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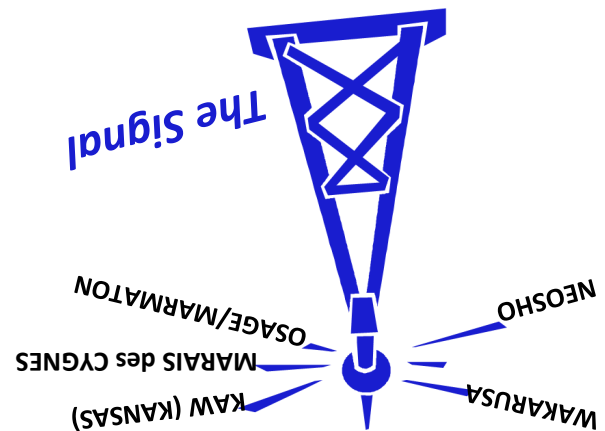
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2019 & 2020 Great Plains UMW



September

September 20-21

Great Plains United Methodist Women Annual Meeting – First UMC, Lincoln, NE

September 28

Five Rivers District Fall Meeting—First UMC, Lawrence, KS

October

October

District Annual Meetings

October 14-18

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip –Chatham, IL

2020

Feb. 16 & 17

L.E.A.F. 2020 Breaking Chains—Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith, Topeka, KS

March 26-29

South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas

April 2020

Five Rivers District Spring Meeting, Date & Place TBA

May 20-22

National UMW Assembly – Orlando, Florida

Great Plains United Methodist Women t-shirt or Polo can be ordered for Annual Conference or to wear anytime. Order now through August 26, 2019 at this link:

https://shirts101.store/great_plains_united_methodist/shop/home

Free shipping if you pick up at annual conference. After you enter your shipping address it will ask you where you want it shipped. Pick Shirts101. They will be at annual conference on September 20 if you pick this option.

JOURNEY IN GROWTH

Margaret Thomas, Conference Journey in Growth Leader (Membership) reported that the following Five Rivers District UMW Units submitted membership information on the 2018 UMW National Membership Survey. No other information has been reported back to me at this point. Thanks to all those who participated, your input is invaluable in planning UMW programs.

Baldwin First	Lawrence Central
Beagle	Melvorn
Blue Mound	Mound City
Colony	New Lancaster
Edgerton	Ottawa First
Eudora	Pleasanton
Fulton	Plum Creek
First Lawrence	Prescott
Garnett	Richmond
Gridley	Susannah Wesley Circle Paola
Hammond	Uniontown
Hiattville	Vinland
Ives Chapel – Baldwin	Welda
LaCygne	West Liberty

Ruth Jansen
Journey in Growth Coordinator

President's Report

Hello to you all.

I am excited to welcome each of you to my church for the Saturday, September 28, 2019, Five Rivers Fall District meeting. We will be meeting at First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044, (785) 841-7500. Registration and fellowship will start at 9 a.m. in Brady Hall and at 9:30 a.m., we will move up stairs to the first floor into the Sanctuary to start the program. My local UMW unit is looking forward to welcoming you to our beautiful church. The program will include a presentation on the Topeka Women's Prison Ministry, business meeting, installation of 2020 Five Rivers District Officers, and we will share in communion.

Please plan to attend and see old friends and make some new ones.

Rachel Wegener, President
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Communications Coordinator

I want to wish all the best of the rest of the year. I have been delighted to have been asked to have to take on the job of Communication Coordinator this year, but due to other circumstances I have decided not to continue for another year. I am sure that who ever takes my place will do a fine job.

Elizabeth Hemphill
Communications Coordinator

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

***SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING
March 26-29, 2020***

**STATEHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER
Marriott Downtown
3 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**

Go to the website: umwscj.org to learn more and to register to attend this event.

From Our District Treasurer

As summer draws to a close, let me say “thank you” to all local treasurers who have been so faithful in sending in the remittances for your unit’s pledges and other giving. Because our Great Plains Conference treasurer wants the monthly remittance sent to her by the 25th of each month, it is important that you get me your monthly checks no later than the 22nd. This will be especially true when it comes to December so you can get everything counted for 2019. As of the date I am writing this, we have received \$17,082.46 in Mission Giving from the Five Rivers District units. That is 38% of our total pledge to the Conference for 2019.

