

# NewVision

NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Summer 2020

Barbara Coats

Northwest Plains District President

Our world continues to change and often we find that prayer is not the least we can do, but the MOST we can do. Our call to serving others and bringing the love and justice of Jesus continues on, even in this still limited world of Covid-19, the challenging news of the death of many Americans and the need for justice heard around the world. Please continue to be the light of love and the hands and feet of Jesus for all of those around you. Even when life gets hard and we are weary, we are here for each other.

The work of United Methodist Women is to turn faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. This work continues during the Covid-19 pandemic, and to accomplish this, we must remember to send in our mission giving. The Northwest Plains District has received \$9,787.07 of our pledge money which is approximately 22% of our \$45,000 pledged.

Please keep in mind, the five channels of mission giving which count toward our pledge.

Pledge to Mission – The amount a woman gives to her local unit helps fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women.

Special Mission Recognition – A pin to honor a special person that has dedicated his or her time and effort to the service of Jesus Christ.

Gift to Mission – It is a gift in honor of someone. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, New Baby, In the Service of Christ, On Your Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday, and Christmas.

Gift in Memory – Individuals or local units may wish to send a card to the family of the deceased with gifts of \$5.00 or more.

World Thank Offering – Give gifts of gratitude or to celebrate joys of life. Many women keep a World Thank Offering box or jar to collect gifts during the year.

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## 2020 Upcoming District Events

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| October 3  | NWP District Annual Day – Cancelled. Nominations, election, and approval of minutes enclosed in newsletter. Please complete and return.                       |
| October 31 | WOC UMW Annual Celebration – Will be on-line via ZOOM. Register at <a href="http://westohioumw.org/calendar-of-events">westohioumw.org/calendar-of-events</a> |

## **Barbara Coats, President - Continued**

Share these channels of mission giving with unit members to encourage mission giving beyond pledges. Remember to request cards needed (if desired) for Gift to Mission or Gift in Memory. List the names of those honored with Gifts in Memory if you want them listed in the newsletter.

Every unit can easily be a 5 Star Giving Unit by designating mission giving in each of the five channels above. The mission giving remit form can be found at

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/financial-documentation/remittance-form.pdf>

You can mail the remittance form (and requests for cards) to our district treasurer, Susie Closson, 326 Grandview Avenue, Ada, Ohio 45810.

During this time of keeping ourselves and those around us safe and healthy, the district would like to keep the units informed on what is happening in UMW at the local, district, conference, and national levels.

Do you have a story to tell? Or do you have a question about UMW? We want to stay connected with you, so please send stories, pictures, questions, and suggestions to our Communications Coordinator, Sharon Link at [slink45846@gmail.com](mailto:slink45846@gmail.com) or mail to 1587 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery, OH 45846.

## **RE-ENTRY HYGIENE KITS**

**Reba Collins, AIC Consultant**

**WOC of the United Methodist Church**

**Paula Nourse, Mission Coordinator**

**WOC of the United**

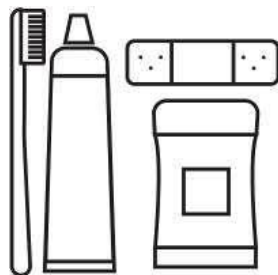
**Methodist Women**

Hello to all United Methodist Women in Northwest Plains District!

We would like to congratulate everyone in taking the challenge to complete the Re-Entry Hygiene Kits for our neighbors returning from prison.

The Purpose of United Methodist Women states . . . “to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church,” and in 1 John 3:17-18 it states . . . “If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” (NIV) It was not difficult to put out this challenge to women who live mission. You graciously accepted the challenge and the results are the fruits of your labor. We applaud United Methodist Women in a job well done. Our battle cry is Action! Action! Action!

Thanks again to all who participated in this project and continues to do so.



## **Lana Stearns**

**Northwest Plains Coordinator for Social Action**

Greetings! The Covid-19 virus has caused several of our social action campaigns to experience setbacks this year while others have moved forward.

Just Energy For All - Setback on mileage standards has been pushed back for automobile and trucks. Many vehicles are on the road causing air pollution.

