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AURORA DISTRICT UMW

# REACHOUT

August 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Betty Erikson, Aurora District President*

Greetings,

I am writing this message with mixed emotions. I am sad to think that summer is almost over, but joyful that my favorite time of year is coming soon. I am concerned about all that is happening in the world around us, with changing weather, the wildfires, tornadoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. The unrest and violence that seems to hit the news more frequently, if that is possible. Then I realize that there is a lot to take joy in. We can be more social, with restaurants open for dining, movie theaters and ball games. I know we still need to take precaution and use our own judgment when participating in any of these opportunities, but what joy in being able to enjoy family and friends! What joy in being grateful for all the positives in our lives. I know that I need to be more grateful for the roof over my head, food on the table, and continued health and a supportive network of friends. That includes all of you!

Life is returning to a somewhat new normal, kids are back in school, job sites are returning to in person having people no longer work at home as much. Young and old alike are becoming more comfortable with technology, and the many ways we can use it to connect with one another. Sometimes I think that technology is not for me, and some days we are like oil and water, but just like water, it is a necessity.

We have been able to use technology to keep district meetings and Mission u going strong. We are even seeing people join that have not been able to be part of all we do as United Methodist Women in the past. From the national level, we have opportunities to listen in to the many Faith Talks that are offered.

Now is a time of celebration! At our annual meeting, Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating all the victories we have had, both before and during Covid. So, plan on being with us September 25<sup>th</sup> and share in the joy! Until then, be safe, healthy and continue doing all that you do. It is appreciated!

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# Honoring Our Past . . . Embracing Our Future

**Aurora District United Methodist Women  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Saturday, September 25, 2021**

*In-Person & Via Zoom  
9 a.m. to Noon*

This year's annual meeting will be celebrated both in person and via zoom. We want you to be part of the morning, so plan on attending in the way you are most comfortable. The morning will include celebrating our victories during challenging times and the lasting memories we will take with us. Be prepared to share these victories or memories with everyone.

We will be meeting in person at First UMC in West Chicago. 643 E. Washington Street, West Chicago. To give travel mercies to those choosing to meet in person we will start gathering at 9 AM, with the event starting at 9:30 AM. We also plan to offer online participation for those unable to attend.

Due to COVID concerns all attending in person will be respectfully asked to wear a mask. Coffee and water will be served, and we are asking participants to bring your own cup for your beverage of choice.

There is no registration fee, however a free will donation is always appreciated, going towards our district pledge to mission. Registration may be done by mail or online (link below).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ First District Event: Y N

PREFERRED EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: In Person \_\_\_\_\_ Via Zoom \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH (City/Name) \_\_\_\_\_

2022 DISTRICT: Lake South \_\_\_\_\_ Prairie Central \_\_\_\_\_ Prairie South \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

If on new Leadership Team What is your position: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct any questions on the event to: Betty Erickson, [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com) or by text or call to (630) 701-5672.

To mail an offering, please make check out to Aurora District UMW to:

Betty Erickson, 39W265 Osage Drive, St. Charles, IL 60175

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK: <https://aurora-district-united-methodist-women-annual-meeting.cheddarup.com>

**2022 LOCAL UNIT PLEDGE FORM**  
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE**

Each unit is asked to prayerfully consider its 2022 Pledge. Please pledge what you can. Every year the districts works hard to make our pledge to the Northern Illinois Conference. 2022 surely will be no different. With the continued support from all local units, we will meet this goal.

Please bring this form to the annual meeting. If unable to attend send the lower portion of this form to the Aurora District, Betty Erickson, 39W265 Osage Drive, St. Charles, IL 60175

**Your pledge will be forwarded to the appropriate district.**

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**2022**  
**PLEDGE TO MISSION**

The Membership of the United Methodist of

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(name of church)

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(name of town)

of the Northern Illinois Conference, pledges to Mission the  
amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICER UPDATES

### Faith Talks: A Valuable Resource

*By Phyllis Pepiot, Aurora District Vice President*

I have often lifted up Faith Talks as a wonderful resource for programming. I decided to go online to see what concrete example of these recordings is now available and found the following at

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>.

The one I chose to listen to was "UMW 2021 Mission Study." I would recommend this to anyone wishing to lift up programming on many topics including age diversity, ethnic diversity, sexual orientation diversity, violence. It went along with many topics and raised questions and could probably start discussions, which could lead to action in your own group. It is a timeless topic, and I recommend it highly.

### Nominations Report

*By Donna Szoke, Aurora District Nominations*

My summer has been busy, but I have enjoyed what has kept me busy—especially my position as Nominations Committee. At times it was hard because I know it takes a lot to say yes to a position but I have met some wonderful people and learned so much about United Methodist Women. Some churches in the current Aurora District will soon become Lake South, Prairie Central, and South Prairie District, and that means new friendships.

These new districts are still looking to fill positions on their leadership teams. Please take some time to think and pray about taking one of these positions, and if you are interested you can call me at (815) 342-9324. There are women who have held these positions and would be available to answer questions you might have.

To see vacant positions, refer to the slate of officers that was sent in an e-blast from NIC Conference. The email came from [nicumw@gmail.com](mailto:nicumw@gmail.com). If you have not received this notice, please contact a district officer (list on page 25). All voting will be done via email to the current district nominations person.



