United Methodist Women FAITH + HOPE + LOVE IN ACTION

Florida Conference United Methodist Women



Genesis

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Purpose

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

The United Methodist Women largest gathering, the quadrennial Assembly, will come back to Florida after almost a quarter of century. Ouch, I feel old! Yes, in 1998 we hosted "Make Plain the Vision" in Orlando. Where

you there? Did you volunteer? Grace was only 16 months old, Nancy Weinberg, as a childcare volunteer, made her feel so welcomed and special that she has not missed one Assembly since!

TURN IT UP! is the theme of the 2022 Assembly to be held in Orlando Florida, May 20-22. UMWomen across the connection and guests will

TURN IT UP! For spiritual healing and renewal

TURN IT UP! For rebirth in a new time

TURN IT UP! For women leaders

TURN IT UP! For justice for women, children, and youth

Please visit the Assembly webpage at www.Assembly2022.org to peruse. Click the "Get Updates" button to receive real time information about the event.

I'm encouraging UMWomen throughout the Conference to take advantage of the early bird registration discount of \$30, and you do not have to be a senior citizen! **Registration will open September 6, 2021;** the cost will be \$330 for anyone who registers by November 30. If you wait until December 1st, your cost will be \$360.

I confess I do have another reason, other than protecting your pocketbook, to want you to register early! We will need hundreds of volunteers to make our guests, one at a time, feel welcomed and special just as Nancy did for Grace in 1998. We need volunteers to serve as hostesses, greeters, ushers and/or communion servers, to name just a few areas. All volunteers will need to register for the event. But no worries, you will not miss any session.

If you find it in your heart to volunteer at the 2022 Assembly, please complete the volunteer request form below, and send to Judi Levan at Judilevan.umw@gmail.com to express your interest.

Let us make Assembly 2022 one more reasons women of all walks of life, young and matured, will fall in love with our organization anew!

Qudith P. Okerson

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – ASSEMBLY 2022 VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out carefully and completely – Please print legibly

Note: This volunteer form is NOT registration for Assembly. You MUST register for Assembly separately.

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Greetings from your Conference Vice President!

I bring you greetings and I pray each of 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 2021. While vaccinations are becoming more available, 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! I would venture to say that as you sit on your couch or favorite recliner reading this, you are also reminded of ways you and your UMW sisters have been meeting since March 2020. Virtually, correct? Would you have ever thought you would have attended a Spiritual Retreat, District or Conference annual meeting virtually? But you did and we may continue to do so from time to time in the future.

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 have is 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.

I have listed below some of our upcoming events, dates and locations. Please share these with your unit and district ladies:

Mission u	June 19 & 26	via Zoom	
Mission u	July 15-17	In Person	Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park
Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Sept. 10-12	In Person	Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center, Fruitland Park
Conference Annual Meeting	Nov. 6	In Person	First UMC, Lakeland

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,

Shelley Davidson Vice-President

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SECRETARY'S NOTES...

Be Strong and of Good Courage......Joshua 1:9

Guidelines for Record Retention: Local Units

District United Methodist Women:

- Work with your church and district United Methodist Women standing rules on retaining records and archives.
- **Determine documents to be archived**: Current Officers must weed out working documents. (memos, planning lists, phone messages, email discussions, etc.).
- Current officers should sort, box, label, and list materials to save the "final product," such as
 - One copy of unit program book and /or directory (officer lists)
 - Minutes
 - Audits
 - Other materials of historical value (e.g., one copy of program book or bulletin from retreats, mission programs, other district events)
 - Other legal or official papers (e.g., bequests, scholarship information)
- Archive at neutral site: Determine where to house records. According to the bylaws, the secretary is the custodian of official papers and records.
- Access to records: Develop a list of materials that are stored or archived and the location of the storage site. After the new officers' election, the new secretary and president should receive a copy of the lists. Determine who has access or keys for the stored documents in addition to the secretary. Document this information in minutes. Understand that the records belong to the organization and not to the individual officer. The secretary as "custodian" of the records is serving on behalf of the organization. Home storage is not recommended because of legal situations that might prevent access to papers when needed (for example, at the death of the officer.) Neutral sites are recommended.

