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**UMW National Division**  
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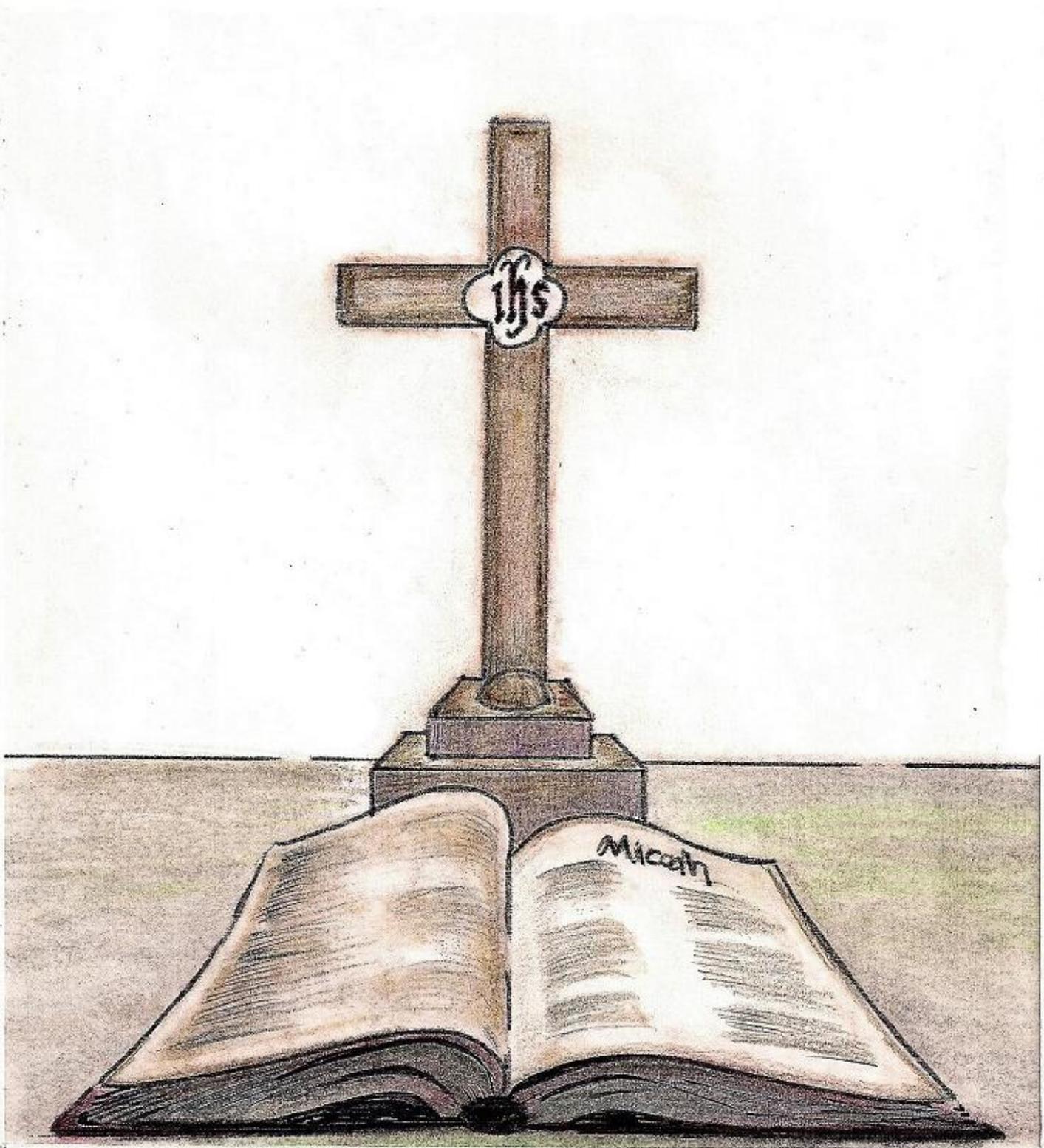
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United Methodist Women - Corridor District  
The SUMMONS

● "SERVE one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

● "Whom shall I send and who will GO for us?" And I said "Here I am, send me!"

● "LOVE is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."



