



Florida Conference United Methodist Women



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Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God, 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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From President Kay Roach Greetings Sisters in Christ:



For I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43: 19 NRSV

A new year once again is before us with new experiences and adventures and fresh opportunities to serve Christ. So, have you thought about or maybe you have already begun to throw out the old and begin with the new? A Faith Step listed in "Mornings with Jesus" says to ask Jesus to show you what you need to throw out so you can fully receive the new things He has planned for you this year.

As you and your districts are planning for officer training this month, how important and helpful it can be to share what you already know about your respective office and/or responsibilities and to be willing to learn new ways to nurture your local units and one another. Keeping your communication open and nurturing your membership is so vital! I hope you will mark your calendar for not only your district events but conference events as well.

The Haitian Convocation takes place March 9 at Hallandale Haitian UMC and Florida Advocacy Days aka Children's Week will be March 24-26 at the State Capitol - Tallahassee. Make sure you get your Sunday school children in your churches to draw those handprints so they can hang in the Rotunda at the State Capitol. Come and learn about what the Florida Legislature is working on to help benefit the children in Florida. You can even have an appointment to meet your respective legislator. Mission u in July will return to Florida Southern College, Lakeland, our spiritual retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in September and of course our conference annual meeting in November at First United Methodist Church, Lakeland.

There is more information in this issue and of course more will be coming to you in future correspondence. Get to know your district team of leadership and lend your support! As always, we are ALL here to assist you in any way we can to make Faith, Hope, Love in Action happen!

Blessings,
Kay Roach

"It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" Galatians 2:20

IT'S FINALLY HERE!

2019 is here! In less than two months, our organization will officially reach 150 years of being at the forefront of mission!

Your Conference United Methodist Women has planned a calendar filled with exciting and meaningful events to help you celebrate the 150th anniversary legacy of Mission throughout the year. Please mark your calendar to be part of those events and, most importantly, to encourage other women and men in your local church and community to participate. After 150 years, we should no longer hold our legacy of mission as the “best kept secrets.” Shine Jesus, Shine!

The yearlong celebration will begin with the Haitian United Methodist Women Convocation March 9 at Hallandale Haitian Mission in the South East District under the theme: “Celebrating a Legacy of Giving: Our Faith Story” [Selebre yon Eritaj Jenewozite: Istwa Lafwa Nou]: Note, this event is not just for Haitians, all United Methodist Women are invited

In July, we will gather at Florida Southern College in Lakeland for a four day “Radical Discipleship - Then and Now” Mission u event to explore the studies: “Practicing Resurrection,” “Women United for Change,” and “What About Our Money: A Faith Response.” Registration opens online February 1! Do not miss the early bird incentive.

September 6-8, at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, we will recharge our spiritual vessels as we reflect on “Expanding the Table” with a dynamic speaker, the Rev, Dr. Geraldine McClellan.

The celebration will continue at our Conference Annual Meeting November 9 at First Lakeland United Methodist Church. We will showcase the contributions women from the Florida Conference have made to the legacy and how, in turn, their lives have been impacted by the heritage. under the innovative theme “A Heritage to Share”. Come, learn, be inspired to share in the heritage and to share the legacy with others.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy 2019 as we celebrate United Methodist Women 150 years in Mission!

In Christ's Service,
Deaconess Judith Pierre-Okerson, PhD
Conference Vice President
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CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF GIVING: OUR
FAITH STORY

SELEBRE YON ERITAJ JENNEWOZITE: ISTWA LAFWA NOU

MARCH 9TH 2019 / 9 MAS 2019

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

HALLANDALE HAITIAN UNITED METHODIST MISSION
220 SW 6 AVENUE, HALLANDALE, FL 33009

The time is finally here, United Methodist Women Celebrating 150 Years in Mission. Come and celebrate with us at the 8th Annual Haitian Convocation, this will be a party of a lifetime to remember. Mark your calendars and save the date, invite your family, friends and your neighbors, you will not want to miss it.

The Guest Speaker is our very own Deaconess Dr. Judith Pierre Okerson.