Tips for Taking Meeting Minutes

Minutes serve several purposes:

- They are a historical record of a group's decisions and action
- They are a reminder of who was given assignments
- They are evidence of deadlines
- They are a benefit for people who are absent when decisions are made
- Listen with Care focus on major issues, actions, and decisions and less on comments

Jackie Brooks, Conference Secretary







\$\$ Treasurer Talk \$\$

By Donna Spear, Treasurer, Florida Conference United Methodist Women

Mission Giving Update

Thank you to all as you continue to faithfully support United Methodist Women through your Mission Giving! In 2020, Florida Conference United Methodist Women was able to send in \$325,496.31 toward our pledge. As many of you know, we've decided to reduce our pledge from \$375,000 in 2020 to \$325,000 in 2021. Keep up the good work and we can exceed our new pledge for sure!

Online Mission Giving is Here!

Online giving is very convenient. Go to the Florida Conference United Methodist Women's website (https://flconfumw.org/mission-giving) to give with a debit or credit card, or using your own PayPal account. In the "write a note" section, include the name of your unit and district, so both can receive credit toward Mission Giving Pledges. You can opt to give a single time, or set up recurring gifts (for those of us who like to "set it and forget it"). And, of course, traditional ways of giving will continue as always.



Legacy Endowment Fund

The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment fund which will pay administrative costs at the UMW National level, and allow our future Mission Giving dollars to go farther and be used for mission. Did you celebrate the Day of Giving on March 23rd? If you

missed it, it's not too late. For a limited time, generous donors have agreed to match gifts.

You can give several ways:

Online at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/150 By phone: 800-278-7771 8am-5pm, Mon - Fri

Text: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area

Check: Mail to United Methodist Women, Attn: Development, Legacy Endowment Fund,

475 Riverside Dr., 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115 (Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.)

Pledge Cards

Need pledge cards for your members? These can be downloaded and printed at https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources/pledgecards.pdf Or simply go to unitedmethodistwomen.org, click "SHOP" (upper right), click "Downloads" (left). As a bonus, you'll find all kinds of other free materials that can be downloaded in addition to your Pledge Cards.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM

Secretary Program Resources
Jannett S. Hawley



My Dear Faith Sisters,

Blessings to you all in these days of Lent! I have received both covid vaccines, PRAISE THE LORD! I am in prayer that all UMW sisters will have received their vaccines so we may meet in July for Mission u. If not, then by our Conference Annual Meeting in November!!

I have sent all Secretaries of Program Resources and Presidents a copy of a letter from Andris Salter, National Operations Officer, concerning the reading program. Please remember if you listen to three Faith Talks podcasts they will count as two books. These bonus books count as two also: Rise, Pushout, Woman United for Change, and Finding Peace in an Anxious World. Also, National has added three movies and documentaries that will be counted as one book each. They are: Just Mercy, The Hate You Give, and Pushout.

2020 Reading Program Suggestions – Leadership Development

RISE!: FROM CAGED BIRD TO POET OF THE PEOPLE,

MAYA ANGELOU

BETHANY HEGEDUS

ILLUSTRATED BY TONYA ENGEL

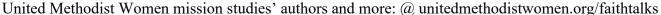
LEE & LOW BOOKS (2019)

Writer, activist, trolley car conductor, dancer, mother and humanitarian—

Maya Angelou's life was marked by transformation and perseverance. This comprehensive and beautifully illustrated picture-book biography geared towards older readers traces Maya's life from her early days, through her work as a freedom fighter, and to her triumphant rise as a poet of the people.



Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. Check out interviews with



Please remember to read Response magazine. This too is included as part of the Reading Program.

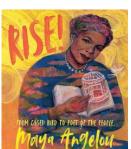
Easter will be here soon. May we, as Christians, revel in the fact that CHRIST IS RISEN!







Faith



THE NEED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE IS URGENT

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of the organization! Now is the time to speak truth to power like the daughters of Zelophehad in Numbers Chapter 27, who made it possible for women to inherit property. Name them: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirah. Their legacy has impacted the lives of women throughout the generations.

UMWomen is organizing to advocate for women, youth and children through virtual visits to our own US Senators and US Representatives. We can take the "Next Steps" easily and oh-so-effectively by supporting the efforts of the National Office on Climate Justice. UMWomen Federal Legislative Day is scheduled for April 14 (with briefings on April 13 and 15) to advocate for legislation designed to eliminate fossil fuel, to provide clean transportation, and to plan for a just transition for displaced workers. Click here, or put this link in your browser and click, to register:

https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/umw-climate-justice-federal-legislative-day

THE NEED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE IS URGENT. By 2030 the US must rid itself of 70% of the fossil fuel economy and 100% BY 2050 *or else...*! Listen to the Just Energy 4 All recordings to learn more at: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/just-energy-for-all-webinars

The intersectionality between Racial Justice and Climate Justice is breath taking...literally and figuratively. Stay tune for a focus group at Mission u on the impact fossil fuel has on the Indigenous, Black, and Hispanic populations. For example, are you aware of the significant relationship between Covid 19 deaths of brown and Black populations and air pollution? I have zoomed and zoomed programs from the National Office with Elizabeth Lee, Emily Jones, and Harriett Jane Olson. I am learning so much, but most of all I am learning about the *urgency* for change.

