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Tryphenia Speed
NGUMW Conference President

"I Have Never Seen Anything Like This Before"

The year has gone by relatively fast as we are starting the 6th month of 2020. As I reflect on past years, this year did not go by any slower for me. Experiencing a pandemic, something more than 99% of the world have not experienced before, would make some of us think time was moving slower. The statement, "I have never seen anything like this before" is frequently made about the pandemic. Each time, I hear the statement, I cannot but wonder, do you realize during the last pandemic (1918), less than 1% of the current population was living.

I think, if I were living in 1918, the current pandemic would be something I had never seen before. Considering the present and the way things were back then, I am not sure the sentiments of the two eras would not be that similar. Some of the modern necessities did not exist, television, cars, internet, cell phones, large supermarkets, and department stores. Since that time, many advancements in medicine and technology have changed the way things are done. Numerous space trips have been made and it could be said, "I have never seen anything like this before", for many things that happened over the past 100 years.

This time has been for me, sorrowful and joyful. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought change to our world. We have lost more than 100,000 persons to this virus, and there are those who are experiencing loneliness, isolation, and despair from missing the association with family, friends, and church members. We are being deeply grieved, "I have never seen anything like this before".

I am grateful for the joy of sheltering in place, gives time to work on increasing my relationship with God, to stay connected with family and friends and some "me" time. I have spent time walking in my neighborhood and working in my yard. As I walk through my neighborhood, I noticed the joy of sheltering in place can lead to the cleaning out the clutter in the attic, basement, and garage. Sheltering in place can remove clutter from our lives to make way for a new start and hopefully not room for more stuff.

We have the joy of thinking about what we thought was normal and discover a new normal. Through virtual church services, I have experience worshipping with several churches, which I may not have taken the time or had the opportunity to do so. Zoom is the new normal for UMW Executive meetings and for Bible Study. I know there are those who are having Zoom family gatherings.

Do we want to go back to "normal" or do want to make a new start? United Methodist Women have been in mission for 151 years and we can all continue to work toward the vision of a better world for women children and youth in a way we have never seen before- a just, sustainable world where all living beings can thrive.

I continue to pray for the safety and wellbeing of you and your loved ones during this time.

Blessings,
Tryphenia



Connecting in the New Normal



Janice Walker, Coordinator
Education and Interpretation
North Georgia Conference UMW

I know we all have made plans and later had to change them for one reason or another. This year is definitely for all of us much different. In the wake of Covid-19, flights, meetings, conferences, schools, business and churches are cancelled. Most people are working from home, children home schooled, and church services moved online as a result of social distancing. Guess what? We managed to stay connected through virtually participating together in Zoom meetings, Webinars, Podcasts, Skype, Conference Calls, etc. Several of us had to get on board real fast, including myself, to get this technology thing down when all this hit. So, I say all this to suggest getting together virtually with other units and churches in your district. Book clubs are great too, if you're not already doing this.

It's just a way of staying connected and getting your goals completed and learning together.

READY FOR THE
NEW NORMAL?

2020 Mission u Studies Books

- ♦ Spiritual Growth Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World
 - * Spiritual Growth Youth: Managing Anxiety
 - * Spiritual Growth Children's Study: Managing Our Emotions
- ♦ Issue Study: Pushout -The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools
- ♦ Special Publication: Women United for Change 150 Years in Mission

For more information about the 2020 United Methodist Women Reading Program please download the 2020 Reading Program Catalog at link below.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

Please Remember

Our (4) National Mission Institutions really need our Sacrificial Gift of only \$1.33 mo./\$4.00 qtr./ \$16.00yr.
Clark Atlanta, New Bethlehem, Murphy-Harpst, Paine College.



Greetings!

I hope everyone is well and staying healthy during this unprecedented time. If anyone had told me 6 months ago that I would be on Zoom calls 2-3 times a week with church, bible study and UMW meetings, I would have asked "What is Zoom?, and You are crazy." Well, that is my new normal along with all of the other things we are all trying to do to stay healthy.

It's hard to believe that the last time we were all together was at the Faith, Fun & Everyone Event in March at Winder 1st. I'm so glad that we had a beautiful day filled with fellowship, learning and hands on activities. We had over 200 attend and I am so thankful to our host church Winder 1st and for those that participated, especially our workshop leaders.

So, as our world has changed quite a bit, it comes with some uncertainty. We are penciled in for Annual Conference Breakfast with the Conference planning team for Saturday, August 29. We have already set up the online registration and a paper registration, but until we get a go ahead we can't release this yet.

The last two events of the year will be Annual Meeting at Embury Hills UMC on Saturday, October 3. Our hope is to have our National Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice and Climate Justice Leader, Elizabeth Lee with us at this event. Leadership Development will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Carrollton 1st. Please put these events on your calendar.

I have also been involved on the committee to host an event to help us learn more at the school to prison pipeline. Since we couldn't hold a large in person event in May, I invite you to join us for the Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline Zoom Webinar being held on June 6 at 10am. Details are published elsewhere in this newsletter.

I pray for the day when we can all be together again in person (safely of course) and I thank you for all you are doing to continue the work of United Methodist Women in such a time as this.

Stephanie Dressler, Vice President
North Georgia Conference



Stephanie Dressler



Here we are at the end of May again. In some ways I wonder where time has gone but in other ways, I wonder how much longer this will go on. I am not clammerin' to go back to "normal" but I do want us to be smart about how we open things that have been closed.

Throughout all of this, United Methodist Women National Mission Projects have kept on working, kept on serving, and kept on being the hands and feet of Christ in the world.



L. Susan Stroup, Deaconess
Treasurer
North Georgia Conference UMW

Our NMIs are on the front lines serving those impacted by COVID-19 and the quarantine mandates. These institutions, for whom United Methodist women provide support, are doing their best to maintain essential services as they experience increasing needs. With economic impact due to loss of wages, childcare facilities not operating, layoffs, and small business closings, the already vulnerable clients they serve have been immediately impacted.

NMIs that provide mental health counseling and residential services report also having to balance maintaining vital programs and finding staff willing to work in at-risk conditions. And the need is only expected to increase as these centers deal with the long-term societal effects of the pandemic. Our mission work as United Methodist Women is more important than ever.

Please keep our NMIs in your prayers and **thank you** for your continued giving. I hope that you and your local units have continued with your pledge to mission and have creative ways to meet.