● "He said to them "Come FOLLOW me and I will make you Fishers of men."

**The Summons**  
**2017-2020 Quadrennial Theme**

***Quadrennial Scripture:***

**Micah 6:8** “He has shown you, O Mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. NIV

***Quadrennial Song:*** The Summons - #2130 in *The Faith We Sing*.

2017 Color: Purple

**FOLLOW** - *Jesus summons us to **follow** in his footsteps and to grow spiritually.*

**“And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’”**

**Matthew 4:19 NRSV**

2018 Color: Green

**GO** – *Jesus summons us **go** wherever He may lead, in all places and all circumstances.*

**“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I, send me!’”** Isaiah 6:8” NRSV

2019 Color: Blue

**SERVE** – *Jesus summons us to **serve** the weak, the hungry, the thirsty and the sick and do so with a caring servant’s heart.*

**“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10 NRSV**

2020 Color: Red

**LOVE** – *Jesus summons us to **love** the poor, the immigrant, the prisoner, the homeless, the lonely and the lost with willing and grace-filled hearts.*

**“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7 NRSV**

*The open **Bible** points us to the book of Micah for our Quadrennial Scripture. The **cross** with the Greek letters for Jesus, IHS, focuses us on Jesus’ summons to **follow, go, serve, and love**. These words embody the heart of United Methodist Women as we strive to serve women, children and youth in Jesus’ name.*

Quadrennial theme designed by Carolyn Wood, Corridor District President, and Susan Rayle, former Corridor District President in collaboration with the Corridor District Team. Illustration was created and drawn by artist Bea Gilmore, Cedar Cliff United Methodist Church.



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## The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women  
Shall be a community of women  
Whose purpose is to **KNOW** God  
And to **EXPERIENCE** freedom as whole persons  
through Jesus Christ;  
To **DEVELOP** a creative, supportive fellowship;  
And to **EXPAND** concepts of mission  
Through participation in the global ministries of the church

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

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

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

**The Purpose of United Methodist Women and how it came to be**  
**(From Harriett Jane Olson, April 3, 2017)**

The current purpose was drafted by a group called the Committee of 24 made up of women from the women's organizations of the former EUB (Evangelical United Brethren) church and the former Methodist Church in the early 1970's. We date it to 1972. You will find it in the Book of Discipline still today in Paragraph 256.5, Article 3 in the Constitution of the United Methodist Women at the local church.

I (Harriett Jane Olson) met a woman who had been a member of the Committee of 24 when I was out and about (I think in Alabama...) and she reported about how powerful the experience had been and how amazed and gratified they were that the Women's Division Board adopted it as they had proposed it.

You may remember that we had proposed a change to this paragraph in 2012 deleting the phrase "the local unit" as a part of our move to flexible structures, but the General Conference ran out of time to address this and several other petitions. We did not propose it again in 2016.

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**The Emblem of United Methodist Women**

The emblem of United Methodist Women, the cross and the flame, symbolizes our organization. The Cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on the United Methodist Church emblem. Both symbols remind us of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship.

Paul's words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meanings, "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." (2 Timothy 1:6 NEB).

As United Methodist Women, we give our gift of God with others through mission. As parts of our emblem, the cross and flame remind us of our PURPOSE of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. They remind us of our heritage of women who pioneer in service for the church at home and in other countries.

The overall shape of the emblem is also symbolic. Fluid and free flowing, the shape suggests change and mobility. The women who came before us were at the forefront of movements for change. Always aware of the times, we move with ever changing circumstances rather than feeling overwhelmed by them. We are a group of Christian women with many gifts who are unified by one Spirit. We participate in God's mission in all areas of life.

## United Methodist Women 101

What is United Methodist Women? A faith based membership organization of laywomen within The United Methodist Church. We are organized for mission and committed to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ in community with other women and building the lives of women, children and youth. We have been in mission since 1869.

Who is a member? Any woman who wants to belong to and participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women and who commits herself to the PURPOSE can become a member of United Methodist Women. She does not have to be a member of The United Methodist Church.

Our 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.

### Mission emphases:

- We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually and put faith into action.
- We are organized for growth with flexible structures that encourage witness and action.
- We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in their 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.

