

West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women

2019 Annual Celebration

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- Todd Smith for catering our morning refreshments and lunch
- · Sharon Wildermuth and Jan Kleine for providing the music
- Our special quests—Carol Barton, Rachel Billups, and Emily Marshall
- · West Ohio 2019 Leadership Team, District Officers, and Volunteers
- Everyone who took their time to come today

OUR PURPOSE

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.

LIVING OUR VISION

United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments, and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.



ABOUT THE DAY

Income and wealth inequality in the United States impacts women and communities of color, which, in turn, further marginalizes those who may already be vulnerable. Decades of poor policy choices got us to this point. Fair and just policy changes now could reverse the income and wealth gap. United Methodist Women are called to act locally and in national efforts to begin to bridge the inequality gap.

The United States has seen a major shift in concentration of income and wealth in recent decades, making life harder for the majority. Health, education and housing costs are going up but not wages! This impacts women and children in particular. Join us for a participatory workshop to explore where we are in terms of economic inequality and how we got here. We'll consider how our faith calls us to engage with policies that harm women and children. And we'll look at how United Methodist Women members can respond through the Living Wage for All Campaign. The session is facilitated by Carol Barton, lead staff for United Methodist Women's Living Wage for All Campaign.(www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wages)

Praying with Our Feet

Prayer comes in many forms. When Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel returned from the Selma Civil Rights march led by Martin Luther King, Jr., he was asked, 'Did you find much time to pray in Selma?' To which he responded, 'I prayed with my feet.' When we use our feet to pray, we experience a real and powerful prayer. The synthesis of walking and praying happens at the moment when you are fully present; when you walk in time with the rhythm of the breath in which every step generates energy and power.

Today, you will will be invited to walk and pray for a more equitable society. This is an opportunity for us to be fully present to the crippling effects of economic injustice while strengthening our resolve together to act in solidarity and support with those yearning for justice.



ORDER OF THE DAY

8:30AM Registration and Fellowship

Welcome! Enjoy coffee and fellowship while you visit the displays and resource table.

9:00AM Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

OUR PURPOSE

Gathering Song-Women Called to Act In Love

Responsive Prayer

One: We are called to embody the love of God in our lives. Come, kneel before Elohim, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

Ephesians 3:14-19

Many: Root us in Christ who dwells in our hearts through faith. Let us be grounded in love for all God's sacred children and creation.

One: Experience the Spirit's overflowing grace working in us as it strengthens, reconciles, and fills us with the fullness of our creator.

Many: Show us Love's width and length, height and depth together with all believers. We ask to know the love of Christ that is beyond all knowledge. By your grace, Amen.

Silent Reflection

Sung Response—Women Called to Act In Love (Refrain)

9:15AM Business Meeting

Standing Rules Committee Report: Standing Rules Approval Committee on Finance Report: Budget/Pledge Approval

Committee on Nominations Report Election of Conference Officers

Election of Nominees for North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

Retirement/Installment of Officers

9:45AM Program—At the Intersection of Faith and Economic Equality

Song-Pray With Our Feet

Walking Prayer for Economic Justice

12:15PM Lunch 1:00PM Gathering

Video — 2019 Mission u (HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/RDFZIYNQYIY)

Update From National Office

Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign Offering—We've Come This Far By Faith

1:30PM Worship

Reflection Communion

Closing Song - One Foot/Lead with Love

Benediction and Sending Forth

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Program Leader



Carol Barton
Executive for Community Action
United Methodist Women National Office

Carol leads the current justice priority on Economic Inequality with a focus on Living Wages for All. In this capacity she works to engage members in municipal and state legislative action that builds the base for a living wage. She previously served as lead staff on United Methodist Women's Immigrant and Civil Rights Initiative and in the Racial Justice office. A popular educator, she has created many workshops and curricula on social justice concerns. Carol has served as a Global Ministries missionary in Lima, Peru, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and as a Seminar Designer with the General Board of Church and Society. She directed Ecumenical Action and the UN Office for Church Women United. Carol has also worked with the Women & Philanthropy, the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service and the Women's International Coalition for Economic Justice. She holds a Masters in Political Economy from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Communion Leader



Rachel Billups
Senior Pastor at Ginghamsburg Church
Multi-campus Ministry

Rachel Billups is a visionary, leader, speaker and author. Rachel draws on her love of people and passion to explore new venues for ministry and mission. She is an ordained Elder within the United Methodist Church and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bible/Religion and History from Anderson University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke Divinity School.

Most days you can find Rachel reaching out – praying online, hosting Open Table gatherings in her home or enjoying moments with husband Jon and their four loves: Adeline, Christopher, David and Sarah. She also might be cheering for those Duke Blue Devils and The OSU Buckeyes.

Rachel is a popular speaker for national gatherings and has recently authored *BE BOLD: finding your fierce* as well as co-authoring *Down to Earth: Hopes and Fears of all the Year Are Met in Thee Tonight* and *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas* – all by Abingdon Press. You can find her on social media at: @rlbillups.

Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign



Emily Mack Marshall Chief Development Officer United Methodist Women

Emily Mack Marshall currently serves as Director of Development at United Methodist Women, leading a devoted and mighty team of development professionals in navigating United Methodist Women through a major fundraising initiative. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. The campaign seeking to raise \$60 Million dollars to ensure United Methodist Women has a firm financial foundation to continue to do important mission-focused work in service with and for women. children and youth in the years and decades to come. Ms. Marshall has over 20 years of fundraising experience, having worked in both large and small nonprofit organizations and government in New York City. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and pursued graduate study at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. In her off-work hours, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, loves the outdoors and has completed several half and full marathons, and serves as a Trustee in her local church. She feels blessed to be part of a wonderful vibrant, resilient community of United Methodist Women who serve so admirably to keep faith, love and hope in action alive in their home communities and in locations around the world.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

God Speaks through (reation April 3-4, 2020 @ the Procter Center in London, OH

Unwind in the beautiful, serenity of this lovely retreat center as you take time to breath with the rhythm of God's creation and connect with your creator.

More to come...

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

2020 West Ohio Conference Lead Team

These are your conference representatives from January through December 2020. They are a resource and are available to answer any questions you may have about United Methodist Women.

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IN MEMORY





In 1984, Bishop Craig was only the third women to be elected as Bishop in the United Methodist Church. To this pioneering role she brought a robust sense of humor and eloquent, inspiring preaching style. Bishop Craig was the first women Bishop to serve both in the Michigan area (1984-1992) and in West Ohio where she served until her retirement in 2000. When invited by the Council of Bishops to be the first women to give the episcopal address at the 1996 General Conference, she innovated the use of the teleprompter and PowerPoint slides.

During her episcopacy, she served on the Commission on Status and Role of Women, the General Council on Ministries, and the General Board of Publications.

In retirement, she was in active ministry as Visiting Professor of Church Leadership and Bishop in Residence at the Methodist Theological School where she continued to mentor the next generation of leaders in the church. The Bishop Judith Craig Scholarship Endowment was named in her honor.

"Bishop Judith Craig has served on our faculty for 15 years. No one more clearly exemplifies who we are and what we are about. Her teaching has impacted countless students. She is a pastor to us all," said MTSO President, Jay Rundell, at the announcement of the scholarship.

She was memorialized by West Ohio United Methodist Women as part of their 150th anniversary celebration at 2019 Mission u.

In 2000, the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village was established in Liberia to provide care for children left orphaned by civil war.

"The home is helping lots of Liberian children in terms of education and other empowering activities," said the Rev. Robert Sieh, director of the village. Sieh said when he met Craig in 2017, she told him she regretted not making Liberia a part of her episcopal journey.

Mason Chukpue, assistant business manager of the village, was one of the first graduates from the Children's Village. "I am proud to be associated with this village because it helped to make me who I am today," he said.

"I am giving back to the village what it has given me through the contributions of Bishop Craig and all those who contributed to the construction of the village. If I could speak to Bishop Craig, I would tell her how grateful I am to her for making my life meaningful to the Liberian society."





Ruth Stambach January 18,1931—January 14, 2019

Ruth served 35 years at McCurdy School where she taught English and History and coordinated the religious education program. She was active in the Deaconess, Home Missioner, and Home Missionary community for many years and lived at Otterbein Home in Lebanon, Ohio in her final years.



Gift Planning Allows Your Legacy and Your Connection to United Methodist Women to Live On

The 1869 Society, acknowledging our organization's founding year, was established to honor individuals who have designated United Methodist Women as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the 1869 Society members for their forward vision to leave a personal and lasting legacy that will shape the lives of women, children and youth now and in the future.

To learn more about the 1869 Society, visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ 150/give#plan or contact the United Methodist Women Development Office at 212-870-3705 to speak confidentially to a development officer about your giving options and becoming a part of the 1869 Society. You can also e-mail at: legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

150 ANNIVERSARY BECOME A LEGACY BUILDER 1869-2019



This fall marks an exciting new phase of the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign called Legacy Builders. A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary.

Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children, and youth in deeper and more impactful ways.

Endowing core expenses will equip United Methodist Women to make even more of a difference in communities around the world. For example, the small amount of \$18.69 can provide healthy snacks to an after school program for children living in poverty in rural Kentucky, supply books for an international scholarship recipient in the Philippines or purchase baby chicks to create entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth in Mozambique.

"It was so easy to just go online once and set up automatic monthly donations as a Legacy Builder," said Dianne Rumfield of Corpus Christi, Texas, "I am humbled that my giving to the Legacy Fund Endowment will help continue the work that was begun 150 years ago by Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren women, ensuring that mission with women, children, and youth will endure for many years to come."

Pick up a Legacy Builder donation envelope at the Legacy display, or go online at united methodistwomen.org/legacybuilder to see the many ways you can give. Become an inaugural Legacy Builder now and seize the opportunity to not only commemorate the year of our founding but also help build and strengthen the future of the organization we all love and are blessed to be a part of.

Response (September/October 2019)

by Christi Campos, Executive for Development and Donor Relations for United Methodist Women

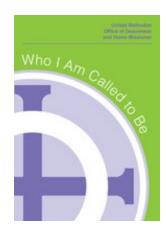
Ways to Become a Legacy Builder:

- * Complete the information on a Legacy Builder return envelope and mail it to the national office.
- * Make an online gift on our secure website: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacybuilder.
- ★ Text-to-give by dialing 41444 and texting "Legacy Builder" to set up regular payments.

