

United Methodist Women - Oregon-Idaho Conference

Crater Lake District Messenger

September 2021

United Methodist Women Crater Lake District Annual Meeting by Zoom September 25, 2021 - 10:00-12:00

Because of the Covid Pandemic, we will have a virtual meeting 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.

2021 Zoom Annual Meeting Registration Form

Registration Deadline - Friday, September 24

One registration form per person, please

Please note: You will NOT receive a link to the Zoom meeting unless you are registered!

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name _____ Phone Number _____

Your Unit/Church _____

Your Email Address _____

I will be joining using:

my computer/tablet/smart phone _____

dial in only phone _____

Send registration to Kirsten Allam, 5235 Mallard Circle SW, Albany OR 97321

or Email the information to k.allam@comcast.net

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





Greetings everyone from your Crater Lake team! Like so many of you, we have continued to meet via Zoom as the danger of face to face meetings grows once again. Thus it is that the board has voted to hold the District Annual Meeting by Zoom once again. You are all invited to register for the meeting and to join us on September 25th at 10:00am to celebrate the past year, to install new officers and to remember those who have passed away in the last year. It is my hope that all of you will join us at that time! If you know someone who doesn't Zoom, perhaps you could invite them to join you as you participate in the meeting.

The Oregon/Idaho Annual Meeting is also being held on Zoom. The date for that is Saturday, October 16th, also (probably) at 10:00am. This is the last year for our president Becky Warren, and many new officers will be installed.

Looking into the future, we are coming up on time for the national Assembly. It is to be held in Orlando, Florida in May of 2022. Our conference has reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Rosen Plaza, so if you are planning to attend, you can call and reserve a room. The early registration fee is \$330 with early registration starting on September 1 and ending on November 30. Assembly information is available at Assembly2022.org and not through UMW.org.

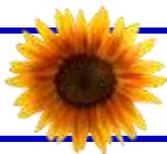
As we come into the fall of the year, I hope that we can begin to meet together in person to reconnect with each other and to begin to heal ourselves and our units. Being a United Methodist Woman is important in our lives and I wish for each one of you a fruitful and blessed fall. I pray we will be together again soon!

Charlotte Sutton
President

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*John 15:10-12 "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Creator's commandments and abide in her love. These things I have spoken to you that my **joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be full. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'"*

The headlines in the news these days are definitely alarming. We read of the extreme drought contributing to devastating fires. Complete towns are wiped out. Farmers are concerned about their crops. The Covid virus continues to run rampant throughout the world. New strands of the virus appear and once again we are thrust into taking extreme measures to try to stay free of getting sick. The list of crises' can go on and on. Finding ways to experience **joy** can be extremely challenging.

I recently received a picture from my daughter-in-law, My, living in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The picture is of a sweet syrup that she is making. After simmering the syrup a specific time, she allows it to cool and then must refrigerate it for 2 weeks before pouring it over her 'moon cakes.' These special treats are enjoyed with green tea during the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, called Tet Trung Thu in Vietnamese. Every Vietnamese child dreams about an amazing celebration with their own brightly lit lantern and a tummy full of moon cakes. The Moon Festival is also known as the 'Children's Festival.' This year, the festival will occur on September 21. My is starting early preparing the syrup for her moon cakes and will share them with family, friends, and our son's students. This marks a **joyous** occasion when they are thankful the work is finished, the crops are gathered, and there's time to spend with loved ones. Our Vietnamese family call this their Thanksgiving.

The Jewish people observe a similar celebration called Sukkot. commonly known as The Feast of Tabernacles. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection God provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. Sukkot is a time of **joy** with music, dancing and singing.

In the book of John, Chapter 7, we read about the Feast of Tabernacles. At this time in the story, Jesus was reluctant to participate openly in the Feast. While Jesus was going about doing great things and teaching, there were many who questioned who he was. Seems there was as much controversy then as there is today.

Joy and celebration have been a part of the lives of people throughout history. Cultures all over our world find reasons to celebrate and be joyful. As each of us live the days of our lives may we find ways to be joyful amidst whatever we may be experiencing.

Let us pray: Gracious God, source of our joy. Give each of us the heart to experience hope as we go through these stressful days. Help each of us reach out to You for comfort, peace and joy. In the name of Your Son, the Christ Jesus, Amen.

Scripture for personal study:

I Chronicles 16:26-27, 32-34

Psalms 16:11; 20:4-5; 30:4-5; 63:6-7; 95:1-2

Romans 15:13

Galatians 5:22-23

James 1:2

And John, Chapter 7, of course.

Sheryl Aydelott

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth





Choices!

It's available!!!!

<http://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

Healing and Joy on our Journey to (with) God

Program Resource, M3357 \$10



The 2021–2022 Program Resource will focus on finding healing and joy in many areas of our lives, guided by those many in the scriptures who felt a similar need to find healing and joy in the midst of transition and hardship.

Given the events of the last year, our first three months will focus on finding God's healing and joy in the midst of grief and loss—whether that's throwing big parties to celebrate returning to church like Nehemiah did, or quietly connecting with our ancestors' strength. The second quarter will delve into our mission commitments such as ending the school-to-prison-pipeline and climate justice through our attention to just energy for all. The third quarter will explore finding healing and joy in our meaning-making and search for personal growth, while the final quarter will focus on finding healing and joy as we move into the future, and consider how we will share the gospel of United Methodist Women's spiritual and justice work and discomfort ourselves with change to make great new things with God possible.

