25, 2019. The Legacy Celebration continues on Saturday, October 26, 2019, along with the annual meeting.

The speaker is Rev. Jill Zundel on Saturday. There are two hotels with blocked rooms. If you require a single room, please indicate when you reserve your rooms.. We have the Baymont Wyndham, 4120 Lamber Drive,

Howell, Michigan, ph. 517-546-0712-with a free breakfast., and we have Courtyard Marriott, Brighton- 7799 Conference Drive, Brighton, 810-225-9200. Both hotels are very close to the church.

We are so excited to celebrate 150 years, and hope to see you there.

Let us focus on how great things can and will be, the good energy. Every little piece of today is making us all into who we will be tomorrow.

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Michigan Conference UMW has made great strides in reducing the costs of mailing The Voice to all of our members. However, we still have some work to do. This will be the 2nd newsletter of this year, and we still have 2 more to go! So...here's our plea once again. If we could get your e-mail address, the e-mail of the church where you attend, or the e-mail address of a friend, we would love to have you continue to receive the newsletter, just in a different format.

If you don't have access to e-mail either at your home or at your church, we truly understand that, and you will receive a copy regardless of that fact!

Please take a moment and fill out the form below and send it back to the e-mail or regular address below, letting us know your preference – making sure that you spell out your e-mail address carefully so we don't lose anyone! We will truly appreciate it, and you will know that your mission money is going for its intended purpose—mission!

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Call with questions—989-843-5247

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES—BRENDA STREET

The Reading Program is alive and doing well. The 2020 Reading list has been selected and we still encourage everyone to continue being involved in the Reading Program.

As a reminder, "The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work."

The changes in the Reading Program are:

- The Districts and Conference will no longer be ordering Reading Program Books from the Resource Center.
- The Mission u Study Books are available on the website.
- The previous years Study Books have been added to the Reading Program and can be counted.
- Purchasing Books on Consignment and returning those that are not sold to the Resource Center has ended.
- The Reading Program website has offered suggestions of "Where to Find the Books". Your local library will likely have copies of some or all of the books on our list; E-books and Audio Books Reading Program books are now available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other book

-selling outlets.

- The **Response Magazine** will be printed 6 times this year. They can be purchased through print or digital.
- **New World Outlook** no longer will be published.
- Some units, districts and the conferences are offering a lending library. If you have books that you have read that are on the list 2014 – 2019 you can add them to the lending library.

Visit the United Methodist Women website ([unitedmethodistwomen.org/Reading Program](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/ReadingProgram)) and find additional information.

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SOCIAL ACTION—ALICE TUCKER

We have weathered the snow and the cold. Through it all we never gave up on our purpose. Immigration has been such a heart wrenching situation. We have watched news reports of babies and small tots being ripped from the safety of their mother's arms. We have seen tear gas sending women and children fleeing. Then there are the cages these humans are put in like wild animals. The sadness comes when we have been told that some of these families will never be reunited. The Administration has become so dehumanized to these people who come searching for freedom, safety, and a better life. When the families were separated there was never any intention of them being reunited. The laws seem to change every day. Because we have cities known as Sanctuary Cities, there has been a suggestion to send the refugees by bus loads to these cities. This is illegal. There are lawsuits to block the AG's rule forcing asylum seekers into detention.

My sisters there are other things happening. I have attended several workshops on Pipeline to Prison. I met a young man who spent over 20 years in prison. He went as a juvenile.

That brings me to a current subject that's newsworthy. Florida voted to allow felons to vote but the Republicans want them to pay all kind of fees which would be impossible unless they had a stash of cash.

I must say a bit about Climate Control. United Methodist Women in Nashville met with Ford Motor Company as we did here in Michigan pleading with them to adopt clean car standards. There was also a meeting with Chevron to cut Methane. These companies are threatening our mere existence for a healthy life. We will keep fighting for the elimination of injustices in this world. One hundred and fifty years ago we begun this journey and our legacy will stand as we live our Purpose for another 150 years

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SAVE THE DATE!