Together, we are building our legacy!

As of September 2019, the campaign has raised \$ 27,988,234!

DEACONESS—CALLED, SERVED, SERVING STILL



Deaconesses are laywomen who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together they form a covenant community that is rooted in scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach. Deaconesses function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers:

Alleviate suffering:

Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth;

Facilitate the development of full human potential; and

Share in building global community through the church universal.

To learn more visit: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm/requirements

West Ohio Conference is proud to have the following active and retired deaconesses, home missioners, and candidates in process serving in ministry and mission!

Active

Marcia Florkey, Dayton, mlbflorkey@gmail.com
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Provisional Candidate in Process

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In Remembrance

Ruth Stambach, Lebanon, rstambach@aol.com

MISSION GIVING

United Methodist Women Mission Giving and special offerings make mission happen! During 2016-2018, more than \$10 million annually was allocated for U.S. national mission institutions and international mission. In the United States, Mission Giving provides vital support for United Methodist Women-related national mission institutions and other U.S. ministries as well as the Deaconess and Home Missioner program, spiritual growth, membership nurture opportunities for leadership development, mission education and service, and advocacy. Internationally, United Methodist Women supports some 150 programs, carried out by up to 116 organizations in more than 110 countries annually. Mission Giving provides scholarships to more than 73 students enrolled in institutions of higher education in 18 countries. United Methodist Women also supports eight regional missionaries. Their work reaches 49 countries and the Caribbean and focuses on gender justice, economic empowerment, restorative justice work with women in jail, and leadership development for women and youth.

Grant disclosures, income reports, treasurer's reports, financial statements and annual reports can all be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance. Your gracious giving changes lives for women, children, youth, and families down the street and around the world.

West Ohio Conference shares in the ministry of FOUR National Mission Sites:

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE

946 Parsons Ave., Columbus OH 43206 614-445-7342 4allpeople.net

FRIENDLY CENTER

1324 North Superior St., Toledo OH 43604 419-243-1289

WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

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WESLEY EDUCATION CENTER

525 Hale Ave., Cincinnati OH 45229 513-861-9865 wesleyeducationcenter.org

TODAY'S OFFERINGS

Table Offerings—World Thank Offering: Spontaneous, additional gifts are given out of gratitude for God's abundance and celebration of the joys of life.

Collection—Mission Giving: First and most important financial responsibility of all United Methodist Women is basic support of all mission programs.

Thank you for the material offerings you brought today in support of UMCOR.

Be part of the energy!

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL MEETING June 26-28, 2020 Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Our Calling u... event offers:

- ◆spiritual care
- networking
- women's leadership development
- ◆fellowship with inspiring women

Don't miss start event!

To register: www.umwncj.org Questions? Jeanne Long (jalong1952@yahoo.com)



Be sure to stop by
the Program
Resource Table and
check out the 2020
reading program
selections before
heading home today!

2020 Mission U



July 16-19, 2020 Otterbein University Westerville, OH

Find out more at westohioumw.org/MissionU "Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/WOCMissionu

The Studies

Spiritual Growth Study: Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety (Title not final)

The 2020 Spiritual Growth Study by Erin Brown and the Urban Village Church staff, uses the *Serenity Prayer* as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry and fear toward God's peace that passes all understanding. The study focuses on different aspects of the prayer and with an opportunity for participants to engage in various spiritual disciplines.

Issue Study: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

This insightful book invites the reader to learn about the school-to-prison pipeline, school-to-confinement pathways and school pushout through the words and stories of dozens of young people from all across the country, historical information and careful reflection. *Pushout* was not written specifically for United Methodist Women or a Mission u context; it was published in 2016 by The New Press for a general audience and was on the 2019 Reading Program list.

Youth Study: Managing Anxiety

In the explorative spiritual growth study *Managing Anxiety*, authors Trudy Rankin and Faye Wilson educate youth on one very normal emotion with considerable power—anxiety—and offer tools and practices that give them the self-confidence to manage decisions, control their emotions, and mature into healthy young adults, using our Christian faith as a guide. By the end of the study, youth will understand how anxiety shows up in their lives and learn a variety of practical techniques to manage anxiety, including the Daily Energy Routine and the Emotional Freedom Technique, or tapping. They also will know how they can experience God's help and God's love through spiritual practices, such as reading the Bible and engaging in spoken and embodied prayer. This study also encourages youth, their leaders and mentors, and their families to access other church and community resources such as counseling and peer support.

Children's Study: Managing Our Emotions

Managing Our Emotions helps children learn about their emotions and accept God's gift of their entire range of feelings (sadness, joy, excitement, fear, and frustration to name a few). The study draws from the Bible, science, music, and our lived experiences to help children learn to manage their emotions in a positive and healthy way. Techniques like the Emotional Freedom Technique, or "tapping," and the Buddy Bench, allow children to help both themselves and others.

The 2019 study, Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission will be offered as an enrichment option.

United Methodist Women's Four Social Action Campaigns!

Steps you can do today and in your units!