The end of our Awards Year is June 30 – just around the corner. Your gifts for award recognition are due to your district treasurer **no later than June 30**. Make sure your unit is on track in support of our work in the world through the 5 Channels of Giving:

1. Pledge to Mission
2. Special Mission Recognition Pin
3. Gift to Mission Card
4. Gift in Memory Card
5. World Thank Offering

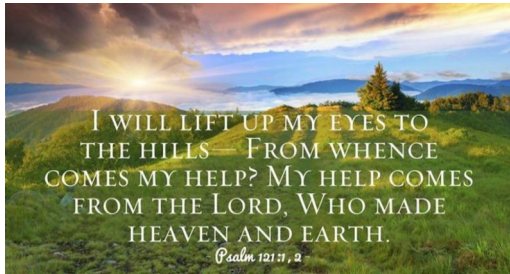
Then add to your Pledge to Mission through Candle Burning to be a 5 Star Plus Unit. Or give 5 Minutes of Candle Burning and be a 5 Star Plus 5 Unit. Our National Mission Institutions will thank you!

L. Susan Stroup, Deaconess

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Greetings From Your Spiritual Growth Coordinator!



As we read these beautiful words from Psalms 121, we can take great comfort in knowing that God is our helper in all that we do. God is our helper, and He is always with us even in these very trying, uncertain, unprecedented times that we are living in due to the Coronavirus. We know that God is with us always throughout every step of our lives. He has sent the Holy Spirit to abide in us and to dwell in us forever. We are not alone.



*Carolyn Lee Wilson
Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

I pray that you will keep this in mind as we all go about our daily lives with God by our side. As United Methodist Women who are faithful followers of God, we are called to use our lives to be women of faith, hope and love in action. My prayers are with you as you continue to serve God every day.

I would like to share these beautiful words written by Laurie Zelman:

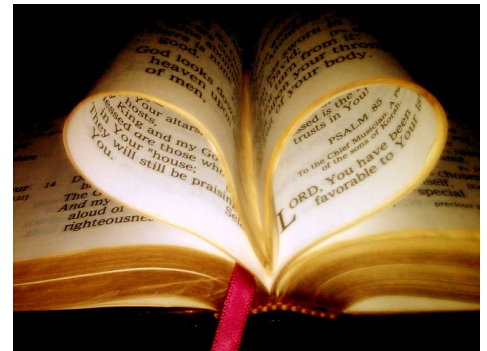
WOMEN CALLED TO ACT IN LOVE

Women called to prayer and study,
Women called by God to serve.
Women called to works of justice,
Called by God to act in love!

In the company of sisters,
Seeking strength in prayer and praise.
Faith and hope and love in action,
Finding God in many ways.

Grant us courage, send us vision,
May we know God's heart this day,
Share the tears that God is shedding
And refuse to turn away.

Dwell in us, Holy Spirit!
Bring us to the greatest needs!
Cast out fear and mend division,
Show us where the promise leads.



Blessings to each one of you.

Carolyn Lee Wilson Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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SEJ Update from Betty Helms

The bios for the SEJ Directors Nominees can be found on the website:
[Online Voting | UMW Southeast](#)

We are still working to reschedule the SEJ Event, please be patient with us. We are working to make sure everyone attending will be in the safest environment that we can possibly provide.



Nadine Lacy, Coordinator
Membership, Nurture Outreach

Greetings to all,

Pray that you are well and safe during this challenging time. I am trying to stay productive and take advantage of this opportunity to slow life down a little. A great time for reflection and new opportunities.

Thanks to all of you for your attendance at our Faith Fun for Everyone event at Winder First in March. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning. I met some of you for the first and thoroughly enjoyed our

short time together. Thanks to each of you for helping make it a success. We had good positive feedback and the leadership team thanks you for that. Winder did a beautiful job as our host for the day.

The 2019 Census is closed as of 4-30-2020 and I have not seen the final report but am encouraged with the participation I saw in the last update. Some of you ran into issues and we attempted to get those corrected with the help of our team at National. They are wonderful to help us and very quick to do so. I was on a Zoom meeting with the Conference MNO's and the Membership team at National last Wednesday evening and results of the 2019 Census should be available to us in July. We have another Zoom meeting planned for June but the date has not been determined as of this date. A special thank you to all of our District MNO's who did a great job reaching out to your local Units and keeping them updated with what they needed to get this Census completed.

My prayer is that you will continue to stay safe and well during this Pandemic and that we will all be together face to face very soon. In the meantime, please reach out to me if I can help you in anyway.

Blessings,

Nadine Lacy

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United Methodist



Below is an outline of what you can expect from each study and when it will be available. I will send more details as things are finalized and uploaded.

Finding Peace in an Anxious World The study guide has been adapted to be used easily either individually or in virtual small groups. Our study leader trainers have also worked to create a series of companion videos to enhance the study. This will be available very soon, in late May or early June. Great for a virtual study with your unit, district, or Sunday School class!

Managing Anxiety (youth study): For this curriculum, study leader trainers have planned two listening sessions for youth pastors who are still able to engage with their youth at this time. These will take place on May 28th at 3 p.m. EST and on June 1 at 7 p.m. EST. Please share with your youth leaders and encourage them to learn more or register for a call here: <https://umwomen.wufoo.com/forms/r1yr7wz01uuoxdg/>. The trainers will then discern how the study can be most useful.

Managing Our Emotions (children's study): The children's study is being adapted for use by parents and caregivers who are looking for faith-based resources to help their children process their emotions during this challenging time. Six short videos that will help guide parents on how to use the text with their children will be available in early June.

Pushout We look forward to offering Pushout in person next year at Mission u 2021. Please note that after much discussion we are asking that ***Pushout be shared fully next summer, and not online this year.*** It opens such an important and sensitive conversation that we want to offer the space to engage it in person, rather than virtually. However, we will be offering an opportunity to deepen our understanding of how children of color are experiencing the impacts of educational inequities amidst our current crisis. A Faith Talk on educational equity, a topic closely related to *Pushout*, will be available in June, and I will email you when we know the exact date.

For information on Faith Talks, visit the website here: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>. The one on grief recently featured Trudy Corry Rankin, co-author of the children and youth studies, and she will participate again on Thursday in a talk on emotion and anxiety that may be of interest to you and your study leaders.

Ariel S. Murphy

Greeting Sisters in Christ,

During these unprecedented times, please be reminded that "the joy of the Lord is our strength" (Neh 8:10).