What does it mean to be a United Methodist Women member? UMW is a community of women committed to mission. Membership provides many opportunities, including:

- Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats;
- Hands-on missions in local communities;
- Mission education experiences;
- Leadership development and training opportunities;
- Opportunities to support work with women, children and youth;
- Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world.

Priority Issues: For the next four years (**2017-2020**) the Priority Issues for United Methodist Women of the North Carolina Conference will be: Climate Justice, Maternal Health, Racial and Gender Justice, and Economic

Inequality. Through engaging in these issues, United Methodist Women will work on linking spiritual growth, mission education, leadership development, service and advocacy in their worship, community and mission work. The issues are entry points for exploring how gender, race and class differentials permeate our society, and for living out the Charter for Racial Justice in our times. Each issue offers opportunities for education, Bible study, prayer, service, public witness and advocacy for justice in local communities and at the state, national and global levels.

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- Makes it possible for new areas of mission to be explored and enables us to respond to emergencies.
- Means that every child in every mission institution has care and attention, rather than individual children being singled out for adoption by a donor.
- Helps UMW continue to be a strong organization, advocating for and serving the needs of women, children and youth.
- Is the source of the National United Methodist Women's budget. The elected directors of National are responsible for deciding how this money should be spent each year for ongoing programs of the National United Methodist Women's organization and for U. S. and international mission projects.

#### 7 Avenues of Mission Giving:

1. Pledge to Mission – The amount an individual member gives to her local unit. Each local unit pledges a specific amount to the district, who pledges an amount to the conference, who pledges an amount to the National United Methodist Women. Each conference also retains a designated percentage to be used for district and conference administration and membership development expenses.
2. Special Mission Recognition – An individual or unit honors a person by presenting them with a gold lapel pin and a certificate. **The cost of this pin is covered by an endowment so that the money given all goes to missions.**
3. Gift to Mission – A gift of at least \$5.00 is given in honor of someone and the person who made the gift sends a card to the honoree. Cards available are: Congratulations, Happy Birthday, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You and an assortment of Christmas cards.
4. Gift in Memory – A gift of at least \$5.00 is given in memory of someone and a card is sent to the honoree by the person who made the gift.
5. World Thank Offering – A spontaneous, additional gift given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. Individuals or families collect such gifts in special boxes or containers. Gifts are brought together in the local unit once a year, usually with a service of thanksgiving.
6. Candle Burning – An individual or unit burns the candle at both district and conference annual meetings in honor or memory of someone.
7. Penny and a Prayer – A spontaneous, additional gift, one penny at a time, accompanied by a prayer. Pennies are collected in special boxes or containers and brought to the local unit once each year, often at the same time as the World Thank Offering.

*Note: Candle Burning and Penny and a Prayer are not National United Methodist Women avenues but ones that the North Carolina Conference recognizes.*

Mission Today: A program to encourage UMW members and units to be more involved in missions through prayer, study and action. It aims to increase contact between units, mission personnel, and projects as well as encourage the use of mission resources. The Corridor District encourages all units to strive to be a Mission Today Unit.

The Reading Program: A program that encourages members to expand their understanding of and participation in God's mission through the reading and/or study of member-reviewed books. Books are chosen from five difference categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Four different plans are offered.

Mission Studies: Educational opportunities that strive to equip members for reflection and informed action. Each year, three studies are offered: one geographical, one topical and one spiritual growth study. All three studies are available each year at Mission u as well as through the district. Upcoming mission studies will be publicized prior to Mission u and District sponsored Mission Studies event.

Mission u: Mission u is the new name for the School of Christian Mission. Mission u is an opportunity for reflection and informed action through education and resources. Classes in the three mission studies for the year are offered in the North Carolina Conference at Methodist University in Fayetteville. House is offered on campus. Mission u is open for members and non-members of United Methodist Women.

Response Magazine: The official magazine of United Methodist Women. It is the voice of women in mission and is intended for every member of the organization. Subscriptions are available on the website or through your Secretary of Program Resources.

Program Book: A book published yearly by United Methodist Women that offers programs to be used at United Methodist Women's meetings. Programs are topical and seasonal and related to an overall theme. The Program Book is available through the United Methodist Women Program Resources.