- Just Energy for All (Climate Justice): unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice
 Organize a letter writing campaign to urge Chevron to join other oil and gas companies in
 reducing their methane emissions and supporting sound regulations
 (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron).
- Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration

Do a deep dive into scripture and the school-to-prison pipeline using the Bible study found here: unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/mission-focus-issues/racial-justice-and-mass-incarceration/reflections

Contact Emily Jones, ejones@unitedmethodistwomen.org

A Living Wage for All: Economic Inequality

What happens if you or a loved one falls ill and you get no pay when you're out of work? You get zero wages, may deplete savings and incur debt and could lose your job. Join our campaign to urge members of Congress to support the bipartisan FAMILY Act guaranteeing paid family and medical leave for all! Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/paid-family-leave to send an online letter right now!

Plan to attend the screening of the documentary "Zero Weeks" on Sunday, November 24 at 2-4 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church (101 Huffman Ave, Dayton OH 45403) sponsored by St. Paul UMC and West Ohio United Methodist Women. Invite others to take action as well! For resources to take this campaign to your unit go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/paid-family-leave.

Contact Carol Barton, cbarton@unitedmethodistwomen.org

End Maternal Mortality: Maternal and Child Health

Find a local maternal and child health advocacy group in your community or state. Explore ways to establish and support maternal mortality review committees in the state. unitedmethodistwomen.org/mchealth

Contact Katie Prvor, kprvor@unitedmethodistwomen.org

Learn more about the Four Social Action Campaigns by going online to sign up for bimonthly action alerts or news about one or more of the issues: unitedmethodistwomen.org/action. You can also go to this link to download a form. However, it is most helpful for members to sign up online. Collected forms can be mailed to Carol Barton: cbarton@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Paid Family Leave Matters



Once a fringe issue, paid leave is now central to the national debate. It's smart economics. Companies like Google, which provide over 16 weeks of paid leave, have seen their rates of attrition fall by 50%. Paid leave is good for families, relationships, the health of seniors, parents, and children, and it is beneficial for business and our nation's ability to compete on a global scale.

I came so they could have life —indeed, so they could live life to the fullest. John 10:10

Join West Ohio United Methodist Women Sunday, November 24, 2019 2-4 pm St. Paul United Methodist Church 101 Huffman Ave., Dayton, OH 45403

View the documentary, Zero Weeks

A film weaving powerful stories together with insightful interviews with leading policymakers, economists, researchers, and activists, ZERO WEEKS lays out a compelling argument for guaranteed paid leave for every American worker. The film looks at paid leave from an emotional, medical, financial and global perspective.

Small group discussions

Take action

Everyone is welcome!

If you have questions, contact Beth Vanoli @ 937-901-9649 or vanolibeth@gmail.com.

Environmental Justice

The Intersection of Environmental and Economic Crisis

- 1. Natural disasters destroy communities with already fragile infrastructure and less capacity to deal with catastrophic events, leaving them further in poverty.
- 2. Environmental degradations produce toxic air, lack of clean water, malnutrition, and impaired development growth, creating greater health care risks for those who are in poverty.
- 3. Unfavorable weather lowers crop yields and decimates livestock to cause a decrease in income for farmers and their families, sending people further into poverty. It can also cause massive food shortages, increasing food prices and even famine.
- 4. With environmental crisis, the poor are often faced with the tough choice of either migrating to places with better living conditions or staying in their home and risking further uncertainty and loss.

Sustainable Meetings

The United Methodist Women of the West Ohio Conference is committed to sustainable practices and believe that these practices are key to today's women, children, and youth's needs and a way to put faith, hope, and love in action. We believe one way to help us move in this direction is by systematically and full-heartedly paying attention to such "minor" details as food, transportation arrangements, accessibility, recycling/reducing paper usage, and employing reusable dinnerware as much as possible. Through our choices, as we plan and implement our United Methodist Women meetings, we begin to shift our and others' consciousness—across the church—to more concretely build a sustainable economy, develop right relationships, and help repair and preserve the ecological wonder of this world.

With 800,000 women across the United States committing together to more sustainable practices and having our meetings be models of sustainability, we hold a tremendous amount of transformational power, not only for our attendees but for everyone they also influence! We believe we can be the change we want to see in the world today, not only for ourselves but for the world of our children and grandchildren!

To learn more visit: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Climate-Justice/Sustainability/Getting-Started or contact our Conference President, Jeanne Long by email (jalong1095@yahoo.com)

PLEASE USE AND RECYCLE TODAY'S PROGRAM BOOK, DO NOT THROW IT AWAY!

We hope you find this book helpful. There is a great deal of information, such as officer contacts and program planning aids, that can be used and shared throughout the year.

If you need it in electronic form, we will be sending it out in an eNews. You will also find a copy on the website to download and use.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

Thanks be to God for 150 years in God's mission—

And thank YOU so much for making our anniversary celebration a success through your storytelling, your special events, and your giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund. We're coming into the home stretch of laying this foundation to support mission for our next 150 years.

