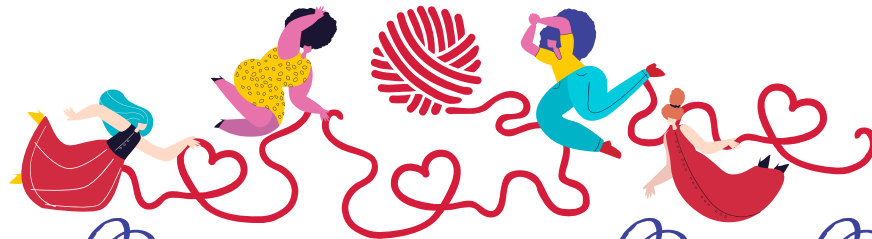


THE REFLECTOR

Fulfilling the Purpose of United Methodist Women in North Georgia

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2nd Quarter 2021



Knitted Together for God's Good Work

"You are the body of Christ and parts of each other."

1 Corinthians 12:27 (CEB)

Greetings, my sisters in Christ!

I hope this finds you and your families healthy and safe. A lot has changed since our last newsletter. Vaccines became widely distributed, COVID numbers went down, things started to open up, and life is starting to normalize.

I hope your Districts and Units have been "knitted together" during this challenging time. I think what has helped me personally stay positive is a phrase I heard Harriett Jane Olsen use regarding reframing; "We get to" instead of "we have to." We get to use technology to stay connected and to meet, we get to continue to find ways to be in mission with and for women, youth and children, we get to challenge ourselves and learn how to be creative for virtual meetings.

While we have gotten to meet virtually this year, we have had some wonderful events which I hope you have had the opportunity to participate in and ones coming up. Our Spiritual Growth/Social Action Event in May, "For the Beauty of the Earth" focused on Climate Justice, Mission u Plenary which focused on UMCOR and a wonderful overview of the different classes coming up this summer. Our UMW breakfast, "Coffee & Conversation" taking place on June 5 at 8:30am will focus on the

School to Prison Pipeline and Changing the Narrative as well as a celebration of our new Deaconesses from 2020 and 2021. We will kick off the summer not only with Mission u, but also with our 3 part series on Climate Justice which will take place virtually starting in late June. Plans are underway for an in person Annual Meeting in October at Fayetteville 1st UMC and I can't wait to see you in person!

National has already started to publicize Assembly for 2022. It takes place May 20-22, 2022, at the Orlando Convention Center in Orlando, Florida — just one year from now. You do not want to miss this inspiring event that happens only once every four years. Assembly is a chance to be with thousands of fellow faith-driven women looking to grow closer to God and change the world for the better. Assembly is also a great chance to invite new women to be a part of United Methodist Women. Visit Assembly2022.org to get updates, get excited and help promote this amazing gathering. Early bird registration starts Sept. 1.



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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Remaining Faithfully Committed

Praying this finds all well and happy. Thankful we are moving towards getting back to a semblance of normal in our daily lives as we work and play. We need to remain faithful in our commitment to supporting the Purpose of United Methodist Women. I received the 2020 Unit Surveys and if you are a District or Unit President you should have received the report from your District MNO Coordinator. If you have read the report, I think you will agree that we need to improve the participation at our local level. I am always open for suggestions as to new ways to get more participation in getting this Survey completed. If you have any changes or corrections, I need those ASAP. I also want to encourage every individual member to take a minute to go to the [National website](#) under [MyUMW](#) to complete and print your own membership card, if you have not already done so. This will ensure a more accurate count of our membership and will contribute greatly towards our Conference reporting.

We are all working together, united to be the best we can be and to be faithful in our quest to work towards the Mission we are called to serve. My prayer is that we can all be found faithful.



Blessings,

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VP's Desk

Dear UMW Sisters,

The past fifteen months have been a struggle for most if not all as we have had to find new ways to be in community. Zoom, email, phone calls and drive-by have been our mainstay. We have struggled through loss, isolation, and loneliness but thanks to a faithful and merciful God, we are turning the corner.

Although virtual, you have remained committed and determined to keep faith, hope, and love active in your lives and the lives of others. Thank you for educating yourselves on the many issues around the school to prison pipeline and just energy; for remaining a sisterhood of grace; for your continued spiritual growth; for your mission giving and for continuing to uphold the values and goals that make United Methodist Women phenomenal. We are indeed a community of women who are knitted together and called by God to be bold and courageous in His Kin-dom!