### UMW Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the Church.

## Embracing Wonder in These Times of Change

*By Charlotte Wyncoop, Aurora District Spiritual Growth*

As a child, I used to sit at my grandfather's feet and listen to his stories of how much the world has changed. He was born in 1915 in Southern Illinois on a farm with no running water or electricity. The outhouse stood behind the house, and during snow, sleet or rain, you walked back there to do your business. They buried their apple harvest in the fields tucked into mounds of hay and plowed under using their team of horses. He used to say the winter apples were better than any store bought apples he has ever had since—crisp and juicy and bursting with flavor. His family finally got a car when he was a teenager. He survived the Spanish Flu Pandemic. He experienced the Great Depression. He served in World War II in three theaters as a minesweeper. He watched Neil Armstrong walk on the Moon. My Dad and Grandpa had written a genealogy book the old-fashioned way: visiting churches, graveyards and courthouse and digging through microfiche and paper records. Grandpa lived to see Ancestry.com emerge. He died in 2003, just a month before my son was born.

As we watch the pandemic change our world, as we get ready to change UMW districts, I wonder what he would think of the changes we're experiencing? He always talked about those experiences with a sense of wonder. He would shake his head and smile as if he felt like the luckiest person alive to have seen and experienced all those changes throughout his life. He would talk about wisdom and just being careful to do the things you knew to do and he would smile and say that God put him where he was needed.

Often we fuss over the changes in our lives. We vent and whine because change is hard and uncomfortable. The Israelites were slaves in Egypt, and yet again and again they complained about getting rescued. "The quail and manna are boring. Our feet hurt. We're thirsty. Did you bring us out here to kill us???" Today, with masks versus no masks, to vaccinate or not to vaccinate, stay at home orders and shortages, it feels sometimes like we're the Israelites, and the pandemic is the desert. God offers us his presence and we'd rather focus on what we don't have.

But our God offers us healing and hope, freedom and growth and like the Israelites, we do step out in faith. We watch the miracles, we know the good that is coming because our God has a plan and a purpose and Jesus, our redeemer and healer, is here with us just like the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud led the Israelites. We're walking into new territory, new districts. We'll meet new people and have fresh opportunities. Let's face it with a sense of wonder, of expectancy. When the Old Testament's Joshua and his scouts came back, they brought back huge grapes and tales of a land of plenty that God was giving them. Many of the scouts were afraid, but Joshua trusted that God knew what he was doing and would use it to bless his people.

This coming year, let's all be like Joshua. Let's face this new territory, the new challenges with a sense of wonder and expectancy. God doesn't want us to be slaves tied into old patterns and old ways of doing things. He's bringing us into a new phase of life with new challenges and wants to bless us. Let's meet new friends, and cherish our old ones while holding on to the best parts of what we do as a district and blending it with the best parts others bring to our new locations. We are one people in Christ Jesus, women who want to make a difference in this new world that lies before us. Let us claim this time of change with a sense of wonder and expectancy and walk with Jesus into it expecting great things.



## Membership Report

By Gail Helland,  
Aurora District Membership

The list of reading materials this year for book club have equaled or surpassed last year's. Since my last article, my UMW book club has met twice reading two excellent books. In April, we discussed Gum Moon, dealing with the struggles of Asian women living in San Francisco during the 1906 earthquake. Following a toddler given up to a brothel by a poor starving family for enough money to support the other members, the book makes you want more even after finishing it.

The second book, #notyourprincess, is a collection of poems, art, and short essays written by indigenous women. While reading this, I recalled a previous book, Tilly and the Crazy Eights, which dealt with the same topics of concern, alcoholism, rape, and poor treatment of children at the resident reservation schools.

The reading list books open one's eyes to the world around us that one doesn't see on the nightly news but is so worthy of several news stories. The readings also help to understand how vital our mission dollars are for so many to improve their lives.

Gail Helland  
[GailPaint@aol.com](mailto:GailPaint@aol.com)



You can find the Reading Program Catalog online at  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

Join with your unit to read some of the books on the list!

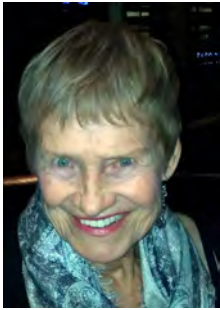
## NIC UMW Yearbook 2021

Northern Illinois Conference UMW still has some Yearbooks available for purchase. You may email Linda Osikowicz, [Lmosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Lmosikowicz@comcast.net), or order one through the link at Cheddar Up: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/northern-illinois-conference-united-methodist-women-yearbook>.

The cost is \$6.75 (includes shipping) or \$4.25 (if you pick it up). Yearbooks are also available on our website, <https://umwnic.org/2021-yearbook/>. Contact Linda Osikowicz for the password. An updated Yearbook (with errata to date) has been posted to the website. All who have received paper copies of the Yearbook should have received the errata information via email.

## Reporting Your Unit's Mission Today and Green Unit Progress

*By Aija Bjorklund, Aurora District Education and Interpretation*



Greetings to all you lovely ladies. Again, I want to inform that United Methodist Women continue on with our mission to take up the cause of the marginalized.

Our Summer Mission U on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> reinforced our call to be on the side of Climate Justice, reaching out to the Native People and addressing Racial Equality. Many of us have become involved in online opportunities such as

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice>, as well as becoming involved in the [One Earth Film Festival](#).

I am including in this issue the forms for the MISSION TODAY GOALS and BE A GREEN UMW UNIT. I encourage each and every one of you to be a GREEN HOME, a GREEN CHURCH as well as a GREEN UMW UNIT.

