



OREGON IDAHO CONFERENCE

OUR TWO CENTS

Recalling our legacy of “two cents a week and a prayer”
Continuing our mission in the 21st 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

- 6 Crater Lake District EMEE – Virtual Event
- 20 Sage District EMEE – Virtual Event
- 12-13 Conference Leadership Team – Virtual Meeting
- 20 Columbia District EMEE – Virtual Event

April

- 10 Columbia/Cascadia Dist Spiritual Retreat - Virtual Event

May

No Events Scheduled

June

- 20-24 UMC Greater NW Annual Conference - Virtual Event

July

- 9-11 Idaho Mission u, Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, Idaho
- 16-17 Oregon Mission u, Montavilla UMC, Portland, Oregon
- 30-31 Oregon Mission u, Albany UMC, Albany, Oregon

You can always find the complete Conference Calendar with updates on our website at: <http://www.umi.org/caledarofevents>

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REFLECTIONS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



United Methodist Women are making strides in challenging times. The virtual Leadership Development Days (LDD) is a prime example of overcoming travel constraints and bringing 700 women together for meaningful worship, extensive training, and counterpart networking. From our Home Prayer Spaces we prayed, listened, and learned.

Enveloped in the theme “Anchored, Adrift, Ashore” based on Acts 27 - Paul’s hazardous journey to Rome, we listened to Deaconess Garlinda Barton preach, “When we are at God’s work, we will be in trouble.” She alluded to the late Representative John Lewis when she said, “Paul was in good trouble.” And he, like us, when we step out into Brave Space, are likely to end up adrift from “earthly anchors.”

During the pandemic our earthly anchors have given way but we have been called to “stand in hard times” and we can do that because we are “anchored in God’s love.” And when we respond to that love, “we rock the boat”!

Every conference in the United States had at least 5 women at LDD! We learned that the goal of the “new wineskins” campaign is to recruit new women irrespective of age. How? Yes, we can tell our story but we also need to ask women what they want and need from United Methodist Women. We must listen. Be more open to new words, i.e., “community ministries” instead of “mission”. Empower newcomers. Learn about the Generational Historical Lens through which women of varying ages view the world and communicate. Look for commonalities. Remember that entrenched ideas and practices squelch creativity and obstruct growth.

Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary, United Methodist Women, reminded us that we are called “to make a new way” and that “there is not a GPS for us to follow in this moment.” We do have companions, among whom is God. We must overcome barriers to work together, to jettison tools not worth saving, and to accept a challenge of living in a household economy where responsibilities undergird rights, where people love deeply, and where we are encouraged that Paul, in spite of the hazards he encountered, came ashore in Malta and finally arrived in Rome.

Our Purpose and existing practices challenge us to learn and work together, to live simply, and to love expansively. We can:

- *Read books from the Reading Program. Get into good trouble.*
- *Attend a district Every Member Enrichment Event. Step out into Brave Space.*
- *Write legislators, protest, sign up for webinars on Just Energy 4 All, De-Colonizing the Church, Faith Talks,...Stand in hard times.*
- *Go to Mission u. Get anchored in God’s love.*
- *Join the Charter for Racial Justice Book Group and confront the foothold of white supremacy and the meaning of antiracism. Rock the boat.*
- *Make a personal pledge to mission. Be at God’s work.*

Amen,
Becky Warren
President

IN CELEBRATION
BLACK HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY
WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH

Theresa Hoover
Chief Executive Officer
Women’s Division
General Board of Global Ministries
United Methodist Church
1968-1990



Theresa Hoover was the first African-American chief executive of United Methodist Women’s national policymaking body. An outspoken advocate for women and children, she was the leader of the Women’s Division from 1968 to 1990.

During Hoover’s leadership, United Methodist Women’s membership rolls totaled 1.2 million. While other Christian faith-based women’s groups were losing financial and organizational autonomy at that time, under the leadership of Hoover, United Methodist Women grew in membership and retained its separate status.

One of five children of James C. Hoover and Rissie Vaughn, Ms. Hoover was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on September 7, 1925. After her mother’s death, when she was still a small child, Theresa and her siblings were reared by her father, a city hospital orderly. When Ms. Hoover was refused attendance at the segregated high school, her father sent her to high school in Texas, where she lived with an aunt.