New This Year: This past year we have learned that we, the United Methodist Women, can be much more creative than we knew, so each session (now helpfully organized into four quarters by season) will have options for in-person or online gathering, and devotions and questions that are appropriate for personal study, sharing with one neighbor or friend, or for discussion in large groups. Ideas on how to “Take the Next Most Faithful Step” close each

program, suggesting ways you can put the ideas discussed here into action right now.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

Goals: I appreciate the reading program: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. I look through the listings of offered books, make out my goal list, and along the way new information comes my way so my completed list is different from my goal list. The following are locations that can provide you additional reading program resources.

United Methodist Women Faith Talks: United Methodist Women's new podcast series Faith Talks can now be counted in the category of Spiritual Growth. You must participate in or listen to two Faith Talks podcasts. If you participate in or listen to three, it will be counted as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks>

The following video movies will also count toward the Reading Program:

Just Mercy, The Hate U Give, Pushout.

(www.umoi.org, UMW Search, Our 2 Cents, Spring issue)

Challenge: Would you be willing to share the resources you utilize? This would be authors and titles of books you have read within the United Methodist Women's reading program as well as books you have read outside of the offered lists. There are many good authors of novels that creatively weave a story addressing leadership, community and social issues. Also please share topics of podcasts you've found informative.

I also wanted to offer the National Library Service as a location to receive good information. You may know someone that can benefit.

Reading is fundamental to all!

Thank you!

Beverly Douglas,

Mission Resources

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Position	Continuing in Office	Nominees
President	Charlotte Sutton	
Program Planner		<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary		Jeannie Boese
Treasurer (beginning 1/1/22)		<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary of Communications		<i>Vacant</i>
Resource Room Manager	Bev Douglas	
Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation		Joyce Barber
Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach		<i>Vacant</i>
Mission Coordinator for Social Action		<i>Vacant</i>
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth	Sheryl Aydelott	
Chair of Committee on Nominations		Charlotte Park
Nominating Committee	Karen Long	
		Sharon Smith
		Shirley Leisinger

*Continuing in office for a 2nd term

Appointed Positions: Sharon Smith and Judy Brown, Communications Committee



What a year we have had! With hopeful anticipation we look forward to meeting in person again, only to have this pandemic evolving and lingering. So be well my friends and with God's grace we will get together in person next year!

We have found creative new ways to see each other and to raise funds towards Mission. Please join us at the Crater Lake District Annual Meeting September 25th via Zoom! We can all get together with the help of technology!

Our Pledge to Mission funds are needed just as much now as they have ever been needed to aid women, youth, and children here in the United States and around the world. Together we can make a difference, not only in our own communities, but in places this pandemic has hit harder.

Blessings,
Kirsten Allam
Treasurer



At our Annual Meeting to be held via Zoom on September 25, we will remember those of our members who have passed away in the last year. Please send the names of all women in your unit who have passed away since September 26, 2020, along with the name of your unit, to Jeannie Boese, jboeseumw@charter.net by September 15 (last minute additions may be sent until September 24). District President Charlotte Sutton will read all of the names during the Annual Meeting.



CRATER LAKE DISTRICT		Proposed
2022 Proposed Budget		2022
Leadership Operating Expense:		
Planning Meetings		\$ 50.00
Postage		\$ 75.00
Printing (Directory & Newsletter)		\$ 75.00
Office Supplies		\$ 75.00
Program resource		\$ 75.00
Audit		\$ 450.00
Leadership Recognition		\$ 150.00
President to Annual Conference		\$ 500.00
Gift to Mission Cards		\$ 50.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00
Membership Development:		
Legislative Event		\$ 300.00
Mission u		\$ 1,500.00
Mission u Scholarships		\$ 500.00
District Unit Shepherding		\$ 200.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,500.00
Enrichment Events:		
Leadership Training (EMEE)		\$ 1,300.00
Young Women's Event		\$ -
UMW Conference Annual Meeting		\$ 350.00
District Annual Meeting		\$ 1,000.00
Contingency Fund		\$ 50.00
Dependent Care		\$ 50.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,750.00
	TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET	\$ 6,750.00
Quadrennial Event Fund*		\$ 800.00
		\$ 7,550.00
2022 Pledge to Mission:		\$ 30,000.00

This proposed budget and the proposed Pledge to Mission will be voted on at our Annual Meeting to be held on September 25 via Zoom.

Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women
Annual Meeting
Awake to Love and Serve – Empowering Women



*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

-Isaiah 43: 18, 19a

Saturday, October 16, 2021

9 am -11-15 am PDT; 10 am-12:15 am MDT

Due to ongoing concerns about the pandemic, re-opening of churches (including ability to serve food), and host housing, we have made the difficult decision to again be totally virtual. Thank you for your understanding in these uncertain times.

Our program this year is very timely as we focus increasingly on the issues women face both globally and locally. Members of United Methodist Women can empower other women through our Mission Giving. Learn about the many ways this happens through this year's program - *Empowering Women Through Mission Giving*.

Here is the link to register:

[REGISTER](#)

An email will be sent on Monday, **October 11**, with an agenda, copies of the items we will be voting on, and the Zoom link. If you do not receive the email, check your *Junk* or *Spam* folder. If it is not there, or if you have any questions or problems, please contact either:

Janelle Bolt - janelle@busyhands.biz or 503-538-9401

or

Gayle Woods – gaylewoods5964@msn.com or 208-571-0945

District Leadership Training Event (DLTE) will be virtual as well, and will be arranged separately by each leadership position.

Registration information is also available on our web page: <https://www.umoi.org/umw>



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 2021 Summer 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

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| September 1 | Registration for National Assembly Opens |
| September 25 | Crater Lake District Annual Meeting via Zoom |
| October 16 | Conference Annual Meeting via Zoom |

2022

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| May 20-22 | National Assembly, Orlando, Florida |
| October 21-22 | Oregon/Idaho Annual Meeting |