Prayer Calendar: Calendar of dated weekly pages that includes suggested daily scripture readings. All missionary personnel, Deaconesses and Home Missioners are listed on their birthdays, and different mission institutions are lifted up for prayer throughout the year. The calendar features photographs and/or illustrations created by children who are served by projects that are supported by UMW Mission Giving and include personal reflections from missionaries, deaconesses and other mission personnel. The Prayer Calendar is available through United Methodist Women Program Resources.

Deaconess/Home Missioner: The Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner is the only office in The United Methodist Church that is currently open for laity called to full-time servant ministries of love, justice, and service in church-related or helping professions. Current ministries settings include prisons, healthcare facilities, schools and universities, church agencies, shelters and community centers. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are engaged in a wide range of social justice concerns including, but not limited to, environmental justice, immigration, poverty, homelessness, peace with justice, refugees, women and children, youth and families and senior adults.

Websites:

- National United Methodist Women: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)
- North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women: [www.nccumw.org](http://www.nccumw.org)
- Corridor District United Methodist Women: [www.corridorumw.org](http://www.corridorumw.org)

For further information see: United Methodist Women: On a Path for Mission, 2013, <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/faq>

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(Updated August 2018 by S. Rayle - (Mission Studies))

## HOW WE ARE CONNECTED:

### Your Local United Methodist Women's Unit – First United Methodist Church, Graham

There are 4 circles in our local unit that meet each month except July and August.

#### **Circle 1**

Meets: First Monday of each month, Time: 2:00 p.m. Place: Church Library, room #116

#### **Circle 2**

Meets: First Monday of each month, Time: 10:00 Place: Room #Whitehead Room #132

\*Note since Labor Day falls on the first Monday in the month, Circle 2 meets the last Monday of August, usually at 11:30 for a covered dish luncheon.

#### **Circle 3**

Meets: First Monday of each month, Time: 2:00 Place Church Parlor Room #104

#### **Friendship Circle**

Meets: First Monday of each month, Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Church Parlor Room #104

In North Carolina, there are 2 conferences:

**The North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference.**

Each conference has districts.

**Our local unit is in the North Carolina Conference.**

Within our North Carolina Conference, there are 8 districts:

Beacon, Capitol, **Corridor**, Fairway, Gateway, Harbor, Heritage, and Sound

**We are in the CORRIDOR DISTRICT.**

Below is a list of Annual conferences in the United Methodist Church:

Annual conferences in the jurisdictional conferences (inside the US)

- North Central Jurisdiction
- Northeastern Jurisdiction
- **Southeastern Jurisdiction**
- South Central Jurisdiction
- Western Jurisdiction

Annual conference in the central conferences (outside the US)

- Africa Central Conference
- Congo Central Conference
- West Africa Central Conference
- Central and South Europe Central Conference
- Germany Central Conference
- Northern Europe Central Conference
- Philippines Central Conference

**Our conference is in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.** The Southeastern Jurisdiction consists of the following annual conferences:

- Alabama-West Florida Annual Florida Annual Conference – Bishop Kenneth Carter (Florida)
- Holston Conference
- Kentucky Conference
- Memphis –
- Mississippi Annual Conference
- North Alabama Conference
- **North Carolina Conference**
- North Georgia conference
- Red Bird Missionary Conference
- South Carolina Conference
- South Georgia Conference
- Tennessee Conference
- Virginia Conference
- Western North Carolina Conference

So United Methodist Women are connected this way:

**FUMC UMW Local unit to Corridor District to North Carolina Conference to Southeastern Jurisdiction to National United Methodist Women**

**Corridor District United Methodist Women website**

[corridorumw.org](http://corridorumw.org)

**North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women website**

[nccumw.org](http://nccumw.org)

**National United Methodist Women website**

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

# FUMW-Graham Leadership Team Members Responsibilities

## President

Working with the Leadership Team she shall actively seek to advance all phases of the work of the United Methodist Women. She shall:

