



Greenwood District United Methodist Women

News A Plenty

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

******Special Notice ******

**2020 Greenwood District UMW
Annual Meeting Cancelled Due to COVID-19
Instead, a 2020 Annual Report Will Be Published To
Celebrate the Mission Accomplishments Of Greenwood
District UMW & Sent Out to All Units-Certificates to Be
Mailed Out**

So, Please Be Reminded of District Reports Due From Local UMW Units

**For your Unit to be included in the 2020 Greenwood District UMW Annual Report,
please be working on your Local UMW Unit Reports as follows:**

Forms are included in this newsletter! Contact Information is on Page 7!

Reading Program—Participation Form on Page 12 - Send to Carolyn Cantrell

Mission Today Form—Form on Page 11—Send to Barbara Barber

Memorial List— List of Deceased Members (9/1/19-8/31/20) - Send to Joyce Crouch

Charter for Racial Justice – Diamond Units Form—Form on Page 8—Send to Rebecca McDonald

2020 President's Report– Form on Pages 9 & 10 —due by September 15 (send to Joyce Crouch)

Five Star/Gold Seal SC Mission Award Determined by Marcia Miller, Treasurer, based upon your unit's budget and quarterly reports)

The following is due by December 31, 2020 or earlier:

Local Unit Officers List - Send to Betty Swann, Secretary

News from District President

By Joyce Crouch, President, Greenwood District UMW

Psalms 107:1: O Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

Hi Everyone,

Well, the Coronavirus still has its grip on us; however, God is still in control and will get us through this!! *God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5.*

Our Greenwood District Executive Committee has not been able to meet this year, as well as most of our local units. A lot of our churches are still closed to outside people and meetings.

A lot of our events had to be canceled, but the Mission u held its first virtual event. They had three 90-minute sessions on *"Finding Peace in an Anxious World."* The Reverend Scarlett Hester, pastor of Bluffton United Methodist Church, led each session; sessions were held on July 18, July 25, and August 8. I do hope some of you were able to participate in this event. If you did, please call and let me know about it.

I am sorry to say that we have had to cancel our Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting for September. We will, however, still collect all of the reports that you send in each year. We will also still prepare award certificates for the units that will receive them. These should be mailed out sometime in the near future.

We have heard from the Conference that the Conference UMW Annual Meeting to be held in October **will not take place in person**. It will also be a virtual event. Plans are being made as this newsletter gets to you. The Conference will have all of the information regarding the meeting and how to participate in the September issue of the *"Mission Echo"*. Please look for that newsletter online. If you do need a registration form and cannot locate it, please call me – 864-981-0942.

Again, please be in continued prayer for everyone during this trying time. We need to pray and ask God to get rid of the devil and what he is trying to do to us and our world. Please continue to be in prayer for the Greenwood District United Methodist Women that we can continue to be about the Lord's work.

I leave you with a quote from Corrie Ten Boom: *"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."*

In Christ,

Joyce

News from District Vice President

By Carol Marse, Vice President, Greenwood District UMW

Dear Ladies of the Greenwood District UMW,

It is disappointing that we will not be able to meet in September for our Annual Meeting, but CO-VID 19 prevents this! I hope you will remember Killingsworth Home with a special donation in September, even though we can't hear updates from the Rev. Shrendria Robinson, Executive Director.

I know you have worked hard during this very difficult year, so I hope you will complete the forms reporting to the Executive Board all you have done!

Blessings,

Carol



News from Greenwood District Treasurer

By Marcia Miller

Hello, Ladies!

As I am writing this, I have a mask beside me because I am at work, on my lunch hour. Please forgive. Hand sanitizer is right here, too. I work at a bank and our lobby is still open, so we put on our mask every time someone walks in. This is odd because you would never think that a mask in a bank was suggested. Wow, have things changed!



