



**OREGON IDAHO CONFERENCE**  
**OUR TWO CENTS**  
 Recalling our legacy of “two cents a week and a prayer”  
 Continuing our mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century




**Purpose**

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.

**Important Dates to Remember**

**March**

- 5** Sage District Every Member Enrichment Event
- 12** Columbia District EMEE
- 15** Deadline for Gertrude Boyd Crane Scholarship applications

**April**

- 15** – Deadline for Zimmerman Trust Grant applications
- 15** – Deadline for Charter for Racial Justice Award nominations
- 23** – Columbia/Cascade Districts Spiritual Retreat

**May**

- 20-22** – UM Women Assembly in Orlando FL

**You can always find the complete Conference Calendar with updates on our website at:**  
<https://www.umoi.org/calendarofevents>

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## Reflections from our Conference President

One of the privileges that I have as your Oregon Idaho United Methodist Women Conference President is being the chair of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee. United Methodist Women is and has always been deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice. As outlined in the Charter for Racial Justice (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter>), United Methodist Women are continually working to eliminate all forms of institutional racism; to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community; to support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in the church and community, and much more.

I rejoice that United Methodist Women celebrate the diversity of God's good creation. As a sisterhood of grace, we are called together by a shared mission: faith, hope, and love in action. We believe that all are God's beloved children.

As United Methodist Women of Idaho and Oregon, we need to recognize racism as a great sin and a clear rejection of God's teaching. We must continually commit ourselves to working for racial justice, which is demanding, challenging, and requires a long-term commitment. I have spent the last two years listening to the stories and experiences of people of color. I am on the journey of learning the unsettling truths of racial injustices in our society and discovering ways to advocate for racial justice. The more that I educate myself about racism and struggle to learn how to become an anti-racist, the more I find that I don't know. Working toward dismantling racism has become a life-long commitment for me.

We are blessed with many United Methodist Women resources to help us on our journey of understanding and dismantling racism. Here is a sampling of the myriad of resources available:

1. Books from the UMW Reading List:

~ [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo

*Free on-line course :*

[http://umw.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em\\_id=4991.0&dlv\\_id=8777](http://umw.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=4991.0&dlv_id=8777)

~[How to Be an Anti-Racist](#) by Ibram X. Kendi

~[Great Small Things](#) by Jodi Picoult

~[Hidden Figures](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly

Faith Talk Podcast: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks> Scroll down to find: **Dismantling Racism**

Racial Justice Timeline Booklet: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rjtimeline>

2. United Methodist Women partner organizations working on social justice websites:

~Justice for our Neighbors:<https://njfon.org/>

~Southern Poverty Law Center: <https://www.splcenter.org/> (continued on p3)

- 3. Response Magazine article: “Beyond Good Intentions: Cultivating an Antiracist White Identity”<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/beyond-good-intentions-cultivating-an-antiracist>
- 4. UMW Press releases:  
 “Remembering Native American Victims of US Boarding Schools”  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/remembering-native-american-victims-of-u-s-schools>

“UMW Board Affirms: Black Lives Matter To God”

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/united-methodist-women-board-affirms-black-lives-matter-to-god> Please join with me in committing to work toward elimination of racism at all levels: individual, interpersonal, institutional, cultural and systemic. My prayer is that God will strengthen our Oregon- Idaho United Methodist Women, give us the courage to move out of our comfort zones, and give us the tenacity to do the difficult work of dismantling racism. Together, with God as our guide, we can make a difference!

In Solidarity,  
*Chris Mitchell*  
 Conference President  
 United Methodist Women

### Ways to Stay Connected

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



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

Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women on Facebook – *Like, Comment and Follow us*



## Mission U

### SAVE THE DATE!

Mission u for 2022 will be held virtually July 14 (Thursday) to 16 (Saturday) and July 29 (Friday) to July 31 (Sunday). There is a new look to the Mission u curricula. We are still committed to spiritual growth, justice and to national and global social issues. We are integrating these commitments into one curriculum. There will be two study leaders at each event so there will be smaller class size enabling more discussion. Hopefully working women will be able to attend the week-end session.

The title **Who Can We be Together? Building Communities of Hope and Joy** is based on the study of Luke 13. We find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.



Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Mission U is a time of learning. Through our study we are engaged with other women as we reflect on how scripture can lead us into action that can change lives and transform the world.

Our learning impacts how we live and serve locally and globally.

