



**United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference**  
*Crater Lake District*  
*Messenger*  
**February 2022**

**United Methodist Women**  
**Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event**  
**February 26, 2022 - 10:00-12:00**

**Guest Speakers: James and Allen Walungembe**

Because of the Covid Pandemic, we will have a virtual event again this year to keep everyone safe. You will still need to register for the meeting with your name, your units name, and your email address so that we can send you the link to the Zoom meeting when it is available.

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**2022 Zoom Annual Meeting Registration Form**

**Registration Deadline - Thursday, February 24**

**One registration form per person, please**

***PLEASE PRINT***

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your Unit/Church \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I will be joining using: my computer/tablet/smart phone \_\_\_\_\_

other phone (audio only) \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration to Jeannie Boese, 4642 Sjodin Lane, Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
or email the information to [jboeseumw@charter.net](mailto:jboeseumw@charter.net)

*There is no registration fee. Please copy and share this with all your members.*



## President's Message Charlotte Sutton



## EMEE Guest Speakers James and Allen Walungembe

Good grief! If I had told you then that we'd still be dealing with COVID and Zoom, would you have believed me? Well...here we are beginning another year apart, and it's both painful and tiresome. It is my hope that each of your units and small groups have managed to meet either together or via Zoom at some point during this past year. It was easier during the summer when we could be outside, wasn't it?

As we begin 2022, I want to encourage each one of us to remain steadfast United Methodist Women, and here are some ideas of how to achieve that goal. First, I hope you have registered for Assembly 2022. You can still do that virtually by going to the website <https://assembly2022.org/> and enrolling for on-line delivery. Secondly, make your pledge to your local unit. Third, answer a call to serve as an officer if you can, be it locally, on the District Team, or at the conference level. (We're looking for three officers for the Crater Lake District Team!). Fourth, attend meetings whether in person or on line whenever you can.

Our Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26, via Zoom. This is for the safe being of all of us. It will be from 10 am to 12 noon and your registration form is here in the newsletter. Look for more information coming soon.

I invite you to contact me if you ever need to do so using email or by phone:

[lee.char@msn.com](mailto:lee.char@msn.com)  
541-344-4085

*Charlotte Sutton,*  
President, Crater Lake District

Our guest speakers for this year's Every Member Enrichment Event are James and Allen Walungembe.

James and Allen have started the Mother's and Children's Medical Clinic (MCMC) in their area of Uganda. They have created the clinic from the ground up, while living in Eugene with their five children. James currently works at Lane Community College in Financial Aid and Allen is working as a nurse's aid while she studies to become a registered nurse.

Both Allen and James have worked to create an amazing staff to run MCMC back in their home country and community. They have big dreams and hopes for the future of this work.

### Every Member Enrichment Event Offering

Since we are once again meeting by Zoom only, we can't take an in-person offering. You can give as you normally would at an in-person meeting by using this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXD8/campaign/C-11VGC>

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My name is Charlotte Park, chair of the Committee on Nominations.

She, in the absence of the president, chairs the District meetings.

Welcome to the news of Crater Lake District of United Methodist Women

**Our Treasurer position is vacant.**

We have a great number of officers on our Crater Lake District Leadership Team. Our friendships expand as we spend more time on our team.

The treasurer keeps a record of the District finances, unit remittances, and District expenses. She needs to possess a basic knowledge of bookkeeping. She will receive and disburse funds with the approval of the District President and according to the approved annual budget. All unit remittances are compiled and sent to Conference Treasurer quarterly.

All members of the Leadership Team become knowledgeable of the organizational form, the PURPOSE and Mission of United Methodist Women, and the involvement of each member to perform the responsibilities of her position. All elected leaders are encouraged to participate in the District’s Leadership Team meetings and general gatherings.

She makes itemized reports to the Leadership Team at regularly scheduled District meetings. She coordinates the budget and pledge for the following year with the finance team.

**Our Committee on Nominations:**

She ensures an annual audit of the District books is completed yearly. A copy of the District’s annual audit is sent to the Oregon-Idaho Conference treasurer and District president. Annual audits are kept ‘forever.’