Your local unit pledges for 2020 need to be submitted by the Fall District meeting in Lawrence. You will find a pledge form below. If you are not going to be able to attend, either mail it to me with your remittance or send it with a unit member who will be attending the meeting. It is important to turn in your pledges so the District Team can make a reasonable pledge for the conference.

I have a good supply of Gift to Mission cards and Gift in Memory cards. Just let me know if you need some and I will send to you. I will also have the cards available at the Fall Meeting.

By early October, I plan to contact each treasurer to let you know where your unit stands in completing the requirements for the 5- or 7-star units. This will help in your decision for giving if you are close to completing the requirement.

I hope to see you at the District Fall meeting at First UMC, Lawrence September 28, 2019.

Blessings,

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2020 Pledge to Mission Form

Due by December 15, 2019

Each Local Unit’s treasurer or representative should complete this form and turn it in at the Fall District Meeting during the Pledge Service or mail to: **Donna Grigsby, PO Box 661, Iola, KS 66749**

Please indicate if new Treasurer

After prayerful consideration, our UMW unit pledges \$ _____

Name of Local Unit _____

2019 Treasurer’s Name _____

Treasurer’s Address _____

Treasurer’s Phone # _____

Secretary

Dear Friends,

Thanks so very much for your prayers, love and kindness shown to me and my family at this time of sorrow of the loss of our grandson, Matthew Miller on June 24.

Truly, the Love of God has been shown to us through His people, all of you!

Thank you for the gift to mission at this time of our loss.

In Christ's Love,

Dorothy Miller, Secretary
Five Rivers District UMW

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Greetings!

As you know, this year 150th anniversary of UMW. We were founded by 8 women from the Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston on March 23, 1869. They were women of great energy, intense resolve, loving hearts and deep faith. Their journey of faith set the stage for Methodist Episcopal and eventually, Evangelical and United Brethren women to continue mission work that improves the lives of people from many cultures around the world. We are proud of our faith heritage and encouraged by that service work that UMW has done in the past and will do in the future.

Five Rivers district UMW officers nominated Donna Grigsby, our Five Rivers District Treasurer from Iola, to receive the Eunice Harrington Award for the Great Plains conference. This recognition is awarded to district officers who work toward racial equality and a commitment to local and world missions through volunteerism. The best to Donna who is a worthy nominee from Five Rivers District for this award.

A previous scripture for the day in the Upper Room daily devotion was Proverbs 3:5&6. This comforting and life directing passage was written in the front of my childhood Bible when it was given to me by my parents. Let me leave you with these words from the King James Version. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct Thy paths."

Nancy Rockers,
Journey in Faith Coordinator



Great Plains Conference UMW Local Unit Mission Program

“Every Unit a Mission Do Unit”

Each local unit is to fulfill the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women. Each unit is to determine how to do this in their unit. The Great Plains Conference is using Journey Teams to identify the journey each United Methodist Woman and unit makes as we put Faith, Hope and Love in Action. Your unit’s programming for the year should have something from each of the Journey Teams as part of your program. By selecting the activities your unit will do, you will have participated in a Journey in Planning.

Below are some ideas to get you started thinking about the Journey; however, use your creativity to make the PURPOSE come alive for your unit. You are encouraged to try at least one thing you haven’t done before as well as continue ongoing mission work.

Put a check mark by the activity your unit completed. Use the blank lines for a one sentence report of something new that you tried.

Name of Unit: _____ District: Five Rivers

Name of person completing this form: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

REPORT IS DUE JANUARY 18, 2020 to: Shirley Benjamin, 2757 SW Maryland Rd., Garnett, KS 66032. Units will be recognized at the Spring District Meeting.