We are in prayer and ask that you pray with us that we will be able to meet in person for Annual Meeting on October 2nd. Depending on where we are with COVID guidelines, recommendations from NGUMC and health experts, Fayetteville First has graciously agreed to host the meeting. Also pray that everyone will continue to get vaccinated and encourage family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to vaccinate as well so that we will be able to come together with peace of mind. To that end, we want Annual Meeting to be a grand occasion that is pleasing to God and uplifting for attendees. Therefore, I welcome your suggestions and ideas on ways to make this a joyous event. Please email me your suggestions.



I remain in His service,

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May 20-22, 2022
Orlando Convention Center
Orlando, Florida



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Spiritual Growth

Growing Closer to God Day By Day

Addie P. Shopshire-Rolle, Ph.D., Spiritual Growth Coordinator, North Georgia Conference UMW, rgamt@aol.com

As we journey through this Christian year, at Pentecost we pray that the Holy Spirit will remain alive in our lives as we grow closer to God. We see the need to cultivate our spiritual growth in order that we may mature in all aspects of our Christian walk. This nurture may come through diligently and meticulously studying the Bible, praying without ceasing, engaging in public and private worship, ministering to the needs of others, and so on. By so doing, we will continue to grow as disciples of Christ who follow his commandments.

During the spring months of the year, we witness new growth all around us as plants, flowers, and trees take on new life. Those of us who garden carefully prepare the soil and fertilize it before planting our precious seedlings. We continue to show special care as we water, weed, and do whatever is necessary for a good product in due season. The same is true with us as God



oversees our development into disciples who follow the word of God and seek to spread it to others for the transformation of the world. So be it! Let us pray to continue to grow spiritually as we grow closer to God day by day.



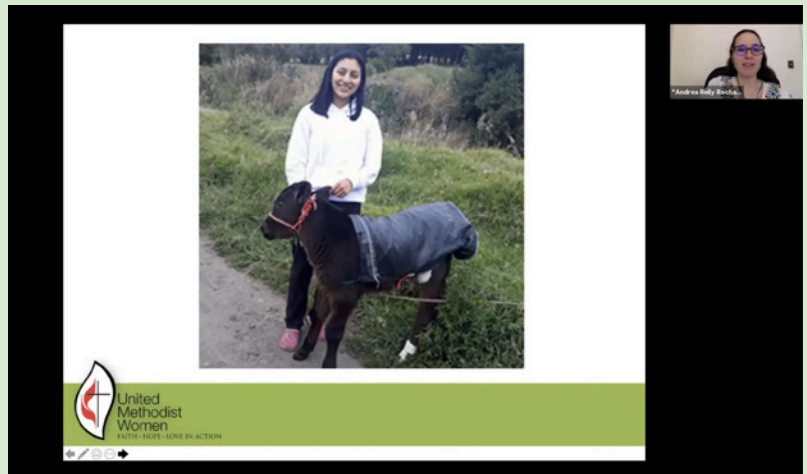
Continuing Our Mission Journey



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United Methodist Women are truly a creative, supportive fellowship that will find a way to keep giving and uplifting the marginalized and one another. It is my hope and prayer that all is well with everyone and your families and communities. Let's continue to keep our National Mission Institutions in our prayer and support their projects. Let's continue to help with filling their needs for community and school projects.

Your mission giving helps to support our National Mission Institutions, International Ministries Projects, scholarships, grants, current and retired Deaconess and Home Missioners. Your contributions, personal and financial, assist in funding our reading programs, print media resources for mission education mission giving support, Limitless Seminar Programs, ecumenical connections and administration costs. Please view the video "Voices from The Field" <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/voices-from-the-field> to find out more information about where your money goes. Thank you for your generosity.



Don't forget to participate in Mission u beginning June 12th and invite someone to join you in our studies this summer. As we did last year, we will not present certificates but please keep an account of your classes to receive credit for your Unit and Circles.

Please review the Mission Today Requirements at the end of this newsletter and use them to enhance your mission efforts.

Second Legislative and Call-in Day June 22

As a follow up to our very successful climate justice federal legislative day in April, please register and join us for a second legislative and call-in day that will take place June 22. Congress is currently working on infrastructure legislation, and we want Congress to hear that women of faith are urging them to advance infrastructure legislation that accelerates the transition to renewable energy with equitable and just policies.