United Methodist Women

North Central

Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

June 26-28, 2020

umwnic.org/ncj-umw/

Theme: Calling u

The scripture:

**"You are who you are through the gift
and call of Jesus" Romans 1:6**

CONGRATULATIONS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

**Day of Giving gifts brought in \$496,451 for
this last year of giving!**

**This was an increase of 84% from 2018 and
is the largest Day of Giving total to date for
United Methodist Women!**

**Be looking for more info on the updated
Campaign total in the next newsletter!**

Info came from National UMW!



EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION ~ MICHELE L. WESTON

Just a reminder to keep the 2019 Unit Objectives in front of you all the time at your meetings to see what activities your Unit can tackle and perform in order to be a Mission filled Local Unit. Don't wait to recap it all just at the end of the year. As you recall, we are recording these Objectives now for the entire 12 month calendar period. The form will be turned in early 2020 to your District E&I Coordinator and announced at your Fall 2020 Annual Celebrations.

I would really like your assistance with something..... I attend the meetings of the Michigan Conference Board of Global Ministries. I am so proud our UMW is so mission-focused and want to urge you to attend any and all Missionary speaking opportunities in your area. I've had several opportunities to hear our overseas missionaries share their stories of hardship, hard work, love of God and the success stories of reaching people around the world. Their stories are just wonderful.

It is somewhat embarrassing to me that these speaking engagements around our Conference are often very poorly attended. When Jackie Euper reaches out to your church to set up locations for these wonderful Missionaries to share their testimony and witness to all of us, my hope is you will take that hour or so to go to that church and hear the wonderful stories. They are inspiring, exciting and sometimes a little comical and often emotion-filled. You will be reminded how blessed we are to have such freedoms and luxury of religion and faith all around us. Please try to go hear and meet these beautiful people. You will be blessed.



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**National Directors & PAG Officer
Taylorie Bailey, Suzanne Hewitt, and Ruby
Anderson at Scarritt-Bennett Center
celebrating our Legacy**

**Scarritt Bennett Center is a proud
property of National UMW.**



**Cake from 150th Celebration at Scarritt-
Bennett, Nashville, TN**

**MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH—PAT SNYDER**

Thanks!! To all who sent in their unite reporting to each district participating. Fellowship opportunities and ice breakers are also important to national.

My next reporting request is the names of those in your districts units who have joined our Lord in Glory this past year. We wish to remember them in a new special way at our annual conference celebration.

Sharing new and old ideas helps us all connect and encourage each other in our spiritual growth and mission fulfilling our purpose as United Methodist Women.

In the past years at Albion College Mission U, I have worked with our districts to help our speakers giving assistance during, before, after, their presentation. Speakers and teachers also received a basket of items to encourage and assist them: food, stationary, something specific

to each district participating. Fellowship opportunities and ice breakers are also important at any event.

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**SPIRITUAL GROWTH-RUTH JONES**

Church Women United's history traces from 1941 when three national organizations combined.

Clara McFarland had been president in Michigan 1929-1933. In the 25th anniversary book, she wrote: "Together is a beautiful word. Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, thinking together is unity, working together is success."

We United Methodist Women of the Michigan Conference can relate, can't we? Paul begged early Corinthian Christians to "be perfectly joined together in the same mind." (I Cor.1:10KJV). He described for the Ephesians the Church, headed by Christ who "makes the whole body fit together perfectly," (Eph.4:16NLT) and described how each part does its own work.

That servanthood is what our in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark at mission u will be about. How I look forward to that!

And how I look forward to our future together in UMW!

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150TH LEGACY CELEBRATION**NEWS FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENTS****NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT**

Our Spiritual Growth Retreat was held the first weekend in May. 48 women attended and we learned about the Covenant Relationship we have with God and our Earth.

We were called:

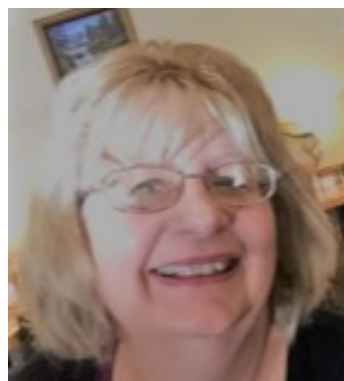
- to *Open Our Eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus"
- to *Take Time to Be Holy"
- to remember *This is My Father's World"
- to remind ourselves *In the Fields of Lord our Work is Rest".