United Methodist Women are here for the long haul—

2019 has been a monumental year for United Methodist Women. Our 150th anniversary, has been a year that's cried aloud: "Women still need to organize for mission!" If the past 150 years have taught us anything, it's that women ORGANIZED for mission are essential for the Church to BE the Church. It is abundantly clear that God is still looking for women committed to turning their faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, youth—and neighbors on hard times and pushed aside. God is calling women to organize for mission FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL, REGARDLESS OF WHAT DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE WIDER CHURCH.

United Methodist Women is innovating programs to respond to the changing times and needs of current members and the many women who will be joining this mission journey—

Spiritual growth, leadership development, transformative education and service, and advocacy are part of our identity and increasingly you'll be experiencing these core values integrated into ALL of our programs to enhance membership as we prepare for mission action.

United Methodist Women impacts God's world for good—

Every day one of the ways you are turning your faith, hope and love into action is through your Mission Giving. This quadrennium, United Methodist Women has allocated more than \$30 million for member development programs, support for more than 90 National Mission Institutions and projects, and international ministries and scholarships, as well as worked on our priority issues. In 2018 alone, National Mission Institutions that are community centers and residential programs reported serving more than 205,042 persons including:

- 59,275 women over 18 years old
- 22,572 children 0-12 years old
- 20.972 youth age 13-18
- 5,132 mothers with children under 5 years old
- · 8,226 persons with disabilities
- 52,416 families

And several of the National Mission Institutions in the southern U.S. border towns are serving the immigrant women, children, and families seeking asylum in the United States when they're released from the detention facilities. Several National Mission Institutions located in other parts of the country are exploring certification to house some of the children who've been separated from their families until they can be reunited.

United Methodist Women Mission Giving matters in the United States and internationally—

United Methodist Women has supported mission partners serving women, children and youth in nearly 100 countries this quadrennium. Still, our international presence is driven by the work of our Regional Missionaries who partner with Methodist and United Methodist Women organizations in 21 African countries, 24 annual conferences of the Philippines, 12 countries in the Caribbean, and 10 countries of Latin America, through program and mission leadership.

In 2018, we've conducted member education and actions around United Methodist Women's focus on A Living Wage, Climate Justice, Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline, and Maternal and Child Health. Twenty-four United Methodist Women members from 19 conferences have been consecrated as deaconesses, laywomen with a passion for God and a commitment for full-time ministry in service such as parish nursing, social services, photojournalism and Christian education.

United Methodist Women prepares women for leadership for such a time as this— United Methodist Women were ready to boldly step up to leadership this year, throwing their hats into the ring as candidates for the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. We salute you for stepping up, regardless of the outcome of your annual conference elections.

United Methodist Women is bringing four pieces of legislation to the 2020 General Conference for adoption:

- CHILDREN'S SABBATH—adds the third Sunday in October to the church calendar as the UMC's U.S. observance of Children's Sabbath
- THE GIRL CHILD—calls the church to engage in advocacy to rectify conditions that limit girls from reaching their fullest potential in healthy environments
- THE STATUS OF WOMEN: TOWARDS REALIZING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL WOMEN—calls on the church to work for women's global equality in education, health, violence against women, etc.
- VOTER RIGHTS PROTECTION IN THE U.S.—calls attention to the disproportionate impact
 of voter suppression and for all communities to have access to full and equitable rights
 in the voting polls.

Keep telling your story-

Yes, United Methodist Women is here for the long-haul, turning our faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth today—and building a foundation for the next 150 years. From beginning of this 5-year anniversary celebration, we've been telling our United Methodist Women mission story. Keep telling that story!

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Membership Registration

As churches close and units are forced to disband, many women wish to continue their membership in UMW. There are many strong and vital units across the conference. We encourage you to find one that meets your needs and join if you no longer have a unit in your church or your church closes. Also, you do not need to be a member of a United Methodist Church to be a member of United Methodist Women. Anyone can join and take part in the work of mission so invite friends who may be interested in the work we are doing.

To stay connected, National United Methodist Women is encouraging each of us to register our individual information on their website. To do this go to westohioumw.org and click on the National United Methodist Women bar, then click the blue button "myUMW." Fill out your information and print your membership card.

Staying Connected

West Ohio United Methodist Women Website

If you have not had a chance to visit the conference website, you are missing out on so much good information. Our Communications Coordinator, Mary Stephens, has created a place where you can easily find out all you need to know about United Methodist Women around West Ohio, fast links to the national website along with related sites, and each district has their own page of information.

Need to find contact information for a conference or district officer? Curious about upcoming events or want to find pictures of yourself and friends at Mission u or Assembly? Interested in the studies for 2020 Mission u? Need report forms? It is all there and much, much more.

West Ohio Conference UMW News and Updates

Enjoy the convenience of having UMW news delivered straight to your email box. It is easy to sign up and stay connected. Just go to the West Ohio United Methodist Women's website and register to receive our eNews. You can also join through our Facebook page.

Don't waste time searching the internet or calling a friend. You are just one click away from everything you need to know about West Ohio United Methodist Women!

www.westohioumw.org

"Like" us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/westohioumw.org/

EVALUATIONS

In keeping with our attempts to be green, we have done away with the paper evaluations but we still want to hear from you. Use the index cards found on your table to share your thoughts and suggestions. At the end of the meeting just leave them on your table and we will gather them up.