We will be organizing legislative visits for eight states: West Virginia, Arizona, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Georgia and Nevada. NRPE will be setting up all meetings. The meetings will be held June 22, 1-4PM ET (11AM-1PM AKT for those in Alaska). A pre-briefing and training session will be held on June 21, 4-6PM ET, and will include a review of climate justice and energy and transportation issues, training on how to conduct a virtual Senate meeting, and time to plan your legislative visits with others in your state.

People from all states are encouraged to call their Congressional representatives at any time on June 22, 2021. You can use this link, which provides a script and will connect you directly to your elected officials.

United Methodist Women is partnering again with the National Religious Partnership (NRPE) for our legislative day.

Please click here to register for the June Climate Justice Legislative Day and Training Session:
<https://forms.gle/eyS4JMeV4vdDieJGA>.

Grace and Peace,

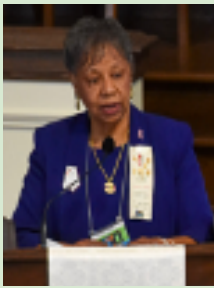
Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee
Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice
United Methodist Women



P.S. Join United Methodist Women and faith leaders around the U.S. in urging Congress to pass economic recovery and infrastructure legislation that addresses the harms of climate change and pollution. We must modernize existing water, transportation and energy infrastructure that is centered on equity and justice. Sign the letter to Congress: <https://p2a.co/oiHdo45>

The Legacy Fund

Building On Our Success



Day of Giving — A Success!

Thank you to all who participated and donated to our legacy and future in this year's March 23 Day of Giving. The first-ever 6-hour Live Day of Giving Facebook event resulted in more calls to give and more one-day online donations than ever before. A total of \$303,224 was raised for

the Legacy Fund. Your generous donations helped make 2021 Our Year of Hope!

Legacy Fund – Building On Our Success

As a permanently invested endowment, The Legacy Endowment Fund will forever be a source of income for United Methodist Women. The endowment assures that United Methodist Women can provide the life-affirming, compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers populations of women, children and youth in the years and decades to come.

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign, setting a goal in 2017 to raise \$60 million dollars. During the campaign's six-year history, communities of United Methodist Women across the globe raised over \$34 million dollars! There is still a lot of road ahead of us to reach that ambitious, yet reachable goal.

By building on the accomplishments achieved to date and strengthening that momentum with a range of activities, together we will build our legacy and generate an additional \$25 million. With gifts received in and beyond 2021, United Methodist Women will have access to financial resources used to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

As of April 15, 2021, we have raised \$35,659,582 which represents 59% of the total goal and includes cash and \$5,900,000 in planned gifts.

GIVE TO THE LEGACY FUND

Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change, Help us continue to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders over 150 years ago.

There are three Primary Channels of Giving to the The Legacy Endowment Fund:

Legacy Builders – monthly giving of \$18.69 or more (can give online, send in monthly checks or pay in one check (\$224) for the year.

Planned Giving through the 1869 Society – members committed to a planned gift to the Legacy Endowment Fund through their estate. Types of 1869 Society Planned Gifts: Will/Living Trust, IRA/Retirement Account, Life Insurance, Charitable Trust, Revocable Trust, Annuity Payable at Death, others. Development Staff member, Christi Campos from the UMW National Office (816) 286-6379 is available to discuss the various giving options with you. You can also speak with your financial or estate planner.

Major Gifts – Pledges may be fulfilled over 3-5 years; Range from \$1,000 – over \$100,000. Contact Development staff (816-286-6379).

Remember: You can make gifts in honor of, in celebration of, and in memory of those special women in your life. You can also designate United Methodist Women/Legacy Fund as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy or retirement plan.

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to The Legacy Fund. Gifts to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign are tax deductible to the full extent provided by law. We can all help promote and grow the Endowment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/give for more information,

Together, we are building our legacy!

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ONLINE: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150

PHONE: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday).

TEXT: 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in the message area.

PLANNED GIFT: Call 816-286-6379
or email: ccampos@unitedmethodistwomen.org

LEGACY BUILDER: unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder

BY CHECK TO: United Methodist Women, Attn:
Development, Legacy Endowment Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

A message from our treasurer:

Make 2021 a Successful Awards Year

A year ago in this article, I wondered how much longer “this” would go on. At that time, we were only three months into pandemic living and many were itching to get back to “normal.” Here we are at the end of May again and many of us are just beginning to reclaim some sense of normalcy. And yet, some of the new ways we learned during the pandemic are now normal and I don’t want them to go away!