We, as the Body of Christ, have inherited a joy that is independent of our present circumstances. Remember God is in control of **EVERYTHING**. Even if our lives seem chaotic, turned upside down, or bleak, we can trust the Lord to work on our behalf. We, as United Methodist Women, have "A Charge to Keep". Who would have imagined that our theme would be the message that this world would truly need in 2020.....



Vanessa Warner, Chairperson
Committee on Nominations

Women, youth, and children need us more than ever amid this COVID-19 health crisis. They also need to see our faith in God, see us holding on to our blessed hope, and see us put love in action.

While sheltering in-place, the Committee on Nominations has been busy contacting candidates and preparing the 2021 slate to present to the Executive Team in July. We feel that we have gathered a **GREAT** team for 2021. The CON has also been working with the Conference Task Force for District Reorganization in organizing committees for the New Districts to begin the organization process of our North Georgia Conference going from 12 districts to 8 districts. We are living in a time of great change in so many areas of our lives. One of my favorite scriptures states,

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them" (Rom 8:28).

Praying God's many blessings upon each of you!

Vanessa B. Warner

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The date for Annual Conference has changed. The UMW Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 29 at 7:00 am and the opening session on Saturday will start at 8:15 am.

Remember, we are collecting supplies for the UMCOR Cleaning Kits this year, however do not hold onto masks that can be used now. Monetary donations to UMCOR could also be a good choice, so there will be funds available for any of the kits or other needs.



There is so much pain and anger in our country. People are angry, hurt, sadden, frustrated and outraged over the killings of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others.

With these recent crimes against people of color there is a renewed push in Georgia for a state hate crime law. Georgia is 1 of 4 states in the country that does not have a hate crime statute. **HB 426** was passed in the Georgia House but was stalled in the Senate when sessions were suspended due to COVID-19. This bill would mandate enhanced sentencing for defendants convicted of targeting a victim because of their "actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origins, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability, or physical disability."

As United Methodist Women, we are encouraged to follow our Social Principles and resist racism in our hearts, homes, communities and country. The press release goes on to say "Such devaluing of Black lives matters to God. As Christian women, we stand to demonstrate our faith by challenging racism, racist stereotypes and the criminalization of Black communities and other communities of color."



Jessica Godfrey
Social Action Coordinator

(<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-urges-members-to-resist-racism>)



STOP HATE

Here is what North Georgia United Methodist Women can do:

Send a handwritten letter, write an email and call to ask for passage of HB426.

- ♦ **Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan**, 240 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334, 404-656-5030, His chief of staff is John Porter, John.Porter@ltgov.ga.gov
- ♦ **Senator Jesse Stone**, Senate Judiciary Committee Chair, 325-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Atlanta, GA 30334, (404) 463-1314, jesse.stone@senate.ga.gov

Do not remain silent, while HB426 is not perfect, it is a step forward in making a statement against hate.

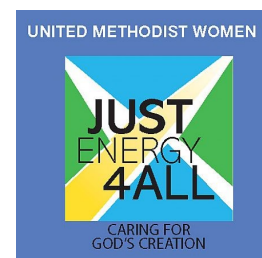
The Time is Now!

JUST ENERGY 4 ALL

Join UMW in urging Congress to implement a moratorium on utility shut-offs and prioritize people-focused economic relief in response to the COVID-19 national emergency:

<https://p2a.co/mYHHMC>.

Even if you have already taken action on this campaign, we ask that you send another letter and call your elected official today!



We need to continue putting pressure on Congress to ensure that everyone has access to water, power, and internet during this pandemic.

In love and peace,

Jessica Godfrey, Social Action Coordinator
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TABS FOR CREATION

A project of the UMW North Georgia Conference



Create a fun collection container for collecting tabs at your church.



Anything with an aluminum tab can be contributed. Think soft drink, beer, pet food cans, soup cans, any food can with a pop-top, and tennis ball cans.

Did you know? By recycling aluminum you save 95% of the energy it takes to make a new aluminum can. Aluminum can be recycled infinitely. Recycling one can is the equivalent of saving the carbon of one mile in the car.

What: UMW Units across the N GA conference collect aluminum tabs as an act to care for God's creation.

How: Set-up a collection system for UMW ladies to collect tabs. Think big! Ask your church, Sunday School classes, and Children's Ministries to join the fun.

Delivery: Bring tabs to district or conference meetings or mail to Beth Bond 1491 Deerwood Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

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North Georgia United Methodist Women start new program to raise awareness on Climate Change

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)

Often, when faced with great challenges, we ask ourselves what can I do? We feel too small to make a contribution that feels significant. As Christians, we have hope instilled in us by our faith which is so wonderfully expressed in Mark 12:41-44. We know everyone must do their part regardless of size. It all counts!

As United Methodist Women, we have been working on Climate Justice for the past quadrennium, but recently the news of global warming has become all too frequent. We all want to do something more and there are plenty of actions we can take. That is why this new program **Tabs for Creation** is a small but meaningful step in raising awareness in UMW Units and Circles. The program also provides a way to involve the whole church and engage children in your church.

So what is Tabs for Creation?

It is a new program for UMW to collect aluminum tabs to be recycled. Aluminum tabs use the most aluminum by weight in cans. Plus, they are small and easy to ship. They don't involve the burden of collecting cans which can be messy and dirty. Benefits of participating in the program include: educating our local UMW unit and churches on recycling and other issues, reduce the energy needed to make new aluminum, reduce carbon footprint of mining new aluminum, and help make people aware that recycling is still important despite recent news. In fact, using recycled aluminum reduces 80% of the energy used to create new packaging. That's a huge impact. Bonus, aluminum tabs are valuable. By collecting tabs we can raise funds for the UMW Climate Change efforts!



So what does it involve?

UMW members start collecting aluminum tabs. Have members bring them to unit or circle meetings. Ask the church if you can set-up a collection container. Children love the hide and seek aspect of finding tabs to collect. So maybe place a container on the Sunday School floor or have them collect each Sunday in Sunday School. Make this a church wide activity. Bring your tabs to a district or conference event or mail them to Beth Bond, Creation Care c/o Decatur First United Methodist Church, 300 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030.

I don't drink soda!

Aluminum tabs are on many more things besides Coke and Beer cans. Aluminum tabs are on soup and other food cans, pet food cans, and tennis ball cans (any tennis players out there?). Anything that has a pull tab is probably made out of aluminum. Collect them all.

