



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**Holston Conference
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
Become a Mission Today Unit!!**

The purpose of promoting a Mission Today Unit is to:

Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.

Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects

Help United Methodist Women understand where their money goes.

Encourage the Unit in fulfilling The PURPOSE.

What is a Unit?

A unit is a organized group of United Methodist Women within a church, charge/cluster, district, or online community committed to fulfilling The •PURPOSE• A unit may have several circles which combine to form the local Church unit of United Methodist Women.

How Do We Become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including six of those marked with an asterisk (*). #1 of the criteria is not optional. You must complete this one to become a Mission Today Unit. Only one report is submitted for the unit which includes the combined efforts of all circles of the unit for items completed between December 1 of last year and November 30 of the current year. Recognition for your efforts is a part of the next District and Conference Annual Meetings. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a Mission Today Unit.

Mail your unit's form to the District E & I Coordinator below by December 1.

Name _____

Address _____

Criteria for a Mission Today Unit:

- _____ *1. The Unit will make and meet its Pledge to Mission. (Must be completed)
- _____ *2. The Unit contributed to all five channels of Mission giving.
- _____ 3. A budget was prepared and adopted by the Unit.
- _____ 4. The Unit held a Pledge Service.
- _____ *5. Quarterly reports to District Treasurer by: 1st Qtr. Feb. 20, 2nd Qtr. May 20, 3rd Qtr. Aug. 20, 4th Qtr. Nov. 20.
- _____ *6. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth.
- _____ 7. One member of the unit other than a conference or a district officer attend the School of Christian Mission.
- _____ 8. Two members (one member of units with fewer than 15 member) other than a conference or district officer attend the district or conference annual meeting.
- _____ *9. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year.
- _____ 10. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year.
- _____ 11. Members correspond with five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- _____ *12. The unit participate in at least one mission study each year.
- _____ *13. The Unit implements the Charter for Racial Justice in one (1) way during the year. Please list the plan _____
- _____ 14. The Unit participates in the Campaign for Children in one (1) way during the year. Please list the plan _____
- _____ *15. The Unit contributes requested resources to the current Conference and District Hands on Mission Project (if District has a project).

- _____ *16. The Unit participates in local and/or district observance of “Call to Prayer and Self Denial” and “World Thank Offering”.
- _____ *17. The Unit will have at least two (2) members subscribe to Response (1 (one) member subscribe with units less than 15 members.)
- _____ 18. The Unit or Circle meeting will include a "Response Moment" where an item from Response magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- _____ *19. The Unit will add at least two (2) new members; one (1) for Units with fewer than fifteen (15) members to its roll.
- _____ *20. Two (2) members (one (1) member for units with less than 15 members) other than District or Conference Officer will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program.
- _____ 21. The Unit uses the Purpose as a guideline for all programs.
- _____ *22. All elected officers attend District Officer Training.
- _____ *23. Elect officers by October 31st and send names and contact information to the District Secretary by the deadline.
- _____ *24. Invite at least one District Officer to attend an event of the local unit.
- _____ *25. The Unit will participate in one local mission project. Please list the mission project. _____
- _____ 26. The Unit will have one (1) member participate in a personal Mission Encounter at a United Methodist Mission site or as arranged by the Conference.
- _____ 27. The Unit will contribute to Mission Giving by participating in either “A Penny and a Prayer” or “Burning of the Candle”.

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW groups must complete a Mission Today form for items completed between December 1 and November 30. Gold Classification will be awarded to units completing 75% of goals (9 starred plus 9 others, total of 18); Silver Classification will be awarded for 50% of goals (6 starred plus 6 others, total of 12); Bronze Classification will be awarded to units with 4 starred and 4 others.

Name of Unit or Circle and Church

Name of Person Completing Form

Mailing Address, Telephone No... & Email

Number of Starred Items Completed _____ Number of Other Items Completed _____

RESOURCES

Holston Conference United Methodist Women - www.holstonconferenceumw.com
Holstonian – Holston Conference United Methodist Women newsletter online
UMW Videos available online

United Methodist Women website www.new.gbgm-umc.org/umw

2012 Prayer Calendar Stock #3117-2012-01

2011- 12 Program Book Walk with Wholeness Stock #3118-2011-01

Order online with above website or call 1-800-305-9857

Response Magazine

New World Outlook Magazine

Order online or call 1-877-881-2385

Magazines with a Mission, P. O. Box 395, Congers, NY 10920-9817

Reading Program Books – order online

PLAN 1

- 4 books each year.
- 1 from each category.
- A selections from the reading lists of the last 5 years if not included in previous reports (including youth books.)
- Regular reading of Response and New World Outlook magazines

United Methodist Women’s Action Network

(To join, contact Women’s Division Washington Office, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Box 56, Washington DC 20002 or www.gbgm-umc.org/UMW/act/network/)

Campaign for Children

- a. Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
- b. Sponsor a Children’s Sabbath, promoted by the Children’s Defense Fund. Materials at Children’s Defense Fund, 25 E. St. NW, Washington, DC 20001 Telephone 202-628-8787
- c. Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and “big sisters” programs
- d. Write letters, email or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children’s issues.
- e. Visit your local schools.
- f. Attend a school board meeting.
- g. Learn how our schools are funded.

Charter for Racial Justice

See Holston Conference UMW Charter Club (new handout on www.holstonconferenceumw.com)

Five Channels of Mission Giving

- 1. Pledge of Mission**
- 2. Special Mission Recognition**
- 3. Gift to Mission**
- 4. Gift in Memory**
- 5. World Thank Offering**

Officers of Unit:

President *

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer *

Chair of Nominations *

(* Minimum structure for Units with less than 15 members)