Living Wage For All – Still moving forward, but due to the virus on hold in many states. An excellent article in the May/June response on economic equality, pages 39-41.

Maternal & Child Health – Progress. Henderson Settlement collaborating with Vanderbilt Center for Health in providing health services for pregnant mothers before and after birth.

Plastics – Our landfills and waterways are filling up with plastics that is endangering all creatures that the water is their home. Recycle even though reports indicate the centers are losing money due to no market.

We are living in troubled times and we need to find ways to help others by being Disciples. Keep your eyes and ears open to the opportunity that works for you. Philippians 2:4 tells us to be concerned about the interests of others and not just what interests us.

We cannot sit back! United Methodist Women have always supported the needs of women and children. Pray for these programs. God Bless!

## NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT 2020 OFFICERS

President	Barbara Coats	419-423-1771	bacoats1212@yahoo.com
Secretary	Lisa Harlan	419-771-3241	lharlan2@woh.rr.com
Treasurer	Susie Closson	419-634-5457	Susie.closson@wilson.com
Program Resources	Karen Dull	419-605-8110	karenadull@gmail.com
Membership, Nurture & Outreach	Sheila Rowe	419-230-5361	sheilabug100@hotmail.com
Education and Interpretation	Sally Kiggins	419-692-8806	kiggs@watchtv.net
Social Action	Lana Stearns	419-358-0095	
Communications Coordinator	Sharon Link	419-375-4997	slink45846@gmail.com
Spiritual Growth	Debbie Knox	419-305-2956	dgknox69@gmail.com
Nominations Chair	Patsy Schwendeman	419-394-7145	pasch44@hotmail.com
Nominations Committee	Charlotte Kain	419-694-3822	charchargram8@gmail.com
	Barbara Cramer	419-422-7376	bjcramer3321@hotmail.com

## West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women 2020 officers

President: .....	Jeanne Long
Treasurer: .....	Connie Hook
Secretary: .....	Marilee Hill
Mission Coordinator: ...	Beth Vanoli
Program Resources: .....	Denise Bentley

**Each local UMW has a District Officer assigned as a shepherdess who they can contact for information or help.**

### **Barbara Coats – President - 419-423-1771**

Arcadia, Bluffton Trinity, Findlay West Zion, Carey Memorial, Findlay Houcktown

### **Sharon Link – Communications Coord. - 419-375-4997**

Celina St. Paul Grand Lake UMC Campus, St. Marys Wayne Street, Ohio City, Payne St. Paul

### **Karen Dull – Program Resources - 419-605-8110**

Willshire Union, Delphos Trinity, Edgerton & Emanuel, Edgerton UMC, Montpelier St. Paul's

### **Debbie Knox - Spiritual Growth - 419-305-2956**

Findlay St. Andrews, Ottawa Trinity

### **Lana Stearns – Social Action - 419-358-0095**

Columbus Grove St. John, Ottawa Pandora Riley Creek, Mt. Victory / Rhinehart, Lima Trinity, Oakwood Twin Oaks

### **Lisa Harlan – Secretary - 419-771-3241**

Van Wert Wesley, Convoy, Bryan Melburn, Edon

### **Charlotte Kain - Nominations – 419-694-3822**

Findlay Howard, Findlay St. Marks, Ada First, Defiance Trinity

### **Sheila Rowe – Membership, Nurture & Outreach 419-230-5361**

Hicksville Grace, West Unity, Bryan Faith, Bryan Wesley, Stryker

### **Barbara Cramer – Nominations – 419-422-7376**

Kenton First, Kenton Silver Creek, Upper Sandusky John Stewart, Defiance St. Paul

### **Patsy Schwendeman – Nominations Chair - 419-394-7145**

Fort Recovery, New Knoxville, Uniopolis, Elida Allentown

### **Sally Kiggins – Educations & Interpretation - 419-692-8806**

Middle Point, Continental Christ, (Continental) North Creek, Continental United

### **Susie Closson – Treasurer - 419-634-5457**

Alger First, Harrod, Forest

### **To be assigned:**

Leipsic Caring Point: Oakdale (Leipsic, New Hope Bethel, Gilboa, New Beginnings Deshler, Deshler Oakdale)



**Patsy Schwendeman**  
**Northwest Plains Nominations Chairman**

Romans 12:2 Learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Nominating Committee has been working to prepare a slate of officers for 2020-2021. Positions to be filled are Treasurer, Social Action, Membership, Nurture and Outreach, Program Resources and Communication Coordinator. At this time we have been able to fill the following: Treasurer, Social Action, Program Resources and Membership, Nurture and Outreach. We are still searching for a Communications Coordinator.