- Be a member of the United Methodist Church and serve as a member of the Administrative Council.
- Establish dates for and preside at Leadership Team meetings 3 times a year (Jan., June, Oct.). Preside at all meetings of the unit.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all other committees, except the Committee on Nominations.
- Coordinate with the pastor for events that take place during worship including: baby memberships, Mission Recognitions, candle burning, and the biannual installation of officers.
- Sign with the secretary all official and legal papers and orders of the treasury.
- Complete Mission Today Report and send to District President by due date.
- Make sure the other unit officers send in their reports by due dates to district counterpart.
- Prepare monthly information memos for circle leaders including reminders to use the program booklet for at least two of their circle programs, and during circle time to use the prayer calendar, and the Response magazine to keep missions and missionaries in our hearts and prayers.
- Prepare articles or enlist other officers to prepare communications for church newsletter to promote or inform the church of UMW events.
- Establish a date for annual yard sale. All UMW are expected to help with the preparation and staff the yard sale. Tasks that may be assigned include: publicize, set up, price, and arrange for pick up of left over items.
- Initiate plans for the annual Christmas Banquet, and fund raisers such as Smithfield BBQ, Annual Bazaar.
- Attend Corridor District Annual Meeting, District Local Officers' Training (LOTS) and other district and conference meetings if possible.
- Encourage participation in district and conference events.
- Regularly checks the district and conference websites, emails from the district and conference and the district newsletter Corridor Connections (3 x per year) and communicates information to all members of the local unit.
- Knows and explains the purpose of Mission Today to unit members. (The purpose of Mission Today is to encourage every local unit to be fully engaged in the total program of UMW by: a. attending UMW sponsored events; b. engaging in hands-on mission; c. supplying mission resources; d. studying and reading; e. keeping informed about social justice issues; f. inviting new members; g. making a pledge.)
- Is a voting delegate to the NC Conference UMW Annual Meeting. If president cannot attend, she may secure a duly elected delegate. NOTE: Additional voting delegates are as follows: 50-100 members in unit – 1 additional delegate; over 100 members in unit – additional delegate per 100 members or major fraction thereof.

## **Vice President**

Working cooperatively with the President, she shall assist the unit in fulfilling the PURPOSE. She shall:

- Serve on the Leadership Team.
- Guide the Leadership Team in its responsibility for planning and implementing the program of the unit.
- Perform the duties of the president in her absence.
- Coordinate responsibilities for ecumenical relations and promote the cooperation of UMW with the World Federation of Methodist and Church Women United.
- Chair the committee on Program, or chair the Leadership Team when dealing with matters relating to Program.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS) and encourages attendance at other district and conference events.

## **Secretary**

Must understand the organization's PURPOSE, the total involvement of the local unit and assist the president. She shall:

- Serve on the Leadership Team.
- Keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the unit and its Leadership Team.
- Serve as custodian of all records and official papers.
- Sign with the president orders on the treasury and official papers, with correct dates.
- Keep an accurate up-to-date roll of membership.
- Send a list of elected leaders of the unit, including addresses, zip codes, telephone numbers and emails, to the secretary of the district organization by due date. Forward any changes in the slate of officers to the same. Send the name of the new president to the Service Center.
- Send any mid-year changes in the officers to the District Secretary on the Mid-Year Officer Change Report.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Treasurer**

Shall actively work to fulfill the PURPOSE. She shall be informed of the financial responsibilities of the unit and its responsibilities of the Women's Division. She shall:

- Serve on the Leadership Team.
- Receive and disburse funds for order of the unit, account for all funds of the unit, and work with the Leadership Team to develop a plan for receiving funds.
- May chair the Leadership Team when dealing with matters related to finance.
- Send all funds, except those designated for local missions and for local Administration and Membership Development, to the district treasurer. These remittances shall be made quarterly. Sends Candle Burning funds to district treasurer after local Candle Burning event.
- Coordinates Candle Burning with the local unit Education and Interpretation Coordinator.
- Notify district treasurer of unit's pledge amount for the next year by due date.
- Make an itemized report to the unit, and send an annual itemized statement of all funds to the district treasurer by due date.
- Sends amount of unit pledge for the new year to District Treasurer by the due date.
- Explain and Encourage "Seven Star Unit Members" by promoting the seven avenues of mission giving: Pledge, Gift to Mission Card, Penny and a Prayer, Gift in Memory, World Thank, Candle Burning, Special Mission Recognition Pin.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Secretary of Program Resources**