We already collect tabs

Some of you may already be doing this for another non-profit. That's great! We are encouraging you to make your efforts bigger. Split the donations by giving half to the non-profit and half to UMW. You'll probably end up donating more to the non-profit because of increased awareness.

I am in a small church

Then take it to your community! Have friends, family members, neighbors and community members drop them off. This gives you a front facing opportunity to interact with your local community. You might even try to get an article in your local newspaper. Plus, for locations that don't have recycling this gives people a way to do their part.

The North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women are excited about this new project that gives you a daily activity to make your contribution to caring for God's creation. Look for more actions that you can take to help do our part towards creation care.

The United Methodist Women's website is a good place to start <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice>.

Many small people, making many small changes, in many small places, can change the world.

— African Proverb from Climate Justice, edited by Pat Watkins.

Submitted by:

Beth Bond UMW Southeastern Just Green Jurisdictional Guide

Suggestions for hosting a “Be Just, Be Green “ UMW meeting

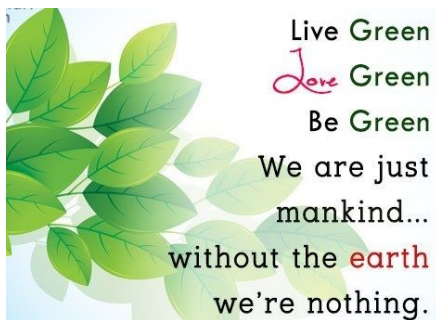
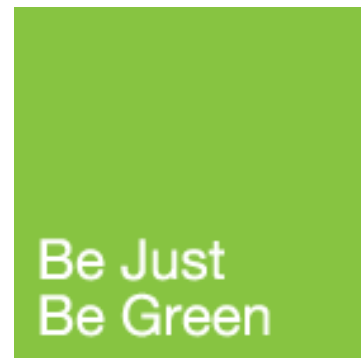
Submitted by Beth Bond

The older I get the more nostalgic I get. Remember those articles to help homemakers host the perfect event for the perfect occasion? It seems silly now in a modern world and besides who has time, right? But, I love to read them when I get the chance. It just all seemed simpler then.

Fast forward to today. It's time to create a new list of dos and don'ts for being a good hostess. This time with a focus towards honoring God's creation. Several years back UMW launched the Be Just Be Green program. The goal was to make us all more aware of how to be better hostesses to everyone who attended our meetings. It also had an eye towards making sure gatherings were more “green.” Despite its best efforts it was confusing. It was so confusing I got a call from my Mother, who was an active pastor at the time, saying I needed to write a letter to national UMW to clarify. It is a fond memory for sure.

1. **Set the perfect table** – Who doesn't love a table that has thoughtful touches? From tablecloths to utensils to centerpieces there are so many decisions to make and when planning a large event, it can be a bit daunting. Plus, we all want it to be easy and convenient. I get it! However, a UMW event should never create a bunch of waste that is going to sit in a landfill for 200 years or end up in a fish's belly. Here's a table to make it easier to plan:

	Best	Better	Please Don't
Tablecloths	<i>Use cloth tablecloths.</i> They don't have to match. Eclectic is in! Everyone brings one and then everyone takes one home to wash. Plus, we all have some that should be used.	<i>Paper.</i> Buy a big roll and cut sheets off to use. Do you want convenience? Paper is great. You can decorate them in creative ways. Paper biodegrades! <i>Reusable Plastic tablecloths.</i> As long as, you can use them multiple times (over 20 times) it's a better option.	<i>Plastic single-use tablecloths.</i> Please, please don't. These end up in our rivers and oceans. They are convenient and cheap but the impact on God's creation is devastating. They will stay in our environment long after your grandchildren are gone and let's be <u>honest</u> they don't say we are honored to have you as our guest.
Plates & Bowls	<i>Real dishes.</i> Use the dishes your church has or if it's like my church our UMW purchased their own after one administrator got rid of all of the church's dishes. Don't want to do dishes? Pay someone to do it. Someone needs that money!	<i>Use recycled paper plates or other earth-friendly options.</i> If you want to go disposable then this is the way to go. By purchasing these <u>products</u> you are supporting the recycling economy. Buy in bulk to save money.	<i>Plastic and especially Styrofoam.</i> Once again there is no reason to fill our landfills with items that don't biodegrade for hundreds of years. Additionally, Styrofoam uses twice the amount of energy to produce vs. a ceramic mug and remember that's every time a disposable cup is used for only 20 minutes or so. Not using Styrofoam actually saves energy!



Utensils	<i>Silverware.</i> If you aren't going to use dishes, then make the effort to use silverware. Faster to clean and reduces overall waste.	<i>Everyone brings their own.</i> It takes a little more effort for each member but reduces the burden to clean. Everyone just takes it home to wash. <i>Disposable ones made from natural materials.</i>	<i>Plastic.</i> Plastic is not recyclable even if you wash it. If you are going to the effort to wash it then you might as well use silverware.
Napkins	<i>Cloth napkins.</i> Even I think this might be too much but for those who want to once again have ladies bring the ones to coordinate with the tablecloths they use at the event.	<i>Recycled content paper napkins.</i>	<i>Regular paper napkins.</i> They are harvesting trees that can be used for more important things and then bleaching them which is toxic for the environment.
Centerpieces	<i>Local cut flowers.</i> Support a local farmer and bees. <i>Find other creative centerpieces.</i> Use decorations that use upcycled or repurposed materials.	<i>Silk centerpieces.</i> Use them over and over. Most use a lot of plastic so make sure you use them abundantly.	<i>Imported cut flowers.</i> The energy used for these to get to your location is bad for the environment.