As you can see in the news, Climate change is here and United Methodist Women need to be active in the fight against it by contacting our elected officials, writing to newspapers and encouraging your friends and neighbors to be green. And please do reduce the amount of plastic you consume.

The MISSION TODAY GOALS and BE A GREEN UMW UNIT forms will be due on January 10, 2022. The forms should be mailed to:

Aija Bjorklund  
205 Sheridan Ct Unit D  
New Lenox, Illinois 604561-2967

They can also be sent as an attachment to an email [aijabjorklund@gmail.com](mailto:aijabjorklund@gmail.com)

## UMW World Thank Offering

For more than 135 years Methodist women have given to the World Thank Offering through United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundant grace. When we share our gifts and they are combined with the gifts of others, our contributions make possible the support of National Mission Institutions and international projects and partners to meet the physical and social needs of women, children and youth

The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of undesignated Mission Giving. Traditionally this offering is collected during a special service or program during the fall season.

This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world.

## Promoting the Life-Enhancing Experience of UMW Assembly

By Anita Young, Aurora District Communications



Every four years, United Methodist Women from across the U.S. and the world to celebrate their faith and reaffirm their purpose at Assembly. In 2022, this quadrennial event will be held May 20-22 at the Orlando Convention Center. The

"Turn It Up!" theme invites UMW members to come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters, and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world. If traveling is not a possibility, Assembly will also be available virtually, providing online access to all five Community Gatherings, one workshop on Friday and Saturday, behind-the-scenes speaker interviews, and sisterhood networking.

The opportunity to register for Assembly and receive early-bird registration rates will start on September 1, 2021. So the time is now to turn it up by talking it up, and the 2022 Assembly website (<https://assembly2022.org/>) has some handy and fun features to help you do that:

- Video about Assembly to share with unit members
- Downloadable insert for your church bulletin (available in color and black & white)
- Downloadable letter that you can use to send personal invitations (available in color and black & white)
- PowerPoint template for use in presentations
- Assembly Flyer for mailing and posting (available in color and black & white)
- Full Color Poster
- Virtual backgrounds that you can use as backgrounds for Zoom meetings

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TREASURERS

By Betty Erickson

As the year is streaming along, I have not yet heard about the year-end deadline for submitting payments to be included in 2021 for Aurora District. Of all the years this is important because after all checks and deposits clear the bank, the current Aurora District UMW checking account will be closed.

I am doing my best to keep accurate records and get all your monies deposited and forwarded to conference as soon as possible. Keep up the good work.

To help you, this issue of the Reachout includes copies of forms you should be using:

- Remittance form for sending in funds (you can use similar form you may already have)
- Annual Audit Form (unit books should be audited to eliminate errors)
- Year-End Reporting Form (used to compare records between unit and district treasurer and help fix any errors)
- 2022 Pledge Form (Please complete and bring to the Sept. 25 Annual Meeting or mail/email. Forms will be forwarded to the appropriate district.)

Forms and remittances should be sent to Betty Erickson, 39W265 Osage Drive, St. Charles 60175

Thank you for your patience, and do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns.

My email address is [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com) and my cell phone for texting or calling is (630) 701-5672.



## Social Action in Covid Times — Take Action Safely From Wherever You Are

By Nadia Kanhai, Social Action



Those who attended virtual Mission u in July got a taste of why UMW members are dedicated to social action. We see injustice and want to right these wrongs, especially for women, youth and children. How do we keep up with the energy and passion we felt at Mission u? Responding to UMW Action Alerts is one way to take action on our service and advocacy issue priorities.

Advocacy allows UMW members to be agents of transformation by calling us to change the systems that exclude women, to eliminate barriers to women's progress, and to be proactive in our efforts. Compassionate service takes us to where the hurt and pain are and gives us a glimpse of of God's image in all God's people.

To help keep your local UMW members in the loop, on a computer or similar device, navigate to: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/issues>, where you can find overviews of our two quadrennial issue priorities — *Criminalization of Communities of Color: Interrupting the School to Prison (a/k/a Confinement) Pipeline* and *Climate Justice: Reduce Carbon Footprint Emissions of Corporations and Individuals*. When you click through the links on the page, you can find more action items and ideas, including posters in the form of pdf's, which you can print out for your local UMW bulletin board or as handouts.

- Criminalization poster: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/mission-focus-issues/racial-justice-and-mass-incarceration/schooltoprisonpipelineposter.pdf>
- Climate Justice poster: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/mission-focus-issues/climate-justice/justenergyforallposter.pdf>
- Tips cards: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/tipcardscolor.pdf>

You can also learn more about engaging in UMW social action campaigns here:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action>

UMW units and members can take action together safely during meetings or circle gatherings or they can take action safely from home, using the power of the web and social media. Current action alerts allow members to engage from home or anywhere they have an internet connection.

### Current Action Alerts and Actions

- Tell Your Representative: Help End School Pushout! (<https://p2a.co/IMYo6cz>)
- Add Your Name to Our Letter to Congress (<https://p2a.co/oiHdo45>)
- Sign up for Faith Talks via Zoom or podcast (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>)
- Participate in monthly Just Energy strategy Zoom calls (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all>)
- Follow United Methodist Women on Social Media and Share Posts (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/findumwomen>)

A large graphic featuring a teal circle on a purple background. Inside the circle, the words "TURN IT UP!" are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The "I" in "UP!" is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right, partially overlapping the circle's edge.