We ended with the Wesley Covenant Service and were given the Covenant Prayer Card and jars of mint sugar scrub to remember our commit"mint".

We ended with Communion and pondering the words of John Wesley.

Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.

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CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT

Frankenmuth UMW hosted the Central Bay District Prayer Breakfast on February 9th with over 100 in attendance. Melene Willsey, pastor of New Heart UMC in Saginaw was the keynote speaker. Melene has an unusual pastorate. Her church is made up primarily of children and youth. What an opportunity to spread the gospel and assist children in an inner-city church. The offering was generously given to Melene's church for use in her children's programs.

On a not very spring like weekend in late April, the Spiritual Retreat was held at The Springs north of Gladwin. The Springs is a perfect place for a spiritual retreat. The accommodations are very comfortable, the food is good, and the retreat center looks out over the Cedar River where deer and other wildlife can be seen out the window. Our retreat leaders were Rev Ron and Rev Lisa Cook, assisted on the keyboard by their daughter, Gabe Cook. The theme was "using the Psalms for Wonderful Worship." The retreat was well attended, with many staying over night and many locals commuting.

And the planning begins for the Annual Celebration and Leadership Training to be held at the Ames United Methodist Church in Saginaw on Oct 5. We are delighted that our speaker will be Deborah Moore, a midwife trainer in Kenya. Dates and places are falling in line for 2020 events. The team is coming together from three districts and working purposefully to be a resource for our local units.

As the summer months arrive, team members are making plans to attend the Mission u events that best fit their schedules. And we are all looking forward to a little sunshine, warmth and the opportunity for relaxation with a book from the UMW reading program. We are all in need of a little relaxation after the effort that has been put into pulling three districts into the Central Bay District UMW.

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MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

I send greetings to you from the Mid-Michigan District of United Methodist Women. We have been very busy since the first of the year reaching out to our District Friends by attending circle meetings, Lenten Celebrations, book reports, speakers and getting acquainted over the phone. On May 3-4, 2019 we had a wonderful and inspirational time with Midwest District as Jody Pratt led us in "What is your Spiritual Style?" at the combined Spiritual Growth Retreat held at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI. We learned what our current spiritual style was and gained information on how to interact with people who fall into our spiritual styles. This will be so beneficial when working in groups and committees.

The Mid-Michigan Standing Rules Committee has wrapped up our rewrite and now it is under further review. Once this process is accomplished and the final edits made, the proposed Standing Rules for 2020 will be available under Mid-Michigan District on the United Methodist Women Michigan Conference website to review prior to the Mid-Michigan Annual Celebration on September 18, 2019.

The dates for the Mid-Michigan District United Methodist Women activities and Annual Celebration did not make it into the calendar for the Michigan Conference UMW 2019 Directory. You can still see our dates for activities and meetings by going online to the United Methodist Women Michigan Conference website and selecting Mid-Michigan District then our Calendar.

Blessings to all for a relaxing summer and plan to see some of you at a Mission u event,

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EAST WINDS DISTRICT

East Winds District United Methodist Women recently held their overnight Spring Spiritual Life Retreat at Lion's Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, Michigan. The group enjoyed great fellowship and the spiritual enrichment sessions led by Rev. Sari Brown. We were honored to enjoy the overnight company and contributions of our Conference UMW President, Linda Darrow.

The group is looking forward to gathering again for our Prayer Breakfast, this year at Port Huron First Church.

Preparations are being made for Mission u and again this year there is an opportunity for a Hands on Mission Event, this year August 15.

United Methodist Women in mission are a powerful force in our world. The United Methodist Women's organization gives all of us a wonderful opportunity to grow and serve.