She returned to Arkansas to study business administration at Philander Smith College, where she received her bachelor’s degree in 1946 and began working with the Little Rock Methodist Council. Two years later she joined the staff of the Woman’s Division of Christian Service as a field worker, a job that took her into the denomination’s segregated central jurisdiction, conducting leadership development and training events with district and conference groups and helping women organize local units. She earned a master’s degree from New York University’s Steinhardt School in 1962, and in 1968 was elected chief executive of the

Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, becoming the first African-American woman to hold the position or any comparable-level post in the denomination.

Ms. Hoover chronicled the work of United Methodist Women, its predecessors and the importance of women organizing for mission in her 1983 book, *With Unveiled Face*. For 22 years Ms. Hoover served as head of the division and was an outspoken advocate for women and children. Ms. Hoover retired from Women’s Division of in 1990.

Ms. Hoover leaves behind a legacy of global citizenship. In 2004, *Ebony* magazine named her one of the 100 most influential African-American women. In 1990, United Methodist Women created the **Theresa Hoover Community Service & Global Citizenship Award**. The Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, was named for her, an exceptional honor, as few churches are named for women during their lifetimes.

"Theresa Hoover led the Women's Division during a time of great change in the newly formed United Methodist Church and in the world," said Harriett Jane Olson, chief executive officer of United Methodist Women. "Her ability to speak plainly in challenging times and regarding challenging topics, and her astute organizing enabled the women of the church to stand with her as a voice for justice and mercy rooted in faith. I join hundreds of other United Methodist Women in gratitude for her forward-looking work and witness."

Ms. Hoover died on December 21, 2013 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was 88.

About the Award

This fund was established in 1990 by the United Methodist Women (then the Women's Division) Board of Directors to honor Theresa Hoover for her service to United Methodist Women (1968-1990), The United Methodist Church and the ecumenical world. It recognizes her interest in community service and public policy and the way in which she expanded on her early experience to encompass a global view of reality and human possibility.

For further information, contact UMW Grants at grants@unitedmethodistwomen.org

ANNUAL MEETING AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT (DLTE)

19a I am about to do a new thing. .Isaiah 43:19.

While we have just begun the planning, our hope is to do a new thing: have both an in-person and a virtual gathering to accommodate our desire to gather, but also offer an option for those who prefer to not meet in person. So, save the date: Friday, October 15 (DLTE) and Saturday, October 16, 2021. And stay tuned for more information.

Gayle Woods
Vice-President

CONTINUING THE UMW CONNECTION

There are lots of ways you can be involved in United Methodist Women in these waning days of the Covid-19 crisis. For a while longer, we still need to keep a social distance, cover our mouth and noses, and wash our hands. Best way to do that is find a good book to read from the Reading Program at:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram

Another way to keep safe is to stay in and check out the monthly UMW podcasts, called Faith Talks. Go to:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks

These live (though virtual) discussions are wonderful with inspiring faith leaders and advocates of UMW programs and initiatives. Every topic is timely and relevant in these days we are all living through.

Planning is underway for National Assembly 2022, to be held in Orlando, Florida. The theme for the 2022 Assembly is **TURN IT UP!** Be sure to get May 20-22, 2022 on your calendars and know that you will come away from Assembly inspired to: **TURN IT UP!!**



- for spiritual healing & renewal
- for rebirth in a new time.
- for women leaders.
- for justice for women, children, and youth.

Information for a successful application for workshop leaders, and the link to apply, can be found below. Applications must be made by March 3, 2021.

ww2.eventrebels.com/er/CFP/OnlineSubmissionEmailLogin.jsp?CFPID=1199&Submit=Reset

Blessings,
Dixie Jacky
Program Advisory Group Member

WHERE YOUR PLEDGE MONEY GOES

United Methodist Women is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members and units who have a heart for mission. The national office is committed to good stewardship of our members' generous support.

The Five Channels of Giving show the various ways that our members give undesignated funds to our organization. When a local United Methodist Women unit gives, a portion of the Pledge to Mission is kept by their respective conference for its own district and conference administrative and membership development (A&MD) expenses. The remainder of the Pledge and the other channels of Mission Giving are forwarded to the national office. The elected Board of Directors votes on the budget each year. We support nearly 90 **National Mission Institutions** across the US serving the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities in areas of care for children, educational opportunities for youth, economic opportunities for marginalized women, and transformation of neighborhoods.