Has the responsibilities of helping the members and elected leaders of the unit know about and secure resources that enable them to fulfill the PURPOSE. She shall:

- Serve on Leadership Team.
- Be informed about and promote use of print and digital materials.
- Promote the mission magazines: *Response: The Magazine of Women in Mission*
- Encourage each member to subscribe, and keep the subscription current in the church library.
- Promote the use of the Program Book and the Prayer Calendar.
- Promote the Reading Program and make book recommendations.
- Receive reports from individuals regarding their participation in the Reading Program.
- Send Local Unit Reading Program Report to district by due date.

## **Spiritual Growth Coordinator**

Shall coordinate opportunities for spiritual and theological development related to mission. She shall:

- Serve on the Leadership Team.
- Promote spiritual growth of the unit through devotions at meetings and use of the Prayer Calendar.
- Prepare devotion for Leadership Team Meetings and at other times when called upon.
- Encourage participation in conference and district spiritual events such as the Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (even years) and District Day Apart (odd years).
- Coordinate and/or promote special times and events for worship, prayer and meditation such as a Call to Prayer and Self Denial, ecumenical worship, retreats.
- Involve women in Biblical and theological study, utilizing the annual spiritual growth study, *Response*, *The Program Book* and the *Reading Program*.
- Keep records of deceased members and sends in report to district officer by due date.
- Take responsibility for the “Prayer and Self Denial” program and work with the Secretary of Program Resources to obtain appropriate materials for this event when it is done as a unit. She can offer assistance to Circles or conduct their “Prayer and Self-Denial Program” for them when Circles are responsible for their own program.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Education and Interpretation Coordinator**

Shall empower women to understand, interpret and participate in the mission giving and outreach of the church. She shall:

- Serve on Leadership Team.
- Promote mission education opportunities: mission studies, local mission opportunities, School of Christian Mission, mission encounters.
- Supply material resources for mission programs and projects.
- Promote and encourage participation in Conference special projects.
- Promote attendance at Conference Mission U.
- Call attention to articles and pictures from *Response* magazine that deal with our ministries with children and youth.
- Celebrate the story of how our money supports children in our country and throughout the world.
- Complete the mission study report which includes attendance at mission studies in the unit and at district mission studies to the District Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by due date.
- Coordinate the Candle Burning Sunday, with treasurer, for the local unit and send Candle-burning list to district officer by due date. Coordinate with church secretary to have names printed for a bulletin insert on Candle Burning Sunday.
- Explains, promotes and encourages use of the Gift to Mission Cards and Gift in Memory Cards by the unit and its members.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Social Action Coordinator**

Shall coordinate the unit's programs of study and action related to current local, national, international and global social issues. She shall:

- Serve on Leadership Team.
- Increase awareness of social, economic, environmental and political concerns that affect women, children, and youth.
- Promote and interpret the Biblical basis for social action and the position of the United Methodist Church on social issues, utilizing the Social Principles in the *Book of Discipline*.
- Work on action plans for ministries for children and youth at local church and community.
- Organize Children's Sabbath Sunday service when requested. She must use materials from the "Children's Defense Fund" for this event.
- Promote participation in the UMW Action Network and be a member of UMW Action Network.
- Keep in close contact with district counterparts in order to supply legislative updates to the local unit and act on issues affecting children and youth.
- Report to the district the unit's collection of health kits, school kits, layette kits, and other mission activities. Be sure our unit sends at least 3 kits to the Conference meeting in October.
- Promote and participate in the District Mission Encounter.
- Promote projects listed on Project Sheet.
- Sends Social Action Report to the District Social Action Coordinator by the due date.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator**

Shall actively assist the unit in fulfilling the PURPOSE. She shall:

- Serve on Leadership Team.
- Work with Leadership Team to determine the needs of the membership, enlist new members, and recommend ways for inactive members to participate.
- Offer support and nurture to single mothers raising children; reach out to younger women, youth, and young mothers.
- Share the heritage of the United Methodist Women's organization.
- Seek new members by inviting new members/visitors of the church to participate in one of the circles and encourage and nurture present members.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Chair, Committee on Nominations**