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Prayer Breakfast Registration
Alberta Gunsell
Cyndy Rossman
Judy Chasney, organizer

NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT

Our boundaries of the Northern Waters District go from the sunrise side of the tip of the mitten to the home of the million dollar sunsets. Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. Michigan has been coined as the Winter Water Wonderland. We feel this so well in our Northern Waters District. For these first few years, we are trying to hold our events close to the I-75 corridor—somewhat splitting the east and the west equally. It's a mighty God we serve, but it is over a mighty territory also. Our first event this year was at Lake Louise Camp in Boyne Falls for our overnight spring retreat. The spiritual growth theme was **Seasons of Life** and our speaker was Dr Rev Lisa McIlvenna from Midland. The team came together and made the theme come alive for the 32 participants. Leading into communion, each participant had water poured over their hands—a mixture from Lake Louise and the River Jordan in the Holy Land. We asked our MN&O coordinator if she would assist Lisa in serving communion and she was humbly delighted, telling me, "I've never been asked to help with communion in my 60 some years in the church." She seems reserved in not wanting to be in front of others so I can see why people may have hesitant to ask her. This reminds me that we have to give people the opportunity to say "no" and not speak it for them, without ever having asked them. I was unable to attend our Power of Bold Day—titled and inspired by our E&I chairperson attending the 2018 Assembly. Over 35 participants attended the first Saturday in May at Houghton Lake UMC. The two part program included information about economic inequality and also Gail Quigg spoke about her and her husband's work as Mission Advocates, North Central Jurisdiction, Global Ministries of UMC. Now we are gearing up for our Annual Celebration September 28 at First UMC in Gaylord.

I've saved our biggest and best news for last! We have a new UMW local unit in our district. Boyne City UMC and Boyne Falls UMC are part of a three point charge. They have decided to join forces and have created Boyne Area UMW. They have had a fundraiser and are focusing on the various unit and individual recognitions to be achieved with all members being involved in the reading program. Our team is actively speaking to all local units as well as churches without units. One such church has a women's group and they are pursuing the possibility of returning to UMW. We are growing!

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GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT

Attending the first United Methodist Women Michigan Conference Leadership Meeting in January was a pleasure. It was good to be with friends I knew and to meet and get to know leaders from other parts of the state at this overnight two-day workshop. Much was accomplished and I look forward to the next conference leader meeting May 18 at Fowlerville First UMC.

The Greater Detroit Mission Workshop March 9 at Beverly Hills UMC was well attended and well received. Vice President Tina Campbell put together the panel of seven participants and Kristine Miranne, Leadership Team member, wrote the questions and moderated the panel discussion. The panel gave those in attendance a varied, interesting and meaningful look into the topic of "School to Prison Pipeline" and gave the audience some ideas for things we can do to help disrupt that pipeline.

With sincere regret I made the decision to cancel our Spiritual Life Retreat which was to have been held April 5 & 6 at Lake Huron Retreat Center. Our retreat was scheduled in 2019 for Lake Huron Retreat Center for what turned out to be the same weekend as the Michigan Conference United Methodist Keep Making Peace Event. The day before the final due date for registration, we had three members from one church registered and only five Leadership Team members committed to attend. Though a decision to cancel an event should never be made except for dangerous driving conditions, I made that decision and I stand by it.

The unfairness to the facilitator was my primary concern. The facilitator, Nichea VerVeer Guy, was receptive to the news of cancellation and to the idea of being our presenter for next year for April 24 and 25, 2020. Those dates are already confirmed with Lake Huron Retreat Center.

The Greater Detroit District 2019 Annual Meeting will be October 19 at Detroit Central UMC. We will be accepting Mission Objective Repots from September, 2018 to September, 2019 and recognizing the level of accomplishment for each local unit for that period of time at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

May God be with us and Bless us; we are so grateful for Your Love. Amen

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HERITAGE DISTRICT

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Heritage District has been very busy and our blessings have been flowing.

On March 28 – 29 HDUMW – "Women Power – Women Strength" Retreat at Judson Collins. 70 people came for the weekend. 33 on Friday and the balance on Saturday. Excellent speakers: Sharon Appling and William Wilder on "School to Prison Pipeline" and Faith Fowler on "Money Money What About it". Both presentations were well received and once again ladies came from the combined districts joined together to get acquainted and worship God.