As we celebrate, you will find it interesting to hear about the 150 years of “home missions” work of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations.

for more information contact: Ciliane Louis @ 954-226-8110 or Deaconess Ruth Pierre Jean Pierre @ 305-393-1563



FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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FLORIDA KONFERANS 9 Mas 2019 9:00 am

-→ 4:00 p.m

Hallandale Haitian United Methodist Mission
220 SW 6 Avenue, Hallandale, FL 33009

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Telefòn moun nan (**Phone #**)

Ranpli Fòm nan epi voye li ale avèk chèk ekri sou non (**make checks payable to**)

« **Hallandale Haitian United Methodist Mission** » nan adrès sa a anvan
31 Janvier 2019 si Bon Dye vle. (Please mail to the address below deadline Jan 31st 2019)

Kettlie Pierre (Registrar): 636 SW 4th Street
Hallandale, FL 33009

Kontribisyon an se/Contribution \$15.00 pou Gran moun/Adult -----\$7.00 pou ti moun
soti/ 6 pou rive 11 ane/\$7.00 for children 6 to 11 years old

Aprè ou fin eki non ti moun nan, mete laj li nan kare ti moun nan pou yo ka konnen kobyen kòb ki pou vini ak fòm nan (Men yon egzamp)

Konsa chèk sa dwe fèt pou 15 + 0 +5 + 10 → \$30.00

Si ou bezwen plis plas ou ka itilize do fèy la/ Please use another sheet of paper if needed.



Totals for 2018

Pledge	\$253,228.97
Special Mission Recognition	19,051.20
Gift to Mission	35,949.17
Gift in Memory	11,040.80
World Thank Offering	<u>31,332.52</u>

Total Mission Giving \$350,602.56

Call to Prayer \$18,678.97

Thanks to all who gave your financial support to United Methodist Women in 2018. We appreciate the Five Star Units and all of our Rainbow Givers. Our Conference goal to the National Office was \$410,000, so we didn't meet our goal, but our goal for 2019 remains the same, so let's try to make it this year. United Methodist Women support programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children and youth. Together we can make a difference.

Ethel Ewing, Conference Treasurer

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Florida Advocacy Days --- March 24-26, 2019

The United Methodist Women as part of the Florida United Methodist Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Church in partnership with our community partner, Florida Impact, will convene in Tallahassee, Florida, on Sunday, March 24-Tuesday,

March 26. Our collaboration is entitled Florida Advocacy Days (FAD). We will gather for a time of prayer and learning as we prepare to meet with our legislators and advocate on behalf of children and others: "those who cannot speak for themselves."

The three-day event begins with the Hanging of the Hands – a dedication of children's handprints at the State Capitol at 4:00pm, followed by a Sunday worship service at 6:30 p.m. and reception held at FSU Wesley Center in Tallahassee, to which the public is invited. Make sure you get your Sunday school children in your churches to draw those handprints so they can hang in the Rotunda.

Join your voice with other brothers and sisters in Christ as we gather for FAD in Tallahassee during the Annual Children's Week.

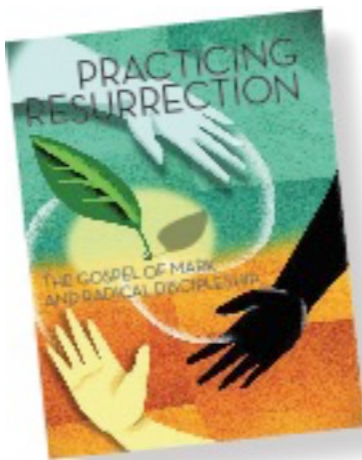
[Click here to register](#) – or check with your District President - and have the opportunity to be a voice for "those who cannot speak for themselves." Registration is \$70 if you register by 1/31/19 and \$80 if you register after. Deadline for registration is 3/1/2019. Registration includes all of the events above, along with Monday and Tuesday breakfast and lunch. The registration cost does not include additional meals, transportation or lodging.

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP-THEN AND NOW

Mission u 2019!

Take a deep dive into the Gospel of Mark, the topic of money, and the inspiring story of women organized for mission.

THIS YEAR, OUR STUDIES ARE:



- **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship by Janet Wolf**
- **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission by Ellen Blue**
- **What About Our Money? A Faith Response by Susan K. Taylor**
- **Additional studies on the Gospel of Mark for children and youth**

Be inspired! Be challenged! Respond to God's call! Continue the powerful legacy of compassionate service and passionate advocacy!

LOCATION: Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL 33801

DATE: July 11-14, 2019

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Early Bird registration opens February 1 and closes May 31, 2019. To register, go to <https://flconfumw.org> (new FL Conference UMW website) for registration forms for adults, children and youth.

Mission u Scholarships and Other Funding Sources

Both the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church and the Districts of the Florida Conference United Methodist Women offer scholarships to reduce the cost of attending Mission u in July 2019. Scholarships are available for adults, children, and youth attending Mission u.