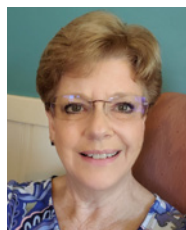
Through new ways of communicating, I feel more connected to my UMW Sisters than ever! We struggled together to figure out a new way forward. I have watched as United Methodist Women have worked vaccination clinics, created drive through food banks, protested the injustices in our society, walked with families through grief, and continued to learn, study, and grow putting Faith, Hope, and Love into action. We participated in Mission u and were even able to take multiple classes! We spent time wrestling with the hard conversations.

While many of our units struggled to meet on-line and traditional fundraiser activities had to be put on hold, our United Methodist Women “dug deep” and still contributed 77% of our Pledge to Mission in 2020! Because of reduced expenses in many areas, we will be able to give back some of our A&MD (operating funds) making our contribution to missions even larger. Please keep our National Mission Institutions in your prayers as they continue their work on reduced contributions.

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

North Georgia Conference UMW Treasurer

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A Summer of Social Action

Many of us have groups or activities that slow down or take a break for the summer. Our commitment to social action is not one of those things. Here are a few social action opportunities the North Georgia Conference UMW is planning this summer just for you!

Virtual Coffee and Conversation during North Georgia Annual Conference

Changing the Narrative: Breaking the Preschool to Prison Pipeline, with guest speaker, Pamela Perkins Carn, Co-Convenor for End Mass Incarceration Georgia (<https://www.emiganetwork.org/breaking-the-preschool-to-prison-pipeline>)

Mission u Is Online with Three Studies on Social Action Issues (see registration information on pages 10-11)

Register here for all classes: UMW Mission u 2021 — Choose Registration (<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=610503&>)

For Adults: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School (Only \$10) with Rev. Anika Jones and Deaconess Elna Jo Sheetz. (Two options available)
Register by July 28

For Youth (13-17 yrs): Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence (Free for youth) with Rev. Elizabeth Pollard and Rev. Dr. Stephen Redmond
Register by May 28

For Children (6-12 yrs): Responding to Violence (Free for children) with Lauren Breck. (two options available)
Register by June 28

Three Virtual Workshops on Just Energy for All (No cost)

Registration information is coming soon! Check our website, www.ngumw.org

What Our Faith Tells Us About Creation Care
Saturday, June 26, 10-11:30 AM, **Register by June 25**

Stories of Just and Unjust Energy in Georgia
Saturday, July 24, 10-11:30 AM, **Register by July 23**

Changing the Future: Just Energy for All
Saturday, August 7, 10-11:30 AM, **Register by August 6**



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3 WAYS TO VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER WITH PROJECT TRANSFORMATION

1. Read one-on-one with kids in-person
2. Sponsor/Provide a young-adult Friday meal
3. Donate books or supplies (tinyurl.com/wishlistPTNG)

Volunteer Sign Ups:
tinyurl.com/volunteerptng



Project Transformation's mission is to transform communities by engaging children, college-age young adults, and churches in purposeful relationships.

United Methodist Women Reiterates the "Call to Stop Criminalizing Communities of Color in the United States"

The killing of unarmed Daunte Wright by a Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, police officer during a misdemeanor traffic stop is the latest in a too-long list of extrajudicial killings of Black people. This tragic event happened as the trial for police officer Derek Chauvin in the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd during an arrest for a misdemeanor offense is underway in nearby Minneapolis.

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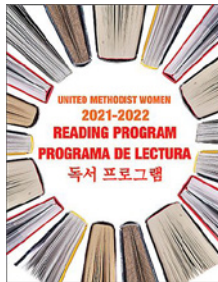
Let the Reading Program Inspire Your Actions

Greetings My Sisters in Christ!

As we move further into the year and our reading goals, let's not forget to keep track of our reading/webinars and the actions we're taking, whether it's in service to others, participation and/or taking action! It is my prayer that the reading will lead to action first of all in ourselves, in our local churches, districts and our conference as we approach and participate in upcoming events and meetings.

Track Your Progress

- **Share the program** with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.
- **Help people obtain books.** Distribute this guide.
- **Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.



- **Display a progress chart** in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
- **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- **Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.



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A Spiritual Growth and Social Action Event United Methodist Women of North Georgia Conference

*For the Beauty
of the Earth*

You may view the recording of the Spiritual Growth/Social Action event held on May 1, 2021 here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WwbjxXxqu4>

Chat notes are attached in this email. You may also find the YouTube link and
Chat notes on the NG UMW webpage,
<https://ngumw.org>.