On April 6, members of the HDUMW team and two of their guests attended the Keep Making Peace event at University UMC in East Lansing. They had an excellent program. Speakers included Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, who spoke on "What the Eyes Don't See".an inspiring story about the water issues in Flint over the past 5 years, how it has affected children and the change efforts that are taking place. We also heard from Paul Perez about his trip to the border and Rev. Melanie Carey, after the UMC General Session.

Many celebrations have been going on in our district. On May 4th the North Lake UMW will hold a 150th Anniversary Celebration. On June 10th women from Erie, Ida, Samaria Grace, Petersburg, Lambertville and LaSalle Zion will join together. Linda Schram will be the guest speaker sharing about the Legacy Program.

In the fall we will have Heritage District UMW Annual Celebration & Meeting. We will meet at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Street, in Howell on September 28, 2019. The Team Building Retreat and Officer Training will be on November 2nd at Marble Memorial Church, 8 Park Lane in Milan. The leadership team decided to separate the two trainings so everyone could enjoy the speakers together at the celebration and at the training we will do some team building activities and the officer training. We hope you will join us for both of these activities.

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Report From United Methodist Community House

We are proud of our 2018 Accomplishments

UMCH is very pleased with our accomplishments for 2018 and you are a major reason why we are celebrating. Our staff has worked hard to provide quality services to children, youth and seniors in our communities. Your support of our mission was almost a \$1mm philanthropic investment. Because of your generosity, we were able to do so much more than we ever have before!

Our Goals for 2019

Our goals for 2019 are thoughtful and aggressive; we hope you will join us in accomplishing them. Some of our goals are:

- To finalize the Board of Directors plan to create a revenue generating model for UMCH.
- Build a foundation to expand our senior services and child development programs.
- Collaborate with organizations such as Grand Valley State University, Family Promise, Calvin College, City of Grand Rapids, and the Acton Institute, plus many others.
- Connectivity to our community and YOU! Increase individual donor giving and volunteerism by 20%. We will be in touch with you to share meaningful ways for you to personally engage with our mission.

We want to thank each of you for your gracious giving and for trusting in United Methodist Community House's mission and values. Our commitment is to do more for our neighbors and to do it better than we ever have. We would love you to come and visit us. **Just call 616-452-3226 to schedule a time.** Thanks again and we look forward to continuing our partnership with YOU!!!



DO YOU COLLECT.....?

Do YOU collect those little aluminum tabs from soda cans, tuna fish cans, cat food cans? Do the women in your unit collect them? Do you have friends and family who are always bringing you little baggies full of them? Do you wonder whether you should still be collecting them? Do you know where to take them when you have some?

There has been confusion about whether UMW in our Conference is still collecting these tabs or not. And, there is a lot of confusion about what to do with them. Where DO they go? WHO gets them there? What happens to them? Do you know how much a pound of aluminum tabs is worth? How many tabs equals a pound? One baggie with 1,000 tabs is worth about 26 cents in scrap aluminum. To those who "do" crafts, a baggie of 1,000 tabs is worth about \$4. And, colored tabs go for \$20 / 1,000. Who knew?! What kinds of cans are colored tabs on?

Approximately 1,127 tabs equals one pound. Currently, the exchange is 40-50 cents per pound. Or, it takes approximately 4,720 tabs per gallon.

Most importantly, is that the UM men at the Wyoming Park UMC, are the kind and generous souls who sort the tabs, in an unheated garage, and then take the many garbage bags full of tabs, to a salvage place that pays the going rate per pound for aluminum. This group has been doing this for YEARS!!

Kudos to them. As long as they are willing to do this, we will continue to collect our baggies and bags and boxes and milk jugs of tabs.

ALL proceeds go to United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids - **OUR Michigan UMW Conference supported National Mission Institution.** The proceeds are mostly used to purchase coffee and coffee/tea supplies for the Senior Program, a VERY worthy project.