Journey in Faith – Activities might include the following:

- Use the Prayer Calendar to **pray** regularly for a Missionary/Church and Community Worker.
- Use a United Methodist Women’s resource to provide a devotion for each meeting.
- Have a program on one of the recent spiritual growth mission studies:
 - 2016 *The Bible & Human Sexuality – Claiming God’s Good Gift*
 - 2017 *Living As A Covenant Community*
 - 2018 *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*
 - 2019 *Practicing Resurrection—The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*
- _____
- _____

Journey in Action – Activities might include the following:

- Attend Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith (LEAF)
- Become a Green Unit and implement one step.
- Study the difference between mercy and justice then do a justice activity.
- Have a program on one of the recent Social Action Studies:
 - 2016-2017 *Climate Justice – A Call to Hope and Action*
 - 2018 *What About Our Money*
 - 2019 *Women United for Chance: 150 Years in Mission*
- A focus on Maternal and Child Health is a new initiative of United Methodist Women. Do your women know that part of your Pledge to Mission goes to help improve Maternal and Child Health globally?

- Make **UMCOR Health Kits**

- _____
- _____

Journey in Giving – Activities might include the following:

- Sponsor a young woman for the METour, June 1-11, 2019.
- Adopt one of the three Great Plains Conference National Mission Institutions (NMIs) and give a designated financial gift to them each month—**Della C Lamb**, Kansas City, KS and **Epworth Village**, York, NE are paid through your District Treasurer. **The Big Garden**, Omaha is paid directly to them.
- Become a 5-Star Unit with contributions to Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition (\$40), Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thank Offering;
- Or a 7-Star Unit with all the above plus Corsages for Mission (\$1 each), and Dedicated Light (\$45) given in memory or in honor of someone. *Both 5-Star & 7-Star are paid through District Treasurer.*
- Provide hats, scarves, mittens, and underwear to local schools.

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Journey in Growth – Activities might include the following:

- Make a list of the women in your church who are not members of UMW and invite them to join you for a special program or mission activity such as making UMCOR kits.
- If you are a small unit, consider joining with a nearby unit to do some meetings or special activities together.
- Reach out to women in your community and welcome them to participate (women do not need to be United Methodists in order to participate).
- Participate in a Mission Do activity (volunteer your services for an NMI or other local agency).
- Invite a METour participant or staff to share about her experience.

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Journey in Learning – Activities might include the following:

- At least one member complete a level in the UMW Reading Program.
- Regularly share information from Response magazine at meetings.
- Participate in the District UMW Meetings.
- Participate in the Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women’s Annual Meeting/Celebration.
- Participate in a District or Conference Mission u.

- _____
- _____

UMW PURPOSE

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



Act Justly

The METour is a mission experience for young women sponsored by the Great Plains United Methodist Women.

Love Mercy

METour participants have the opportunity to engage in mission, learn about United Methodist Women and experience the United Methodist connection by visiting and working at National Mission Institutions, Volunteer in Mission sites and United Methodist-related agencies. It's so much more than a mission trip!

Walk Humbly

METour is open to young women in the Great Plains Conference ages 15-20. Local UMW organizations have the opportunity to sponsor and support young women on the tour. A gift of \$450 will give a lifetime experience..

With God

Be part of METour 2020!

Register by April 1st at www.greatplainsumc.org/umw
Have questions...
metourdiretor@yahoo.com

See you in May, together we'll put faith, hope and love in action.
Sharing God's blessings.

Peace, Venedth

METour Director



METOUR

Mission Education Tour



2020
What does the Lord require of you?
Micah 6:8

May 30th - June 7th



Oklahoma



Arkansas



Tennessee

Kentucky



JOURNEY IN GIVING & LEARNING

Our theme: “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF” Luke 10:27

Hello to all of you who are on this journey of giving & learning,

We are loving & giving by participating in all the mission projects, we are doing. By completing one unit of the “Mission Do” form, you are doing much more. You are spreading love and caring in your community.

Learning, One way “learning” is by reading. These hot days we have more time inside where it is cool and more comfortable to read. The “Response” magazine is good for an afternoon read. Your local library is good for books from the UMW reading program. Using the “Prayer Calendar” helps many ways in filling out the “Mission Do” form. By being a Five & Seven-Star unit, or by thinking of someone to honor with “Dedicated Lights”, we are “giving & learning” in more and more new ways to loving our neighbor. Enjoy your Summer.

Love,

Shirley Benjamin
Journey in Giving & Learning Coordinator

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Reading is Inspiring!