On a State level, members such as Ann Eachus, Alma Manney, and Kim Wendt, have been working with the FLUMC Creation Care Task Team advocating for State Legislation. Support is needed for SB 1718 and SB 208 to support solar power. Click here https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-for-sb-1718-and-sb-208?source=direct_link& to learn more, and in less than a minute send a letter to your own legislative delegates. Similarly, to take action on SB 594 to allow local governments to rule on use of plastic and Styrofoam, click here: https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-for-senate-bill-594house-bill-6027?clear_id=true

UMWomen has always been at the forefront of social action. Still today, the National Office has <u>analyzed</u> the needs, <u>prayed for God's guidance</u>, and set a course, the best possible course for us, to address the needs of women, children and youth. As Harriett Jane Olsen says, "We can't recycle our way out of fossil fuel; ...We must influence the decision makers." Won't you commit to join the dedicated, organized, and informed leaders of this our awesome organization in the movement for Climate Justice and Racial Justice?

Now is the time!

Faith, hope and love in action, Edith Zewadski-Bricker Social Action Appointee to the FL Conference Leadership Team



THE TENTH ANNUAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HAITIAN CONVOCATION

With the support of the Florida Conference United Methodist Women, we had the great premiere of the tenth Annual Florida Conference UM Women Haitian Convocation via Zoom on March 13, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The event's speakers, Magdala Fleurimond, Director of the United Methodist Women National Organization and her dynamite 13-year-old daughter Ruth, successfully developed for the participants our theme "Building Another 150 years: A Future With Hope."

It was, of course, a different experience for us to cover the program in two hours as opposed to the usual one-day event. However, except for the warm fellowship and the good Haitian food that were missing, the Convocation was yet another successful event with great music, biblical texts competition, liturgical dance, and online fellowship. Unfortunately, the 140 women who registered in 2020, could not participate this year due to lack of the technology, however, we did have 57 persons registered individually. But we are a **Creative community**, nothing can stop us! Several women who could not be on the platform met in three churches to watch the event on big screens.

Congratulations to Hallandale Haitian United Methodist Women for winning the biblical competition!

May God continue to use each one of us for His kin-dom on Earth.

Avèk sipò Fanm Metodis Ini nan Konferans Florid la nou te gen yon "grande première" pou 10zyèm ane Fan Metodis Ini Konvokasyon

Ayisyèn nan zoom jou ki te 13 Mas 2021 an soti 4 trè nan apre midi pou rive 6zè. Moun ki te pale pou nou se Magdala Fleurimond ki se direktè pou Florid la nan òganizasyon Nasyonal Fanm Metodis Ini yo, ak pitit fi li, yon dinamik jenn ki gen 13zan; yo tou de te devlope ak anpil siksè tèm nan ki se: "Bati Yon Lòt 150 Ane, Yon Avni Plen Ak Espwa"

Byenantandi se te yon eksperyans diferan pou kouvri yon pwogram nan 2zèd tan olye de yon jounen. Poutan tout bagay te fèt eksepte chalè rankont yonn ak lòt la, ak bon manje Ayisyen ki te manke. Nou ka di konvokasyon an te yon lòt siksè. ankò ak bon mizik, konpetisyon Biblik, epi dans litijik. Malerèzman tout 140 moun ki te anrejistre ane pase yo pat ka avèk nou akòz mank teknoloji, men te gen 57 moun ki anrejistre pou kont yo. Nou se yon **kominote kreyatif**, nou pa kite anyen bare wout nou, Anpil medam yo ki pat kab patisipe sou platfòm nan te reyini nan twa Legliz diferan pou yo swiv konvokasyon an sou gwo ekran.

Felisitasyon pou Fanm Metodis Ini Hallandale ki te genyen nan konpetisyon Biblik la.

In Christ,
Deaconess Ruth Pierre Jean Pierre
Florida Conference United Methodist Women
Haitian Convocation Planner

Mission u 2021

Greetings! The Mission u team has planned for our summer events in June and July. We hope that you make plans to join us for either virtual or in-person events. We are very optimistic about the recent COVID statistics in Florida. We also appreciate the direction the vaccination program is going in Florida. We anticipate that by the middle of the summer many people will be vaccinated. This is certainly a step in the right direction. It will allow for more freedom of movement and gathering. So, if this direction of recovery continues, it is the intention of the United Methodist Women to hold an in-person Mission u gathering at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp and Conference Center, WWCCC, *(formerly the LEC)* in Fruitland Park. Virtual events are held on two Saturdays, June 19 & 26, and during the onsite event on July 15-17.