Are you ready for Virtual Mission u 2021? ***There's Far More Here than meets the eye.*** Mission u will still be a time to learn and grow even in a virtual platform. The studies will begin in June and end in September.

This is the 120th anniversary of the first mission study, which was published in 1901 by the Central Committee on United Study for Foreign Mission. The idea of mission studies was born of an ecumenical Missionary Conference held in 1900, which included participants of United Methodist Women predecessor organization. You can read more about Mission u history in the of ***may/june response***.

There is a study for all family members ages 6 to 106, female or male. You can find the registration information at www.ngumw.org. Please share the information with your family, friends, and church community and invite them to attend Mission u this summer. It will be informative and transformative.

A virtual plenary session was held on May 13. Each of the study leaders shared an overview and their excitement for leading the study. This session was recorded and is available on the UMW website for viewing.

2021 Virtual Studies:

Adult Studies:

Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship (English, Korean and Spanish)

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

Children (ages 6-11): ***Responding to Violence***

Youth (ages 12-17): ***Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence***

Thank you for attending Mission u 2021!



See you soon,

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Mission u 2021



There's Far More Here
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Mission u 2021

Virtual Studies

Registration deadlines
for each month:

JUNE -

May 28th

JULY -

June 28th

AUGUST-

July 28th

SEPTEMBER-

August 28th

REGISTER
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There's Far More Here than meets the eye

**Register
TODAY!**

Adults: \$10 per study
Children & Youth: Free

YOU ARE INVITED

We have known and felt what it is like when "things are falling apart on us." We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything. Could there be, as 2 Corinthians put it, "far more here than meets the eye?"

Mission u, like many activities in our lives, has moved online. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God's grace is still unfolding and life is being made new. **Indeed: There's far more here than meets the eye.**

At our upcoming **Mission u**, we will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools, and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

Will you join us?

STUDIES

Finding Peace in an Anxious World...LEADER: Dr. Beverly Smith | The book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" are used as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace that surpasses all understanding.

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools...LEADERS: Rev. Anika Jones and Deaconess Elna Jo Sheetz | Even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.

Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship...LEADERS: (KOREAN) Rev. Millie Kim, (Adult) Rev. Eric Powell and Mary Anne Brannon, (HISPANIC) Debora Constable | The church's track record in these moments is far from perfect. The purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence (YOUTH)...LEADERS: Rev. Elizabeth Pollard, Rev. Dr. Stephen Redmond | Throughout this study, the goal is to take time to have deeper conversations about how we define violence, what the root causes of violence are, and ultimately, how God is calling us to respond. At the same time, the study seeks to guide young people to develop their capacity as peacemakers as an expression of their faith.

Responding to Violence (CHILDREN)...LEADER: Lauren Breck | This study provides the opportunity to reach children, their parents and guardians with information and techniques that will help prepare them for the violence that they will unfortunately encounter over the course of their lives.



North Georgia Conference UMW




There's Far More Here
than meets the eye

Mission u 2021
VIRTUAL MISSION U EVENTS

REGISTRATION

North Georgia Mission u is sharing these timely 2021 studies in virtual formats. Take this unique opportunity to be part of Mission u. See the studies below and register for the times that work best for you. **The registration fee for Virtual Mission u 2021 is \$10 per study for adults and FREE for children and youth.** The 2021 Mission u offering will be donated to the Disaster Response Warehouse, East Point GA. If you would like to contribute to the offering, please include your offering with the registration check or pay online when you register.

 You may register online at <http://www.ngumw.org> OR mail your registration form and fee to:
 **Anita Pygatt, 404 Town Center Dr. Apt 511, LaGrange, GA 30241-1955**

If you have any questions, contact Dean Tryphenia Speed at spee2422@bellsouth.net or 770-981-0200 or Assistant Dean Ariel Murphy at ariel.murphy156@gmail.com or 678-314-1344.

STUDY SCHEDULE

Choose the dates and times that work best for you.
A secure log-in will be sent to you to access the sessions you registered for.

REGISTER for
multiple classes
at **\$10**
per class.