There are lots of books that are inspiring on the reading program list. I know it has been a challenge in getting the books to read since things changed in 2018.

Here is a list where reading program books can be purchased or borrowed: Cokesbury and Amazon, and other major retailers. Amazon shipping may be free if you are a Prime member.

Don't forget your local library. They may carry the book(s) you are looking for or the books may be available through the library's lending program.

If you purchase through the Amazon Smile program, a donation is made with each order to United Methodist Women. To learn more about Amazon Smile, visit www.smile.amazon.com. (Choose the United Methodist Women in New York, NY, to support the national office).

Reminder the reading program ends for the year on December 31st. To make sure everyone has plenty of time to send me their list of those participating in the program, I need those names with the plan number and the books read by March 16, 2020.

God be with you all.

Roberta Selvy
Program Resources Coordinator

VICE PRESIDENT

We'll another summer is coming to an end and the fall leaves will be falling soon. I hope you all had fun and are ready for our Five Rivers District Fall meeting. It will be on September 28 at Lawrence First United Methodist Church. We are planning to have a wonderful speaker to learn about the Women's Prison Ministry. Please plan to attend.

I will be glad to see you all. I encourage everyone to bring someone with you. See you soon.

Rosalea DeMott, Vice President



Five Rivers District Fall Meeting

September 28, 2019

First United Methodist Church

946 Vermont Street

Lawrence, KS 66044

(785) 841-7500

Welcome & Fellowship 9 a.m.
Meeting 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Registration due by September 16, 2019

Registration Fee: \$5.00 (Covers Program Booklets, Church Usage Fees, Honorarium for Speaker and Musician)

Complete form below with check made payable to: Five Rivers District UMW *(in Memo: Fall District Meeting)*
Mail Bottom portion only to: Donna Grigsby, Treasurer, PO Box 661, Iola, KS 66749

Please designate someone in your unit to pick up all the name tags and Program Booklets.

Name of Local Unit: _____ Contact Person: _____

Print names of those attending:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Non-refundable Registrations at \$5.00 each x _____ = \$ _____



CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF MISSION

WITH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Great Plains United Methodist Women Conference
Annual Meeting

September 20-21, 2019

First United Methodist Church
2723 N. 50th St.
Lincoln, NE

Friday: Registration: 12:30 PM

Officer Update: 1:15 – 3 PM (some options below will be available to non-officers, or you may attend an Officer Update Session)

Mission Options: 3-5 PM

The Big Garden – Hands on Mission: in-kind giving as follows: Quality garden tools, 4-12 oz. Mason jars, lids and rings, canning supplies, mailing labels-Avery 5160, copy paper, markers, etc.

Walking Tours – Wesleyan campus and Historic University Place

Connection Point – UN-L East Campus/Community Ministry

Mats for the Homeless – bring your plastic bags

Friday Dinner: 5:30 – Birthday Celebration

Friday Worship and Communion: 7:00 PM — Keynote Speaker: Joyce Sohl, former CEO of United Methodist Women Communion with Bishop Saenz

Saturday: 8:00 AM Business Meeting

Recognition of Guests Looking forward: Lisa Maupin, Conference Lay Leader

Saturday Breakout Sessions: 9:45-10:30 and 10:45-11:30 (choose 2)

Justice Seminar – Presenter Deb Hayes, Seminar attendee Conference Seminar in New York City recap

Holistic Health Care – Presenter Dave Sanford, CEO Grace Medical Health Clinic, Outreach ministry to deliver quality medical care to the whole person

Gender Bias – Presenter Dr. Gerise Herndon, Professor, NWU Recognizing Rape Culture and Responding to Violence

Immigration Issues – Presenter from Immigration Legal Center

The Big Garden – Presenter – Nathan Morgan, Executive Director Outreach and activities of the Big Garden

Charter for Racial Justice – Presenter to be named later

Child Advocacy – Presenter to be named later

Closing Worship and Brown Bag Lunch – 11:45 – 12:00 - Safe Trip Home

Questions? Contact Joyce Solomon via email – solomon.joyce@gmail.com

****Registration Deadline is August 31, 2019****

Register on-line with this link: <https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/2019GreatPlainsUMWAnnualMeetingRegistration>