Every woman of the church, their spouses, children, youth, and friends are invited to come and enjoy in-person fellowship and intentional spiritual development while learning about the courses offered by UMW. We will also celebrate **75 years of mission education** in the Florida Conference by virtually meeting missionaries that we support

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Even though the situation is becoming safer, we will still honor the CDC guidelines and maintain a safe environment. Each person will be assigned their own room, family groups may wish to room together. We will do temperature checks, social distance in gatherings and throughout the campus, limit class sizes, and special measures will take place during dining.

We recognize that some people will still feel more comfortable gathering online and socializing with friends virtually, so, we will hold virtual classes on Zoom. The registration form will allow you to choose. Or you can take a class on Zoom and another in-person at WWCCC, July 15-17.

Registration will begin the first of April and ends May 15. Because of the safety measures we are taking, the registration deadline is necessary and rigid, so please register early! No late or onsite registration will be accepted! This will be a wonderful opportunity to see friends we have been separated from for over a year. 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.

This year, our mission focus is **Wesley House Family Ministries**, a National Mission Institution. Come and learn more about the impact they make for women, children, and families in South Florida. We will have a Mission u Focus Group showing how they daily make a difference! An offering will be taken to support them. Lastly, at Mission u this year we invite people to make crocheted or knitted baby caps. Our Florida Conference is the host of the 2022 National Assembly in May in Orlando! We will be welcoming guests from around the world! They are asking us to make baby caps by crocheting or knitting them. We invite everyone to make caps and bring them to the onsite Mission u. So bring your yarn and equipment. We will help you to learn if you don't know how! We will have experienced knitters and those who crochet to show us how we are "Knitted Together for God's Good Work!" Virtual participants can begin your projects at home, too! We will give you info on how to donate your caps. You can start a group at church working on this project!

Welcome back home to "Mission u!"

Faith, Hope, Joy, and Love in Action at Mission u, Pamela Davís, Dean, Mission u

Celebrating 75th Anniversary of Mission Education in the Florida Conference! Watermark pictured: Bell tower at Warren Willis Camp & Conference Center Join us as we Celebratel
75th Anniversary
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Faith, Hope, and Love at Mission u 2021!

Welcome back home to "Mission u!" Registration: Opens: April 1 Closes: May 15

> Safety CDC Guideline

Social Distancing



Studies: Virtual via ZOOM: June 19 & 26; July 15-17

Bearing Witness Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools



Bearing Witness: Creole, Spanish, Korean, English
Pushout: English
Children & Youth Classes
Registration: \$15*

Total Onsite Adult-H.S. Youth:

Cost: Includes meals & lodging: \$150 Youth 6-8th \$100; Children K-5: \$80 Children under Age 5: No charge **Scholarships: Contact your District President!**

Deadline: May 15!



Single Rooms & Family Lodging

Smaller Meal Settings

Hand Washing

> Limited Class Size

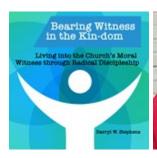
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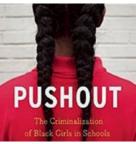


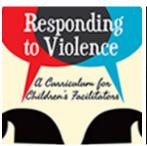
Hope to see you there... At either... Or both!!!

Pamela Davis, Dean & Kenya Monroe, Asst Dean Welcome You!

2021 United Methodist Women Mission Studies Celebrating 75 years of Mission Education in the Florida Conference!









United Methodist Women prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in mission studies. This equips them to lead mission studies in their local and district groups. This is a special year as we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Mission Education in the Florida Conference! Join us!

At this year's Mission u there will be both virtual studies in June for the adults on 2 consecutive Saturdays on June 19 and 26. These will also be virtually in July 15-17 via Zoom. The **Bearing Witness** adult study will be offered in Korean, Spanish, and Creole onsite July 15-17. We have planned for an on-site event at Warren Willis Camp and Conference Center, July 15-17 following the safety protocols and guidelines. **Registration begins April 1 with deadline May 15!** Due to the pandemic, there will be <u>no late</u> or <u>no onsite</u> registrations! Applications for **Scholarships** will be available by contacting your District President with applications from April 1-May 1!

