



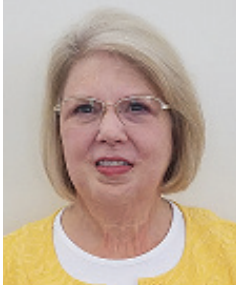
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Marci Villanueva, Editor



New Year's greetings to each of you faithful, inspiring and hard-working members of Holston Conference United Methodist Women. I am blessed to begin my first year as your president. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and God in this way.

Thank you for making Holston UMW what it is today and helping move us into what we're becoming as we transitioned from 12 into 9 districts as of January 1. Many of us are still getting familiar with the names for our new districts. Please keep our church, conference, UMW, officers and members in your prayers as we enter a new year that I pray will result in a growth in membership, increase our support for missions, and bless the lives of women, children and youth locally and globally.

I attended UMW's Leadership Development Days in Tempe, Arizona during the first weekend in February and came home with a renewed sense of how important our contribution is to our denomination's mission work. My emphasis for the next two years is on fulfilling our 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.*

This March 23rd is the 150th birthday for United Methodist Women. I encourage you to support the Legacy Fund as a way of ensuring the continuation of our mission work for the future. Celebrate our birthday in your units and districts with a Legacy Fund donation in March. Your treasurer will be happy to assist you.

Your conference executive team is planning exciting and enriching programs for you this year. RISE is coming in May, Mission u in July, the Social Action Event in August, and a combined Annual Meeting and Spiritual Enrichment Experience in September. Check your UMW calendar for dates. Please plan to put one or more of these on your schedule. I believe that you will enjoy any one of these and be even more spiritually enriched if you can attend all of them. I hope to see you often!

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you. My cell phone (423-305-5748) is available for calls or texts and I can be reached by e-mail at carolynhaerr@bellsouth.net.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Haerr, President

Holston Conference United Methodist Women



Planning for First-Time Annual Meeting/Officer's Training/SEE Combined Event

Hello to the newly formed nine (9) districts of Holston Conference United Methodist Women! The Program-AnnualMeeting/SEE committee members have begun planning for this first-time combined event. In an effort to reduce travel time and cost for all of our attendees who participate in both of these events, the Conference Executive Team voted to engage in a new plan to combine the two this year.

We had scheduled the 2019 combined event at Lake Junaluska, NC but due to increased costs and some other requirements beyond our control, we have decided to return to the 2018 annual meeting/officer's training location at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center on the revised dates of **September 13-15, 2019**. Our celebratory 2018 Annual Meeting which was held here was a huge success, for those who did not get an opportunity to be a part of that weekend, you will surely want to take advantage of all of the activities being planned this year.

Please mark your calendars and spread the word to all your units and newly elected officers and make plans to enjoy our sessions at this premier property with all of its amenities. Registration information and brochures will be in the mail by July. We look forward to your participation.

Be Blessed!

Lisa E. Black, Vice-President

Holston Conference United Methodist Women



DISTRICT SECRETARIES,

Greetings in the New Year! I hope you are settled into your job as District Secretary with all the new changes of districts. It will take us a while to get adjusted to the names of the new districts.

I really appreciate you sending your new officer list promptly and anytime there is a change in your officers, please let me know. I hope you have a great year and If I can help you in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Nyoka Holder, Conference Secretary

Holston Conference United Methodist Women



Greetings from: Coordinator of Missions, Education and Interpretation

I am so thrilled to share with you Holston's UMW Hands-On-Mission Project for the upcoming year. This year's project is Willow UMC in Willow, Alaska. Rev.

Christina Dowling Soka and Rev. Joe-d Soka, Holston Conference Ministers, are serving Willow UMC in Alaska.

In February the Conference E & I Committee decided to make cloth shopping bags as our Hands-On-Mission Project. The cloth shopping bags need to be the kind grocery stores are selling, big enough for about 10 pounds of groceries. UMCOR's website has a pattern for the cloth shopping bags.

If you are like me and do not sew, you may want to put a design on the bag, hot glue a graphic from google, or color a design with pencils or paint. How your unit decorates the cloth shopping bag will be each unit's decision. The important thing is to come and work together as a unit on the cloth shopping bags and have fun in the process.

The E & I Committee also agreed to collect money and school supplies. The list of school supplies will be in the next Holstonian, so be on the lookout!

Plans are underway to go to Red Bird Mission for this year's Mission Trip. More about this in the next newsletter.

Blessings,

Tawana C. Teague

CM, Education & Interpretation

Holston Conference United Methodist Women



Ladies, as you know this has been a year of change. The Holston Conference Executive Committee voted to keep our theme of "Rejoice in the Lord Always" for the 2019 year.

We need you to get out your pens, ink, and imagination to work.



Our theme for 2020-2021 will be:

"One Body, One Spirit" Ephesians 4:4.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."

Please send your ideas emphasizing this theme. One in color, one in black & white. Please put your contact information on the back of each entry.

***DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2019.**

Mail to:

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

JOHNNIE BRIDGES

1125 ADCOCK AVE.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37921.

Dear District Spiritual Growth Coordinators.

Thank you for being so gracious and hard working. I take full responsibility; maybe I did not explain it correctly during our officers training session. Here goes for the 2018 deceased members. We are still using the old format of (12) districts. Remember we always report one year back, the 2018 deceased members will be in the 2019 book of reports. The (9) district format will be for 2019 deceased members, January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2019. I have received reports using the old format from Cleveland, Kingsport, Knoxville, Morristown, Tazewell, Wytheville.

I sincerely apologize for any misunderstanding. Please contact me about the reports that were already mailed using the new format. They were great, but cannot be used until next year. Contact me at:

johnniebridges70@gmail.com

Thank you,

Johnnie Bridges, Spiritual Growth

Holston Conference United Methodist Women



2019 WILL BE A YEAR OF CHANGE!

Our Districts within the Holston Conference have changed, the names of the Districts have changed, and Mission u will see some changes in 2019.

The location of **Mission u 2019** has changed to Pleasant View United Methodist Church in Abingdon, VA, and will be held **July 19-20, 2019**. Mission u is a great annual opportunity to learn. Each year, those who attend Mission u experience mission studies that motivate, inform, enrich, and educate. You will grow spiritually, learn about social justice issues, share meals and fellowship, meet old friends and make new friends, share creative ideas and learn.

The mission studies offered in 2019 will be:

- Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark & Radical Discipleship with leaders Nellie Bragg, Rev. Timothy Hankins, and Rev. Linda Ray; this study will also be offered in Spanish and led by Elizabeth Hernandez
- Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission with leaders Becky Hall and Deaconess Corrina Sisk-Casson
- What About Our Money? A Faith Response with leader Rev. Mike Sluder
- Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark – Youth Study led by Crystal Ragan
- MARKED: A Mission Journey with Jesus In the Gospel of Mark – Children's Study led by Kacye Castenir

The 2019 theme for **Mission u** is "**Radical Discipleship: Then and Now.**" This is also a change from the previous theme we have had for several years. Because several have expressed concern about the plenaries on your evaluations in the past, the theme as well as the content of the plenaries including the music are set by the National UMW; therefore, we cannot change or rewrite these. We will make every effort to make these parts of our program as meaningful as we are able.

A major change will be the offering of a Spanish study for the first time. Please share this with your Hispanic sisters to help them be aware that all are welcome to Mission u.

As in the past few years, we are asking all attendees to bring your own drink container (BYOC). Coffee and water will be provided. We are trying to be good stewards of the environment by doing this. Another change is in the area of snacks. We have always provided these; however, this year we are asking that attendees bring their own snacks (BYOS). This will allow funds normally spent on snacks to be redirected

to Mission Giving; ALL attendees could participate in class time, and special dietary needs will be met.

Please save the date for **Mission u** on your calendar and make plans to attend. You will be glad you did!

Kay Phillips, Mission u Dean

Holston Conference United Methodist Women

Books available to order online: examples of locations:
New, Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com and
New and Used Bookfinder.com



Hello, I am Marci, your UMW Communication Coordinator, fulfilling the remaining year for Karen Adair, as she steps into a new role as UMW President for Scenic South. I was the communication coordinator for the Knoxville District for a few years. I am a member of Fountain City UMC in Knoxville. For many years worked with the Audio/Visual with our contemporary service "The Journey". I came from the Virginia Conference and served as the communications chair for the DCOM for the Alexandria District. I worked with our website and coordinated communications between Alexandria and Arlington Districts in the Bi-District office. In my church "Cokesbury" in VA, I served many positions in UMW, including president. I served as the Sunday School Superintendent and VBS Director for five years.

I look forward to serving the Holston UMW in the role of communications. It will be an evolving process, so I welcome many ideas and suggestions.

I hope to see communications from our Holston UMW expand via email bi-monthly with updates from our Districts and local units and include any regional/national news as well. Please help me relay information to many so that we can see and uplift units as they serve in mission. My email: marcivholston@gmail.com

Thank you in advance,

Marci Villanueva, Communications Coordinator
Holston Conference United Methodist Women



150 Anniversary National Program Adv. Group

I just received an electronic copy of the Journal from the UMW Annual meeting held in October 2018. It is 115 pages full of voting information, decisions and reports that the National Board of United Methodist Women have made in our behalf.

On July 23, 2018 by mail ballot, the Board of the United Methodist Women voted 25 yes, 0 no, to make a \$20,000.00 grant to the Della Lamb Community Services, Kansas City, Missouri. This money will be used for salary support of two key staff members. These two positions: Program Director and ESL/ Case Manager, are vital to Della Lamb Community Services as they work to support the self-sufficiency developmental needs of refugees and asylees (person seeking political asylum) of all ages, ethnicities, religions, cultures, and languages. Our UMW funds raised by Pledges to Mission and gifts are making a positive difference!