- 2018 Annual Celebration Minutes
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 Proposed 2020 Pledge and Budget
 - -COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

 Slate of Leadership

 Meet the Nominees

2018 Annual Celebration Minutes

45th Annual Celebration Saturday, October 20, 2018 Crossroads Event Center, Lancaster, OH Sacred Creation, Sacred Work: Our Meeting Place with God

The video about the 2018 Mission u started the gathering time, followed by singing *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*. We recited the United Methodist Women Purpose. The Rev. Dr. Brian Jones of First United Methodist Church Lancaster welcomed us. Jeanne Long gave her welcoming remarks and asked the following to stand and be recognized: Bishop Gregory Palmer and Mrs. Cynthia Palmer; district superintendents; West Ohio Conference UMW past presidents Mary Kercherval Short and Joan Johnson (she could not attend because of recent surgery); past conference officers; current conference officers; eight district UMW presidents and those in attendance from each district; and deaconesses, home missioners, and Church and Community Workers. She recognized Beth Vanoli for all her hard work to plan and organize this Annual Celebration and to Janis Kleine and Sharon Wildermuth for helping with the music when the scheduled musician became ill. She thanked everyone for coming today.

Sharon Wildermuth led us in *How Can I Keep From Singing* and read Matthew 25:31–46. Bishop Palmer talked about The Cradle to Prison Pipeline and what shall/can we do to disrupt it. He told us to see, judge, act; build relationships with Horizons, Kairos, and others; and remember those in prison as if it was yourself.

After a short break, Bishop Palmer and Rev Jessica Stonecypher led us in Communion.

Carlene Triplett talked to us about the social action concerns: drug and criminal justice policies initiative. Information packets and yard signs about Issue 1 are available in the display area. She blessed the mission giving offering and the material gifts of crayons, markers, and colored pencils for children at the National Mission Institutions in West Ohio Conference.

Because of the recent death of Mission u Dean Doug Shugert, Beth Vanoli gave the update about Mission u 2019. Shelby Powell friend and parishioner of Doug's church offered a prayer.

Carlene Triplett gave instructions for lunch and the prayer. Ladies were encouraged to visit Mission Resources and the displays.

The video Love Song to the Earth and singing Hymn of Promise started the afternoon session.

Cean Wilson talked to us about the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

Rev. Jessica Stonecypher, author of *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*, talked to us about how the Bible informs us about creation care. Adam was given dominion over creation and named the animals. Jesus was born in a manger with animals nearby. Many of the parables were about the natural world, agriculture, animals, and plants. Even composting affirms creation and resurrection.

After a short break and the video *Assembly 2018: Here's What Happened*, President Jeanne Long called the business meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. The minutes were approved as printed.

Janice Deal, chair of the Standing Rules committee, presented the changes to the Standing Rules for 2019 as printed on page 20 in the program book. These had been posted on the UMW website and given to each district more than 30 days before today's meeting. The 2019 Standing Rules were adopted.

Treasurer Sylvia Kempton presented the budget as printed on pages 23 and 24 of the Program Book: 2019 Pledge to Mission \$350,000 and Administrative and Membership Development (A & MD) \$106,642 for a total budget of \$456,642. Budget and Pledge for 2019 were unanimously approved.

Janis Kleine, chair of nominations, presented the following nominees: Connie Hook for Treasurer, Denise Bentley as Program Resource Coordinator, and Brenda Coleman and Beverly Van Hoose as Members of Committee on Nominations. Jeanne Long asked for nominations from the floor, and none were given for any of the offices. Continuing in office are President Jeanne Long, Secretary Janice Deal, Mission Coordinator Sharon Wildermuth, Mission Coordinator Beth Vanoli, Communication Coordinator Mary Stephens, Chair of Nominations Janis Kleine, and Members of Committee on Nominations Barbara Proctor and Kay Sroufe. Molly Manring moved to close nominations and to have those nominated unanimously elected, and Sherri Scott seconded. The vote was unanimous. Alicia Smith was recognized as the newly appointed Hispanic Language Coordinator. President Jeanne Long adjourned the business meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Jeanne Long recognized Sylvia Kempton for her 6 years as treasurer and Virginia Scott and Roxie Hutsell for their 4 years on the Committee on Nominations; Virginia served 2 years as Chair of Nominations.

Jane Benner, member of the Board of Directors, gave us an update from National Office of United Methodist Women. The board adopted a budget for 2019 of \$16.4 million with \$1.2 million going to the national mission institutions. In addition to the budget, board members approved \$29,835 in grants to national mission institutions and \$18,800 for the two recipients of the 2018 Theressa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizens Award; \$46,000 in scholarships was given to 14 US seminary students. The study themes for 2021 Mission u were approved: Spiritual Growth: The Moral Witness of the Church; Geographic: The Two Koreas; Issue: Mass Incarceration (a two-year study that starts in 2020); Youth and Children's studies: Living as Christians in a Violent Society. The UMW Census is open on the website from October 9, 2018, to March 30, 2019. Jane encouraged all of us to sign up. The strategic plan for United Methodist Women is to position United Methodist Women as a clear leader in the church and wider community; to engage current and potential members for spiritual growth, leadership development, and membership expansion; and to mobilize members for action and service.