Spiritual Growth Adult Study: Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom

In Jesus' own words, he came to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. The purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

Issue Adult Study: Pushout—The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

This study invites participants to learn about the school-to-prison pipeline and school-to-confinement pathways, mass incarceration and the criminalization of girls of color from a theological perspective, alongside historical information and the words and stories of young people from across the country.

Children's Study: Responding to Violence

This study provides the opportunity to reach children, their parents and guardians with information and techniques that will help prepare them for the violence that they will unfortunately encounter over the course of their lives.

Youth Study: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence

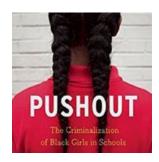
The goal is to take time to have deeper conversations about how we define violence, what the root causes of violence are, and ultimately, how God is calling us to respond. At the same time, the study seeks to guide young people to develop their capacity as peacemakers as an expression of their faith.

2021 Mission Study information is at:https// www.flconfumw.org

2021 Etid Pou Misyon Fanm Metodis Ini

N'ap selebre 75 yèm ane Edikasyon Pou Misyon nan Konferans Florid la









Angajman nan etid pou lamisyon prepare Fanm Metodis Ini yon lavi baze sou fidelite ak aksyon. Manm yo ekipe pou dirije etid sa yo nan gwoup lokal yo ak distri yo. Ane sa se yon ane espesyal paske n'ap komemore 75èm anivèsè edikasyon pou misyon nan konferans Florid la! Vin jwenn avèk nou!

Ane sa pou Mission u, (Edikasyon pou Misyon), nou pral gen etid vityèl (sou òdinatè) nan mwa Jen an, 2 Samdi youn apre lòt (19 ak 26 Jen) sou Zoom. Nou pral gen etid an pèson avèk etid vityèl (sou òdinatè) pa Zoom 15 a 17 Jiyè. Etid **Bearing Witness** (Rann Temwayaj) ap ofri an Koreyen, Panyòl, ak Kreyòl an pèson nan dat 15 a 17 Jiyè a. Nou planifye pou nou fè etid an pèson la nan kan Warren Willis Camp and Conference Center. N'ap swiv tout pwotokòl ak tout direktiv rekòmande pou COVID-19. Enskripsyon ap kòmanse premye Avril epi l'ap fèmen 15 Me! Akòz de pandemik la, nou pap resevwa okenn enskripsyon anreta oswa lè moun rive sou kanpis la. Si ou bezwen, you bous ou kapab kontakte prezidan distri ou la. Aplikasyon sa yo ap kòmanse premye Avril jouk premye Me.

Etid Kwasans Espirityèl pou Adilt: Rann Temwayaj nan Wayòm la

Nan pwòp mo Jezi, li te vini pou pote bòn nouvèl bay pòv yo, lage prizonye yo, fè avèg yo wè, epi libere moun ki oprime yo. Objektif etid sa se pou ede legliz la ak manm li yo disène apèl nou yo epi rann temwayaj sou volonte Bondye pou yon monn ki pi jis.

Etid Pwoblèm Sosyal: Pouse Deyò - Kriminalizasyon Tifi Nwa yo Nan Lekòl yo

Etid sa envite patisipan yo aprann sou lekòl ki yon kondwi pou prizon, ak chemen pou prizon, anprizonman pou anpil moun nwa, ak trete tifi nwa tankou kriminèl Nou pral etidye sijè sa yo avèk yon pèspektiv teyolojik, ansanm ak enfòmasyon istorik ak istwa sou jèn moun nan tout kwen peyi a.

Etid Timoun yo: Ki Jan Pou Reponn a Vyolans

Etid sa a bay opòtinite pou ankouraje timoun yo ak paran ou gadyen yo gen yon konvèsasyon pou prepare yo pou vyolans ke yo pral malerezman rankontre nan lavi yo. N'ap bay anpil enfòmasyon ak teknik ki pral ede gide konvèsasyon sa yo.

Etid Gwoup Jèn yo: Fason Pou Fè Lapè Nan Yon Kilti Vyolans

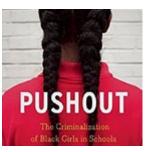
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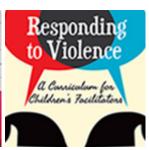
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2021 연합여선교회 미션 스터디

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2021 Mission Study information is at: https://www.flconfumw.org

2021 Estudios Misionales de Las Mujeres Metodista Unidas



Celebrando 75th años en Educación Misional en la Conferencia de la Florida

Las Mujeres Metodista Unidas se preparan para vivir una vida de fe y tomar acción en los estudios misionales. Esto las equipa a ellas para tomar posiciones de liderazgo en los estudios misionales en grupos locales y del distrito. Este es un año especial como estamos conmemorando el aniversario de 75th año de Educación misional de la Conferencia de la Florida! Únete a Nosotras!

