

Dear Friends,

Each year the Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women seeks nominees for the Charter for Racial Justice Award.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider individuals and/or groups whose work reflects the spirit of the “We will” statements listed in the Charter’s nomination form accompanying this letter.

The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women’s Division (now United Methodist Women) of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. In 1980 the General Conference adopted the Charter. To live the Charter is to recognize that Racial Justice is:

a biblical issue,
a leadership issue,
a community issue, and
a public policy issue.

I serve as the Chairman of the Charter for Racial Justice Committee, and earnestly encourage you to search your congregation and neighborhood for nominees whose work deserves this recognition.

Becky Warren,
Conference President, United Methodist Women
Oregon-Idaho Conference

CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD Nomination Criteria - 2021

The Charter for Racial Justice Committee of the Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women is seeking nominees for the annual **RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD**.

Criteria:

- ~ Activity that broadly exemplifies the implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice “We Will” Statements listed below.
- ~ Nominee may include any member/constituent/organization of the United Methodist Church located within the boundaries of the Oregon-Idaho Conference.
- ~ The activity may be a one-time event or on-going, but must have taken place within the last year.

From the Charter for Racial Justice:

“We will UNITE OUR EFFORTS with all groups in The United Methodist Church to:

1. Eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church with special attention given to those institutions we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices and availability of services and facilities.
2. Create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.
3. Increase our efforts to recruit women of all races into the membership of United Methodist Women and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.
4. Create workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
5. Increase local churches’ awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment and medical care for all members of the community and create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.
6. Work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and

cultural rights of all people, such as through support for the ratification of U.N. covenants on human rights.

7. Support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in the church and community.

8. Support nomination and election processes that include all racial groups employing a quota system until the time that our voluntary performance makes such practice unnecessary.”

The Charter for Racial Justice may be downloaded at: https://s3.amazonaws.com/umw/pdfs/RacialJusticeCharter_ENG_D101.pdf

Format for Nomination:

- ~ Name, address, phone number and/or e-mail of nominee(s)
- ~ Name of activity or event
- ~ One or two paragraphs summarizing the activity and how it relates to the Charter for Racial Justice, and the “we will” statements.
- ~ Your name, address, phone number and/or e-mail address
- ~ Deadline to return to Becky Warren is April 30, 2021
- ~ Application may be either mailed or e-mailed

Selection will be made by the Charter for Racial Justice Committee.

This is a great opportunity to recognize person(s) or groups who fulfill the goals of the Charter for Racial Justice in a significant way.

Questions may be directed to President Becky Warren, 7066 NE Irving Street, Portland, 97213, beccanaturalist@gmail.com, 503-254-9788.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD
NOMINATING FORM FOR 2021

Nominee(s):

Address:

Telephone #:

e-mail:

Name/Date of Activity:

Summarize its Relationship to the **Charter for Racial Justice**:

Nominated by:

Address:

Telephone #: e-mail:

Submission deadline is April 30, 2021

Send to:

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