# TURN IT UP!

## ASSEMBLY 2022

MAY 20 – 22, 2022  
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

[WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG](http://WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG)

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.



### WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER

In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!**

At ASSEMBLY 2022 we will **TURN IT UP!** for spiritual healing and renewal. We will **TURN IT UP!** for rebirth in a new time. We will **TURN IT UP!** for women leaders. We will **TURN IT UP!** for justice for women, children and youth. And it all begins with you. Will you **TURN IT UP?**

### PRICE

Assembly is a great value at the early registration fee of \$330. Few other faith-based conferences offer the following for such a low fee:

- Soul-stirring worship infused with music and performing arts
- Impactful workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders
- Action opportunities and an Experience Hall with interactive experiences

### SAVE FOR ASSEMBLY

**Start now!** Calculate the costs as broken out below for your location, then divide by 12 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn't seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will make it worth every dollar.

**Early Registration fee: \$330** (available Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2021, which includes lunch on Friday and Saturday)

**Hotel expenses: \$158 – \$203** per night for up to four people ( double / double room )

- Travel expenses
- Meal expenses:
  - Friday and Saturday — breakfast and dinner
  - Sunday — breakfast

[WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG](http://WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG)



**Aurora District REACHOUT  
AUGUST 2021**

**Aurora District United Methodist Women  
Reading Program  
2021 Participation**

Participation in the Reading Program shows that your unit is interested and engaged with a variety of issues from the personal to the global. Participation fulfills a requirement for Mission Today units. Please complete the form below so that we can recognize your local unit's participation in the 2021 Reading Program.

Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for certificate to be mailed) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of women in our local unit participating in the 2021 Reading Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan 1**—5 books each year, one from each category, selections for 2015-2022 Reading Lists and regular reading of Response Magazine.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan II**—10 books each year, at least 2 from each category, selections from the 2015-2022 Reading Lists and regular reading of the Response Magazine

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan III**—15 books each year, 10 books with at least 2 from each category  
5 additional books from any category, selections from the 2015-2022  
Reading Lists and regular reading of Response Magazine

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan IV**—20 books each year, 10 books with at least 2 from each  
category, 10 additional books from any category, selections from the 2015-2022 Reading  
Lists and regular reading of Response Magazine

Please return this form by email or mail by December 1, 2021 to:

Gail Helland  
4010 Wood St.  
Morris, IL 60450  
Email: [GailPaint@aol.com](mailto:GailPaint@aol.com)

## United Methodist Women 2021 Unit Survey (formerly Census) Questions

The following may help you complete the online 2021 Unit Survey, which is not yet released online. Please complete before March 30, 2022. Here is the link to the 2020 survey, which is not set up yet for 2021:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020>

Here is a link to a thorough “Instructions for Completing the UMW Unit Survey:

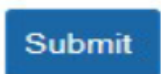
[http://umw.convio.net/site/DocServer/Instructions\\_for\\_Completing\\_the\\_2020\\_Unit\\_Survey.pdf;jsessionid=00000000.app334a?NONCE\\_TOKEN=B74761795C646E9C6FABBF8F0444A056](http://umw.convio.net/site/DocServer/Instructions_for_Completing_the_2020_Unit_Survey.pdf;jsessionid=00000000.app334a?NONCE_TOKEN=B74761795C646E9C6FABBF8F0444A056)

Here is a quick set of tips you may find helpful and the questions you will be asked.

1. At the top of the page, you will see a box. The easiest way to find your church is to enter your church's zip code, then the search icon, then “Select” your church. That will populate some answers for you.
2. You will need to enter your “Unit Name.” Be specific: First UMW, Morris or Wesley UMW Aurora, IL. Believe it or not, there are more than one “First United Methodist Church”, “St. Andrew UMC”, etc., and there are a lot of units with “UMW” in the title: include your church name and if it doesn't include your city, add that, too.
3. For “Unit mailing address”, put in your church address.
4. For “Unit type”, 99% of replies in Aurora District will be “local.” Choosing your language should be pretty clear.
5. Enter your president's information (name, phone number, email).
6. Enter number of members added Jan 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021, enter number of members lost by death or other reasons, and then the total number of active members as of Dec. 31, 2021. Don't stress over these numbers, a good guess is much better than not completing the survey.
7. Fill in the contact information for the person who completed the report for your unit.
8. There are additional questions, some with drop-down boxes from which to choose your response.  
*Average age of unit members?      Are you an active unit?      Considering becoming inactive?*  
*If so, names of those who might want to remain active?      Why are you becoming inactive?*  
*Category for your unit (from a drop-down box)      Mission u studies?*  
*International missions?      Source of information?*  
*How do you wish to receive resources?      Giving?*  
*Service and Advocacy?      How have you met during the pandemic?*

It sounds like a lot and looks like it will take a long time, but it's really just choosing which answer best describes your unit. Just answer best you can.

9. IMPORTANT! When you have completed the form, and reviewed for accuracy and completion, you must click



**Note: The links and questions above are from the 2020 survey and could be changed for the 2021 survey.**

If your information has been submitted successfully a “Thank You” page will pop up. If it does not, go back through the form and check to see that you answered all the required questions. IF YOU DON'T SEE “THANK YOU” your data has not been submitted. Please don't get this far and then not have it count!