Eight **Regional Missionaries** working in Third World countries focus on issues of health, gender equality and elimination of violence among women through training programs, workshops, and strategic planning.



Major categories of how giving is at work around the world

Grants & Scholarships are given out to support international & national programs centered on social justice issues.

Scholarships are awarded to individuals like the Theresa Hoover Service and Global Citizenship Award.

In 2020 we awarded grants for COVID relief and prevention; \$189 thousand internationally and \$73 thousand nationally!

Ingrid Cook
Education & Interpretation

Ways to Stay Connected

Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Women – umoi.org/umw



United Methodist Women – unitedmethodistwomen.org
Video Resources – www.youtube.com/user/UMWomen
Social Networking Site – www.umwonlinenet



Facebook – www.facebook.com/UMWomen - Like, Comment & Follow us
Twitter – www.wittr.com/UMWomen



NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Editors Note: Through the “not always” miracles of technology, Lory’s information is floating somewhere in cyberspace and your Communications Coordinator mistakenly listed Charlotte as President of the wrong District. Ladies, please accept my apologies, and let’s all welcome these new officers to the Oregon/Idaho Conference.



Lory Nesor
Legacy Liaison

Hi -my name is Lory Nesor and I am the new Conference Legacy Liaison. I attend Whitney UMC in Boise where I am unit president and also involved in our outreach ministries. Most of my adult life was spent in Hawaii where I taught middle school. Grandchildren brought me to Boise. My involvement with United Methodist Women includes Hawaii District president, California-Pacific Conference president and Sage District Nominations. Everything about UMW brings me joy and

I want to insure it continues!



Charlotte Sutton
Crater Lake District President

In the Winter Edition of Our Two Cents, Charlotte was inadvertently listed as President of Sage District. Charlotte is President of Crater Lake District. During her twenty years in Oregon, she has held offices in UMW at both the local unit and district levels, as well as being active in her local church, Eugene First.

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

So many positive things are happening, and I am grateful for Our Two Cents as a means of letting you know.

First, congratulations to the 11 units who by mid-February have completed their surveys: Bend, Nehalem Bay, Tualatin, Montavilla, Rainier, Cave Junction, First Eugene, Junction City, Klamath Falls, Joseph and Trinity in Idaho Falls. You get a big shout out for being early. The remaining 67 units have until March 31st to complete their surveys. If you need assistance, please contact your District MNO Coordinator or President.

Second, the Healthy Vital Units guide for 2021 has been revised and available at:

<https://www.umoi.org/files/fileshare/unitedmethodistwomen/healthy%2c+vital+unit+form+2021.pdf>

The Healthy Vital Unit form can be a helpful tool in program planning and goal setting for the year. We have added another award category, Joy, when a unit’s Pledge to Mission is met 100%.

Third, there will be new tools for those members who serve in the Shepherdess Program. A shepherdess contacts and visits a unit. Like a coach, she answers questions, suggests options, encourages, and sometimes speaks or offers a program. The new tools have been considered but have yet to be approved by the MNO Committee which includes district presidents.

Turella Woods
Membership Nurture & Outreach

THE MESSY GARDEN

Imagine a garden in the dreary winter. Old leaves and flowers and other vegetation turning brown, decomposing and dying. The garden has been abandoned and neglected. It's a mess! How could this plot of land be a place of life, hope and beauty?

But then as winter loosens its grip on the earth, new life sprouts forth: crocus, hyacinth, and daffodils push through the mess and reach toward the sun in bursts of pink, purple, yellow and white, announcing new life.

We are tempted to neaten up this garden, making it as pretty as possible by getting rid of all the old debris, replacing it with rich mulch. But if we think of this garden plot as a symbol of new life and new beginnings, why are we so intent to remove all evidence of the old? There was no cleaning up the world burdened by treachery, temptation, and sin before Christ came. That is why his resurrection is so magnificent. There was no grinding the sins of the world into tiny bits that gives an outward appearance of neatness and acceptability so that (like Bette Midler sang) from a distance everything looks right. The promise of new life comes from the dirt and slime and sludge of this world.