With that in mind, the Mission of the United Methodist Women has not changed. We still support those with less. There are those that need our prayers and our financial support. I know it is hard to meet. We are using email and handwritten letters to get out our request and information. Members have responded well to mailing in their pledge offerings. Sometimes we have to go the extra step to make this work.

Presidents and Treasurers, please get together. Try to get your donations in to me by August 31 so that you may continue to receive your 5 Star Certificates. They will be mailed out this year.

Together we will continue to do God's Work through the United Methodist Women!

Thank you in advance for all of your efforts.

Love to all,

Marcia

**The
Giving
Tree**

Helping Those
in Need



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**48TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OCTOBER 24, 2020**

DUE TO COVID-19, THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE A

VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY

**MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, MAIN STREET UMC, GREENWOOD, SC
Special Notice:**

- Any donations or offerings for the Annual Meeting from your units can be sent to your District Treasurer for forwarding.
- A Registration Form for the Annual Meeting is required—Registration Form will be available in the September issue of *Mission Echo* on the SCCUMW website. Other information there, also.
- There will be No Registration Fee.
- For additional information, contact Joyce Crouch, Greenwood District UMW President at jmcrouch59@yahoo.com or (864) 981-0942.

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

DATES TO REMEMBER

August, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

September, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Killingsworth Home,
Columbia, SC

October, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Community
Center, Spartanburg, SC

October 24, 2020—SCCUMW Annual Meeting -VIRTUAL EVENT-
Hosted by Main St. UMW, Greenwood, SC

November, 2020—Special Emphasis Month—Bethlehem Communi-
ty Center, Spartanburg, SC

November 14, 2020—SCCUMW District Officers' Training, Chapin
UMC, Columbia, SC—VIRTUAL EVENT

December, 2020—News-A-Plenty Articles Due

Praise God Each Day!



Memorial Tribute to Willie Jo Lagroone

The following remarks are shared by Joyce Crouch, current Greenwood District UMW President. They were read by Zella William, Greenwood District UMW Historian & Past President, at the funeral service of Willie Jo Lagroone on Thursday, July 30. Willie Jo went to be with the Lord on July 25.

It is with great sadness that I bring greetings to you all today. I do offer my deepest condolences to the family of Willie Jo Campbell Lagroone. I have many fond memories of Willie Jo, many fun memories, and many hard-working memories in our years serving in United Methodist Women. I have worked alongside Willie Jo for about 27 years in the UMW. Willie Jo was a dear friend who had a love of her work with DSS and a love for God, her church, her family, and especially United Methodist Women.



Here are a few of the many positions that Willie Jo held in the UMW from what I could find in my records:

On the district level, Willie Jo served on Christian Social Involvement (now called Social Action) from about 1990 – 1993.

She served on Social Action in 2004.

She served on Education & Interpretation from 2005 – 2010.

In 2010, she was elected as Greenwood District President and went on to serve in that capacity for a four-year term from 2011 to 2014.

Here is a quote from her President's Report for Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting in September 2011 – *"God has truly blessed the team this past year. Let it be known that your District Team works for you and we will continue to do so with God's help. To all of you, I give thanks to Greenwood District United Methodist Women because they see what needs to be done and are willing to do it. UMW do not expect anything in return. They simply seek to please God. God has showed His favor upon me, the District Team and the Units of this District. May God add His Blessings upon us as we work so that our communities and the world will be a better place for all God's people. To prospective new members, come journey with us – **you** – will never be the same."* Willie Jo Lagroone, President, Greenwood District UMW"

In September 1993, Willie Jo was elected to the Conference UMW as Chairperson of Committee on Nominations. She had already served four years as a member of the Committee on Nominations.

I am sure Willie Jo had more years of service than what is listed above.

Family, rest assured knowing that Willie Jo is resting in the arms of her Heavenly Father and He probably has already put her to work there. Thank God for such a beautiful person.

News from Greenwood District Program Resources

By Carolyn Cantrell

Program Resources Coordinator

Hello, UMW Readers!