10. Please let your district president when you have completed the survey.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS REPORT

\*\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*

**Please return President's names before November 1, 2021 to the proper district officer. Remainder of officers appreciated by December 15. THANKS!**

This year send to: Betty Erickson, 39W265 Osage Drive, St. Charles, IL 60175

**CHURCH** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **# OF UNIT MEMBERS** \_\_\_\_\_

The elected leaders will take office on January 1, \_\_\_\_\_

If office year is different than Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, \_\_\_\_\_

Please put a \* by new officers. An empty space means "NONE" for that office. Fill in First and Last name, Mailing address, Telephone and E-Mail address.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. THANK YOU.** Any additional officers please list on back.

<b>PRESIDENT: NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	
ADDRESS		
CITY	IL	ZIP
E-MAIL		
<b>VICE-PRES. NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	
ADDRESS		
CITY	IL	ZIP
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<b>SECRETARY: NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	
CITY	IL	ZIP
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<b>TREASURER NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	
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## NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Mission Today Goals 2017-2020

The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the **PURPOSE** of United Methodist Women by energizing members to be more involved in mission through faith, hope, and love in action with the local church, as well as in the district, conference, and global levels. **MISSION** is undertaken on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world, and expanded through prayer, study, and action using mission resources and creativity. The following goals are based on our Purpose and Vision to help you in your annual planning for God's mission in the world.

**Recognition Criteria** for becoming a Mission Today local unit of United Methodist Women:

Narration of one of your stories of mission work during the year.

### **Plus**

\_\_\_ Faith = completed any 2-3 goals & paid our Pledge to Mission

\_\_\_ Faith & Hope = completed 1 goal in each area & paid our Pledge to Mission (**BRONZE**)

\_\_\_ Faith & Hope & Love = completed 2 goals in each area & paid our Pledge to Mission (**SILVER**)

\_\_\_ Faith, Hope, & Love in Action = completed 3 or 4 goals in each area & paid our Pledge to Mission (**GOLD**)  
(Please check the one recognition that applies)

**REQUIRED: 1- Please narrate one of your stories of mission work. We would like to share it with others.**

**2- Please check the completed goals in each area as you work to fulfill our UMW PURPOSE:**

**We are a community of women whose purpose is**

**To know God** (spirituality) *We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ, and put faith into action.*

\_\_\_ Use the **Prayer Calendar** (individually and at meetings)

\_\_\_ Attend or host a spiritual growth study or event

\_\_\_ Use the **UMW Program Book** (as a circle or as a local organization)

\_\_\_ Care for God's creation

\_\_\_ Take the pledge to be a **Green Unit** & submit form to District Education and Interpretation Coordinator

\_\_\_ Participate in Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program

\_\_\_ Other—explain

**To experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ** (social justice) *We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.*

- ☐ Share information about social justice issues to promote awareness
- ☐ Display and honor the **Charter for Racial Justice** (use as a program)
- ☐ Join the action network and share information about issues of justice (Action Alerts)
- ☐ Respond in action to an issue (Lobby Day, silent vigils, etc.)
- ☐ Participate in a community children's program
- ☐ Other—explain \_\_\_\_\_

**To develop a creative supportive fellowship** (membership and leadership) *We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action. We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agency workplaces, governments and churches.*

- ☐ Increase membership of local organization (invite and celebrate UMW)
- ☐ Make connections within the local organization and beyond (UMMen, ecumenical groups, etc.)
- ☐ Be a **Five Channels of Giving** local organization
- ☐ Connect with district and/or conference leadership (call, invite, use your officers)
- ☐ Celebrate / observe a United Methodist Women Sunday in your church
- ☐ Other—explain \_\_\_\_\_

**To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church** (mission and outreach) *We provide education experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.*

- ☐ Attend **Mission u** (local organization members as well as district or conference leadership)
- ☐ Connect with people in the **Prayer Calendar** (reach out to those in service throughout the year)
- ☐ Share the story of mission at meetings (**response** magazine, **New World Outlook**, **Reading Program**, **Children's Sabbath**, **National Mission Institutions**, etc.)
- ☐ Increase and pay **Pledge to Mission**
- ☐ Contribute needed resources to a mission project
- ☐ Other—explain \_\_\_\_\_

Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members in Local Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Person submitting this form: \_\_\_\_\_ UMW Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ IL Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

By **JANUARY 10** send your completed form to your District Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator:

Name: Aija Bjorklund Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: 205 Sheridan Court Unit D Email: aijabjorklund@gmail.com  
New Lenox IL 60451

Approved by NIC UMW on Nov. 13, 2016

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# BE A GREEN UMW UNIT: TAKE THE PLEDGE

*Every action has consequences on other humans and on the earth. Become aware of the outcome of your actions, reduce your impact on others, and walk lightly on the earth. Consider these practices to be a spiritual discipline.*

We pledge to work toward the following environmentally safe practices. Sign up now.

Name Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_ UMW Conference \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by Unit E and I Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. EDUCATION

- ☐ Learn about the environmental crisis and ecological justice.

- ☐ Read about or join a study group fostering voluntary simplicity.

## 2. GREEN YOUR LIVING SPACE

### Energy Use

- ☐ Alternative energy: solar/geothermal or purchase wind from your energy company.

- ☐ Purchase Energy Star appliances (refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer, water heater, dehumidifier) and high efficiency furnace, air conditioner, and windows.

- ☐ Get a programmable thermostat. Lower thermostat in winter; raise it in summer. Change settings when away. Use ceiling fans.