1. **Kitchen** – Kitchen items should have an eye towards reducing waste and reducing toxins. Whoever is cleaning the kitchen should bring dish towels from home if possible and if paper towels are needed then make sure they are made from recycled content and unbleached. Cleaning supplies should be non-toxic and biodegradable. Yes, biodegradable. Using vinegar to wipe down tables is natural and kills germs.
2. **Healthy meals** – We all know the importance of a healthy diet. More fresh vegetables and fruits are a great first step. Supporting a local farmer is a bonus! Have everyone bring a healthy salad this makes a fabulous lunch buffet. We all love desserts and carbs but now that 50% of adult Americans have diabetes or prediabetes make sure diabetic options are available for both meal and dessert selections. Also, when possible serve organic and/or fair-trade products.
3. **Snacks** – Snacks reflect good hospitality. Lots of snacks wrapped in individual plastic is another huge trash generator. Providing bowls of nuts, fresh fruit, or homemade goodies presented on platters with serving utensils reduce the trash burden. Even buying bulk not individually wrapped are better options. Remember our goal is to reduce waste overall at events.
4. **Water usage** – No more single use disposable water bottles. All UMW meetings should encourage everyone to bring their reusable drinking container to every single event from the circle meetings to conference meetings. Every communication should remind people to bring them to meetings to build the habit. People “reusing” their single-use plastic water bottle is dangerous for their health.
5. **Meeting incidentals** – Paper should be kept to a minimum. Print only half the copies for each attendee if placing them on tables. Let participants choose to take them or not. Print on recycled content paper. Provide pdf of all content pre and post events to save paper. Name tags should be made from paper and no more plastic holders. If you use plastic holders, please make sure they are recycled for the next event. Use cotton string, ribbon or other natural options to hang name tags.
6. **Transportation** – Carpool. Carpool to circle and unit meetings if possible. Definitely carpool to district and conference-wide meetings. It's more fun, saves gas and allows for relationships to develop. If your church has a bus or van, then leverage that to move groups of ladies. If your ladies can walk, encourage them to do that. It's good for their health!
7. **Monitors** – UMW has set-up a monitoring program where volunteers evaluate the success of a meeting by maintaining these steps. They are given time at the end of each event to report out how they did reaching these goals. This practice will help make progress. Remember practice makes perfect!

The big take-aways

We have roughly 12,000 UMW members in 450 units in the North Georgia Conference.

If 9,000 of us didn't use a disposable cup when we attended 9 meetings a year then this is what the savings would look like. Please note: these are estimates.

9,000 cups x 9 meetings = 81,000 cups saved from the landfill.

If 4 ladies travel together to three conference/district meetings a year with an average mileage 35 miles each way then you would reduce a lot of gasoline consumption.

1 car with four travelers x 70 miles x 3 times = 210 miles *compared to* 4 cars with one traveler x 70 miles x 3 times = 840 miles
Savings = 630 miles

If individually wrapped snacks were no longer served for one year, then this amount would be saved from the landfill.

100 average attendance x 16 district/conference meetings x 2 snacks per person = 32,000 pieces of plastic packaging

Links to resources

Often, I hear using things besides plastic is more expensive. This is true but the cost difference is greatly exaggerated. With greater demand, costs have been reduced significantly. Is it not worth it to take better care of God's creation if the difference is 6 cents vs 13 cents? We should absolutely be good stewards of our money but not at the cost of our children's and grandchildren's future. All these links are on Amazon. Planning will allow for these products to be purchased in time but you might want to encourage your church administrator to make the change for your whole church. Most links have dozens of options.

Paper plates and bowls made from recycled content - <https://amzn.to/2WyfmAX>

Bamboo utensils - <https://amzn.to/3a17Guz>

Recycled content napkins - <https://amzn.to/3a0DkZk> (My favorite <https://amzn.to/39ZYZRh>)

Recycled content paper towels - <https://amzn.to/39Vn2Ro>

Recycled content toilet paper (didn't talk about it but of all things this should be made from recycled content) - <https://amzn.to/38YOGW3>



New\$ From Around the Conference.....



Griffin First women continue to serve while "social distancing"

Submitted by: Mimi Young

So much has happened in the world since we last wrote to you about what is new in our church! As all of you are doing as well, we are continuing to "social distance," and our church gatherings are through Zoom meetings. A quite different world for all of us! We have had a few events during the past several months so let me tell you about what we have been able to do so far in 2020.

UMW Sunday was held on February 16th. Members of United Methodist Women served in all areas of the service, and our new minister's wife, Rev. Katie Mattox, gave the sermon. It was a treat to have Katie join us in leading worship and sharing the lesson. We had a candle-burning service at each of the three church services when church members donated a \$1 per candle to honor women who were instrumental in their lives. Attached are pictures of a couple of the tables with the candles glowing brightly. It was a beautiful Sunday service. Donations received from the candle sale were given to UMW missions.



On March 8th we held our annual **UMW Taster Luncheon following the last church service**, which was a big success on. We had a great turnout with lots of delicious food prepared by all the circle groups. Donations were accepted and benefited the UMW missions.

Members of our UMW circles have been trying to keep up with their **Reading Program** goals but still maintain "social distancing." They have twice met in the church parking lot to swap books! They park their cars six feet apart and then open the trunks to display the books they wish to swap out. It has been great fun and they have been able to keep in touch with each other while continuing to enjoy their books and move forward with their goals for the program. Great ingenuity ladies!



In this distressing time, Griffin First United Methodist Women wanted to honor our healthcare workers! So many people in our community rely on Brightmoor Nursing Home to care for their most fragile family members. It is a wonderful nursing facility and has met a high standard of service for our community. The facility has been particularly hard hit with the COVID-19 virus, and the staff has worked tirelessly to keep their patients safe. To recognize the staff for their hard work and dedication, the executive board of Griffin First UMW provided a barbecue meal on May 22 for 150 staff members. This was our way of saying "thank You" to our local healthcare heroes.

Griffin First United Methodist Women continues to pray for our healthcare workers, doctors, and nurses and each other to stay healthy. We seek wisdom from our Lord and seek his will as we move forward. May God open new ways for us to serve our community and our church. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen

Mountain Park United Methodist Women Still Living the Purpose

(Submitted by Leigh Snyder)

Faith Hope and Love Circle collected candy and



toys for the Lilburn Co-op Easter Baskets. These baskets are given out to well deserving families who shop at the Lilburn

Coop in Lilburn, GA.

Our Women of Faith Circle wanted to show how they are supporting our church's mission of servicing others who are within our own community, state, nation and the world, by donating a variety of gift cards that will be auctioned off at our annual mission auction which helps to support our church's missions.

Many of our UMW members have been using their sewing skills to help make masks for medical staffs at neighboring hospitals.



(Pictured Mrs. Jeanette Bell)



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Atlanta-College Park District United Methodist Women made a monetary gift on **Giving Tuesday**

Now to ensure that our UMW national and international mission partners can continue to address the needs and challenges of individuals and families who are impacted by Covid-19 in communities throughout the United States and around the world.