JUNE 2021 | Registration Deadline: May 28th

Children Study (ages 6-12) – Responding to Violence

Saturday-Sunday: June 12 -13, Sat– 11:00 - 1:00pm,
Sun –2:00 - 4:00 pm

Youth Study (ages 13-17) – Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence

Saturday-Sunday: June 12 -13, Sat– 11:00 - 1:00pm,
Sun –2:00 - 4:00 pm

Adult Study – Bearing Witness (choose one set)

___Tuesdays: June 15, 22, 29, 10:00 - 11:30 am

___Thursdays: June 17, 24, July 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Korean Adult Study – Bearing Witness

Saturday: June 12, 10:00 am -12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Hispanic Adult Study – Bearing Witness

Saturdays: June 19, 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

JULY 2021 | Registration Deadline: June 28th

Children Study (ages 6-12) – Responding to Violence

Saturday & Sunday: July 10 - 11, Saturday: 11:00 - 1:00 pm,
Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Adult Study – Finding Peace

Tuesdays: July 13, 20, 27, 7:00 -8:30 pm

AUGUST 2021 | Registration Deadline: July 28th

Adult Study – Pushout (choose one set)

___ Tuesday and Thursday: August 10, 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

___ Saturday: August 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 3:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2021 | Registration Deadline: August 28th

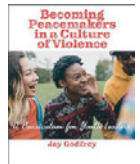
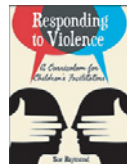
Adult Study – Bearing Witness

Saturdays: September 11, 18, 25, 10:00 -12 pm

Books

- Finding Peace in an Anxious World, edited by Erin James-Brown
- Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, by Monique Morris
- Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship, by Darryl Stephens
- A Curriculum for Youth Leaders: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence, by Jay Godfrey
- A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators: Responding to Violence, by Sue Raymond

Books may be ordered at
unitedmethodistwomen.org or Smile.Amazon.com.



Please Register Below:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____

District: _____



North Georgia Conference UMW

Central East Georgia District 2021 Activities

Here are a few mission activities that our units were able to achieve during this pandemic.

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Duluth First UMW

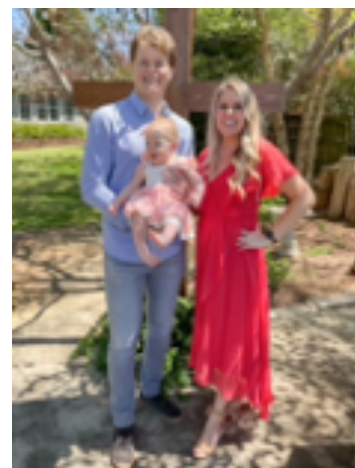
At Christmas time we videotaped a program on "Chrismons" for our virtual brunch. Then we handed out bags giving directions on how to make your own. We supplied all they would need.



On Super Bowl Sunday we advertised human trafficking and asked everyone to wear red to stop trafficking.

We recognized our new babies and donations went to Wellroot (children's home).

We prepared a booklet on tea with explanations of teas and recipes which we handed out at the drive through Wednesday night dinner. We asked people to have teas, take pictures and donate to Happy Sacks.



Princeton UMW

The Princeton ladies were busy putting together monthly inspirational cards, which they sent to shut-in members.



Snellville UMW

The Snellville Faith Circle ladies, put together beautiful fresh cut-flowers into various shaped bud-vases for members who were ill or just unable to be out due to the house shut-in.

Walnut Grove UMW

Walnut Grove UMW spearheaded a drive to gather requested supplies for women and children moving from the Battered Women's Shelter to their new homes.

We collected Lysol Wipes, Lysol (aerosol) Disinfectant Spray, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, also Women's and Children's Socks, and Children's Masks. In April we were able to deliver over \$500 worth of supplies.

Even though we are a small unit, in December of 2020 we sent sixteen \$25 gift cards to the transitional foster care Coordinator at Murphy/Harpst for eight boys and eight girls for Christmas gifts.

North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women Calendar

Event	2021	Location
Mission u	June, July, Aug, Sep	Virtual
Con/Program Executive	Jul 17	Murphy Harpst Children's Center
Annual Meeting	Oct 2	Fayetteville First UMC
Program Committee	Oct 7	Virtual
Program/Con Executive	Nov 6	Carrollton First UMC

Central North District is Keeping Busy



Our most important event thus far has been our Lenten Day Apart Service on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021. We had 286 registrations for the event with a wonderful program with diverse participants from the UMW units in our district. Our keynote speaker was Mrs. Wanda McQueen, the wife of our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michael McQueen. The program consisted of music (both vocal and instrumental) as well as other spiritual components including Holy Communion.



