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NORTHERN SHORE DISTRICT UMW NEWSLETTER

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Northern Shore District Calendar of Events for 2020

ALL ARE CANCELLED

September 19th Fall Prayer Breakfast, Hamilton UMC in Neptune, NJ 9 – 12 noon

October 6th Northern Shore District Annual Dinner, St Andrew UMC, Toms River 5 – 8:30pm This meeting will rescheduled be how and when to be announced.

The conference event will be viral

October 17^h – Conference Fall Annual Meeting –

Newsletter – we would like to distribute via email only to save postage and printing expenses. If your unit receives this newsletter via through the post, please contact Linda Babler, 741-732-1793, with an email address to send your unit's newsletter.



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From the Desk of Mike Landis
Executive Director
August, 19 2020

Neighborhood Center in Camden Announces the Formation of Career Support Groups for All that are Unemployed or Seeking A New Employment!

Friends, The Neighborhood Center in Camden now offers a Career Support Group to those who are employed or unemployed and could benefit from a creative, supportive group to discuss the challenges of today's work environments, careers, work-life balance, goal setting, training, career transitions, and job search requirements. Mike Landis, the Executive Director is offering the program directly to anyone that can benefit - whether you are a donor, volunteer or just in need of a supportive environment you are welcome. Mike, prior to becoming the Executive Director was a partner with a national retained search firm and a Human Resource executive in Fortune 500 companies. His clients included Bank of America, ConAgra, British Telecom, Dow Jones, and Diageo to name a few at the Vice President level engagements and above. Prior to retained search Mike was Vice President of Human Resources at Diageo, with prior positions at Campbell Soup, and Siemens in Human Resources and Corporate Strategy. The on-line group provides a confidential space for encouragement, listening, and skill building in a faith centered environment. Sessions will be held each week via Zoom starting the first week of September. The sessions are free, however if you do obtain a new job, we only ask that you consider a tax-free donation to the Neighborhood Center's work with families in Camden when and only when you can afford to make a donation. This will be the second time Mike has provided a free support group, during the great recession he managed and led a group at Christ Church, Philadelphia for two years. Nearly all of the attendees obtained new positions or started new careers. Contact Mike directly with his email: Michael.Landis@ncicamden.com or call Center's office and let us know you plan to attend, (856) 365-5295. We will then plan on a time and distribute the Zoom link.

The Neighborhood Center in Camden
278 Kaighn Avenue, Camden NJ 08103



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Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day is happening

- Although it is different this year. There are no tickets to buy. When you are ready to make your purchase, you simply mention Neighborhood Center as the nonprofit to receive 5% of the amount of your purchase.
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- This year it is a two day event to hopefully allow for less crowding of shoppers eager for bargains. Neighborhood Center thanks you for your support in this!



THE GNJ DIGEST
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New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund has awarded grants to 26 GNJ food pantries totaling more than \$150,000. **Funding is still available. [Apply today](#)**

Grants

- NJ Pandemic Relief Fund [Apply](#)
- Grants for 2021 Local Ecumenical and Interreligious Ministries Due Set 14 [Apply](#)
- GNJ COVID-19 Relief Fund [Apply](#)
- FEMA Grants [See requirements](#)
- AALM COVID-19 Resiliency Fund [Apply](#)
- Racial/Ethnic Ministries [Apply](#)

Employment Opportunities

- **See All Employment Opportunities** [Apply](#) and share with others.
- Discipleship Ministries' Upper Room seeking
Publisher/Associate General
Secretary [See details](#)
- UMW seeking a Senior Project & Administrative Coordinator [Apply](#)



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United Methodist Women Reading Program

The 2021 list is out – you can see the list on unitedmethodistwomen.org under members and leaders in 2020 list.

The Red Bank United Methodist Church UMW



Our Garden grew out of our group emphasis on feeding the hungry. The garden mission is to grow a variety of vegetables to help serve the needs of Lunch Break for fresh produce and to share half of the bounty with our congregation.

Lunch Break in Red Bank provides food, clothing, life skills and fellowship to the financially insecure individuals and families in Monmouth County and beyond. We have a 20 X 40 garden plot at the Fair Haven Community Garden. We garden from May to September. with our fence set up and plantings. Then meet most Saturday mornings for an hour to do garden maintenance and pick the ripe vegetables. It's a great way to start the weekend!

For our small garden and small group of four to five gardeners we feel like we reap so much reward. Not only do we get the satisfaction of gardening with friends but we are filling a need in the community. Each year we have exceeded the previous year in the poundage harvested. Last year we totaled 447 pounds of produce. This year so far we have donated 264 pounds of vegetables to Lunch Break.



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UMW of St. Andrew UMC Toms River

Our unit has been brainstorming ways to help our members keep active and in touch during this stressful and isolating time. We have been developing and trying different methods of support and at the same time ensuring that we are keeping everyone healthy and socially distant. Our theme is: "You Are Never Alone".

We have been using Zoom to keep in touch and have virtual meetings, Bible Study and Circle meetings. We developed texting Circles that send out Bible verses or encouraging quotes each day of the week.

Using our phone list, our Executive Board divided it up among us and we call each woman and chat with them. During the calls we offer prayer, ask if there are any shopping needs they may have or prayer requests.