Shall ensure that the Leadership Team is fully staffed. She shall:

- Serve on Leadership Team.
- Chair the Committee on Nominations, which nominates all elected officers of the unit.
- Contact current officers to determine if they are willing to continue serving in their office.
- Meet with Committee prior to June Leadership Team meeting and advise team of any vacancies.
- Guide the Committee in its work to discover new leadership and search for new officers if needed.
- Have an up-to-date job description for each office in her unit.
- Fill office vacancies on later than August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Present the slate of officers to the unit.
- Give the slate of elected officers' names and contact information to the secretary by September 1.
- Notify the secretary of any mid-year changes in the officers.
- Attend District Local Officer Training (LOTS).

## **Committee on Nominations**

This committee is responsible for the nomination of all elected leaders of the unit. This requires a clear understanding of the duties of each elected leader and knowledge of the skills, interests, and potential of the members of the unit. They shall:

- Attend Leadership Team Meetings.
- Meet with the Chair of Nominations.
- Follow the leadership of the chair to begin the search for new officers if needed.
- Have an up-to-date job description for each office.
- Be assigned prospective leaders to contact in order to fill vacant offices.

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## Reading Program

You are encouraged to participate in the UMW Reading Program. There are books in the church library that were purchased by UMW for your study and enjoyment. Pamphlets explaining the program further are available from the Program Resources Chairperson, Carol Steele. The purpose of the reading program:

- To expand understanding of the participation in God's mission.
- To increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- To encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity.
- To grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- To enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge.
- To strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

### Reading Program Guidelines:

There are 5 categories of books corresponding to the five mission areas:

*Education and Interpretation, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Membership Nurture and Outreach, and Leadership Development*

*Response*, the official magazine of United Methodist Women, is also part of the Reading Program. Its goals are to educate for mission, to interpret the Purpose of United Methodist Women and to strengthen the organization. *Response* is an excellent resource for program material with help on how to use it in each issue. You can get your own subscription to this magazine or *Response* can be borrowed from our church library.

**Reading Plans** – You can choose any of the following four plans.

Plan 1 --Read 5 books --1 from each category (may include youth titles) plus regular reading from *Response*.

Plan 2 --Read 10 books--2 from each category (may include youth and children's titles) plus regular reading from *Response*

Plan 3 – Read 15 books--at least 2 from each category (may include youth and children's titles) plus regular reading from *Response*

Plan 4 –Read 20 books--at least 2 from each category (may include youth and children's titles) plus regular reading from *Response*

Keep a list of all the books you read and their categories. In August, you will be submitting your report to your Secretary of Program Resources, Carol Steele.

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## **Seven Channels of Mission Giving**

All of these funds are given to support the total program of mission outreach through the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

### **Avenue One -- Pledge to Mission**

A pledge is the amount each member decides is her share of the local unit's budget to help fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women.

### **Avenue Two - Special Mission Recognition**

Special Mission Recognition is an undesignated gift for mission work in honor of the recipient who has dedicated so much time and effort to service. A unit or a person may give Special Mission Recognition to any person. The recipient does not need to be a member of the United Methodist Church. For a gift of forty dollars, a recipient receives a certificate and a gold lapel pin. The cost of this pin is covered by an endowment so that the money given all goes to missions. FUMW will award a maximum of four Mission Recognition pins per year. These will be given during a Sunday worship service that is convenient to the pastor. Individuals that elect to give a recognition pin will do so privately. The person or group of persons that nominates an individual is responsible for writing a brief description of their nominee. The following statement will be used for the FUMC worship bulletin on the Sunday that the Special Mission Recognitions are awarded: "Special Mission Recognition is an undesignated gift to mission in honor of the recipient. The FUMW unit will award a maximum of four 'Mission Recognition' pins per year"

### **Avenue Three - Gift to Mission**

Make a gift of \$5.00 for missions to our treasurer and get a card for someone you want to honor. The cards have messages for many occasions such as: congratulations, thinking of you, happy birthday, thank you, happy baby, happy anniversary, or in the service of Christ.