Our Love Offering, totaling \$2,570.00 was sent to UMCOR to assist in providing relief to Texas in their recovery from the devastating weather in that area.

To watch the Lenten Day Apart Service, go here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvG_xWWG0w

Mary Stamper-Murray,
UMW President
Central North District

Palm Sunday Litany

(Author: Fran Pratt)

LEADER: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
Response: His steadfast love endures forever!
 LEADER: This is the day that the LORD has made;
Response: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
 LEADER: Jesus Christ, You were the stone we rejected,
Response: Yet You have become our Cornerstone,
 LEADER: The one we look to as the best example of God's Love;
Response: The One we exalt above all others.
 LEADER: We are spreading our cloaks out on the path
Response: Laying palm branches at your feet
 LEADER: We offer every good thing we have:
Response: Every talent
 LEADER: Every blessing
Response: Every moment
 LEADER: Every word and thought
Response: Everything of value we claim
 LEADER: We lay at the feet of the KING Who comes
Response: In humility, in peace, and in Divine Love
 LEADER: Help us to remain in your steadfast love –
Response: Rooted in gratitude and grounded in your presence;
 LEADER: To stay—no matter what the crowds around us do –
Response: Steeped in compassion and centered in mercy.
 LEADER: Hosanna to the Son of David!
Response: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

SPECIAL 2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 1 | - | Spiritual Growth/Social Action Event – 10:00 A.M. |
| May 15 | - | Limitless Event |
| June 5 | - | North Georgia Annual Conference (Virtual) |
| Mission u | - | TBD |
| October 2 | - | North Georgia Conference Annual Meeting |
| October 23 | - | Central North District Annual Meeting |
| November 6 - | | Leadership Development Training |
| • General Conference | - | August 29 - September 7, 2021 |

Our Speaker, “First Lady” Mrs. Wanda McQueen



“And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.” Romans 8:28

News Around the Central South District

Flat Shoals The women of Flat Shoals UMC had a wonderful time participating in the 2021 Lenten Day Apart project, which was to gather shoes for children in the Wellroot Family Services programs. In the end, the unit was able to send in 30 pairs of all types of shoes. Great job ladies!

Tucker First The Tucker First UMW participated in the district New Shoe Drive for Wellroot in April. We collected 50 pair of children's shoes and had several monetary



gifts to share with Wellroot. We had a successful church-wide drive to collect needed items for hygiene kits for Murphy Harpst. In July, we will be reaching out to two schools in the Tucker area to help provide needed items and school supplies for the classrooms. Making Breast cancer pillows has been an annual event for our UMW for many years. The pillows are given to the Breast center at Emory-Dekalb Hospital and to breast cancer patients at Northside Hospital. This is one of our fall projects.

Chamblee First The Chamblee First UMW enthusiastically participated in the district Social Action event and donated over 60 pairs of shoes. We have sought new ways to connect with each other, the church, and the community during these challenging times, including through virtual and outdoor circle meetings, encouraging card writing to shut-ins and others who might feel isolated, and even holding our traditional bake sale fundraiser virtually. This bake sale raised funds for our annual Thanksgiving food drive and the women's shelter Family Haven.

Bethel The ladies from the Bethel Stockbridge JOY Circle came together to create some special 'puppet joy' for our young brothers and sisters in Honduras. It was wonderful to stretch creative muscles

knowing how much fun they will have using these puppets in ministry in Honduras.

Dunwoody UMW members continued with our 15-year tradition of providing meals for the women served by Action Ministries at the Grace UMC Women's Community Kitchen. Since last fall, we fed over 480 hungry ladies. We altered our routine and cooked the meal in the church's kitchen since it qualifies as a "commercial" kitchen. In addition to the hamburger

casserole, green beans, and dessert, we took hygiene and dental kits donated by the members.

Grace Department Mobile Unit held a Covid-19 vaccination drive at Grace UMC in Covington. 100 people were given the

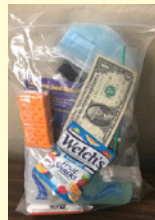


vaccine. People throughout Covington and the surrounding areas came out in support of us, and many church members served as volunteers. The vaccine drive was a big success! We are grateful to the church volunteers, GNR Mobile Unit, and Department of Health and Human Services. A Call to Prayer and Self Denial is an observance in sisterhood with women from the local unit and the global community. This year's theme was "She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference." All were welcomed to come pray, learn, and offer gifts that will make a real change in the lives of women, children, and youth.