We wrote a prayer that is prayed each day along with any prayer requests from our unit.

Three women have been making masks to donate. This was especially critical at the beginning of the pandemic when masks were not easy to get.

To allow as many women as possible to have technology that allows them to keep in contact with others and participate in any of our Zoom activities, we asked for donations of tablets, computers or laptops. These would then be delivered to members who for their use (they did need to have wifi already in their home) and offering instruction. We look forward to expanding the program as the need increases. Our church and some UMW members have offered to provide funds for purchasing tablets.

2020 District Annual Dinner

District Fall Meeting will need to happen, how and when is still needed to be worked out. We will need approve our 2021 budget and elect the officers. A suggestion, the money you would have spent on the annual dinner could be given for mission this year. We hope to get as close as possible, we can to making our 2020 pledge.

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Beginning on LABOR DAY, Learn and Act for Farm Workers and Climate Justice

Participate in [Harvest of Justice](#), a Program of the [National Farm Worker Ministry](#) linking United Methodist Women's Climate Justice and Living Wage Priorities

Plan a virtual program, Share through social media, Take action!



Photo credit: National Farm Workers Ministry

For a Latina immigrant woman farm worker affected by heat stress, all of our concerns about climate, migrant rights, racial justice, economic justice and the needs of women, youth and children come together.

*“The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.”
James 5:4B*

“As Christians, we cannot sit silently as our brothers and sisters are exploited and abused, but rather following the teachings of Christ we must ensure that the men and women who harvest our food are invited to share fully in the fruits of their labor.” “Rights of Farm Workers in the U.S.,” The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2016

Climate change, environmental racism, COVID-19 and essential workers, food justice, racial justice - all come together in the realities of the farm workers who harvest our food. Beginning on **Labor Day**, United Methodist Women's partner, the [National Farm Worker Ministry](#) (NFWM), offers a six-week study and action series on Farm Workers and the Environment.



[Harvest of Justice 2020](#) runs from Labor Day to World Food Day (October 16), with adult and youth curriculum available for United Methodist Women members to *use any time* in the coming year. This also coincides with the [Season of Creation](#), from September 1 to October 4, an ecumenical time to *renew our relationship* with our Creator and all creation through prayer and action for the earth.

Harvest of Justice 2020 brings attention to the impact of climate change on farm workers, the majority of whom are immigrants. With past decade the hottest on record, it focuses on the rise in temperatures and how that pushes people to migrate, increases the intensity and occurrence of storms, requires more application of pesticides and means that people must labor in intense heat. It is farm worker bodies that, literally, bear the burden. Using NFWM resources you will learn about the impact of climate change on farm workers and specific ways to take action.

The **Harvest of Justice 2020** curriculum can easily be adapted for a United Methodist Women virtual circle or local unit program. It includes seven segments—an overview and a focus on global migration; heat stress; water, drought and wildfires; pesticides; natural disasters; and women and children. Each segment offers an information sheet with a story, background and action and a brief video and graphics for promotion on social media. In addition, NFWM has prepared a downloadable [interactive high school curriculum](#). Consider using the curriculum to plan a virtual inter-generational dialogue with your unit and with youth from your church about how climate change impacts farm workers and all of us.

Plan now for this year's Harvest of Justice, beginning on LABOR DAY, and invite others to join with you.

Organize a virtual program, Share through social media, Take action!

Download the Resource at [Harvest of Justice 2020](#).

Thank you,
Carol Barton, Lead, Living Wage for All Campaign
Elizabeth Lee, Lead, Just Energy for All Campaign



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New [Abundant Life for All](#) issue focuses on essential workers and structural racism

Francene Bailey works at a nursing home in Connecticut where she contracted COVID-19. While she recovered, her mother did not. Four out of five of her union colleagues in Connecticut are African American and COVID-19 has been rampant among the workers, who must continue to work to survive.

We have been cheering the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, these workers, disproportionately people of color, are often being forced to choose between income and their health as workplaces fail to provide adequate protections. Many low wage workers do not have decent wages, paid sick leave, health insurance or savings if they contract COVID-19.



[Essential Workers, Structural Racism and COVID-19: Undervalued Workers, Underpaid Work](#) by Emily Jones and Elmira Nazombe addresses these concerns. This is Issue #6 of the [Abundant Life for All](#) series focused on Living Wages.

“It is not race, but rather, structural racism – America’s collective sin—that has made people of color more vulnerable to COVID-19.”

The differential impact of COVID-19 stems from racial bias in the healthcare system, pre-existing conditions due to poverty and the stress of living in a racist society, environmental racism, discriminatory policing that contributes to the mass incarceration of people of color, and exposure risk from continued work in frontline essential jobs without the safety net of intergenerational wealth.

Read and share the new issue of *Abundant Life for All* [here!](#)

We are invited to “put on the whole armor of God” in responding to the sinful structures of our day (Ephesians 6:11-12). May we find ways to respond in our communities and in our nation.

Blessings,
Carol Barton, Lead, Living Wage for All Campaign



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SAVE THE DATE

Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women
October 17, 2020 virtual Fall meeting

Discussion of the Charter for Racial Justice:

What are paths of action?

Where do we go from here to effect change?

What can I personally be responsible for?

Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice, GNJUMW



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***United Methodist Women's
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.

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