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**Our Membership Nurture and Outreach position is vacant.**

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Our Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach is an integral part of the District Team and must work harmoniously with the Team in planning District events. She may establish prayer pals, birthday remembrances, new member introductions or other team nurturing activities. She is responsible for training MN&O officers in local units; assisting and revitalizing struggling units; and developing district units. She will encourage membership at the local level. She leads the Shepherding program (visitations to local units by District Officers). She attends every District event and Leadership Team meeting to the best of her ability. She visits local units as possible. She is responsible for the memorial service at the Annual Meeting.

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On our Crater Lake District Leadership Team 2021 – 2022 we have several positions vacant at this time:

**Our Program Planner is vacant.**

The program planner leads this Team as they plan programs for the year. She uses the resources available to challenge, encourage, and support the women of the District. She chairs the Program Planning meeting comprised of the Leadership Team.

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## Education & Interpretation Joyce Barber



## Nominations, Cont.

We as United Methodist Women are asked to be involved with local missions involving women, children, and youth. We pledge to provide financial support for missions through Undesignated Mission Giving. This involves missions locally and globally.

United Methodist Women not only receive pledges and donations from individual members and local member organizations, but also from mission partners and anonymous donors who have the heart for mission.

Nearly 90 National Mission Institutions are empowering women, caring for children, educating youth, housing the neglected, advocating for social justice issues, creating economic opportunities and changing neighborhoods.

In our Purpose of the United Methodist Women it states that we are to ‘expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries if the church.’”

*Joyce Barber,*  
Mission Coordinator for  
Education and Interpretation

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### **Our Communications position is vacant.**

The communications person prepares three full newsletters each year with articles from each of the District Leadership Team members (except secretary) and information on upcoming District events. She also may prepare a short two or three page news sheet in months when a full newsletter is not sent out. She maintains a mailing list of all those who receive the newsletters including local unit officers, District Team members, Conference Team members, local pastors, and any women who want a copy via email.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact one of the members of the Committee on Nominations.

*Charlotte Park*  
Chair, Committee on Nominations  
541-772-6210

### **Ways to Stay Connected:**



Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women – [umoi.org/umw](http://umoi.org/umw)

United Methodist Women – [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org)

Video Resources – [www.youtube.com/user/UMWomen](http://www.youtube.com/user/UMWomen)

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/UMWomen](http://www.facebook.com/UMWomen) - Like, Comment & Follow us

<https://www.facebook.com/CraterLakeDistrictUMW>

Twitter – [www.twitter.com/UMWomen](http://www.twitter.com/UMWomen)





### The Holy One is With Us

Before you read through this devotional, please take the time to read through **Matthew 14: 22-33**.

Recently I watched Rick Stevens on Oregon Public Broadcasting. In these episodes, he was exploring Rome and the Vatican City. Learning about St Peter's Cathedral and the Christian history around that space made the lives of the people in Matthew 14:22-33 come alive for me.

Like the people in Matthew 14, our lives are fraught with change and challenge during what we call 'normal times.' We have to constantly navigate the in-between places, the crossing-over places. And then there is the chaos and the stress (with its henchman, fear) that threatens to overtake us all the time. This is part of the drama of simply being human. The good news is that we know the Holy One is stronger than chaos and has the power to make the seas lie down and to tread upon the deep.

This is none other than our God made manifest most fully to us in Jesus the Christ. And Jesus is also the one who sees and knows all that you are facing in

your life. Jesus knows where you need to cross over. Jesus knows your giftedness and strength and what you have sacrificed. Jesus sees your pain. Jesus knows your confusion. Jesus yearns to be close to you in your loneliness and grieves as you grieve.

Amid the changes and challenges of life, Jesus draws near, sees you, and speaks to you, saying, "Don't be afraid..... I AM. I am with you."

Let us pray.

*O Holy One, you are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. You are the creator of all that is, yet you care about me and about my life and my challenges. You believe in me. Help me believe in you. Amen.*

*Sheryl Adeylott*

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth



## Resource Room Manager Beverly Douglas



## Treasurer's Article Kirsten Allam

Dear Ladies:

I would hope that you have found books to read this last year that met what you were looking for, challenge you to new ideas, and that were a source of hope.

Some books help us be more aware and advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration, and racism.

The reading program guide is available at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogramcatalog2021.pdf>

You may obtain Reading Program books through libraries, local bookstores and online.