En Misión u de este año Habrá ambos estudios v la Educación virtuales serán en dos Sábado consecutivo en el 19 y 26 de Junio. Este Estudio también se ofrecerá virtual en el 15-17 de Julio a tras ves de Zoom. El estudio para adultos **Dar Testimonio** se ofrecerá en Corean, Español, y Creole (en el sitio) del 15-17 de Julio. Hemos planeado un evento para las afuera del Campamento Warren Willis y Conferencie Center, el 15-17 de Julio siguiendo las guía y el protocolo de seguridad para la salud. La **Registración comienza el 1 de Abril con fecha límite hasta el 15 de Mayo!** Debido a la pandemia no se aceptaran registración tarde ni estando allí! Aplicaciones para **becas** estarán disponible desde el 1 de Abril hasta el 1 de Mayo por favor contacten a la Presidenta Del Distrito con su aplicación

Crecimiento Espiritual, Estudio para Adultos: Dar Testimonio en el Reino

En las propias palabras de Jesús, El vino a traer buenas noticias a los pobres, liberal a los cautivos, restaurar la vista a los ciegos, y dejar a los que están oprimido en liberta El propósito de este estudio es ayudar a las iglesias y a los miembros a discernir nuestro llamado y dar testimonios de la voluntad de Dios de un mundo más justo.

Asunto, Estudio para Adultos: Empujar—La Criminalización de las Niñas Negras en las Escuelas.

Este estudio invita a los participantes a aprender sobre el conducto de la escuela a la prisión y los caminos de la escuela en el Confinamientos, El encarcelamiento masivo y la criminalización de niñas de color desde una perspectiva teológica, Junto con información histórica y las palabras e historias de jóvenes a través del país.

Estudios para niños: Respondiendo a la Violencia

Este estudio brinda la oportunidad de llegar a los niños, a sus padres y tutores con información técnicas que los ayudaran a prepáralos para la violencia que desafortunadamente encontraran a los largo de sus vidas.

Estudios para Jóvenes: Convertirse en Pacificadores en una Cultura de Violencia.

El objetivo de este estudio es para tomarse el tiempo para tener conversaciones mas profundas sobre como definimos la violencia. Cuáles son las causas fundamentales de la violencia y en última instancias, como Dios nos llama a responder. Al mismo tiempo, el estudio busca orientar a los jóvenes para que desarrollen su capacidad como pacificadores y como expresión de su fe.

2021 La información sobre el Estudio Misional se encuentra en: https://www.flconfumw.org

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MISSION u <u>ADULT REGISTRATION FORM</u> Please fill out carefully and completely – Please print legibly

Circle (Mr.	Mrs. Ms. Dr.	Rev.) Na	ıme:					P	hone:	
Address: _						Er	mail: _			
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MAIL registration and check, payable to <u>Florida Conference United Methodist Women Mission u</u>, to: *Judi Levan, 19852 Lonesome Pine Dr., Land O Lakes, FL 34638. (813-428-0404, <u>judilevan.umw@qmail.com</u>).*

COSTS TO ATTEND MISSION u ON LOCATION

Adults and High School Youth - \$10 \$20 due upon registration, \$130 due in June (\$20 is nonrefundable, but may be applied to concurrent Zoom class)

Single room Thursday night through Saturday morning
Thursday - dinner
Friday - breakfast, lunch, dinner
Saturday - breakfast

Youth 6th- 8th grade - \$100 Registration free, \$100 due in June

Shared room (with family) Thursday night through Saturday morning
Thursday - dinner
Friday - breakfast, lunch, dinner
Saturday - breakfast

Kindergarten – 5th grade - \$80 Registration free, \$80 due in June

Shared room (with family) Thursday night through Saturday morning
Thursday - dinner
Friday - breakfast, lunch, dinner
Saturday - breakfast

Children under 4 - \$0

Commuter Only - \$40 (no meals available)

The option to register with Eventbrite will be available soon. You will receive information through your District President.

Eventbrite is the on-line event registration website which the Florida United Methodist Women has been using for zoom-event registrations.