- ☐ Clean/replace filters for all appliances/furnace with new filters regularly.

- ☐ Replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.

### Cleaning Products

- ☐ Use non-toxic dish detergent, laundry detergent, and cleaning products.

- ☐ Use safe cleaning products either purchased or homemade.

### Water Use

- ☐ Do not let water run while doing tasks.

- ☐ Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators.

- ☐ Repair faucet leaks and toilet runs immediately.

- ☐ When not in use, turn off lights, TV, computer, appliances. Prefer natural light.

- ☐ Turn off TV, computer, microwave, etc. at the strip/plug.

- ☐ Run full loads in dish washer, washer, and dryer. Use short cycles/clothes line.

- ☐ Use microwave/toaster oven/slow cooker rather than oven/range.

- ☐ Set refrigerator at 35°F, freezer at -5°F to +6°F, and water heater at 120°F.

- ☐ Use cold or warm water when washing clothes; rinse in cold water.

- ☐ Insulate walls/attic. Repair leaks around windows/doors. Lock windows to seal.

- ☐ Repair hot water leaks. Insulate water heater (blanket) + hot water pipes (wrap).

- ☐ Avoid spray products for cleaning, air-freshening, and cooking.

- ☐ Take a shower rather than a bath, and shower less often.

- ☐ Wash dishes and laundry on full load.

## **Food**

- ☐ Buy fair-trade products.
- ☐ Buy organic products.
- ☐ Buy local produce and products.
- ☐ Buy only what you will consume, and then use all you buy.

## **Paper Use**

- ☐ Use recycled, post-consumer paper products for kitchen, bathroom, and cleaning.
- ☐ Avoid paper towels; use cloth napkins and handkerchiefs.

## **Reduce/Recycle/Reuse**

- ☐ Avoid use of paper, plastic, and Styrofoam in plates, cups, and utensils
- ☐ Recycle glass, tin, plastic, newsprint, mixed paper, cardboard, etc.
- ☐ Recycle batteries, printer cartridges, cell phones, plastic bags.
- ☐ Safely dispose of computers, printers, paint, and other toxic products.

## **3. TRAVEL**

- ☐ Purchase high mileage car. Maintain engine/tire pressure. Change oil/air filter.

## **4. WORK**

- ☐ Green the work space and work practices: office, shop, factory, classroom
- ☐ Advocate with employers to green your company, agency, or institution.

## **5. NATURE**

- ☐ Enjoy as kin the plants and pets in your living space.
- ☐ Take ten minutes a day to enjoy/love nature. Take a retreat with nature.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMITMENTS**

- ☐ Advocate for environmentally friendly legislation and policies.
- ☐ Restore a local habitat; protest a local environmental violation.
- ☐ Contribute to social justice organizations and environmental organizations.
- ☐ Invest in socially responsible stocks and bonds that foster eco-justice

- ☐ Put on your plate only what you will eat, and then eat all on your plate.
- ☐ Eat fewer (or no) meat meals each week. Have a hunger meal each week.

- ☐ Use electronic media rather than paper.
- ☐ Avoid bright-colored paper.
- ☐ Use recycled, post-consumer, acid-free note/office paper or paper from tree farm.
- ☐ Use the paper completely on both sides.

- ☐ Do not put grease or strong chemicals down drains.
- ☐ Buy products with less packaging.
- ☐ Compost food scraps and lawn clippings.
- ☐ Use canvas bags for shopping or reuse paper/plastic when shopping.
- ☐ When eating out, take your own plastic container for leftovers.

- ☐ Drive more slowly, not over 55 miles per hour. Easy stops and starts. Do not idle.
- ☐ Where feasible walk, bicycle, carpool.

- ☐ Promote greening among fellow workers and clients/customers/students.

- ☐ Use devotional materials that enhance your love of nature and your care for it.

UNITD METHODIST WOMEN  
Northern Illinois Conference - Aurora District  
**Annual Report of Treasurer of the Local Unit**

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. REMITTANCE SENT TO DISTRICT UMW:**

**i. MISSION GIFTS:**

- |                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Pledge to Mission           | _____ |
| 2. Special Mission Recognition | _____ |
| 3. Gifts to Mission            | _____ |
| 4. Gifts in Memory             | _____ |
| 5. World Thank Offering        | _____ |
| 6. Love Gift                   | _____ |

**II. DESIGNATED GIFTS:**

- |                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Call to Prayer & Self Denial | _____ |
| 2. General Mission              | _____ |
| 3. World Mission                | _____ |
| 4. National Mission             | _____ |
| 5. UMCOR                        | _____ |
| 6. World Assembly               | _____ |
| 7. Other (Please List)          | _____ |
| _____                           | _____ |
| _____                           | _____ |

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**TOTAL SENT TO AURORA DISTRICT**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**B. REMITTANCE SENT DIRECTLY TO OTHER MISSIONS:**

(PLEASE LIST DETAILS ON BACK OF THIS REPORT OR SEPARATE PAGE)

- |                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. World       | _____ |
| 2. National    | _____ |
| 3. Community   | _____ |
| 4. Your Church | _____ |

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**TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY TO MISSIONS**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**GRAND TOTAL**

\$



# 2022 REPORT OF AUDIT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have audited the Treasurer's books of the \_\_\_\_\_ United  
Methodist Women of \_\_\_\_\_ Church for the year January 1,  
2021, through December 31, 2021, and found them to be

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# THE REMITTANCE FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS

Order No. (Please make sure that all orders have a unique order no.):

Local Unit:

District:

Conference:

Period from:

To:

Mission Giving	Amount
1. Pledge to Mission	
2. Special Mission Recognition	
3. Gift to Mission	
4. Gift in Memory	
5. World Thank Offering	

Total Mission Giving (Lines 1 thru 5): \$

Supplementary Gifts	Amount
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	
7. Designated Gifts	Amount

A Brighter Future for Children and Youth		
Assembly Offering		
Scarritt-Bennett Center		
World Communion Scholarship		
Magazine Fund		
National, international and UMCOR projects (if additional pages are needed, complete the Supplementary Gifts Details Form)		
Name of project	Address	Amount

Total from Supplementary Gifts Details Form \$

Subtotal Designated Gifts (line 7 only): \$

8. Bequest (please attach a copy of the will or excerpt of the will)

9. Other Designated Gifts

Total Supplementary Gifts (lines 6 thru 9): \$

Total—total giving for this period (including Special Mission Recognition orders) \$

Less SMRs (and other as applicable) remitted previously (Enter as a positive number.)

**Total remittance Check no.:** **TOTAL:** \$

TREASURER:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

FAX:

E-mail:

DATE:



# ALL TREASURERS

## For local treasurer

*Submit the completed remittance form with your check to your district conference treasurer.*

## For district treasurer

Complete this remittance form using information from all of the local treasurers in your district. Submit the completed form to your conference treasurer. *Each remittance form is to be mailed with a check to your conference treasurer.*

## For conference treasurer

Complete this remittance form using information from all of the district treasurers in your conference. *Submit this completed form to the National United Methodist Women treasurer.* You may complete this form on a monthly or quarterly basis. You should make a remittance to the national United Methodist Women four times per year. Each remittance form is to be followed by or mailed with a check. To use electronic funds transfer, contact the national treasurer's office.

## You may submit the remittance form in several ways:

- Complete the Remittance Form. (To save time, you may fill in the non-changeable items, photocopy the form and then complete that copied form each time.) Photocopy the completed form and mail it to your conference treasurer.
- Download and then mail or e-mail the completed form. The downloadable form is available at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give/forms](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/give/forms)

## • How to Complete the Remittance Form •

## MISSION GIVING—Five Channels of Giving

1. Pledge to Mission: This includes Pledge to Mission and supplementary gifts collected on special occasions.
2. Special Mission Recognition: Insert total from Special Mission Recognition local order forms. This form may be sent on its own or attached. On the form, indicate the amount (\$40, \$60, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, or \$2,000) for each order. Attach copies of local treasurers' orders.
3. Gift to Mission: Insert total from Gift to Mission order forms. Local units order cards from you, their district treasurer. Cards are sent to you on a revolving basis. Be sure to have many on hand for a speedy reply to requests.
4. Gift in Memory.
5. World Thank Offering: You may order a World Thank Offering packet to give to local units so they can participate in this giving channel (#5712, free).

## SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS

6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.
7. Designated Gifts: A Brighter Future for Children and Youth; Assembly Offering; Scarritt-Bennett Center; World Communion Scholarships; Magazine Fund; national, international and UMCOR projects—please provide the names and addresses and amounts of specific projects or enclose a copy of your local treasurers' remittance forms.
8. Bequest—please attach a copy of the will or excerpt of the will.
9. Other Designated Gifts.

## TOTAL REMITTANCE

Fill in check number and insert the total of all items.

**District treasurers:** Write a check in the amount shown on the "total remittance" line made payable to the conference and send to the conference treasurer. Keep a copy for your records.

**Conference treasurers:** Write a check in the amount shown on the "total remittance" line made payable to the United Methodist Women National Office (or use electronic funds transfer) and send to:

**United Methodist Women National Office,** Gift Processing, P.O. Box 29925, New York, NY 10087-9925.

Always put your name and address in the space provided. Keep a copy for your records.



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION (SMR)

### PIN AND CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS

Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ SMR Order #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District: \_\_\_\_\_ Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Period From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

**Local:** Submit order form with remittance to district treasurer. Leave "Send To" blank if pin ships to treasurer listed at bottom.

**District:** Consolidate unit and district orders. FORM NOT NEEDED IF SUBMITTED ONLINE. If paper, send consolidated order form with remittance to conference treasurer. Leave "Send To" blank if pin ships to treasurer listed at bottom.

**Conference:** FORM NOT NEEDED IF SUBMITTED ONLINE. If paper, complete this form for any conference orders. Leave "Send To" blank if conference pin ships to treasurer listed at bottom. Send copies of all district and conference order forms to Mission Resources. See Special Mission Recognition Conference Summary of Orders form for remittance instructions.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION ORDERS				
#	PIN TYPE OR DONATION ONLY	HONOREE NAME (IF KNOWN)	GIVEN BY	\$ VALUE
1				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
2				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
3				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
4				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
5				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
6				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
7				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
8				
	SEND TO: (NAME & ADDRESS)			
Total Special Mission Recognition (enter on Remittance Form)				\$

Remittance Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

VALUES: \$40 Gold pin, \$60 Sapphire, \$100 Pearl, \$200 Emerald, \$500 Ruby, \$1,000 Diamond, \$2,000 2 Diamonds  
 Pins come with one certificate. Extra certificates are \$5 each. **Attach additional forms if needed.**

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(Keep a copy of submitted forms for your financial records.)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS RELEASE

## United Methodist Women Celebrates New Juneteenth Federal Holiday

United Methodist Women acknowledges with gratitude the signing into law of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, adopted with overwhelming bipartisan support in both houses of Congress. The new federal holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned they were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed it into law. Juneteenth, also known as Black Independence Day and Day of Jubilee, is American history not taught in most U.S. public schools. This event, the Tulsa Race Massacre, and many other currently omitted parts of our history must be included in the curriculum so that we as Americans know our full story, the struggles of our forebearers that brought us to where we are today, and the work we must do today to live into our national pledge of liberty and justice for all.