Christ rose above the degradation of the world and his empty cross looms above us and our sins and the sins of this world. Christ comes through and



shines his promise of life and love and forgiveness on each of us, just like the resilient beautiful daffodil pushes through the mess to bloom and flourish.

The promise of Easter, like the miracle of spring, promises us new life, new hope and new beginnings despite the mire we come from.

Alleluia!
Let us pray,

Thank you, Lord, for the symbols all around us of forgiveness and new hope. Help us to remember the astounding message of the resurrection and direct our attention to the empty cross to fulfill and enrich our lives.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Inspired by "Seasons of Salt Meditations"
by Millie Horlacher.

HAPPY EASTER!

Linda Langham
Spiritual Growth Coordinator



**United Methodist Women
Assembly 2022
May 20-22, 2022
Orlando, Florida**



THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Supportive community: When you join United Methodist Women, you will find yourself as a member of a supportive community. A local unit will offer you their support. You have a chance to be part of a greater group by meeting others at the district, and the conference.

Spiritual growth: United Methodist Women are grounded in scripture and offer many opportunities to grow spiritually, the most meaningful may be found in the annual spiritual growth study offered at Mission U and the Prayer Calendar.

Mission Education: UMW offers a variety of ways to deepen your understanding of mission, such as the Reading Program, Response magazine, mission speakers and studies. As you participate, in UMW, your concept of mission will grow and evolve, thanks to the UMW focus on mission.

Social Justice Advocacy: UMW has always been a leader in raising social justice issues and providing amazing resources and support in helping women to understand the critical issues such as human trafficking, climate change, racial justice, immigrant rights, the environment, economic justice, women's health, the rights of children, human rights, and farm workers' rights, to name a

few. Because of UMW, you have a chance to realize how important your voice can be when you join it with others to advocate for social justice changes.

Mission Giving: UMW is totally focused on ministry that makes a difference in the lives of women, children and youth. Mission Giving, which is mission money used for any part of mission work, provides funds to which all mission programs have access. It allows the work of United Methodist Women to reach far beyond the church walls and into the lives of women, children and youth who are often outside the bounds of the church's traditional ministries. When you give through UMW channels, your gifts are supporting ministries for women, children, and youth throughout the world.

Leadership Development: One of the gifts that UMW can offer is the many opportunities for leadership development. There are leadership trainings each year to help you to grow personally and as a UMW officer. The Conference Nominations team is always willing to talk to you about the opportunities available.

Donna Ward
Conference Nominations Chair

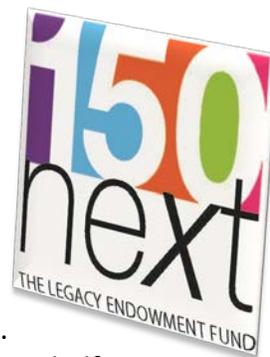
SUSANNAH WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER - HONOLULU

Founded in 1899 by the Women's Home Missionary Society, Susannah Wesley Home reached out to Japanese and Korean women working on the plantations of Oahu, providing them with English and sewing lessons. Within a few short years, a home for girls who were orphaned or whose parents were unable to care for them was established. The girls, ranging in age from 4 to 20 became known as the "Susie Girls." Today the center is a multi-

purpose agency that includes a nursery school, playground, after school youth clubs and adult English classes as well as outreach services, Head Start classes, study hall programs and mental health services for youth and adults.



THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN



I hope you noticed the new logo for the Legacy Fund. This logo will take us into the next and final phase of the Legacy Endowment Fund campaign. Our total to date is: \$34,640,820.09. Our goal is \$60 million so we are over halfway there!