The 2019 Mission u Early Bird registration fees for adults and youth is \$200, for children kindergarten through rising 8th grade is \$125, and children under 5 years of age is \$25. Registration fees include room and board. **Early Bird registration opens February 1 and closes May 31, 2019.** To register for Early Bird or later, go to <https://flconfumw.org> (new FL Conference UMW website) for ALL registration forms.

Florida Conference United Methodist Church Scholarships

Icel Rodriguez, Director of Global Missions for the Florida Conference, provides the following information for potential Florida Conference scholarship applicants:

- Online registration for the Conference's Mission u scholarship **will be open April 1- May 15** at <https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/MissionuScholarshipApplication>. You must apply online.
- Priority will be given to first-time attendees to Mission u.
- Not eligible for a Conference scholarship are:
 - People that received the Conference scholarship last year;
 - People that received a full or partial scholarship from United Methodist Women in the current year;
 - United Methodist Women District officers.

Please contact Icel Rodriguez (www.flumc-missions.org, 800-282-8011 x 346) for further information.

Florida Conference United Methodist Women District Scholarships

Each United Methodist Women District has available five (5) whole scholarships or 10 half scholarships for room, meals, and activity fees. Scholarships do not include travel (mileage or meals). Priority is given to first-time attendees.

District scholarship application forms are available from your District President. **You must submit your district scholarship application form along with your completed Mission u registration form to your District President for her signature by the early bird Mission u registration deadline of May 31, 2019.** The District President will notify you and the Mission u Registrar of the scholarship approval. Contact your District President for more information.

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Other Sources of Funding

Many United Methodist Women units raise funds through bake sales, teas, other fundraising events, or have in the unit's budget to help their members defray the cost of attending Mission u; contact your unit president.

Funds may also be available from your local church; contact your pastor for this information.

Sharyn Ladner, Dean

Florida Conference United Methodist Women Mission u

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Greetings Florida Conference Ladies!

MISSION u and MISSION STUDY BOOKS....As of this writing, do you know we are exactly, to the day, six months away from Mission u 2019! I know, you're probably thinking that is several months away, and you would be correct. However, now is the time to start making plans to attend. It is also the time to prepare to decide what study you want to take and purchasing the mission study books.

As many of you know, the Reading Program has changed. **Reading books can no longer be purchased through Mission Resources.** You can order through Amazon, Cokesbury, or visit your local library. **Program Books, Prayer Calendars, UMW Bibles, Handbooks AND Mission Study books, however, can still be purchased through Mission Resources. Keep in mind, these are purchases and NO returns are allowed.**

This year, when you register for Mission u, you will be given a few options for purchasing mission study books. "How can I do this, you ask?" It's very simple. **1)** Place your order on your own by contacting Mission Resources. To cut down on shipping costs, you may want to order multiple copies for your unit. **2)** Place your order when you register to attend Mission u and submit your \$10 per book. (there will be a section on the form asking what book(s) and how many you want the Conference SPR to order (the Registrar will give the Conference SPR the lists and she will place the orders and have them ready for you when you arrive at Mission u or **3)** Purchase your order when you arrive at Mission u for \$15 per book. Choose the option that works best for you and your unit/district.

NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK... **Have you visited the Florida Conference website lately?** If so, you might be noticing that it looks different. That's because we've updated the site with new design, new features, and new content. We hope you like what you see, and easily find the information you are looking for. The website is: www.flconfumw.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at: shelleydavidson.umw@gmail.com or at 863599-9070.

Happy Reading!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Davidson".

Shelley Davidson
Secretary, Program Resources
Florida Conference UMW



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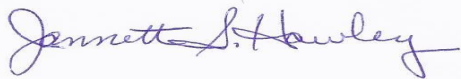
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you.....2 Timothy 1:16

The Conference Committee on Nominations is in the process of looking for women that are committed to mission with women, children and youth, being happy to share their talents and skills, and being open to growing and learning. Be ready when God calls to expand perspectives and bring vitality.

If you know someone that would be interested in a position on the leadership team, urge them to fill out the Recommendation to Committee on Nominations form which is attached here in the Genesis. Your committee is diligently working on the conference slate as well as delegates for South East Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting and nominees for the National Organization.

As Chairperson I would like to thank you all for doing God's work. We give Him all the glory.