Jane Benner asked us to look at the insert in our program with information about the Social Action Campaigns through 2020. Each campaign is explained with the target and contact information. She commissioned us all to zero in on a priority, learn about the issue, and take collective United Methodist Women action!

We sang *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*, and Jeanne Long gave the benediction. Meeting ended at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice a. Deal

Janice Deal, WOC UMW Secretary

STANDING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

20202019 Standing Rules of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women

Responsibilities of Treasurer

Calls two meetings of the Committee on Finance annually. The February-first meeting will be for training, goal setting and analysis. The August second meeting is to accept districts' pledges and budgets and to set the budget and pledge for the conference. Presents the conference pledge and the conference and district budgets to the Conference Leadership Team for approval. Presents the conference pledge and budget at the Conference Annual Celebration.

Responsibilities of Secretary

- Notifies the conference office of those UMW representatives assigned by the UMW president to represent UMW on various boards and committees.
- The minutes of the Secretary are designated as permanent records. The secretary is to keep the minutes of the current quadrennial and the
 quadrennial immediately preceding the current one. Older minutes are to be given to the Communications Coordinator or the Conference
 representative to the Commission on Archives and History at the end of each quadrennium for deposit in the United Methodist Archives.

Responsibilities of Mission Coordinators

• Verify with the Treasurer that \$500 is placed in **escrowsavings account** annually in December to apply against Spiritual Growth Retreat expenses.

Assembly

Funds, in the amount of \$7500, shall be placed in eserowsavings account annually in December, beginning 2019, to apply against Assembly expenses.

North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

 Funds, in the amount of \$1000, shall be placed in escrewsavings account annually in December to reimburse officers eligible for the meeting registration.

West Ohio United Methodist Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat

• Funds, in the amount of \$500\\$250, shall be placed in escrewsavings account annually in December to apply against Spiritual Growth Retreat expenses.

National Seminar

Funds, in the amount of \$250, shall be placed in escrewsaving account annually in December to apply against National Seminar expenses.

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

- Funds, in the amount of \$250, shall be placed in escrewsavings account annually in December to apply against World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women expenses.
- The purpose of the escrewsavings account funds is for the President or her representative to attend a World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women event.

UMW Representatives to Other Agencies

Conference officers designated by the President shall represent the United Methodist Women's organization on various boards, and committees. Mileage and accommodations for representatives attending committee meetings shall be paid by Conference UMW unless paid by the respective agencies.

MISSION u, A COOPERATIVE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

- Conference Mission u, Expenses
 - Registration and travel for District Officers including the District Committees on Nominations who are in good standing in each district who
 are attending the week or weekend four-day Conference Mission u shall be paid by the Conference United Methodist Women

ESCROWSAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Each December, the treasurer will place in escrewsavings accounts funds for the following events, unless the account is fully funded:

- National Assembly, \$7500 beginning 2019
- North Central Jurisdiction Meeting, \$1000
- Spiritual Growth Retreat, \$250
- National Seminar, \$250
- World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, \$250

Remaining funds at the conclusion of an-the event shall be remitted to National UMW to assist with WOC UMW pledge goal.

CORPORATION OF THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Copy of record is in the Office of Fiscal affairs in the registered office in the corporation (Area Office, United Methodist Church, 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington Ohio 43085), in the files of the Conference President and the Conference Secretary.

Approved by Leadership Team August 4, 2018 September 14, 2019

Approved by Membership October 20, 2018October 26. 2019

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT

Slate of Leadership

Committee on Nominations:

Chair Janis Kleine and the committee recommend the Slate of Officers for 2020 as follows:

To Be Elected

President (1st year of 2nd 2-year term):

Secretary (1st year of 1st 2-year term):

Communications Coordinator (1st year of 2nd 2-year term):

Chair, Committee on Nominations (1st year of 1st 2-year term):

Member, Committee on Nominations (Class of 2021):

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Mission Coordinator (1st year of 2nd 2-year term):

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Beth Vanoli

To Be Appointed

Hispanic Language Coordinator (2nd year of 1st 2-year term): Alicia Smith

Continuing in Office

Treasurer (2nd year of 1st 2-year term):

Program Resources Coordinator (2nd year of 2nd 2-year term):

Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2021):

Member of Committee on Nominations (Class of 2022):

Connie Hook

Denise Bentley

Brenda Coleman

Beverly Van Hoose

Nominees for National Director

Janice Deal Roxie Hutsell

Alternate: Ruth Lawson

Nominees for Program Advisory Group

Janice Deal Roxie Hutsell

Meet the New members of the Team

Marilee Hill—Secretary

My UMW career has been in the River Valley District (RVD) Minnesota Conference since 2013 serving as RVD District Secretary, Northfield UMC Mugs-n-Muffins local unit coordinator and year 2019 I completed my term as Communications Coordinator/District Newsletter Editor. In 2016, I was honored as UMW Woman of the Year by the UMW local units at Northfield UMC (Minnesota). What a great honor! I felt a calling to take the WOC Secretary position and I am most encouraged by the Ohio UMW Ladies I have met thus far. I have heard it said and I do believe in my heart that, "...God does not call the equipped, He equips the called." I bless that you ladies will be patient with me as I learn the ins and outs of this position.

Volunteering in leadership has been great fun for me. I have learned a lot about bringing the love of God to women, children and youth, how to lead in a loving way and how to take God and the Holy Spirit into all that I do. I am grateful to be around women that live deliberately-on-purpose in the name of Jesus. My hobbies include machine sewing, cellular phone photography, teaching Arts and Crafts and being a NanNa to my three-years-old grandson Julius.

Note: I am attending Eden Chapel UMC in Sayler Park 45233 until I find a UMC church on the West Side of Cincinnati, Ohio that has an active Children's Ministry for children ages 2-5 years old.

Becky Ruple—Member of Committee on Nominations

I'm so glad to be involved in United Methodist Women! My journey includes teaching for 30 years in Huber Heights, working as an Administrative Assistant for Aldersgate UMC for 14 years, serving on many church committees, and singing in the choir. UMW was so important in our church, and I had time to serve after retirement. Local unit offices held included: President, Secretary, Secretary of Program Resources, Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator, and Ways & Means. Miami Valley District UMW offices held included Nominations, Secretary, and Communications. After my husband, Frank Reigelmen's passing, and my final retirement, I moved to my hometown, Delta, Ohio, in 2016. I now attend Delta UMC, which is in the Maumee Watershed District. Sadly, there is no UMW unit at my church. I enjoy reading, gardening, writing devotional materials, and attending the school activities of my great nieces and nephews.

Carlene Triplett—Chair of Committee on Nominations

Carlene is a retired deaconess and diaconal minister. She served appointments in South Carolina, NewYork, and Ohio. She is completing her term as president of the Foothills District UMW. She serves on the West Ohio Conference nominations committee. She is active at Richland UMC in Athens. Six months a year she volunteers at Blennerhassett Island State Historical Park.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORT

PROPOSED PLEDGE AND BUDGET FOR 2020

Proposed Pledge to Mission: \$300,000.00

Proposed BudgetAdministrative & Membership Development Funds

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A. Conference		
1. Travel		
a. Conference Officers	3,000.00	
b. District Officers	4,000.00	
Meals and Lodging	2,200.00	
Printing & Postage	500.00	
4. Supplies	300.00	
5. Mail Service (\$40 × 5)	200.00	
Recognition/Retiring Officers	360.00	
7. Handbooks	0.00	
8. Reading Program	100.00	
9. Equipment	100.00	
Dependent Care	100.00	
Gifts in Mission/Memory	100.00	
12. Miscellaneous	200.00	
Subtotal		\$11,060.00
B. District A&MD Funds	38,475.00	
Subtotal		\$38,475.00
C. Jurisdiction A&MD Funds	2,988.00	
Subtotal		\$2,988.00
D. Cooperative Mission u		
Conference Registration	1,700.00	
District Registration	14,500.00	
Martha Scholarships	4,500.00	
4. Youth Scholarships	3,000.00	
5. Enrichments	200.00	
Conference Subsidy	4,500.00	
Subtotal		\$30,400.00
E. Conference Programs		
 Annual Celebration 	2,500.00	
Conference Leadership Development	1,200.00	
West Ohio Annual Conference	200.00	
CWU – State Assembly	200.00	
Appalachian Development Comm.	100.00	
6. UM Seminars	0.00	
7. Racial Justice Event	500.00	
8. Emerging Programs	500.00	
National Leadership Development Days	500.00	
Subtotal		\$5,700.00

F. Public	ations		
1.	Conference Newsletter	0.00	
2.	Yearbook	250.00	
	Website/Electronic Media	250.00	
Subtotal			\$500.00
	nittee Meetings		
	Executive/Program	100.00	
	Finance	100.00	
	Nominating	25.00	
	Racial Justice	100.00	
	Other	100.00	
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	W.O.C. Archives	100.00	
	Gifts to Persons in Mission	300.00	¢400.00
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	Assembly	1,000.00 7,500.00	
	World Federation (\$250.00/yr. fully funded)	0.00	
	National Seminar	250.00	
	Spiritual Growth	250.00	
Subtotal	Spiritual Growth	230.00	\$9,000.00
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	o Mission	\$300,000.00	
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	District Pledges		
	Capitol Area North	\$57,000.00	
	Capitol Area South	\$40,000.00	
	Foothills	\$34,000.00	
	Maumee Watershed	\$25,000.00	
	Miami Valley	\$70,000.00	
	Northwest Plains	\$45,000.00	
	Ohio Diver Valley	\$75 000 00	

Ohio River Valley Shawnee Valley

Total

\$75,000.00 \$22,750.00 \$368,750.00

SAVE THE DATES

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Social Action Event

Zero Weeks—Exploring Our Nation's Paid Leave Crisis
November 24, 2019—St. Paul UMC (Dayton)

Spiritual Growth Retreat

April 3-4, 2020 - Procter Center, London, OH

Annual Conference

June 7-11, 2020—Lakeside

North Central Jurisdiction

June 26-28, 2020 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mission u

July 16-19, 2020 — Otterbein University, Westerville, OH

Annual CelebrationTBA