There are many ways to contribute to the Legacy Endowment Fund campaign. You can send a one-time contribution, plan a monthly commitment or a planned gift. Information on ways to donate can be found on the United Methodist Women's website at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Our Day of Giving is March 23, 2021 and this year the theme is: **2021 OUR YEAR OF HOPE**. Why is March 23 our Day of Giving? Because that is the date of that rainy night in Boston when the foremothers of our organization met and among the decisions they made was to set aside 2 cents a week for mission. It is fitting that we should set aside this date - 152 years later -- for special giving. See more about the Day of Giving at: <https://www.umi.org/umw>

In 2020, \$405,257 was given on our Day of Giving. We are hoping to exceed that amount this year. You can help by giving in one of the following ways:

- **Online at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund**
- **By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST M-F)**
- **Mail check to:**
 - **United Methodist Women**
 - Attn: Development, Legacy Fund**
 - 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115**
 - (Please include "Day of Giving" in memo)**
- **Or text "Legacy 150 to 41444 on your mobile device"**

After going through the events of 2020, 2021 truly is Our Year of Hope. We can make it a **Year of Hope** for future generations by our giving to the Legacy Fund.

Thank you.

Lory Nesor
Legacy Liaison



CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD

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.

On the following pages you will find the Award Criteria and an Award Nominating Form.

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.

If you have any questions, please free to contact me by telephone at (503)254-9788 or by email at: beccanaturalist@gmail.com

Becky Warren
President
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
- ~ Application may be either mailed or e-mailed
- ~ Deadline to return to Becky Warren is April 30, 2021

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
President
Oregon/Idaho Conference
United Methodist Women
7066 NE Irving Street, Portland, 97213
Telephone: 503-254-9788.
Email: beccanaturalist@gmail.com,

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD
Nomination Form - 2021**

Nominee(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Name/Date of Activity: _____

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

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Submission deadline: **April 30, 2021**

Send to:

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**Oregon/Idaho Conference United Methodist Women
2021
ISOBEL F. ZIMMERMAN GRANT PROGRAM**

The Oregon-Idaho Conference of United Methodist Women Charter for Racial Justice Committee is pleased to announce a competitive grant program for monies from the Isobel F. Zimmerman Trust Fund. Available money for 2021 will be about \$4,000 (amount varies yearly), and will be awarded for programs directed toward leadership development of Native Americans or African Americans or in support of a Women's Division (now United Methodist Women) Foreign Mission Project.

Preference for funding will be given to projects within the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Annual Conference, followed by other related organizations within the same geographic area. Funds granted by the UMW Charter for Racial Justice Committee do not necessarily obligate the committee to ongoing funding of any project or activity.

Application must be made through a brief proposal describing the work or project anticipated and the expected results. There shall be a clearly demonstrated need. The grant monies must be utilized within twelve months, with quarterly financial progress reports filed with the United Methodist Women Charter for Racial Justice Committee. A financial budget report must be included in the proposal and the grant proposal must be signed by a contact person with authority to request funds. A final report on the project must be submitted to the Charter for Racial Justice Committee within 3 months of project completion. Evaluation for continued funding will be based on the quarterly financial reports.

These grants may be made either to support ongoing programming or as "seed money" for new projects meeting needs not previously addressed. Special consideration will be given to funding new programs.

Awards will be made at the discretion of the Oregon-Idaho UMW Charter for Racial Justice Committee. The grant will be awarded in two equal payments, the second payment is predicated upon satisfactory progress reports.

Ideas for possible grants:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| ~ Academic scholarships | ~ Camperships to United Methodist Church Camps |
| ~ On-line classes | ~ Scholarships to Mission u |
| ~ After-school classroom mentoring | ~ Equipment |
| ~ Others | |

Deadline for applying: April 30, 2021

Send completed application to*:

Becky Warren
President
Oregon/Idaho Conference
United Methodist Women
7066 NE Irving Street
Portland, Oregon 97213
Telephone: 503-254-9788
Email: beccanaturalist@gmail.com

*Acknowledgement of receipt of proposals will be sent immediately.

**Oregon/Idaho Conference United Methodist Women
2021
ZIMMERMAN GRANT APPLICATION**

These funds are available via the Estate of Isobel F. Zimmerman family member and are to be used only for leadership development of Native American or African American or in support of a Women’s Division (now United Methodist Women) foreign mission project.

In a brief (one or two page) written proposal, describe the purpose and plan of a leadership development project for which you would like to see Zimmerman Grant monies used. Give the dollar amount requested, explain the present need for such monies, a proposed budget breakdown, and a detailed explanation of how the funds would be utilized. A successful grant recipient must agree to follow all requirements listed on the Zimmerman Grant Program information sheet.