As you are talking with other UMW members, tell them about the pluses and perks of serving on the district mission team. Tell them of the new friendships, opportunities to serve and make a difference.

The Nominations Committee solicits your assistance in helping us find women to become district officers.

Has God been calling you to become more involved with UMW? The door of opportunity is NOW.

Blessings,  
Patsy Schwendeman  
419-733-5789  
[Pasch44@hotmail.com](mailto:Pasch44@hotmail.com)

**Karen Dull**  
**Program Resource**

There were 23 recipients of the 2019 UMW Reading Program. They will all be recognized at a later date due to cancellation of our district meetings in 2020.

NWP UMW TREASURER'S REPORT	
07/15/20	
<b>MISSION GIVING-UNDESIGNATED</b>	
PLEDGE	\$8,252.00
SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION (PINS)	\$120.00
GIFT TO MISSION (CARDS)	\$225.00
GIFT IN MEMORY	\$45.00
WORLD THANK OFFERING	\$940.07
	<u>\$9,582.07</u>
<b>MISSION GIVING-DESIGNATED</b>	
CALL TO PRAYER	\$638.00
	<u>\$638.00</u>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<u><b>\$10,220.07</b></u>
Thanks to all UMW members and units for your mission giving. Please send all remittances for 2019 by November 30, 2020.	
If you have questions or need forms, please let me know. Susie Closson - 419-634-5457	
Please send remittances to : Susie Closson 326 Grandview Blvd Ada, OH 45810	

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**Websites and Social Media**  
**National UMW**

[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

**Conference UMW**

<http://www.westohioumw.org/>

**Conference UMC**

[www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org)

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[www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org)

800-305-9857

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## 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION – St. Andrew’s UMW



Members of Findlay’s St. Andrew’s UMW Circles prepared a tea for the ladies of our UMW with a historical presentation about UMW afterward. – Submitted by Sue Freel, Board Chair, St Andrew’s UMW, Findlay, Ohio

**Sheila Rowe**

### **Membership, Nurture & Outreach**

Coming in October...

Each year the United Methodist Women’s website, [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org), has a “census” questionnaire to gather information at the local level. The 2020 census may be under a new name this year but it will still be opening up the first week of October and closing at the end of March, 2021. October is right around the corner, so this is a “heads up” to watch for it.

We strongly encourage each local women’s group to complete the 2020 census when it becomes available because it provides valuable and interesting information about UMW groups across the country. Only one district in the NWP district responded in 2019. We can definitely do better!

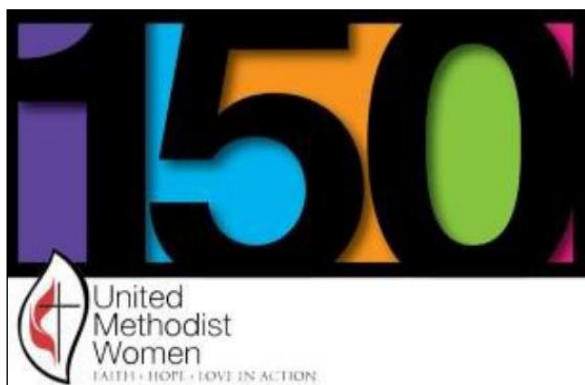
Northwest Plains women, let’s see your responses this upcoming year!

**Debbie Knox**

### **Spiritual Growth**

Hi to everyone! I hope that those of you receiving the Prayer Calendar via email are sharing it with your units. This is very useful tool to help put your faith, hope and love into action with a daily mission focus.

## Legacy Fund



**Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:**

Online at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)

•By phone: 800-278-7771(8 am-6pm EST, M-F)

•Text Legacy150 to 41444

By check mailed to: United Methodist Women  
National Office

475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor New  
York, NY 10115

The Annual Celebration scheduled for October 3, 2020, at Lima Trinity has been cancelled for this year due to the pandemic. The reports in this newsletter, which are required by conference/national at our **Annual Fall Celebration**, need to be approved virtually.