There is no cost for Mission u. Everyone will have the opportunity to share in giving an offering online. You can also register for both weekends with a different study leader each time. The Conference United Methodist Women are glad to facilitate this educational and spiritual experience.

Watch for the Registration Forms in the next newsletter and on our website at: <https://www.umoi.org/umwmissionu>.

## Change coming to United Methodist Women

In Luke 9:23-27, 57-62, there are a series of conversations with Jesus that just don't make a lot of sense to me. "Save your life to only lose it," "let the dead bury the dead," "no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God?" But with help (a lot of it!!) I've come to understand that perhaps some of the things that have really helped me stay on the path of following Jesus, maybe need some tweaking, some course correction. New Wineskins, the on-line course that is being offered to United Methodist Women, is a metaphor of Jesus' in Mark 2:21-22 where he prepares people for big changes that are coming by explaining that new times require new ways of doing things—tweaking, course correction.

Here are three new electronic tools being offered to us to prepare for the coming changes.

The future of United Methodist Women:

I invite you to watch this short YouTube on the future of United Methodist Women. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukIY8sFS40>

**Thrive**, is a new electronic resource for inspiring ideas to nurture your mind, body, and spirit. This publication is new this past year and it is hoped each issue will bring you

inspiration, grace, and renewal to your everyday moments. This link below will take you to a registration place where you can view past issues and sign up to receive future issues.

<https://mailchi.mp/2a633b980c31/thrive-with-umw-5378518?e=cad0a45d35>

**Mighty Networks** is the new United Methodist Women Digital Resources. This is being billed as a member resource for local programming and transformative education. It is a creative, supportive fellowship where you can access the program resources and Mission U curricula as well as connect with United Methodist Women. Log on to the link below to register. There is no cost to register and the first two programs in the Program Book, "Healing and Joy on our Journey" are free.

[https://united-methodist-women.mn.co/?invite\\_token=af79ff2a700d8ee4b0562a9cc42c8761](https://united-methodist-women.mn.co/?invite_token=af79ff2a700d8ee4b0562a9cc42c8761)

God is calling us to change, and we know we can't put new wine into old wineskins. Are you preparing your heart and mind for change?

Blessings, Dixie Jacky PAG Representative

## LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND



Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Legacy Endowment Fund during the year 2021. I haven't received our

Oregon-Idaho Conference totals yet but the end-of-year total for the Fund was \$39,180,955. Please note that this total reflects changes due to the current stock market conditions. We are getting closer to our final goal of \$60,000,000!

Our Conference has focused on adding Legacy Builders (\$18.69 a month). At this time we have 15. If you become a Legacy Builder,

please let me know so that I can add your name to the list.

We have another opportunity to give during our March 23rd Day of Giving. This is a live event and you can join at this link: <https://fb.me/eTp00GXU9>. Invite your friends and family to also join this exciting event on Facebook.

Are you attending Assembly? If so, you can attend the first Legacy Banquet held at Assembly. To make that reservation, go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacybanquet](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacybanquet).

I hope to see many of you over Zoom at the district EMEE's this spring. May God continue to bless the work of United Methodist Women and continue to bless all of you as you put your faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth everywhere.

Blessings,  
Lory Nesser  
Legacy Liason



## Embracing the Future



Embrace the future for women, children, and youth by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund on Day of Giving, March 23.

Our members continue to put their faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth in our communities and around the world. On Day of Giving, March 23, you can ensure that future generations of women can continue this vital legacy.

Join us for the [Live Facebook Event](#) on March 23 to find out how your gifts are being put to use.

WAYS TO GIVE • Online at: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150) • By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Mon.–Fri.) • Text: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area • By check to: United Methodist Women Attn: Legacy 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor New York, NY 10115 Write “Day of Giving” in the memo section.

Download the poster at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/day-of-giving>

## From Turella Woods, MN&O Coordinator

### Have a Question Regarding UMW?

Do you hold an office or a coordinator position and have questions you would like to ask a “seasoned” UMW member? Are you looking for new ideas for programs, recruitment or fundraising? Please join the Oregon-Idaho Conference UMW Forum each month. We meet on Zoom the first Monday of each month from 2-3 PST and 3-4 MST. It is a wonderful place to not only ask



questions but hear some ideas on new programs, membership and fundraising ideas.

If you are interested in receiving a reminder each month with the link, please contact Turella Woods at [turellaw@gmail.com](mailto:turellaw@gmail.com). We will be meeting February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6.