Most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices. For ebooks free of charge, check your local library, Google eBookstore, Project Gutenberg, or Open Library.

I like to hear what others have learned from their reading so I'm giving you an opportunity to share the name of a book during the February 26<sup>th</sup> EMEE Zoom meeting. Think about what you've read and jot the title down. How did it affect your awareness?

If you have completed the United Methodist Reading Program, please email me your name & program level. Regular mail is accepted too.

Thank You!  
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Happy New Year! May 2022 be a year filled with new opportunities and inspirations to help our United Methodist Women units grow in new directions! Despite the challenges of the last couple of years we continue to grow and learn.

I am delighted to let you know that our Pledge to Mission to the Oregon-Idaho Conference for 2021 of \$20,000 was well exceeded. With gratitude to our good Lord and the determination of our United Methodist Women, units our pledge to mission for 2021 was \$28,916.61!

To the treasurers who either continue to serve their units or to those stepping into a new position: thank you! Up to date forms and 2021-2024 United Methodist Women Handbook Funding the Mission for Local Treasurers can be found on the United Methodist Women website at: ([www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)).

Each unit treasurer needs to complete an annual audit and make sure the district treasurer and your unit president receives a copy of your audit.

It has been my privilege to serve on the district team. I look forward to seeing all of you at a gathering soon whether it be in person or via Zoom.

Blessings to one & all of you,

*Blessings,  
Kirsten Allam*

*Ed. Thank you to Kirsten for serving as our Treasurer for the last six years. Kirsten is no longer Treasurer, but she agreed to write this article to update us on our Pledge, etc. We are still looking for a District Treasurer. Please contact a member of the Committee on Nominations if you are willing to fill this important role.*





Happy New Year to all of our United Methodist Women unit members.

I just had my training for a new position (Social Action) on the Crater Lake District Team. It is an honor to serve on this committee.

I have learned that there are three Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women priorities for 2022:

- Native American Land Acknowledgment
- Climate Justice: Just Energy for All Campaign
- Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration: Interrupt the School to Prison Pipeline Campaign

I have done some research into the first and last issues because I didn't know much about either of them.

First, our Conference would love us to present "Acts of Repentance with Native American Peoples: A Reflection." This is a study by Cynthia Rives. The website is [www.unitedmethodistwomenorg/new/acts-of-repentance-with](http://www.unitedmethodistwomenorg/new/acts-of-repentance-with). I plan on presenting this study to my unit soon.

Second, School to Prison Pipeline is a very important issue to me as a former educator. The website is [umw.org/school-to-prison-pipeline-bible-study](http://umw.org/school-to-prison-pipeline-bible-study). There is a 2-page document that explains the excessive suspensions and expulsions of African

American students and Native American youth. We are encouraged to support the Federal Bill, Ending Pushout Act of 2021 (HR2248). More than 1,000 United Methodist Women members and friends took action to support the Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act.

In addition to the 2 priorities, I want to consider another issue that we have studied in the past - Human Trafficking. It has been shared in many units. Since we are located on the I-5 corridor, this is also a very important issue to study.

Again, I suggest having an Act of Repentance Program at one of your unit meetings. This Conference priority and the School-to-Prison Pipeline will be studied in many units for the next several years.

I intend to study more about all of these issues so that I can relate ideas to you for your use as programs this year.

I would like to hear from you. My e-mail address is [wthcjhnova@q.com](mailto:wthcjhnova@q.com).

You are all amazing women! You study, learn, and give so much to others around you in the world.

Sincerely,  
*Carolyn Hartzell*  
Mission Coordinator for Social Action



## **PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women**

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.

### **Living The Vision**

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

**Be sure to read the latest edition of the  
United Methodist Women Oregon-Idaho Conference  
Newsletter "Our Two Cents."**

**It contains interesting and informative articles.**

[Click here for your copy.](#)

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2022**

February 26: Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event

May 20-22: National Assembly 2022: May 20-22

July 14-16 and July 28-30: Mission u

September 17: Crater Lake District Annual Meeting

October 21: District Leadership Training Event in Boise, ID

October 22: Oregon-Idaho Conference Annual Meeting in Boise, ID

### **2024**

April: United Methodist Women's Western Jurisdiction Meeting in Anchorage, AK