Adult Study Leaders

Dr. Lorraine Mayfield-Browne
Dr. Anne Winn
Dr. Amy Mormino
Reverend Lee Hall-Perkins
Grace Okerson
Reverend Michelle Schrader
Ruth Jean-Pierre

Reverend Lia Icaza-Willetts
Danny Davis
Paulet Royes-Neale
Norla Cruz
Reverend Jetro Jeune
Reverend Inhong Lee
Reverend Dr. Latricia Scriven

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MISSION u <u>Grades 9th through 12th (Grade in Fall 2021)</u> Please fill out carefully and completely – Please print legibly

Circle (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rev.) Name:	Phone:						
Address:	Email:						
City: State:	Zip: Gender: Age: Date of Birth	1:					
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Parent or Legal Guardian:	Email:						
Home/Work Phone:	Cell Phone:						
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Emergency Contact:	Phone:						
Physician Name:	Phone Number:						
Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary	needs:						
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Vouth Signature	Date					

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A completed Children/Youth Covenant Form MUST accompany this registration form

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MISSION u

<u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> – Grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade (Grade in Fall 2021)

Please complete completely for each child attending. Kindergarten through 8th Grades will be housed with parent/legal guardian. Please print legibly.

Name:				_ Phone:	
Address:				_ Email:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Gender:	Age:	Date of Birth:
Grade entering in Fal	l 2021:	Name of Church	ı:		_ District:
Name of Adult with	whom child is ro	ooming:			
Parent or Legal Guar	dian:			Email:	
Home/Work Phone:				Cell Phone: _	
EMERGENCY INFOR	MATION (must	be completed):			
Emergency Contact:				Phone:	
Physician Name:			P	hone Number:	
Allergies, medical co	oncerns, health/	dietary needs:			
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A completed Children/Youth Covenant Form MUST accompany this registration form

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MISSION u <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> - Children under 5 years of Age Children will be housed with parent/legal guardian.

Please fill out carefully and completely for each child attending- Please print legibly

Name:			Pho	one:			
Address:		Email:					
City:	State:	Zip:	Gender:	Age:	Date of Birth:		
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CHILDREN/YOUTH COVENANT

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODOIST WOMEN 'MISSION u'

As a child/youth attending 'Mission u,' I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the wellbeing and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site of the event unless I have been given permission to leave by the Dean of 'Mission u.' I will attend all activities, sessions, and meals. I will observe scheduled curfews by being in my room at the appointed time and I will respect the rights of others. I understand that anything considered illegal for minors (persons under 18) under civil and criminal law applies to this event or meeting as well. Therefore, I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol, nor will I possess any firearms, weapons, or fireworks. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility, which we share. Any damages to the facility will be the sole responsibility of the person or persons who caused the damage and the Parent/Guardian of each person responsible. I understand that the dress code is the same as the dress code in public schools, and I will observe that code.

I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, my parent and/or legal guardian will be contacted and my participation in the event will be terminated. **Child/Youth Signature** Date PARENTAL CONSENT FORM I give my permission for my daughter/son participate in the Florida Conference United Methodist Women 'Mission u, July 15-17, 2021 at Warren Willis United Methodist Camp & Conference Center, Fruitland Park, Florida. I am aware of the purpose of this event and understand the full scope and nature of the programs and activities my daughter/son will participate in. I agree that any photographs, videos and/or other images taken of my daughter/son at the United Methodist Women's 'Mission u' may be used to promote 'Mission u.' I have read the Covenant, which my daughter/son has signed, and I understand the responsibilities she/he has agreed upon. I will support her/him fulfilling this Covenant. **Parent/Guardian Signature** Date In case of emergency, you may contact me at _____ Cell phone #

This form must accompany the registration form & payment for Children and Youth for Mission u.

Home phone #

Words from a couple of District Presidents....

From Lynn Lovallo, NW District President

I'm sitting on the front porch of my new (old) manufactured home in Port Orange. After a year of helping my husband fight the lingering affects of Covid, we decided to buy a part-time home here in a retirement community—something we said we'd never do. Never say never as it usually gets you back.

What I'm pondering while sitting here is how is it we have been so blessed to be relatively healthy in comparison to others, not have any worries to speak of and to enjoy the peace of a relationship with our Lord. Life will not be the same for us since Jim's Covid battle, but in some ways better. His illness reinforced for us the power of prayer and community. It's not good to be so isolated, and being with others even if only virtually, is so important.

As for the NW District, I am so grateful for the members who have remained faithful and worked with the Leadership Team to make things happen. The events and meetings we've had have been successful, and our hope going forward is to work more closely with our units to celebrate "community."