*Sculpture of a freedwoman's hand by Adrienne Isom, part of the Juneteenth Memorial Sculpture Monument at the Carver Museum in Austin, Texas.*

The bipartisan support for the Juneteenth federal holiday is an encouraging sign that our leaders are open to acknowledging our nation's true history — in its full racial diversity, injustices and all — which is a requisite part of our ongoing journey to create a more perfect union together. As women of faith, we know the importance of telling the whole story as a foundation for making needed changes in our own community and in the broader society. We pray that the Juneteenth federal holiday will undergird our nation's commitment to the ongoing work for racial justice. Our faith in Jesus' promise that "the truth will set you free" helps us persist in this work — even when the whole story is difficult to face. May this be a step toward policies that ensure racial justice.

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*United Methodist Women is the nation's largest denominational organization for women. Members turn their faith, hope, and love into action raising more than \$10 million annually to support community centers and other programs empowering women, children and youth in the United States and around the world.*

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## Apply for Funding for a Just Energy For All Campaign

The Office of Economic and Environmental Justice invites United Methodist Women groups to apply for grants to help support local organizing campaigns to advance just energy for all. Funding is available for work happening at the circle, unit, district, conference or jurisdiction level. United Methodist Women groups are strongly encouraged to apply for a grant to support work that is happening collaboratively – in coalition/partnership with other organizations or groups – so long as such work involves substantial participation from local United Methodist Women members. Collaborating with other organizations and groups is strongly encouraged.

### About the Just Energy for All Campaign

Our Just Energy for All Campaign works for energy that is cleaner and more just for all of God's people and creation. The means advocating for 100% renewable energy (RE) – such as solar, wind, small-scale hydro and geothermal – that is centered on justice and equity.

### Goal of UMW Grant Support

The goal is to support United Methodist Women's efforts to advance just energy for all by providing small scale grants to deepen existing campaigns and/or develop new campaigns.

### Available Grant Support

Consideration will be given to funding requests of \$100 – \$5,000. Applicants should carefully consider the amount of funding needed and to document the budget and the rationale in the application. Funding is limited, so please budget responsibly and request only the amount that you will need. Requests for funding in excess of \$5,000 will not be considered.

### Criteria for Evaluating Applications

Many United Methodist Women groups are doing wonderful work in a variety of areas – awareness-building, direct services, education, Bible Study, prayer groups and more. However, this funding support is specifically designated for organizing and campaign work. Such work may also include some component of direct service provision, Bible Study, awareness-building, etc., but it must include an organizing/campaign component. Your campaign should have a clear goal or target – e.g. a concrete change in practice or policy – that will address the climate crisis and advance just energy for all.

Campaigns must show that they include the voices of directly impacted communities in the leadership and/or decision-making process. Depending on your specific context and campaign, directly impacted communities could include fence-line and frontline communities near power plants, mining, fracking areas and highly polluted areas, communities with high energy burden, those with health conditions impacted by climate change, or workers in the current energy industry.

### Grant Information and Application Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdI9StyncRmuyqILVYXa1heaZ-A4XnzwameI0o5kvieTCIRQ/viewform?pli=1>.

All applications will be collected online via the form above. If you have questions about the application process or wish to confirm receipt of your submission, contact [climatejustice@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:climatejustice@unitedmethodistwomen.org).

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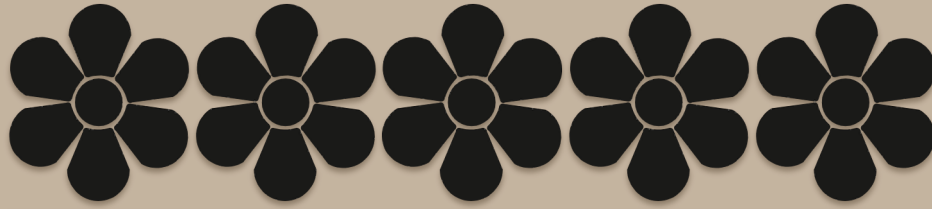
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**2021 DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 11 – Aurora District Leadership Team meeting  
September 18 – Chicago Northwestern Annual Fall Celebration  
September 18 – Elgin District Annual Celebration  
September 18 – Rockford Annual Meeting  
September 25 – Aurora District Annual Meeting  
September 25 – Chicago Southern Annual Celebration  
October 2 – DeKalb District Fall Meeting  
October 23 – NIC-UMW Annual Meeting

**2022 DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 20-22 – UMW Assembly, Orlando FL

## Connect with UMW Electronically

**United Methodist Women website:** <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

**Aurora District UMW Facebook page:** [Aurora District UMW-Illinois](#)

**Aurora District website:** <https://auroradistrictumw.wixsite.com/auroradistrictumw>

**Northern Illinois Conference UMW website:** <https://umwnic.org>

**NIC UMW Facebook group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nicumw>

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