* * * * *

Date: _____

Name of individual or organization requesting grant funds: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

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Grant applications must be received by **April 30, 2021**

Send to:

Becky Warren
President
Oregon/Idaho Conference
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Portland, Oregon 97213
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**IDAHO AND OREGON IDAHO STATE LEGISLATIVE 2021 SESSIONS
TIME TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND ENGAGE IN THE PUBLIC SPACE!
TIME TO PUT OUR FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE INTO ACTION!**



Idaho

Idaho Resources—go to Or-Id UMW website, Sage District for resource downloads as well as a recording of Part II and Part III Idaho Legislative Advocacy Events held in February <https://www.umo.org/districtumwsage>



Oregon

Oregon State Legislature website: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/Pages/session.aspx>

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Sign up for EMO’s email newsletters <https://emoregon.org/advocacy-action/>
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will be sponsoring the Interfaith Advocacy Day this spring. Information will be given out when available.

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ) -- <http://imij.org/>

IMIrJ Advocacy Nights on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm throughout the duration of the legislative season. In this space, hear from movement partners, share timely updates on the legislative process and specific bills we are tracking, talk strategy, and take faithful action together. https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsduCtrj4iG9XKI4zBWcrORD9w_12TKf-k

Oregon Legislative Session News Sources

Eugene Weekly <https://www.eugeneweekly.com/tag/oregon-legislature/>
Oregon Public Broadcast First Look <https://www.opb.org/firstlook/>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!



**National President Ainise Isama’u to Attend
Oregon/Idaho Conference Annual Meeting
October 21 & 22, 2022**

We will see you there !!

THE READING PROGRAM

BRAND NEW FOR 2021 - 2022



Program Books and Where to Find Them

The new Reading Year for 2021-2022 has begun, and it is a two-year program. The new Reading List and Reading Program catalog can be found on the UMW website at www.united.methodistwomen.org. The catalog is in print-friendly and digital format. In it can be found the overview of the Reading Program, information on where to find adult reading books as well as bonus, children, youth books, forms, and the four Reading Plans. Each book title includes a picture of the cover and includes a brief summary.

Track Your Progress

- Share the program with United Methodist Women members and members of the community. Help people attain books. Distribute this guide.
- Connect with local and district groups. Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.
- Display a progress chart in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.

Pray

- Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- Advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

Reading Program Plans

Choose and follow one of the four plans. When you have read the required number of books and magazine issues, report your completion to your local person in charge of Program Resources. Titles from the 2017 list will be credited through December 31, 2022. For 2021, selections from the 2016 reading list can be counted if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).

- PLAN I: 5 Books a Year
 - One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
 - Regular reading of response magazine.
- PLAN II: 10 Books a Year
 - Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
 - Regular reading of response magazine.
- PLAN III: 15 Books a Year
 - Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
 - Plus 5 additional books from any category.
 - Regular reading of response magazine.
- PLAN IV: 20 Books a Year
 - Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
 - Plus 10 additional books from any category
 - Regular reading of response magazine.

Children and Youth Books

As in the past, this year's Reading Program includes books for readers of all ages. Books that would formerly have been listed under "Children" and "Youth" are now distributed among the remaining categories. Look for the notation "Suitable for children" or "Suitable for youth" when selecting books to read.

Bonus Books

As always, Bonus Books count as two books. This year, Bonus Books are also the current mission studies, providing even more of an incentive to select these books as part of your Reading Program plan.

Faith Talks

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.

Movies

The following movies will also count toward the Reading Program:

1. Just Mercy
2. The Hate U Give
3. Pushout

Book Recommendations

- Do you have a book that you have read that you feel others would enjoy through the Reading Program? Book recommendations can be sent to Andris Salter at: (asalter@unitedmethodistwomen.org) or Robin Johnson at: (rjohnson@unitedmethodistwomen.org).
- When suggesting a book please include the title, author, publisher, date of publication and price. The book(s) will be forwarded to the Reading Program Committee for consideration.

Now is the time to get involved in the Reading Program for 2021-2022. Hopefully, 2021 will be a very productive year for the Reading Program.