Please continue to collect and take your tabs to your district / conference events. Sometimes there is a glitch in getting the tabs from those events to that storage garage in Wyoming Park. Fortunately, there is usually at one Conference team member who is willing to transfer the tabs to the right place.

What a very small way that we, UMW, can make a difference. Never underestimate what we can do when we do it TOGETHER.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION—MILDRED BRADDOCK

I bring you greetings on behalf of the North Central Jurisdiction. My name is Mildred Braddock. I serve on the Committee on Nominations. I am very happy to be with you today, to bring you exciting news of the Jurisdiction meeting to be held in the Dakotas Conference in 2020.

We will be gathering to elect new National Directors and a new Jurisdiction Team.

The dates for this event are June 26-28, 2020, in Sioux Falls, SD. We will gather at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel. I hope you will make plans to join us as we celebrate United Methodist Women.

Start making plans to attend. Come by plane, bus, or automobile. Keep a lookout for further information in the near future.

In my position, I am looking for persons who show leadership qualities, and would be willing to be considered as potential nominees to serve on the North Central Jurisdiction Team for 2021-2024. If you are interested in submitting your name, please talk to me about filling out a Potential Leader Form. A copy is included in this newsletter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

We hope to see you all in Sioux Falls, SD, as we are calling you! Thank you.

Able to be away from home/employment for:

Full Day _____ **Weekend** _____ **Extended Time** _____

Other significant information _____

References:

1.Name _____ **Position** _____

Contact information (phone/e-mail) _____

Person submitting this information:

Signed (your name) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Conference _____



United Methodist Women

North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team

Committee on Nominations

Potential Leader Form

Please Type or Print

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

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Local Church _____ Conference _____

Age(Optional) _____ Race/Ethnicity _____

Languages Spoken _____

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Local _____

District _____

Conference _____

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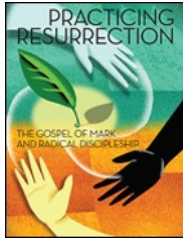
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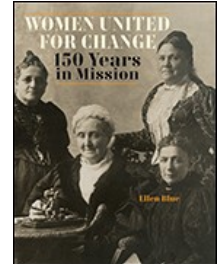
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**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UMW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
MISSION U 2019**

Since there are funds available this year, it was decided to include an application for scholarships to Mission u. Please note that you need to purchase your own study guides this year, as they will not be available at the Mission u events! Send your application ASAP to the registrar for the event you wish to attend so it can be processed quickly.



Name of person submitting form _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Name of local church/UMW unit _____

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail if available _____

Nominee's age level: 18-25 26-40 41+ _____

Is nominee a member of UMW? _____ If yes, where? _____

Will nominee attend full time? Yes No (Please indicate session attending)

_____ Mission u of the West—Albion (July 10-13)

_____ Mission u of the South—Southfield Hope (July 20) 1 day

_____ Mission u of the East—Lake Huron Retreat Center— (August 15) 1 day only

_____ Mission u of the East—Lake Huron Retreat Center—(August 16-17) 2 days

_____ Mission u of the North—Gaylord—(Oct. 21-22) 2 days

Is childcare needed—Yes No If so, please indicate names & ages below

Please explain below why nominee should be considered:

**Please submit names to the registrar for the event desired (please see form included)
Beth Mitchell, Albion, Mary McCully, Lake Huron & Southfield Hope, Tiffany Crawford, Gaylord**

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2019 Calendar of Events

May 30-June 2	Michigan Area UMC Conference	Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City
July 10-13	Mission U of the West	Albion College
July 20	Mission U of the South	Southfield Hope UMC
August 15	Mission u Hands On Mission Experience	Port Huron Area
	Mission u One Day Sampler	Lake Huron Retreat Center
August 16-17	Mission U of the East	Lake Huron Retreat Center
August 21	Conference Leadership Team, Finance & Mission u	Howell UMC
October 21-22	Mission u of the North	Gaylord UMC
October 25	Conference/District Officer Education Program & Training	Howell UMC
October 26	FIRST Michigan Conference UMW Annual Celebration	Howell UMC
November 16	Conference Leadership Team meeting	Flushing UMC