1. First if there are any nominations from the floor, fill in the “Nominations from the Floor” form (page 7) and return by September 15, 2020, to the person shown on the form.
2. Please read over the 2021 Nominations (page 8), 2019 Annual Day Minutes from Ada, Ohio (page 9 and 10), Budget/Pledge (page 10), and 2021 Standing Rules (page 11).
3. Fill in your voting ballot below and return by the dates shown.

**VOTING BALLOT**  
**for**  
**NORTHWEST PLAINS**  
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

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| 1. Did you return form for “Nominations from the Floor”<br>Return by September 15, 2020                       | YES or NO |
| 2. Nominations from the Committee on Nominations, do you accept the nominations?<br>Return by October 1, 2020 | YES or NO |
| 3. Approval of Annual Day Minutes, October 5, 2019 in Ada, Ohio<br>Return by October 1, 2020                  | YES or NO |
| 4. Approval of Budget/Pledge for NWP United Methodist Women<br>Return by October 1, 2020                      | YES or NO |
| 5. Approval of changes to Northwest Plains UMW Standing Rules<br>Return by October 1, 2020                    | YES or NO |

You are allowed **One Vote** per organization or unit, unless you are a regular attendee of the district meetings and want to send in your ballot. Please send all information to the district Communication Coordinator Sharon Link, [slink45846@gmail.com](mailto:slink45846@gmail.com) or mail to 1587 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery, OH 45846.

**Name of Person Casting Ballot:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Name with Town:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Northwest Plains District United Methodist Women**  
**Form for “Nominations from the Floor”**  
**2020 Annual Celebration**  
**Submission Deadline: September 15, 2020**

The Bylaws of the United Methodist Women require that we ask for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for “nominations from the floor” for this year’s extraordinary virtual meeting and election. We will be voting on the following positions: Treasurer, Communications Coordinator, Program Resources Coordinator, Social Action Coordinator, Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator, and member(s) for Committee on Nominations. If you want to nominate for more than one office, you must complete a form for each nomination.

All forms must be sent to Communications Coordinator Sharon Link at [slink45846@gmail.com](mailto:slink45846@gmail.com) or mail to 1587 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery, OH 45846. If you have any questions, contact Patsy Schwandeman, Committee on Nominations Chair, at 419-394-7145 or her email address.

1. For which office is your nomination? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nominee’s Contact Information

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

3. Please enter the nominee’s home, cell, and work numbers. If she does not have one, or it is unknown, please enter “Not Known” in the space.

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Work Phone Number:

4. Which title/prefix does the nominee prefer to use when being addressed? Please circle.

Ms.

Mrs.

Dr.

Other (please specify)

5. Please identify the age range of the nominee. Please circle.

18 -30

31-40

41-50

51-65

66-70

71 and over

6. Nominator Information. Please let us know who you are.

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Email Address:

## Northwest Plains United Methodist Women

### 2021 Committee Nominations

The Nominating Committee nominates the following women to be elected for 2021.

Treasurer	Charlotte Kain	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Social Action	Sharon Wildermuth	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term
Membership, Nurture & Outreach	Sheila Rowe	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Program Resources	Karen Dull	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Nomination Committee	Robin Baker	Class of 2024
Communications Coordinator		

Please complete the ballot on Page 6 and send to Sharon Link, Communications Coordinator.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS

Treasurer (retiring): **Susie Closson** served three consecutive years as treasurer and three previous years as treasurer, also serving two years on Committee on Nominations and will be receiving a Basic Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate in her name.

Communication Coordinator (retiring): **Sharon Link** served a two year term as Communication Coordinator and will be receiving a Basic Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate in her name.

Social Action Coordinator (retiring): **Lana Stearns** served one year of a term as Social Action Coordinator and will be receiving a Basic Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate in her name. She had previously served 4 years on the Committee on Nominations.

Committee on Nominations (changing office): **Charlotte Kain** served three years on the Committee on Nominations and will be receiving a Basic Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate in her name.