Cedar Grove The Esther Dorcas Unit of Cedar Grove UMC in Conley has continued our efforts to fulfill the UMW mission and



purpose. We remained faithful by holding virtual monthly meetings. Earlier this year, we prepared 91 bags with toiletries, snacks, water, socks, etc., for a homeless organization, "Love Beyond Walls". Recently, we were blessed to be able donate shoes to participate in the Wellroot Shoe Drive.



Avondale Pattillo supports the local food pantry, Decatur-Area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM), with donations of food and monetary gifts. The pantry gets a lot of food donations from area churches and other businesses, but often runs low on personal care products, especially women's hygiene products. Our UMW unit is presently collecting these much needed items in a special drive, which started on March 1st and will continue until May 1st. We have already delivered several large bags of these items to the DEAM food pantry and will deliver several more when our drive is over. Our unit also sends seasonal greeting cards and easy craft projects to our homebound church members throughout the year.

Oak Grove During the pandemic, the Monrovia UMWs reached out to Oak Grove UMW and asked for us to help them raise money to complete the building of a dormitory. They did extensive work in providing numbers, showing us exactly how much it would cost, and we talked to their District Superintendent (whom we knew from our prior trips over there), who assured us that these women were women of integrity and would do exactly what they said they would do with the money. In the past, we have sent all funds that we raised to a bank account supervised by the District Superintendent, and all funds have arrived safely.

Oak Grove, again faced with a major fundraising challenge, decided to take the project to our new District Board and present it as a challenge for the entire district. The District Board voted unanimously to support the project.

The goal for the project is \$110,000.00 and, to date, we have raised \$13,000.00.



2021 Mission Today Unit Requirements

Name of Unit: _____ District: _____ Number of Members: _____

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 10 and under:

- Mission Today Unit: Complete 2 items, 1 must be asterisk items
- Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 3 items, 1 must be asterisk items
- Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete 4 items, 1 must be asterisk items

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 11-20:

- Mission Today Unit: Complete 5 items, 3 must be asterisk items
- Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 6 items, 3 must be asterisk items
- Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete 9 items, 5 must be asterisk items

Requirements for a unit with a membership of 21 or more:

- Mission Today Unit: Complete 10 items, 5 must be asterisk items
- Silver Mission Today Unit: Complete 12 items, 5 must be asterisk items
- Gold Mission Today Unit: Complete all 17 items

_____ *1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our Mission work with women, children and youth.

_____ *2. The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.

_____ *3. The unit will add at least two new members to its roll

_____ *4. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to Response magazine.

_____ *5. The unit will have at least two programs from the Program Book during the year.

_____ *6. The unit, circle or subgroup will conduct or attend at least one 4-hour, Mission u approved mission study.

_____ *7. The unit will inform on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. Some suggested plans of action: Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of different racial/ethnic backgrounds. Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups. Hold a joint Vacation Bible School or Bible study. Hold pulpit exchanges. Share joint worship services on special occasions. Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family.

_____ 8. At least one member of the unit (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the Conference or District Mission u.

_____ 9. At least two members (other than Conference or District officers) will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.

_____ 10. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information (register to receive alerts at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

_____ 11. Members shall send at least 10 cards or letters to people listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.

_____ *12. The unit will support state, local or community agencies for children, youth and women. Some suggestions: Attend meetings or events. Attend the Legislative events at the Capital. Write to legislators concerning issues that affect women, children and youth. Invite a speaker. Mentor or tutor a child.



2021 Mission Today Unit Requirements

- 13. The unit will be a 5 Star unit contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- 16. At least two members will complete one of the Reading Program plans and report on one of the books.
- 14. The unit will contribute to a mission project, such as UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), New American Pathways (National Immigrations or other Immigration and refugee organizations), or other United Methodist Women National Mission Institutions.
- 15. Each unit, circle, or subgroup meeting will include a “Response Moment” where an article from the Response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 16. At least two members will complete one of the Reading Program plans and report on one of the books. Encourage all members to complete Plan One.
- 17. The unit will invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of that unit, to one or more of the unit meetings or host a Conference or District event.
- 18. List any additional local and community mission involvement (with women, children and youth) for the unit during the past 12 months.

(Note: These are guidelines for local units to assist in planning programs and activities)

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The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

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.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission