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United Methodist Women is 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.

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**Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”**

Psalm 46:10s

**WHAT WILL BE YOUR 2022 ASSEMBLY STORY?
Words from President Judith:**

I have experienced, for the first time, United Methodist Women’s power of connection at the 1994 “Count Me In” Assembly in Cincinnati Ohio. It was my first Assembly! Moving through a sea of 10,000 plus women, I spotted a childhood friend from Haiti. We had not seen each other for over a decade, but there we were reunited and reconnected. We rekindled our friendship and remain in contact until today.



1998 Assembly “Make Plain the Vision” in Orlando was my first intergenerational event. I attended with my then 67-year-old mother and 16 month old daughter. Despite the big generational gap, I felt blessed for the opportunity.



Fast forward to the 2010 Assembly in St Louis, Missouri when our vision statement “Turning Faith, Hope, and Love into Action on behalf of Women, Children and Youth all around the word” was unveiled. To me, the tagline: Faith, Hope, and Love in Action summarizes our purpose statement. We are engaged in Social Justice because we know God and because we love God’s created world, we want all to experience freedom in Jesus-Christ!



The 2014 Assembly in Louisville, KY “Make It Happen” is the gathering where I literally spoke the last words closing the event with the four little words that ignited the participants: “Go, be in mission.”

I also remember walking our dear Sister, Nan Gordon, down the aisles to her assigned seat for her commissioning as a Deaconess. It was such a privilege!

The 2018 “Power of Bold” Assembly in Columbus, OH, is forever engraved in my memory and in my heart. Standing on the platform, hearing my global sisterhood of grace cheering, clapping, and screaming once my name was called, listening to Bishop Swanson whispering with a smile “who are you, this is the loudest cheer I have ever heard” then consecrating me as a Deaconess, was/is memorable! I did not respond to the Bishop’s question; it was a too fast-moving space. But I knew the cheers were expression of love from my supportive community. My United Methodist Women sisters knew I was grieving. It was only two months and three days after the sudden death of my husband; the community wanted me to know they were there for me and with me on that journey.



What will your 2022 Assembly Story be? One hundred thirty-seven of us in the Florida Conference, plus a couple of thousand women from all over the world, will start our story with the same line “I was there when ...” By now, you all know the 2022 Turn It Up Assembly will be a historic one. To echo Harriett Jane Olson, our General Secretary/CEO, and ‘Ainise ‘Isama’u, our National President “...change is coming to United Methodist Women, and we are excited that Assembly is the first place where you can experience that change in person or virtually! This is a moment in United Methodist Women history when you will look back and say “I was there! I can tell the story because I was present.”

You will also add the Ubuntu Day of Service to your Assembly 2022 story. United Methodist Women is partnering with one of the national mission institutions in our own backyard: Cornerstone Family Ministries. All Assembly attendees can participate in the project as all are asked to bring seed packets that will be sorted and packaged with educational information for each seed during the Ubuntu Day of Service. Thousands of children will have new nutrition education opportunities through these seed packets. **The requested seeds are Amaranth – Collards – Kale – Malabar spinach.** If you are still pondering whether to attend Assembly, don’t wait too long to decide. **Registration closes April 11.** This is a *don’t miss* Assembly!

Let us Turn It Up for Children, Women and Youth as we continue putting our Faith, Hope, and Love into Action for God’s Kin-dom to be established among us!

Deaconess Judith Pierre Okerson, PhD
President United Methodist Women, Florida Conference
The United Methodist Church

**See page 9 for the
Assembly Schedule.**



ASSEMBLY 2022
MAY 20 – 22, 2022
Orlando Convention Center

2022 United Methodist Women Mission Studies
Celebrating Mission Education in the Florida Conference!

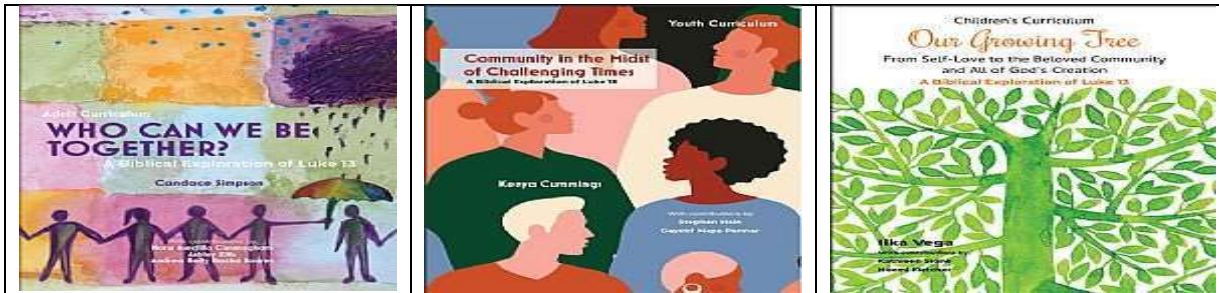


Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

Greetings! We hope you plan to join us for either virtual or in-person events. Every member of United Methodist Women, their spouses, children, youth, and friends are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and intentional spiritual development while learning about the courses offered this year.

The adult mission study is **Luke 13** and is offered virtually and onsite. The on-site **WEEK** event is **July 11-13**, followed by the **WEEKEND** event for adults, with language classes also offered in Creole, Korean, and Spanish onsite on **July 14-16**. The Children's and Youth study will be on **July 14-16**. The adult **virtual** studies via Zoom are: **July 26, 28 & Aug. 2, 4 (Tuesday evenings)** or **July 29, 30, 31 (Weekend)**. The texts are shown below:



An onsite, in-person event will be offered at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp and Conference Center (formerly the LEC) in Fruitland Park. We are very optimistic about the recent COVID statistics in Florida. This is certainly a step in the right direction. It will allow for more freedom of movement and gathering. Masks and proof of vaccination will be mandatory. If you are not vaccinated, please register for one of the virtual events.

Even though the situation is becoming safer, we will still honor the CDC guidelines and maintain a safe environment. For lodging, it will be double unless you choose to have a room by yourself. You will incur an additional charge. We will do temperature checks, social distance in gatherings and throughout the campus, limit class sizes, and special measures will take place during dining.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to see friends that have been separated during the pandemic. The environment will lend itself to safety and comfort. Everyone, who feels safe doing so is encouraged to register and attend this gathering in person. Registration for the in-person event will begin March 1 and end May 7. Registration for the virtual events will begin March 1 and end July 1. **Scholarship Applications** will be available by contacting your District President. There will be **no late** or **no onsite** registrations because of the safety measures. **So, please register early.** See the next page for detailed information on registration and on scholarship applications.

Welcome back home to "Mission u!" We are eager to see you!
Pam Davis, Dean, Florida Conference Mission u

HOW TO REGISTER FOR MISSION U 2022

To register for the July 11-13 (Monday-Wednesday) in-person event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/236830385057>. This event is for adults only and all classes will be in English. COVID vaccinations are required. The last day to register is May 7.

To register for the July 14-16 (Thursday-Saturday) in-person event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/252233947527>. This event is for adults, youth, and children. Classes will be in Korean, Haitian Creole, Spanish, and English. All youth and children (over 3 yrs) must sign, with their guardian, a covenant agreement and the guardian must sign a permission form. COVID vaccinations are required for attendees over the age of 5. The last day to register is May 7.

To register for either of the virtual events, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/256893604687>. These events are for adults and in English. You can choose to attend July 29-31 in the daytime or in the evenings on July 26, 28 and Aug. 2 and 4. The last day to register is July 1.

Paper versions for the adult in-person events are available in this edition of Genesis. You may request a registration form, the youth/child registration form, the youth/child covenant, and the permission form by sending an e-mail request to LCP.missionu@gmail.com or by leaving a phone message at 321-292-9359 or by printing one from the website: flconfumw.org. Be sure to leave your name and phone number if you call.

If English is not your first language, you can contact one of the women listed below for help:

Korean – contact Ester Kim at esterkim.umw@gmail.com

Spanish – contact Maria Escobales at maria.escobales@gmail.com

Haitian Creole – contact Natacha Etienne-Joseph at natachaetiennejoseph.umw@gmail.com

Fees:

Adult in person event: \$210 (based on double occupancy)

Adult Single Room: \$250

Adult virtual event: \$20

Youth in person event: \$210

Children in grades K – 8: \$150

Children ages 4 and 5: \$30

Children ages 3 and under: free

Commuters for the in-person event: \$60

T-shirt: TBA, but expected to be between \$10 and \$15.

Study Book: \$11.00 if ordered during registration. This includes \$1.00 for shipping and handling.

Ubuntu : \$10 for adults and no charge for youth and children.

If you are unvaccinated, please register for one of the virtual events.

There are a limited number of scholarships available. Contact your district president (see page 14) for more information. Scholarship application deadlines are April 22 for the in-person event and June 12 for either of the virtual events.

**FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN –
MISSION u ADULT REGISTRATION FORM**

July 11 – 13, 2022: Adults only, all classes in English

(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rev.) Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Name of Church: _____ City: _____ District: _____

Do you hold an office in U.M.W.?
 If yes, what office and is it for the unit, the district, or the conference?

Please circle all that apply:

First-Time Attendee	Member UMW	Attending College/University	Pastor (not ordained)
Laity	Missionary	Clergy	Deaconess

Age _____ Ethnicity (*Caribbean, African American, Hispanic, etc*) _____

To All Mission u Attendees: *Your Mission u Committee has been asked to provide your name and contact information to UMW National so they can promote greater engagement and share about other UMW programs. The data provided would be your full name, address, phone number, email address, local church, and UMW District. If you **do not** wish to receive information about additional program opportunities from United Methodist Women and **do not** give your permission for the registrar to share this data with the National Office, please initial here:* _____

Our contract with the WWCCC allows for only a limited number of persons to attend. You will be notified via e-mail if you are on a **waiting list**.

Indicate your first and second choice for **study group leader**. Please note that there is only one study this year.

____ Lorraine and Ester will be team teaching. ____ Danny Davis
 ____ Paulet Royes-Neale ____ Rev. Emily Denmark-McGee

Rooms will be **double occupancy**. If you have a preferred roommate, PRINT that person's name here.
 _____. Please note that the person named here must also request you as a roommate. Otherwise, you will be assigned someone.

There are a limited number of **single rooms** available. Single rooms require an extra fee of \$40.00.

Do you want a single room? _____

For the purposes of **roommate assignment**, indicate whether you are male or female. _____

Indicate here if you wish to **provide your own housing**. The commuter fee is \$60 total, of which \$20 is due now. _____. The remainder is due by June 10. The commuter fee includes dinner on Monday, lunch and dinner on Tuesday, and lunch on Wednesday.

There will be an opportunity for several hours of **Ubuntu service** on Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00. We will be making some blankets/covers for sleeping mats for children at Cornerstone. No sewing required.

There is a \$10.00 fee for adults participating. There will be an activity that youth/children can help with, but there is no charge for them. Please indicate if you will participate in this.

Disclaimer: *By attending in-person Mission u, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Further, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the Florida Conference United Methodist Women, Mission u or volunteers liable for any illness or injury. Attendees must show proof of vaccination for COVID. Please include a copy of your vaccination card with this registration form AND bring the original to the in-person event.* **Initial here to acknowledge this disclaimer:** _____

Please, include a copy of your COVID vaccination card with this registration form and bring the original with you to the event. If you are not vaccinated, please register for one of the virtual events.

Do you want to order your **study book** now? _____ The cost is \$11.00, which includes \$1.00 for shipping and handling. You will pick up your book at check-in. Only a few will be available for those not ordering in advance.

If you want to order a Mission u **t-shirt**, indicate the size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. (These are adult sizes.) The cost is \$13.00 for sizes S, M, L, XL and \$15.00 for XXL and XXXL. The basic shirt is blue with a Mission u logo. **There will be NO extras for purchase at the event.**

EMERGENCY INFORMATION (must be complete if you will be attending in person):

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary needs: _____

1 st Floor Room: _____ Wheelchair Access: _____ Wheelchair Access Shower: _____
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MAIL registration, check, and a copy of your COVID vaccination card to
Linda Parrish, 2054 Cherrywood Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935.
E-mail questions to Linda at LCP.missionu@gmail.com.
Make your **check** payable to **Florida Conference United Methodist Women.**

Fee Summary for Mission u 2022

- \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee **due now**. It will be applied to Zoom class if on-site is cancelled.
- \$190 is due by June 10 unless you requested a single room.
- \$230 is due by June 10 if you did request a single room.
- \$40 is due by June 10 if you are a commuter.
- \$13.00 (or \$15.00 for larger sizes) is **due now** if you are ordering a t-shirt.
- \$11.00 is **due now** if you are ordering a study book. \$1.00 will be applied to shipping charges. You can also order the book at <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>.
- \$10.00 is **due now** if you will be participating in the Ubuntu service project

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MISSION u
ADULT REGISTRATION FORM
July 14-16, 2022

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 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Name of Church: _____ City: _____ District: _____

Do you hold an office in U.M.W.?
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____ Rev. Jetro Jeune (Creole) ____ Rev. Myunghoon Han (Korean) ____ Jackie Bridges (English)
 ____ Rev. Vidalis Lopez (Spanish) ____ Paulet Royes-Neale(English) ____ Danny Davis (English)
 ____ Dr. Lorraine Mayfield-Brown and Ester Kim (English – team taught)

Rooms will be **double occupancy**. If you have a preferred roommate, PRINT that person's name here. Also indicate whether you will be sharing a room with your children, their names and ages. Each child/teenager also needs to submit a registration form. Teenagers will be assigned their own rooms. _____

Please note than any adult you name here must also request you as a roommate. Otherwise, you will be assigned someone.

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See page 6 for the fee summary.

Assembly Schedule Overview

Thursday May 19

10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Ubuntu Day of Service (optional, additional purchase required)
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Friday May 20

8 a.m.	Community Gathering doors open	
8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Community Gathering (Opening Worship)	
10:15 a.m.-4 p.m.	Experience Hall Prayer and Meditation Room	
10:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.	Pre-registered Workshops and Lunch	
3:45 p.m.	Community Gathering doors open	
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.	Community Gathering	
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Experience Hall Room	Prayer and Meditation
	Dinner on your own	

Saturday May 21

8 a.m.	Community Gathering doors open	
8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Community Gathering	
10:15 a.m.-4 p.m.	Experience Hall Room	Prayer and Meditation
10:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.	Pre-registered Workshops and Lunch	
3:45 p.m.	Community Gathering doors open	
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.	Community Gathering	
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Experience Hall	
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.	Legacy Banquet (separate ticket purchase required)	
	Dinner on your own	

Sunday May 22

8 a.m.	Community Gathering doors open
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Community Gathering

To register, go to [assembly 2022.org](https://assembly2022.org).

Registration information :

The registration fee for in-person is \$365.00; virtual is \$235.00; and is good Dec. 1, 2021 - April 11, 2022. Registration closes April 11. (Proof of vaccination required at time of registration).



Picture courtesy of National UMW

\$\$ Treasurer Talk \$\$

By Donna Spear, Treasurer, Florida Conference United Methodist Women

Just a friendly reminder...

Local Unit Treasurers

The end of Quarter 1 in 2022 will be here before we know it. Local unit treasurers, please send your quarterly remittance to your district treasurer in time to arrive by April 5th.



Day of Giving

Embrace the future for women, children and youth by giving to the [Legacy Endowment Fund](#) on the Day of Giving, **March 23**, and join your sisters from across the country on Facebook Live for the annual [Day of Giving event](#). You will hear from United Methodist Women staff and members as they share the impact of our work together.

Ways to give -- **Online:** unitedmethodistwomen.org/150

Phone: 800-278-7771

Text: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area

Check: United Methodist Women, Attn: Legacy, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115 (Write "day of Giving" in the memo section)



LEGACY BUILDER

Together, we are building our legacy

A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary. **Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869**, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children and youth in deeper and even more impactful ways.

Support **Mission Giving** for our present, and **Legacy Fund** for our future!



Check out the two National Mission Institutions located in Florida:



Social Action

Edith Zewadski-Bricker

Social Action Liaison to the FL Conference Leadership Team



In the words of hope by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Remember, find words of faith, hope and love in *your* social action. Considering the war and injustice in our world today, words of faith, hope and love give witness to God’s love. And, believe it or not, you can find good news on all levels of government:

In my neighborhood, the homeowners’ association is deleting “No colored allowed on the beach” from their Articles of Incorporation.

On a County level, the Florida Keys as of January 1st, has Mobile Mental Health Response Teams for all ages, a real step toward racial justice.

On a State level, the United Methodist Church during Advocacy Days in Tallahassee spoke on behalf of HB6079/SB762. This Bill allows those convicted of minor drug offenses, and their families, to be eligible for Food Stamps/SNAP once they have completed their sentence.

On the National level, the new behavioral health crisis line, 9-8-8, an alternative to 9-1-1, will go into effect in July 2022. Also, 100 cities in the United States and 100+ companies have committed to move to 100% renewable energy.

Thank God, out loud, that our membership is *learning* about, *telling* others about, and *advocating* for issues of *Transit Equity*, *Pushout*, *Clean Air is Health Care*, *School-to-Prison Pipeline*, the *Woman’s Carbon Fund*, and more through *Mission u* studies, *Just Energy 4 All* monthly webinars, and social action books from the *UMWomen’s Reading List*. (Find more at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action and sign up for Action Alerts.)

Sisters, remember, as we are enlightened, we are obligated to enlighten others: to help our units, our churches, governments, institutions, corporations, and others see the world the way we see the world. I suggest at prayer time during church, ask for prayers of praise “for the 100+ cities and 100+ companies committing to 100% renewable energy,” or “for the new behavioral health line 9-8-8 that will go into effect in July 2022 for suicide attempts, drug overdose, psychotic episodes, and more.” Thank God that in the midst of war and injustice, we are seeing God’s handiwork in the world.

Finally, Sisters, “whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:8

Attention, Attention!

Our 11th Annual Haitian Convocation is almost here. Did you register yet? If not it's not too late.

The Haitian convocation is set for Saturday March 12, 2022. It will be a face-to-face gathering of fun; with praise dance, worship and a Bible contest from the book of Daniel the whole 12 chapters. "Hint", Our theme this year is **"Walking Together in God's Love"** from the book of Philippians 3: 16.

Our speaker is the wonderful first lady of New Life United Methodist Mission Church, Sister Jeanine Jacques. There will be laughter, games for the children, and of course some wonderful food. I encourage you all to join us at **Fort Pierce United Methodist Church located at 735 Orange Ave, Fort Pierce, FL 334950** from 9 AM to 4 PM. Registration is \$15 for 6 years and older, 0 to 5 years are free, T-shirts are \$13-\$15 each.

You can find the registration form at the Florida Conference United Methodist Women website: www.flconfumw.org or you may also contact me via email natachaetiennejoseph.umw@gmail.com Phone# 786-394-0739.

Atansyon, Atansyon!

11yèm Konvokasyon Anyèl Ayisyen nou an prèske rive. Èske ou te enskri deja? Si ou poko, li pa twò ta.

Konvokasyon ayisyen an fikse pou Samdi 12 Mas 2022. Se pral yon rasanbleman fas-a-fas ak plezi; ak dans, lwanj, adorasyon, konkou Bibliki ki soti nan liv Danyèl la tout 12 Chapit yo . **Tèm nou ane sa a se "Mache Ansanm nan Lanmou Bondye"** nan liv Filipyen 3 vèsé 16.

Oratè nou se premye dam nan New Life United Methodist Church, Sè Jeanine Jacques. Pral gen griyen dan, jwèt pou timoun yo, ak bon manje. Mwen ankouraje nou tout pou vin jwenn nou nan **Fort Pierce United Methodist Church ki sitiye nan 735 Orange Ave, Fort Pierce, FL 334950** soti 9 AM jiska 4 trè nan lapremidi. Enskripsyon an se \$15 pou tout moun ki gen 6 zan ou plis, timoun 0 a 5 ane yo gratis. Mayo yo, se \$13-\$15 chak.

Ou ka jwenn fòm enskripsyon an sou sitwèb Florida Conference United Methodist Women: www.flconfumw.org oswa ou ka kontakte-m tou nan imèl natachaetiennejoseph.umw@gmail.com oswa nan nimewo telefòn 786-394-0739.

God bless you all!

Natacha Etienne Joseph

Haitian Language Coordinator

Florida Conference United Methodist women



LEADERS WANTED!

Are you an advocate for social issues in your community? Are you passionate about raising the voices of those in need in Florida? Do you have the skills to take on a leadership role in this effort as part of a dynamic team?

If this is something you are interested in, [click here](#) and complete the interest form - the sooner the better, the 2022 legislative session is starting!

For more information, go to <https://www.flumc.org/floridaadvocacyday>

News from the Secretary of Program Resources, Jackie Brooks

For the first time this year, you will obtain Reading Program books exclusively through third parties, such as libraries, local bookstores, and online. Amazon is always a convenient option for you to receive Reading Programs books; there are other options such as:

- Schools and public libraries
- Local independent bookstores
- Franchises of large bookstore chains

If you do order books through Amazon, please remember to visit smile.amazon.com. Amazon's charitable giving page and select "**United Methodist Women**" as your charitable organization.

Reading Plans

There are four (4) Reading Program Plans: 1) • five books each year •one from each category •selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports. Regular reading of response magazine. 2) • ten books each year •two from each category •Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports • Regular reading of response magazine 3) •fifteen books each year •two from each category •PLUS five additional books from any category •Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports • Regular reading of response magazine 4) •Twenty books each year •two from each category •PLUS ten additional books from any category. Regular reading of response.

Faith Talks: Faith Talk podcasts can now be counted in the category of Spiritual Growth. You must participate or listen to two Faith Talks podcasts. If you participate/listen to three, it will be counted as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.

Movies: Watching these movies and documentaries will also count toward the Reading Program: 1. Just Mercy 2. The Hate U Give 3. Pushout.

Children and youth books can be found within each of the categories.

Bonus books: These count as two books in different categories.

The Mission u studies also count as Bonus Books.

2022 Daily Prayer Guide is a new resource to help us pray with intention and purpose for the U.S. and International Ministries of the church and the world God so loves. The theme for 2022 is Experiencing God -- Finding Joy.

On pages 8 and 9, you will find the highlighted scripture for each month.

Every Monday there are stories from current people in Mission

Every Tuesday is a feature: Your gifts at work

Every Wednesday is a mid-week prayer

Every Thursday highlights how our faith calls us to

Social Justice through scripture.

Every Friday, you will see all birthdays for the week.

Every Saturday offers a small space for journaling or reflection.





Greetings from your Conference Vice President!

I bring you greetings and I pray you have been doing well since our last edition of the Genesis.

Your Florida Conference Leadership Team is continuing to plan for the various events and activities for 2022. While vaccinations are now available and many of us have been vaccinated and boosted, we must keep in mind that we are still living in the “Covid world” and therefore, some of us are continuing to meet for our church services and UMW events virtually.

That does not mean your unit, district and conference teams are not active – oh no, quite the contrary! Have you ever heard a UMW say the word, “no”?? Probably not, and if so, not very often. Covid has shown us that we have always been “BOLD” women. Now, we are putting that word, “BOLD” into action!

Still have questions about Zoom? Not to worry. Meeting via Zoom is easy AND if your meeting is under 40 minutes, it’s FREE! All you have to do is have an email address, have internet connection, and download the Zoom App on your desktop or laptop computer, iPad or cell phone. You do not have to have an account to participate in a Zoom call, only if you want to be the “host.” To learn more, please go to: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Media/PDF/HowToHostVirtualEvent.pdf>.

Please see the back page for a calendar of our upcoming events, dates and locations. Please share these with your unit and district ladies:

Visit our Conference website: <http://www.flconfumw.org> for upcoming events, and news from our Districts, Conference and National office. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me either by phone or email.

Blessings,

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DON'T BE SHY!
You can self-nominate
or nominate someone else.



A Note from Conference Secretary, Mary Van Tol:

“A revealing of Jesus, the Messiah. God gave it to make plain to his servants what is about to happen. He published and delivered it by Angel to his servant John. And John told everything he saw: God’s Word—the witness of Jesus Christ!” Revelation 1:1-2 (The Message)

The Bible is our record of all that happened in the past which can help us as we plan our daily lives and future pathways. As Secretary, it is your responsibility to record and keep records of your Districts and Local Units so these can be used as a remembrance and reference for planning future events. Our Handbook tells us how and where to retain records. It is up to each District and Unit to choose the best and most appropriate place, preferably a neutral one that can be easily accessible.

Remember to have 4 years of minutes available and up to 4 more years in archives. Along with minutes be sure to include a copy of the program book or bulletin from retreats, mission programs or other district or unit events.



When taking meeting minutes, keep in mind that they are a historical record of decisions and action taken, who was given assignments, deadlines, events, etc. Remember they are also a benefit for those who were unable to attend the meeting when decisions are made. Best practices say to focus on major issues, actions and decisions and less on comments.

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FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2022 EVENTS

Haitian Convocation	March 12	Ft. Pierce Haitian UMC
Assembly	May 20-22	Convention Center - Orlando
Florida Annual Conference	June 9 -11	Lakeland
Mission u (Adult-English)	July 11 - 13	Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park
Mission u (Adult & Children, English, Creole, Korean & Spanish)	July 14 - 16	Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park
Mission u (evenings - English)	July 26, 28, Aug. 2, 4	Via Zoom
Mission u (daytime - English))	July 29 – 31	Via Zoom
Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Sept. 9 - 11	Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park
Conference Annual Meeting	Nov. 19	First UMC, Lakeland
Advent Retreat	Dec. 4	Via Zoom