We would like to thank each one for their service and devotion in serving the Lord through the United Methodist Women.



Northwest Plains United Methodist Women Annual Day  
Ada First United Methodist Church, Ada, Ohio  
October 5, 2019

Cathy Smalley, Ada First United Methodist Women's President, welcomed the fifty women who had gathered in the sanctuary.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Joyce Schelling, led the group in a time of devotions, in keeping with the theme, God's Creation. She asked how each person celebrates Sabbath. She encouraged those present to rededicate their life to serve the Lord. Joyce used a Mission Witness and a Mission Focus from the 2019 Prayer Calendar. She reminded those in attendance to sign the four birthday cards for Missionaries and then closed with prayer.

President Patty Ledyard led the group in reciting the United Methodist Women's Purpose. She introduced the guests from the Conference United Methodist Women's Leadership Team: Beth Vanoli, Jeanne Long, Margie Hewitt, and Sharon Wildermuth.

Patty introduced the morning speaker, Beth Vanoli. Beth told everyone that God speaks to us through scripture, prayer, songs, stories and creation. After a time of centering, she used Lectio Divina where a scripture is read three times and the reader looks for different ways that God speaks to them through the scripture. Passages she used were Geneses 1:1, 31; Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:20. After each reading groups of two or three looked at the scripture together and then shared their insights with those in attendance. Beth closed with a video and a prayer asking God to help people do better to use creation more wisely.

Conkers: Mike and Sharon Wildermuth, and Sheila Rowe, a musical trio from Lima, provided morning and afternoon special music.

At 11:24, Patty Ledyard called the business portion of the meeting to order. Tina Basinger, secretary, presented the minutes as printed in the program booklet. Barb Cline moved and Melinda McConnell seconded that they be approved as printed. Tina then presented the 2020 changes to the NWP United Methodist Women's Standing Rules. Lisa Harlan moved and Joyce Schelling seconded that they be approved as printed. Standing Rules were approved. Tina reminded the group that the full document of Standing Rules can be found on the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women's website.

Susie Closson, treasurer, reported that the NWP so far had sent in about \$22,366.25 for our pledge which is 50% of what was pledged. She encouraged local organizations to continue to send in money until the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Susie presented the 2020 budget and moved that it be approved. Mary Groth seconded. Motion carried. She then presented the 2020 pledge in the amount of \$45,000 and moved that this be approved. Sharon Link seconded. Pledge was approved.

Melinda McConnell, chair of nominations, presented the 2020 officers to be elected:

- President Barbara Coats
- Secretary Lisa Harlan
- Chair of Nominations Patsy Schwendeman
- Spiritual Growth Coordinator Debbie Knox
- Education & Interpretation Sally Kiggins
- Social Action Lana Stearns
- Communication Coordinator Sharon Link
- Nominations Class of 2023 Barb Cramer

There were no nominations from the floor. All officers were elected unanimously.

Patty Ledyard closed the business portion of the meeting at 11:37.

Jeanne Long, West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women's president, brought greetings from the conference leadership team. She encouraged ladies to attend the Annual Celebration on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Reservation deadline is October 11<sup>th</sup>. Carol Barton from National leadership team will be the speaker. She also told the group about the North Central Jurisdiction meeting in June. There is a sign-up sheet for those who might be interested in a bus trip to this event. This is just an interest survey not a firm commitment.

Margie Hewitt, Capital Area North United Methodist Women's President, recognized the following retiring officers with pins and certificates: Tina Basinger, Lynda Beatty, Patty Ledyard, Melinda McConnell, Joyce Schelling. Sharon Wildermuth was recognized for her work on the district leadership team during the time she served on the conference leadership team.

Jeanne Long installed the newly elected officers challenging them and all in attendance to take their candle and go light the world and to let their light shine. She presented each new officer with a candle.

Joyce Schelling closed the morning session with prayer before the lunch break. Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall by the ladies from Ada First.

The afternoon session began with a video of 2019 Mission u introduced by Tina Basinger.

God's Girls on Wheels, a group of four ladies from East Ohio churches presented a skit, "Old Testament Rewind". This told the Old Testament stories in a humorous way in less than thirty minutes.