### **Avenue Four - Gift in Memory**

A gift in memory (minimum \$5.00) honors the memory of a loved one or friend. Any individual or the unit may give it. Special cards are available to send to the family of the deceased.

### **Avenue Five - World Thank Offering**

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God with spontaneous gifts in gratitude for His goodness and as blessings are recognized throughout the year. Each person who wishes to participate in this offering is encouraged to use a special container for these monies. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world. Gifts are brought together once a year in the fall, usually with a special service of thanksgiving

### **Avenue Six - Candle Burning**

Candle Burning is given “in honor” or “in memory” of someone special to you, your United Methodist Women local unit or your church. The amount is determined each year by what it costs the World Division to carry on our mission work around the world. It is divided into amounts representing a day, hour, minute, or second. The donor may choose the amount of time for the candle to burn by the amount given.

### **Avenue Seven - A Penny and a Prayer**

Each day say a prayer for the work of United Methodist Women and our sisters and brothers in need around the world. As you do so, drop a penny into a jar. This money is collected monthly at circle meetings.

### **Seven Star Unit or Individual Seven Star Members**

A unit who participates in all seven avenues of giving is designated a “seven star unit.” The UMW of First United Methodist Church Graham has consistently been honored with this designation. Individual members are also encouraged to give in each of the seven avenues to become a “seven star member.”

<b>UMW MISSION GIVING 2017</b>	
Women’s Shelters	700.00
Salvation Army	500.00
Partners in Ministry-Children	300.00
UMW Legacy Fund	200.00
Methodist Children’s Home	300.00
MATCH	400.00
Diaper Bank	500.00
FUMC Playschool	500.00
Residential Treatment Services of Alamance	400.00
Caring Kitchen	200.00
Child Development Center Afterschool	300.00
Crossroads Crisis Center	500.00
Church Women United	100.00
Love Offering – Conference	50.00
Special Mission Recognition (4 pins only)	160.00
<b>TOTAL GIFTS</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>

## 2019 FUMC UMW Calendar

### January

- 13 **FUMC Leadership Team Mtg. 2:00 p.m.  
Room 132 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month)**  
31 **2018 Membership Report Due**

### February

- 11 **Care Package packing; 6:00 p.m.  
Kitchen; (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month)**  
16 *Sub District Meetings*  
17 **Baby Recognitions (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
month – 9:00 & 11:00 services)**  
23 *Snow Date – Sub District Meetings*

### March

- 01 *World Day of Prayer*  
16 *NC Conference Racial Justice Event*  
TBA **Legacy Event**  
23 *Corridor District Mission Encounter*  
24-30 **Yard Sale-Stafford Hall**

### April

- 13 *Corridor District Day Apart*  
14 **Easter Cantata (Palm Sunday)  
FUMC Hosting**  
21 *Easter*

### May

- 4 *Corridor District Mission Studies*  
19 **SMR Recognition (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
month 9:00 & 11:00 both services)**

### June

- 9 **FUMC UMW Leadership Team Mtg.  
2:00 p.m., Room 132 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
month – completing reports)**

### July

- 21 **Candle Burning (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Month – 9:00 & 11:00 both services)**  
15-27 *NC Conference Mission u, Methodist  
University, Fayetteville, NC*

### August

- 9 *District Sister-to-Sister Event*  
15 **All reports due to District**

### October

- TBA **Smithfield BBQ Fundraiser**  
TBA *NC Conference Annual Mtg.,  
Fayetteville, NC*  
13 **FUMC Leadership Team Mtg.  
2:00 p.m., Room 132 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
month)**  
14 **Care Package packing; 6:00 p.m.  
Kitchen; (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month)**  
TBA *Corridor District Annual Mtg.*

### November

- 15 **Set up for Bazaar – Stafford Hall  
Time ?**  
16 **FUMC UMW Bazaar – Stafford Hall  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month)**  
16 *District Local Offer Training (LOTS)*

### December

- 11 **Set up for Christmas Banquet  
Wednesday – 10: a.m.**  
12 **Christmas Banquet – Stafford Hall;  
6:00-8:00 (6:00 Gathering, 6:30 meal)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month)**

*Dates in **bold** are particular to FUMC UMW. Dates  
in *italics* are either Corridor District or NC  
Conference events.*