NGC United**Methodist Women****Responding to****COVID 19 –****Staying Connected -****Reaching Out****From Murphy Harpst**
Children Center:

THANK YOU to Anita Bailey and the Dallas First United Methodist Women for donating 100 handmade masks to Murphy-Harpst!

The feelings of security these masks provide our kids and staff is incredible. Plus, these bright and colorful designs make wearing masks fun! We are so grateful for our volunteers who are finding creative ways to support our kids from a safe distance.

I along with several of our ladies have made masks to give away. I don't know how many the other ladies have made, but as of today I have made 53. I have 14 sitting in bags in my living room at this time waiting for the people who need them to pick them up. Every time I think I don't have to make anymore; I find out that some family needs them so I get busy again. I'm a retired nurse and since I can't work anymore, I felt like this was something I could do to contribute.



Submitted by: **June Vincent**
St. Paul's Washington St. Gainesville, Ga.

Thus far, the **Cliftendale UMW** unit has made a contribution to the **Interfaith Children's Movement** and another to the



Cliftendale Outreach program to feed families.
Submitted by: **Carol Hovey**

In order to be of assistance during this time of need brought on by COVID-19, the **Women of Laster Chapel** are doing the following:

- Making masks and purchasing disinfectant for distribution to needy families, friends, hospital workers, store workers and nursing homes
 - Distributing food and making monetary donations to needy families
 - Assisting families with tutoring of their children
- Please know, we are happy to be of service and willing to continue as long as needed.

Thanks for ALL you do.

Submitted by: **Emma Schell Dudley**

Warren Memorial UMW Response to COVID-19◇ **Sadie G. Mays Nursing Home – Financial Contribution**

Provided financial assistance to support a safe environment at Sadie G. Mays Nursing Home in Atlanta, GA. Funds designated for purchase of disinfectant products and other cleaning supplies.

◇ **Contributions to Individuals – Financial Support**

Provided financial assistance, from our group UMW mission resources, to church members who may have been adversely affected through the loss of or reduction in income.

◇ **COVID-19 First Responders Support and Recognition**

Our A.C. Eppsettes UMW Sub-Group members sent special "Thank You" cards to First Responders at the following hospitals:

Northside Hospital	Atlanta Medical Center
Grady Memorial Hospital	Piedmont Atlanta Hospital
Emory University Hospital Midtown	

◇ **Financial Support to Individuals & Organizations**

Warren UMW members have made their own personal contributions to individuals in need of financial assistance to respond to the demands brought on by COVID-19.

- ◇ Individual members have also provided financial assistance to organizations - i.e., funds donated to the Clark Atlanta University COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund for students who are unable to meet essential expenses because of temporary hardships.

◇ **Face Masks**

A UMW member took it upon herself to make and distribute protective Face Masks for individuals living in her surrounding community.

- ◇ **Daily Intercessory Prayer** - By far our most important response has been daily prayer. Each day at 1:30 p.m., members of the Warren Memorial church family are encouraged by our Senior Pastor to participate in an Intercessory Prayer for our neighbors, community friends, our state, our country and the world as we adapt to the everyday issues surrounding the COVID-19 crisis.

Submitted by: **Patricia A. Kenly**, President
Warren Memorial United Methodist Women

**Alpharetta 1st UMW**

One of our newest members, Lisa Webb wanted to do something for the ladies in our congregation who are shut-ins or are in nursing homes prior to Mother's Day to let them know they are cared for and loved. She put together 30 flower arrangements and attached a prayer and the UMW logo. Seven ladies from our Unit met at the church parking lot and awaited our instructions to deliver. We spread out across Alpharetta and Roswell to make the deliveries. While some of us had to drop off at the front of nursing homes, others were able to make a short visit while wearing their masks and gloves.



From left to right, Stephanie Dressler, Conference Vice President, Holly Hunter, Unit President, Lisa Webb, Secretary, Pat Barrett, Sandy Kirkpatrick, MNO, Sue Burchett, Social Action & Linda Harty, Treasurer, not pictured Bobbie Causey.

OAK GROVE UNITED METHODIST

Submitted by: Mary Stripling with Madge Watson

Mini-Retreat - Theme: **ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING**

Last Gathering of Oak Grove UMW (before COVID-19 quarantine).

Sunday, March 8, 3:00 to 5:30pm — Attendees 120, intergenerational women.

Scripture Reverence: Philippians 4:6-7

6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with gratitude, make your requests known to God.*

7 *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will protect your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Anxious for Nothing? What an astounding phrase for a time such as this - a time of global anxiety! Yet, on March 8, 2020 we had no idea what was coming. We gathered, 120 intergenerational women, for a mini-retreat. That's a retreat time of food, study and fellowship without the camping-overnight part. Picture an old-fashioned Campground Meeting without the arbor, without the tents or cabins, without the wagons and milkcows, - and without the men!

This would be fun, educational, spiritually invigorating, and an opportunity to strengthen the ties that bind us and make connections that could grow into new friendships. This would be a chance to nourish the circle of souls that are unlike any other group in our lives - a company of the committed - women with a passion for sharing - sharing our resources and creativity with our community. This meeting would fuel that passion.

A lively program was planned with two outstanding speakers and a musical couple: Lynne Crabtree, an accomplished vocalist, accompanied on the guitar by her husband Ralph Crabtree, sang *What A Friend We Have In Jesus* and *Consider The Lilies*. Tara Merritt-Merchant prepared our bountiful buffet of afternoon snacks as well as fresh flower centerpieces for all tables. *Many hands made light the work*. The committee members, too numerous to list here, included one who led and directed from her home phone. We miss her and cherish the memory of this strong Methodist leader, Montie Stone.

A short portion of the program was designed to engage sign-up for small "Interest Groups" such as Gardening, Book Club, Prayer/Meditation, Cooking, Yoga, Walking/Hiking, Music, & others. Several people signed up for these anxiety-reducing friendship groups.

Our speaker presentations were alternated with round-table discussions, seven per table and a facilitator with members rotating for each session. This allowed networking and the sharing of proven solutions to anxiety.