As I read about the grant and the Della Lamb Community Services, I recalled one of the Legacy stories I had read on the UMW national website! It was about an "Angel" with a smile! Her name was Kathryn Mauer: The Angel of Angel Island, San Francisco, CA. She met immigrants for 40 years starting in 1912. Ms. Mauer welcomed them with a smile, made sure their needs were met, provided food and medical care if needed, taught them English. She would write letters and appeals for the immigrants. She put out every effort to welcome and help. Doesn't that sound similar to the work of the Della Lamb Community Services? And doesn't it make you feel good that we are providing 'warm smiles', greeting with encouraging help to immigrants today? Yes, we are an important part to the 'vital' work being offered and done in Kansas City today as Kathryn Mauer was on Angel Island. More Legacy stories can be found on our National website, <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>

Take a look sometime!

This is what the Legacy Fund is all about. It is about building on the foundation set by those who helped with God's Missions before us! I don't know about you, but I want to help with future generations of United Methodist Women as they greet and work with smiles helping God's women, youth and children. Won't you consider an above and beyond gift to the Legacy fund so the work will be continued? There are lots of ways to do that. One is to participate in the Day of Giving March 23rd ...Ways to give:

Online:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/LegacyFund

Text:

41444 and enter Legacy in the Message space

Phone:

800-278-7771

8:00am- 6:00pm EST

Monday-Friday

By Check: *write Legacy Fund in the Memo Line
United Methodist Women

Attention: Development Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor Fund
New York, NY 10115

If you miss March 23rd, a donation can be made at any other time. And we all need to review or write our wills! Let's consider putting the UMW Legacy Fund in our wills. There are still other ways you can consider to contribute and support God's work in the future. Go to the website, call the National Office or call Willela Douthat 423-886-2550 or Me, Marsheine McClurg 865-970-2476!

Bless you all as you enjoy working in God's Missions . .
. and remember to smile!

Marsheine McClurg, PAG representative
Holston Conference United Methodist Women



Our Holston
Officers
Celebrating
at Leadership
Development

SEJUMW SAVE THE DATE APRIL 17—19, 2020

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held **April 17-19, 2020**, in Mobile, Alabama, with the theme of Calling u...to Celebrate from Romans 1:6. More information will be available as plans are formalized. This is a good opportunity to fellowship with our southern UMW sisters.





RISE, formerly known as Sisters in Service, is a Holston Conference United Methodist Women's community mission event that will give women an opportunity to learn more about what it means to serve Christ in mission, to work on a hands-on mission project(s) and to worship and fellowship together.

This event follows the 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.

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

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



*** RISE Guest Speakers ***



The Reverend Michael "Mike" G. Sluder,
Director of Connectional Ministries and Missions, Holston Conference

The Reverend Tom Hancock,
Cassidy United Methodist Church and Holston Conference Missions Chair



*** RISE Musicians ***



Rise Event will be held at MainStay Suites.
410 Pine Mountain Road, Pigeon Forge.

Take Hwy. 441 to traffic light #6 in Pigeon Forge. Turn right onto Pine Mountain Road, hotel is 1/2 mile on the right.

Registrations postmarked on or before **April 12, 2019** is \$20.00. Registrations postmarked after April 13, 2019 \$25.00.

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Gathering & music begins on Friday night, 7:00 p.m. Meals for the weekend are on your own.

Event Site Childcare for ages 3-10 will be available. The absolute deadline for childcare is April 12th. We cannot accept childcare registrations after April 12th. Please return childcare form with your registration.

Forms for childcare are available online:

holstonumw/childcare

Event Brochure will be coming soon in March, watch your mail or check with your unit President.



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HOLSTON CONFERENCE UMW CALENDAR 2019

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| May 17-19 | RISE Event “Rise up and Serve” (formerly know as sisters in service)
MainStay Suites, Pigeon Forge, TN |
| *June 8 | Finance Committee Meeting,
Holston Conference Center, Alcoa TN |
| June 9-12 | Holston Annual Conference
Lake Junaluska, NC |
| *July 12-13 | Committee Meetings and Conference Executive Committee
Holston Conference Center, Alcoa, TN |
| July 19-20 | Mission u
Pleasant View UMC, Abingdon, VA |
| August 5 | Social Action Workshop, “Elder Abuse” and “Criminalization of the Community”
Gray UMC, Gray, TN |
| September 13-15 | Annual Meeting/Officer’s Training/SEE Combined Event
MeadowView Resort, Kingsport, TN |
| *September 20 | Committee Meetings/Conference Executive Committee/Treasurer Training
TBA |
| October 5 | Mujeres en Accion Event
Abingdon, VA |
| *October 11-12 | Committee Meetings and Conference Executive Committee
Holston Conference Center, Alcoa, TN |

*Holston Conference UMW Executive Committee Meetings

• **United Methodist Women’s Day should be observed on a Sunday selected by the local unit in consultation with the church’s pastor.**