Thank you, Lynn

And from Sharyn Ladner, South East District President



South East District United Methodist Women 2021 Spiritual Retreat Saturday, March 27

By the time you read this article in *Genesis*, our 2021 Spiritual Retreat will be history. Like our sister districts, we are gathering virtually, on Zoom. This year's theme is "Knitted Together for God's Good Work." We explore how we, as the body of Christ, are joined and linked together as

a community—even when social distancing or other obstacles may keep us physically apart. Our scripture is 1st Corinthians 10:31. Our guest speaker is the *Rev. Dr. Hedy Collver*, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church Coral Gables. Following her message she will be offering virtual communion.

The pandemic has created challenges for us, but it has also brought with it a chance to be creative—such as sharing in Zoom break-out rooms our responses to Pastor Hedy's message. We also invited our sisters in other districts to participate. As Sisters in Christ, we want this event to be a blessing to all women—in Florida and beyond—for the Glory of God!

Thank you, Sharyn

Up-coming events for our United Methodist Women's community...

1 soon ---

As you know, Florida Advocacy Days (FAD) is changing to better meet the needs of the children, families, and organizations we serve today and for the future! Today we bring another opportunity to continue our work during the pandemic!

As you, we feel a sense of excitement and urgency for our advocacy. As we react to Advocacy during the pandemic, we will be hosting a morning of Advocacy Training and Inspiration. It will take place on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021. We will be Learning about the history of Florida Advocacy Days, hear from our Bishops, Listen to speakers around the bills we are supporting and view the "Stepping into Advocacy" video along with discussing Advocacy in break out groups.

Come gather with us!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT!

Deadline to register is March 30, 2021

Some of this year's walkers-Kay Roach & Cindy Cosper from NWD with group

FAD is a vital partnership between the <u>11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church</u>, the <u>Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church</u>, and <u>Florida Impact to End Hunger</u>. Our united effort to lift the voices of children and families in the legislative process always leaves us changed for the better

1 a bit later ---

How to Zoom to engage and revitalize your Units

Over this past year we have had to learn new ways to connect. Many of us are struggling and feel the frustrations of meeting in person and abiding by the Covid-19 guidelines. As United Methodist Women we know the importance of fellowship as we participate in learning about global missions and those in our own communities. We have been hampered with our usual fund-raising activities to support our mission of helping women, children, and youth. We are limited in living out our vision of Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

Training Opportunities coming this April

Training members to be unafraid and willing to try find something they are unfamiliar with is not an easy task. As a way of support, The SW District is providing you with a series of training using the Zoom format. Kim Wendt, Vice President of Atlantic Central District, has graciously agreed to help us learn the best ways to use Zoom. Depending on your ability and need there will be three sessions listed below. You may want to attend one or more sessions depending on your experience.

<u>Session 1</u> – **Beginner:** learn the controls you need to use to navigate a Zoom meeting as a participant such as chat box, reactions, audio and video settings, etc. Sunday, April 18

<u>Session 2</u> – **Intermediate:** learn how to host, cohost, create an invite email, record, share your screen to show a document, PowerPoint, or a video, and set up a meeting with registered attendees. <u>Monday, April 19</u>

<u>Session 3</u> – **Advanced:** learn ways of enhancing your meetings using breakout rooms, polls, spotlighting, closed captioning, file sharing. Friday, April 23

To register for 1 - 2 - 3 or all...

contact Mary Van Tol, SW District President, for how to connect:: maryvantol.umw@gmail.com.

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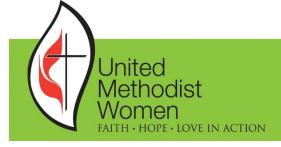


United Methodist Women
National Assembly
May 20 - 22, 2022
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

At Assembly 2022 we will:

- TURN IT UP for spiritual healing and renewal
- TURN IT UP for rebirth in a new time
- TURN IT UP for women leaders
- TURN IT UP for justice for women, children and youth More information coming soon!

[Be sure to see the President's page at the beginning – and the volunteer form after it]



Florida Conference United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of The United Methodist Church 450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave Lakeland, FL 33801

Contact: Leah Pittard United Methodist Women's Communications Committee rockpitt2@verizon.net

April 2021 Genesis



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FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Calendar of Events - 2021

April 10	Leadership Team/Charter for Racial Justice	Lakeland
June 10-22	Florida Annual Conference – UMC	Lakeland
June 19 & 26	Mission u Event	ZOOM
July 15-17	Mission u Event	Warren Willis United Methodist Camp and Conference Center, Fruitland Park
September 10-12	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Life Enrichment Center Fruitland Park
October 2	Leadership Team/ Membership Emphasis	zoom
November 6	Conference Annual Meeting	First UMC - Lakeland
December 4	Goals & Evaluations	Lakeland

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