Themes were:

1. *How Do You Relieve Stress? [break for speaker].*
2. *Name a time in your life when you were challenged with anxiety. [break for speaker].*
3. *Summarizing.*

Lou Brown Jewell, active in our church, major philanthropist and leader in many charities throughout Atlanta, was our first speaker. She shared her stories of caregiving for multiple disabled family members and the tragic loss through death of a child. As valuable advice for stress relief, she referenced two books by our member Zoe Hicks: *Dancing In The Rain* and *Oh! The Power!* **Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts**, our senior pastor, was our homiletic speaker, expanding on Philippians. She counseled us with memorable nuggets of wisdom:

Love ourselves as we are and not as we feel expected to be. - Lean into God's grace and let go. - God does not mean for us to feel in control. - The world will rotate without us spinning it! - The world will turn without our cranking it!

So, what followed this retreat? - We went home equipped to handle anxiety, supportive of our fellow UMWers, energized for the needs in our community and eager to participate in our new small interest groups. We went home and - **STAYED THERE!**

Sheltered in place, slowing the spread and flattening the hump.

In a world of unforeseeable crisis, we learned how much we need each other, our shared faith, and its source. In a surreal world, we put rainbows in our windows, wrote cards and letters, and offered other "socially distanced" acts of kindness and compassion. Several made and distributed hundreds of MASKS. We kept communication, entertainment, and encouragement flowing across lines of Social Media. Our ministers led us through Holy Week via live video. Good Friday came and the pensiveness of Saturday with scattered clouds. Easter morning came with a bright sunrise and blossoming earth - a stage set for the miraculous answer to all anxiety:

CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Reflective Postscript: The Co-Chair/Coordinator of this event, Montie Stone, was sick on March 8th and was unable to attend the event. Those who knew her were concerned for Montie was the model for the Energizer Bunny - always on the go; full of energy, laughs and advice; a leader excited about the UMW Retreat. Along with her 'co', Faye Traynelis, this event was her creation....and she was absent. On April 22nd, Montie departed our earth to be wrapped in God's arms and fly with the angels. She is missed already. Our prayers remain with Todd, her husband, and two children, Lane and Leah.



Oak Grove United Methodist Church

Prayers and Squares Chapter 1249

- by Mary Stripling

QUILTS and MASKS

LAURA PALMER started our Prayers & Squares ministry out of her passion for prayer and her skill at the sewing machine. Many lovely pieced and hand-knotted lap quilts have been distributed to people who are in crisis (over fifty in the past two years). Presently there are ten ready to distribute and three ready to be layered.

Each quilt is 40" x 60," perfect for the lap - a conveniently comfortable size without dragging: Useful while napping on the sofa, or while receiving treatment in the chemo lab, or watching TV, or as lap cover while sitting in a WC, or sitting on a park bench or on the porch, or as a passenger in a car or airplane. One recipient, Cindy, says she wraps it around her ankles and when it's spread across her chest, her cat likes it too! Mostly she likes to finger the threads, thinking of the people who prayerfully knotted them. There are cancer patients who camp and hike. Can't you see a lap quilt in use around the campfire or while watching the sun rise over the mountains?



OH, THE PLACES A PRAYER QUILT MIGHT GO! - HERE'S HOW IT GETS THERE:

Twice a month, approximately ten volunteers gather to sew in response to a quilt request. Made of colorful cotton squares (Laura's collection of thousands), like old-fashioned quilts, these quilts have batting and a solid color back, and are washable. Sewn onto the underside of each quilt is a label with the recipient's name.

THERE IS A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN THESE QUILTS.

In the middle of each finished square there is a section of multi-thread cotton yarn, slipped through by hand-needle. Each end of exposed thread is 8" long, enough for several knots. Each knot represents a prayer.

The finished quilt is hung in a room near the sanctuary, easily accessible to parishioners on their way to worship. A person pauses at the quilt and says a prayer for the individual who will receive the quilt. After praying, the person ties a knot in one of the threads; another person follows with another prayer and another knot. This process is repeated until many prayers have been contributed. Some threads are left unknotted so that, after delivery, other friends and family can add their prayer knots. Eventually the quilt is covered with many knots, in bunches in the centers of the squares, each bunch like stamens in the center of a blossom.

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART AND CANNOT BE HURRIED.

THE QUILT IS COVERED IN PRAYERS AND THE RECIPIENT USING THE QUILT WILL SENSE THE POWER AND KINDNESS IN THOSE PRAYERS.

Each quilt is a gift and shipped free of charge. When it is packed for shipping, an enclosure is placed within its folds - a prayer printed on our church stationery.

During this time of **"SHELTER IN PLACE,"** it has been necessary to lay aside the quilting. However, volunteers have made and distributed hundreds of cloth MASKS. When COVID-19 is over, we will *continue* prayer and *resume* **QUILTING** and **TYING**.

PLEASE HELP TIE-IN A PRAYER.

The heart of a quilt is the participation of volunteers, women, men, and children, praying. Each knot is a tie-in of a compassionate prayer - and the blessing from that person's fingers.

*By His hands this tapestry of prayer is sewn
To cover you in love and grace
As Christ's community pours out the power of hope
A common thread runs through your quilt
The ministry lies in the knots tied with love
A comfort as you touch the presence of God
There is warmth found in the healing message of faith
In each layer of prayer, peace is present
Trust in The Master who covers you with compassion
And rest in the provision only God can give*



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Acworth United Methodist Women Virtual Meeting

Opening- Welcoming Ladies as they join via the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

Clarifying Our Purpose in Meeting on May 7, 2020

Submitted by: Tamara Askew

Building the Body of Christ by connecting women globally, regionally, and locally.

Encourage * Educate * Equip * Exchange Ideas

Jesus is our Lord.

⁹ For this reason God highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee will bow—
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth—
¹¹ and every tongue will confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9-11)

Jesus is our Leader. (He modeled by example the heart of a servant leader in John 13:1-17)

Jesus is our Love. (He exemplifies selfless love.)

"A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples
if you love one another."

(John 13:34-35)

Globally we are a community of women, connected through faith in Jesus Christ, who care for others, by communicating and living out the love of Jesus Christ, both inside and outside the local church.

In this meeting we had conversations about Empowering Women of all ages as Global Leaders.

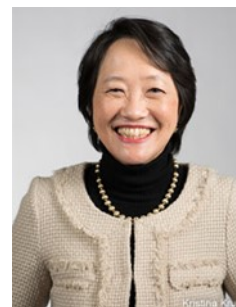


Faith, Hope, Love in Action



The Rev. Hikari Kokai Chang is a United Methodist Women's Regional Missionary serving as administrative and program executive director of the Wesley Foundation in Tokyo, Japan.