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. We've had plenty of time to read! Just a reminder we need the reading reports by August 31. When you submit please include a group return address to send the certificates to those who complete the program. Please send them to 534 Circle Drive, Greenwood SC 29646.

I look forward to next year's reading program and all of the interesting readings we will have on the five categories.

Yours in Christ-

Carolyn

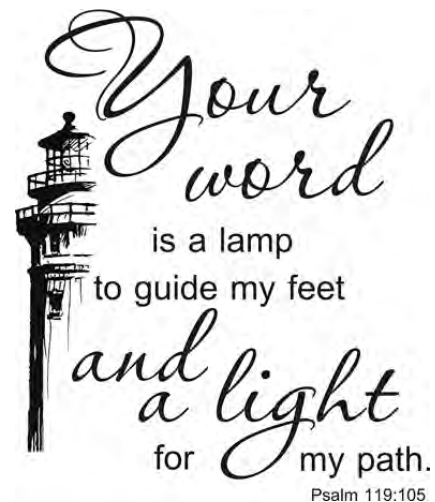
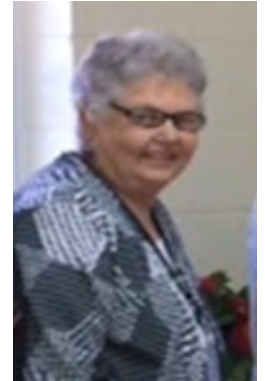
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*But the Lord stood with me
and strengthened me...
2 Timothy 4:17*

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Willie Jo Lagroone who went to be with the Lord on July 25. Willie Jo was a faithful Servant of the Lord, especially with the Greenwood District UMW where she served as President for four years and held other offices as well.

We also extend sincere sympathy and prayers to Zella Williams, Historian. Her son Mike went to be with the Lord on July 22. Mike was active in his community and church; and following retirement, he spent time volunteering which is just what you would expect a son of Zella to do!

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Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Unit Award

In order to receive a Diamond Unit Certificate, a minimum of three activities must be completed. Certificates will be presented to all qualifying units.

Please return this form to Rebecca McDonald, Greenwood District Social Action

Coordinator at the address below by August 31:

127 Hill and Dale Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646, jbecca@gmail.com

- _____ 1. Watch a video relating to concerns addressed by the Charter for Racial Justice.
- _____ 2. Give a book report on a UMW Reading Program book selected from Social Action area.
- _____ 3. Share articles from Response magazine relating to racism.
- _____ 4. Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.
- _____ 5. Present a program on the Charter for Racial Justice.
- _____ 6. Use a program on racial justice or human rights from the UMW Program Book.
- _____ 7. Participate in a UMW Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study.
- _____ 8. Give a Unit report about an experience; i.e. attendance at a music or theatrical performance by persons of a different culture, race, or ethnic background..
- _____ 9. Send at least one UMW member to Legislative Day.
- _____ 10. Participate in post card writing or email to support legislation on behalf of the economically deprived or challenged.
- _____ 11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMW unit program activity with ethnic group different from your own.
- _____ 12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event.
- _____ 13. Participate in a Bible Study on racism..
- _____ 14. Celebrate Black History Month in February.
- _____ 15. Suggest and plan your pastor (or pulpit choir) an exchange with a pastor/choir of another race.
- _____ 16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a Celebration, Worship, Vacation Bible School, Service of Prayer and Self Denial).
- _____ 17. Other (Collect items/funds for UMCOR Kits—collect items for other community social welfare/ educational purposes.)