Committee on Nominations Chairperson



RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Date _____

Conference: Florida

District: _____

I recommend:

Name _____

Address _____ Home

Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____ E-mail

Age: 20's ___ 30's ___ 40's ___ 50's ___ 60's ___ 70's ___ 80's+ ___ Race/Ethnicity

_____ Employed: Yes ___ No ___

Why I think you should consider this person (attach extra sheet if necessary):

Positions I would recommend this person for:

Signed _____

Mailing Address or Email _____

Phone: _____

Please return to: Jannett S. Hawley
Florida Conference Committee on Nominations Chairperson
15550 Burnt Store Rd. #174, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

40 Days of Prayer for General Conference

United Methodist Women calls on members to pray for the upcoming special session of the United Methodist General Conference.

In 40 days, a special session of the United Methodist General Conference will convene in St. Louis, Missouri. The leadership of the General Conference has been planning for the sessions, working to help the General Conference hear the call of God and make decisions together. Delegates have been preparing, praying, sharing and listening. The Commission on the Way Forward and people across the church have been working to clarify and express their own understanding of God's call and whether The United Methodist Church in its current form and with its current membership is able to live that out.

As members of United Methodist Women, we also have been engaged in study, listening, conversation and proposals about what God's call to our church looks like. We too are feeling the growing uncertainty that naturally grows as the special session grows closer. Instead of focusing on the uncertainty, I invite you to a position of confidence that God is at work and that God invites us to work. I invite you to pray with this conviction.

Many of us are engaged in a pattern of prayer as part of the Council of Bishops' Praying our Way Forward, and others are in prayer with conferences or congregations. We pray daily using our United Methodist Women Prayer Calendars. If you are not currently engaged in a pattern of prayer or if you would like to add to your ministry of prayer, I invite you to join me in the following weekly pattern:

Sunday: Pray for The United Methodist Church that we would ground our feet firmly in hope.

Monday: Pray for the delegates -- their openness to the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday: Pray for all who will be presiding and leading during the session and for the staff who will be serving.

Wednesday: Pray for the outreach and mission service of The United Methodist Church and how this will be enhanced by the structures and directions set by the special session.

Thursday: Pray for the education ministry of the church and the ways that this equips us to engage in a future full of possibilities.

Friday: Pray for all the justice ministries of the church and for how these will be strengthened by the work of the special session.

Saturday: Pray for all of us across the church who are charged with the stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

United Methodist Women, we are praying people. Let us pray focusing not on our own uncertainties but on God's leading and the great mission and ministry ahead of us.

Adapted by editor from Prayer Call from Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary and CEO of United Methodist Women.



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We are . . .



the legacy and accomplishments of United Methodist Women in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, April 17-19, 2020, in a city that is “Born to Celebrate!”, Mobile, AL.

You can participate in the Ubuntu Day at the Dumas Wesley Community Center, Sybil Smith Village Apartments, attend focus groups/workshops, and reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Most importantly, we will elect officers for the coming quadrennial. Don’t forget the banquet! There will be something for everyone.

It’s not too early to start planning. You know how time flies. On-line registration will be available July 1, 2019. Don’t be left out. Answer the call and . . .

“Join the Celebration!”

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Atlantic Central District Annual Meeting – 2018

The Atlantic Central District Annual Meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church, Merritt Island. Their keynote speaker was Dr. Latricia Scriven, Pastor and Director of FAMU Wesley Foundation, a campus ministry supported by the United Methodist Church. Dr. Scriven led a thoughtful group discussion entitled "I Cannot Walk In These". The scripture reading came from 1 Samuel 17: 10-11, 32-40. During the discussion, Dr. Scriven asked pointed questions that challenged attendees to think about the ways we welcome new members and attract potential members...and if we truly are doing that. How can we better encourage new members with different ideas and methodologies to enhance and further our UMW purpose? What were some of the fears of allowing this change? And how to better walk that line of traditionalist and modernist.

In the spirit of the theme, we also discussed new doorways to increase participation in UMW that better aligns with the needs of women today, such as meeting virtually. We also collected postcards to support "Living Wage for All Campaign".

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FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Calendar of Events

February 16	Conference Leadership Team/ Membership Emphasis	Lakeland
February 23 - 26	Special General Conference Session of Church	St. Louis, MO
March 9	Haitian Convocation	Hallandale Haitian UMC
March 24 -26	Florida Advocacy Days	Florida State Capitol Tallahassee
April 13	Conference Leadership Team Meeting	Lakeland
June 5 - 8	Church Annual Conference	Florida Southern College Lakeland
July 11 - 14	Mission u	Florida Southern College Lakeland