### A Few Reminders

The Healthy Vital Unit forms were due January 31, 2022. If you still need to send them in, please mail them to Maralyn Wells if you are in the Sage District, Sharon Perez for Cascadia

District, Lydia Henry for Columbia and Charlotte Sutton in the Crater Lake District. The Annual Survey that each unit is asked to participate will be launched in April. You will be sent more information soon.

### How is it Going Shepherdess?



The Shepherdess program is an opportunity for members of your district leadership team to support your unit as a “friend”. The Program increases communication by sharing updates and opportunities and offers valuable problem-solving resources.

Each unit has been assigned someone who is willing to communicate with unit officers, attend a unit meeting, present a devotion, give

a workshop, offer a prayer, or conduct an installation. Shepherdesses are to be in touch with assigned units at least once a year, but each unit can contact its Shepherdess anytime. Assignments are in your district directory. Communication is such an important part of United Methodist Women, and I encourage you to contact the Shepherdess assigned your unit if you haven't been hearing from the woman assigned to your unit.



## Western Jurisdiction Information

From

Lynda Montgomery  
Chair of the Jurisdiction  
Committee on Nominations.

I serve on the United Methodist Women's Western Jurisdiction Leadership team as the Committee on Nominations chair. Some frequent questions that I have been asked are: What is a "jurisdiction"? What is a "Quadrennial Event"? What is the Jurisdictional leadership team responsible for? I will attempt to answer those questions.

The United Methodist Church in the United States is divided into 5 jurisdictions. The Oregon Idaho Conference is a part of the Western Jurisdiction, which consists of the 8 western most conferences.

The Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Women has a meeting that happens once every four years. This meeting is called the Quadrennial Event. The Quadrennial Event is where we elect women to serve on the United Methodist Women's national board of directors, and the Program Advisory Group (PAG). The directors and the Program Advisory Group are the groups where major decisions and policies are made to carry out the PURPOSE.

The Jurisdiction Team's main responsibility is for the planning and the implementation the **Quadrennial** Event (meeting). Our Western Jurisdiction leadership team is

comprised of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, committee on nominations chair and (4) members of the committee on nominations. In addition to helping with the planning of the Quadrennial Event, the nominations committee is responsible for finding women to serve on the next leadership team.

As chair of the Nominations Committee, it's my job, along with the members on my committee, to locate women who are interested in serving. We do this by asking women to fill out a profile form. The committee on nominations goes over all the profile forms and chooses to ask women to serve because of their expertise, knowledge and experience with United Methodist Women.

**Our nominations team is actively collecting profiles forms. Please fill out a form - you can download it [HERE](#). Filling out a profile form is not a commitment to serving on the Jurisdiction.**

If you have any questions, please fill free to email (dynomont\_3@msn) or call me (208-317-7196).

Lynda Montgomery, Chair of the Jurisdiction  
Committee on Nominations

## Program Ideas

Among the offerings at Assembly 2022 are workshops on topics such as journaling, encountering God through artistic expression, reading the Bible with the poor or facilitating Bible study. President Chris and I have been talking about offering one-time, special interest virtual gatherings or trainings similar to these within our conference.

Are you experienced at creating a worship center? Developing a meaningful worship time? Leading a book study? Creating a catchy flyer? Story-telling? Self-care? Social Action and Faith? Meditation?

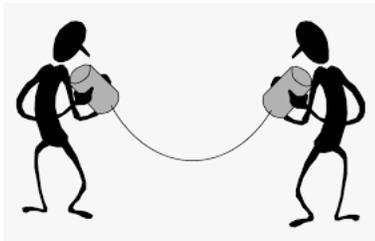
- Would you be interested in teaching others?
- Would you be interested in participating in one?
- Are there some particular subjects that interest you?

Email me and let me know what you think: [gaylewoods5964@msn.com](mailto:gaylewoods5964@msn.com).

Gayle Woods, Conference Vice President



## Communications



In addition to the quarterly newsletter (such as this one), we have

been sending out “e-blasts,” single-topic emails about time-sensitive information or opportunities. We also have a website ([www.umoi.org/umw](http://www.umoi.org/umw)), and a Facebook page that is updated several times a week.

Are you aware of and utilizing these options for learning more about United Methodist

Women at the district, conference, and national levels?

What do you find most helpful?

What would be a better way for us to share information with you and others in your unit or your church?

**We really need your input!** Please share your thoughts with:

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