Church Name: _____ Church Address: _____

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2020 (for September 1, 2019—August 31, 2020)

Unit (Church or group of churches) _____

President _____

President's E-Mail _____ President's Phone Number _____

President's Address _____

Membership totals:

Total number of members in unit _____

Total deceased this year _____

Names of Deceased:

Pledges and contributions:

Actual amounts sent in to District Treasurer:

Pledge to Missions _____ World Thank Offering _____ Gift in Memory \$5/card _____

Gift to Missions \$5/card _____ Special Mission Recognition (at least \$40) _____

Call to Prayer & Self Denial _____ Killingsworth _____

Wallace Family Life Center _____ Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg _____

Bethlehem Center, Columbia _____

Participation: (since September 1, 2019)

District Events (Number of people from your unit attending each event):

Annual Meeting 2019(at McCormick UMC, McCormick) _____

Day Apart 2020 (at Panola UMC, Greenwood) _____

Officers' Training 2020 (at Main Street UMC, Greenwood) _____

Conference Events (Number of people from your unit attending each event):

Annual Meeting 2019 (at Buncombe St. UMC, Greenville) _____ Officers' Training (Columbia) _____

Legislative Day, 2020 (at Epworth) _____ Spiritual Growth Retreat (at Lake Junaluska) (Canceled)

Come Together, Be Together (Canceled) Any Other Conference Events _____

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2020 (for September 1, 2019—August 31, 2020)

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Mission Education/Mission Today:

Total Number of Reading Participants: _____

Total Number of subscriptions to *Response* _____

Use of Program Books (yes/no) _____

Use of Prayer Calendar (yes/no) _____ How used?

Racial Justice Diamond Unit (yes/no) _____

In what public school system is your unit located? _____

Did your unit complete activities to support Campaign for Children? (This can be any activities that support the welfare, education, nutrition, family life of children in your community.) _____

What other projects or activities would you like others to know about?

Send this report (Pages 9 & 10) to:

Joyce Crouch

110 Crouch Drive

Kinards, SC 29355

By September 15, 2020

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To Barbara Barber, Greenwood District Education/Interpretation Coordinator,
2381 Harmon Quarters Road, Prosperity, SC 29127, bbarber@newberry.k12.sc.us, Phone: (803) 924-4250
by August 31

Unit President: _____ Date: _____

Unit Name: _____ Number of Members in Unit: _____

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least 10 of the following items. All units must complete #1.

Check if your unit:

- _____ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- _____ 2. Used the Prayer Calendar at each General Membership Meeting of the unit to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
- _____ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- _____ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to Response Magazine.
- _____ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- _____ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- _____ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- _____ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar – at least once during the year.
- _____ 9. Participated in the Campaign for Children.
- _____ 10. Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- _____ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.
- _____ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

- _____ 13. Included a Response Moment where an article from Response Magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
- _____ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.
- _____ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

Important Message from News A Plenty Editor

It is the desire of the Greenwood District UMW that as many ladies as possible have access to the *News A Plenty* in order that they remain informed of activities and events. In an effort to better do this, any who need a copy printed and mailed to them should please let me know.

Linda Kidd, P.O. Box 225, McCormick, SC 29835

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2020 UMW Reading Program Individual Participation Form

Name _____ Church _____ Telephone _____

Reading Program Plan: _____

BOOKS READ:

DATE:

Education for Mission:

Nurturing for Community:

Social Action:

Spiritual Growth:

Leadership Development:

PLAN I: 5 books a year • One book from each category • Selections can be from the 2015–2020 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN II: 10 books a year** • Two books from each category • Selections can be from the 2015–2020 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN III: 15 books a year** • Two books from each category • Plus five additional books from any category. • Selections can be from the 2015–2020 reading lists if not used previously; **PLAN IV: 20 books a year** • Two books from each category • Plus ten additional books from any category. • Selections can be from the 2015–2020 reading lists if not used previously

Completed Form Can Be Sent to Carolyn Cantrell, Program Resources Coordinator, 534 Circle Drive, Greenwood, SC 29646, cwcantrell@embarqmail.com, Home Phone: 864-223-0271

Greenwood District United Methodist Women

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We're on the web:

www.umsc.org/umw

Click on Greenwood

**District—A good place to find
forms when needed.**



The organized unit of 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.