The Wesley Foundation was reconstituted in 2011 for the better use of gifts offered by Christians from abroad and support for renewed mission efforts in this new era in Japan. Its focus is public benefit activities such as education and charities established to the glory of Christ.



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Our Three Missions

- ◆ **Women's Empowerment**
- ◆ **Youth Leadership**
- ◆ **Humanitarian Aid**

To serve these three missions Wesley Foundation has centered its activities around three pillars:

- 1) In-house programs for advocacy
- 2) Providing opportunities to participate in seminars/training for several days in and outside Japan.
- 3) Partnerships and support including grants to those organizations who share our missions.

You are encouraged to learn more about connecting with women in Asia by contacting Reverend Chang.





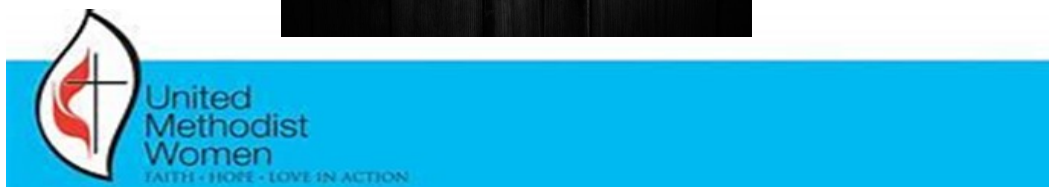
Hannah Stubblefield
Hannah@acworthumc.org



Hannah Stubblefield serves as Director of Student Ministries at Acworth United Methodist Church.

How can we learn to reach out to the students and young adults?
What ways might we help them know that they are important and stay connected to a local church?

Please reach out to Hannah (hannah@acworthumc.org) regarding how you can make an impact by sharing your life with a young adult as a generational faith leader.



Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"Let Your Light Shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven."
(Matthew 5:16)

What are you doing to be the light at this time?

Tamara has made a tremendous impact serving her community and many United Methodist Churches. She is a gifted communicator and leads with authenticity and excellence. Please reach out to her with any questions or ideas regarding how you would like to become more involved to use your gifts serving Jesus Christ.



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Dear Friends,

We are sorry to inform you that, due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Mission u this summer. After much prayer and discussion, the Mission u team and United Methodist Women senior leadership team agreed that it is too great a risk to gather in person this summer.

Each conference team has put a lot of planning into Mission u for this year, and we are grieving with you that our Mission u 2020 events will not take place how we expected. This does not mean, however, that we will forgo these important and timely studies altogether! The spiritual growth study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World and part 2 of the UMW 150th Anniversary studies will be presented in a different format. If there is ever a time to "find peace in an anxious world" that time is now.

Here is what we hope to do instead. National Office staff will collaborate to bring elements of each study online this summer. The exact format and timeline for each study is still in development and more information will be coming as those pieces take shape. However, it is our hope that those in the Mission u community and the wider church will still be able to engage and benefit from these timely studies from the safety and comfort of their homes.

We are grateful for your faithful participation in the past for the in person offerings of studies across North GA. We hope you will consider attending a study in 2021. However, we have determined that the safest and wisest course of action is to cancel Mission u for 2020

Q. What will the "distance learning" be like?

National Office staff will be working with trainers to offer elements of each study online for the entire Mission u community later in the summer. We will share details by email so you can be sure to join us.

Q. What will the studies be in 2021?

We will study the Moral Witness of the Church, Pushout, and a participatory Bible study curriculum on Luke 13. Youth and children's studies are both on living as Christians in a violent world.

May we recommend that you view the Pushout documentary on PBS or YouTube during this time of physical distancing.

Q. What if we want to offer the anxiety study in 2020 or 2021. There are no facilitators trained to lead the anxiety study. Therefore, we do encourage everyone to participate in the virtual study that is being created by National Office in 2020. Details are forthcoming.

Q. What if we want to offer a mission study in our districts/in a local unit/online?

A. We encourage you to participate in the online offerings that are currently being developed for this summer. When it is once again safe to gather in person we encourage you to adapt and use Mission u resources as appropriate for your setting. The North GA Conference directive will come from Bishop Sue for resumption of large church gatherings.

We are still looking at offering 2 mission u opportunities early and late dates in July of 2021 for Mission u.

Again, thank you for your willingness to participate in Mission u in 2020. We anticipate a smoother transition in 2021. If you have questions that have not been answered here please reach out to me.

Blessings

Tonya Murphy, Acting Dean Mission u



North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Calendar 2020—2021

Event	2020	Location	2021	Location
Program/CON Executive	January 11	Central UMC (ACPK)	January 8-9	TBD
Treasurers, E&I, And Historians	February 15	Columbia Drive UMC (ADOX)	February 13	TBD
Limitless Event	February 29	Cascade UMC (ACPK)	February 27	TBD
Faith, Fun, Everyone	March 7	Winder 1 st UMC (Athens Elberton)	N/A	N/A
Program/CON Executive	April 4	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)	April 10	TBD
Spiritual Growth Event/Social Action	N/A		April 30-May 1	TBD
SEJ Meeting	SEJ April 17-19	Mobile, AL	N/A	N/A
NGC Annual Conference	August 28-30	Classic Center Athens	TBD	Classic Center Athens
UMW Breakfast	August 29	Classic Center Athens	TBD	Classic Center Athens
Mission u	Cancelled		TBD	TBD
CON/Program Executive	July 18	New Bethlehem Center Augusta, GA	July 17	TBD
Annual Meeting	October 3	Embry Hills UMC (AMRY)	October 2	TBD
Program Committee	October 8	Teleconference	October 7	TBD
Leadership Development/ Executive Meeting	November 7	Carrollton 1 st UMC (ROCA)	November 6	TBD
District Presidents' Annual Reports	August 1		August 1	
District Officers & Dates	November 1		November 1	

Ubuntu Day of Service to be determined by each District

The Reflector Newsletter
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PURPOSE
OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline Webinar

Saturday June 6, 2020
10:00-11:15am Eastern

Registration:

<https://bit.ly/STPPwebinar>

School should lead to meaningful, productive lives for our children - NOT prison cells.

Join us to learn about the school to prison pipeline, what community leaders are doing to interrupt the pipeline, and how you can help.

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Conference News

Please share this newsletter with others in your unit or church