The offering went to Mission Giving which goes toward the district's pledge to mission.

Rev. Brandi Rigsby, Ada First pastor, presided over the communion service. The servers were retiring Northwest Plains officers.

The day ended with Conkers leading the group in singing a Mission u song, "One Foot/Lead with Love". Pastor Rigsby gave the benediction.

Proofed: Barbara Coats, Sharon Link,  
Joyce Schelling

*Tina Basinger*

Tina Basinger, secretary

*Patty Ledyard*

Patty Ledyard, president

<b><u>NORTHWEST PLAINS DISTRICT</u></b> <b><u>WEST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN</u></b> <b>2021 Budget Proposal</b>	
<b><u>A &amp; MD</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed 2021 Budget</u></b>
(Administrative & Membership Development)	
Travel	\$1,000.00
Postage	175.00
Stationery & Supplies	200.00
Newsletters	750.00
*Literature	325.00
(Mailing service Sampler \$200.00)	
(Reading \$100.00)	
(Miscellaneous \$25.00)	
*UMW Handbooks	0
*Special Days	350.00
*Annual Meeting	350.00
*Leadership Training	250.00
Financial Review (Audit)	100.00
District Officer Recognition	250.00
Dependent Care	50.00
*Miscellaneous	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,900.00</b>
<b>Northwest Plains District Pledge</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>*Figure or amount set by Conference/National</b>	

## 2021 Proposed Changes to the NWP UMW Standing Rules

Please find the proposed changes to NWP UMW Standing Rules listed below. You can find the entire document on the WOC UMW website at [www.westohioumw.org](http://www.westohioumw.org).

### 2021 STANDING RULES

These standing rules are a supplement to the 2021-2024 Constitution and Bylaws of National United Methodist Women (UMW) of the United Methodist Church. They shall serve as a guide for Northwest Plains District (NWP) United Methodist Women

#### ARTICLE I: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

##### Section 1. VOTING

- A. Voting membership of the Annual Day of Northwest Plains District United Methodist Women shall all be members of a local organization in the district who are in attendance or **sends in a voting ballot by mail or email.**
- B. Voting shall be by acclamation or by ballot in the event of nominations from the floor **or by email or mail.**

##### Section 5. MEMBERSHIP

Pastor(S) shall be ex officio members of the local UMW and of its leadership team. "Ex officio" is defined as having voice but not vote.

#### ARTICLE II: DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

##### SECTION 2: PRESIDENT

- E. Presides at all meetings of the district and its leadership team and serve as an ex officio member of all other committees, where they exist, except the committee on nominations. "Ex officio" is defined as having voice but not vote.

#### ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

##### SECTION 1: LEADERSHIP TEAM

- D. The district superintendent is an ex officio member of the district leadership team. "Ex officio" is defined as having voice but no vote.

##### SECTION 4: COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION

- A. Consists of **3 or 5** members elected in classes.

#### ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

##### SECTION 1: DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The District Annual Meeting shall be held in the fall. Business conducted will be the election of officers, acceptance of the pledge to mission giving, the budget and standing rules. **Eligible voters who are participating in a meeting by means of conference telephone, electronic video screen, email or mail communications will be able to cast their votes.**

##### SECTION 4: MISSION

- B. Registration shall be paid for the district officers in good standing by the Conference United Methodist Women for those attending either the week school or the weekend event, **exceptions may apply.** Those attending for the one-day event shall do so at their own expense.

##### SECTION 5: MEETINGS BY REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the district organization or any committee of the district organization may participate in or conduct a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment or technologies, or by electronic video screen communications, or by mail, provided that all members are informed of the issues that are being voted upon by mail, email or other means. Each person must be able to participate in all matters before the district organization or committees. Each person would be entitled to vote on the ballot sent out via newsletter.

#### ARTICLE V: ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (A & MD)

##### SECTION 11: GIFT IN MEMORY IN THE EVENT OF DEATH

- D. In the event of a spouse's death, a gift in memory card will be sent to a district officer who served in the past year.

Northwest Plains United Methodist Women Standing Rules Committee - Lisa Harlan, Secretary and Barbara Coats, President  
August 15, 2020

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