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COMING SOON

MISSION U - 2021



July 9-11, 2021 – Idaho Location to be Announced
 July 16-17, 2021 – Montavilla UMC, Portland, Oregon
 July 30-31, 2021 – Albany UMC, Albany, Oregon

Studies for Mission u 2021 are:

1. Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:
2. Living Into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship
3. Finding Peace in an Anxious World – this is the repeat study
4. Pushout: the Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

Look for more information, including registration, overnight lodging possibilities, and detailed schedules in the Summer newsletter.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SOCIAL ACTION PRIORITY
CLIMATE JUSTICE
JUST ENERGY FOR ALL CAMPAIGN



Did you know that every United Methodist Woman has the opportunity to join the campaign “Just Energy For All”? You can attend United Methodist Women webinars, use resources available on the UMW website and network with local climate justice organizations.

What is Just Energy For All? Ending use of fossil energy and transitioning to clean, renewable and sustainable energy sources must be an equitable and just transition for God’s people and creation. An example that we can relate to is the use of hydropower—a great clean and renewable source of energy. However, the energy dams use to generate the electricity for homes prevents the return of salmon for spawning, causing danger of extinction. The Nez Perce Nation has long traditions and spiritual connections with salmon that would end if salmon became extinct. Is that “just”? See the article about breaching the dams for salmon recovery at: <https://www.umi.org/files/fileshare/unitedmethodistwomen/social+action/breaching+dams+for+salmon+recovery.pdf>. This is a climate justice issue we United Methodist Women can follow.

United Methodist Women’s Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day—April 14

We will urge Congress to pass climate legislation that prioritizes just energy for all. We want 100% renewable energy in transportation and energy and just transition especially for workers and frontline and fence line communities. Check out the training date, too, March 17.

[Register for United Methodist Women’s Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day on April 14! All are welcome!](#)

March 17—UMW Legislative Day Training at 3 PM EST

Speakers include UMW CEO Harriett Jane Olson, Esq. and the NRPE and UMW Climate Justice team!

Training includes an overview of UMW’s climate justice talking points and asks, nuts and bolts of a legislative meeting, instructions for how to set up a meeting with your representatives, and breakout sessions to connect with other UMW members and friends.

March 24..... Final day to register for UMW Legislative Day

April 12 & 13 Pre-briefing from 10 AM to 2 PM EST

April 14..... UMW Legislative Day

April 15..... Debrief at 3:30 PM EST (Optional)

Looking for ways to stay connected with other United Methodist Women members and people of faith who are working to advance just energy all year long?

Join United Methodist Women’s *monthly Just Energy for All Strategy and Capacity Building Sessions* every third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm EST. [Learn more](#) and [register here!](#)

Resources from United Methodist Women: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice/articles>

Sign up for Climate Justice Updates: https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/bjbg_signup.html

Network with local climate justice organizations:

Idaho:

Climate Citizens Lobby https://citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/ID_Boise/350.org

SW Idaho https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-350-sw-idaho?source=direct_link&

Idaho Conservation League <https://www.idahoconservation.org/>

Oregon:

350.org, chapters in Portland and Eugene, <https://350pdx.org/>, <https://350eugene.org/>

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, <https://emoregon.org/creation-justice/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2021

(UPDATED MARCH 2021)
(ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

March

- 6 Crater Lake District Every Member Enrichment Event – Virtual Event
- 20 Sage District Every Member Enrichment Event – Virtual Event
- 12-13 Conference Leadership Team – Virtual Meeting
- 20 Columbia District Every Member Enrichment Event – Virtual Event

April

- 10 Columbia/Cascadia Districts Spiritual Retreat – Virtual Event

June

- 20-24 UMC Greater NW Shared Annual Conference, Puyallup, WA

July

- 9-11 Idaho Mission u, Location To be Announced
- 16-17 Oregon Mission u, Montavilla UMC, Portland, OR
- 30-31 Oregon Mission u, Southern Oregon, Albany UMC, Albany, OR

August

- 29 UMC General Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota

September

- 1-7 UMC General Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 18 Sage District Annual Meeting, Nampa First UMC, Nampa, ID
- 26 Cascadia District Annual Meeting, Location TBA
- 25 Columbia District Annual Meeting, Portsmouth Union Church, Portland, OR
- 25 Crater Lake District Annual Meeting, Lebanon UMC, Lebanon, OR

October

- 15 Conference Executive Team Meeting, Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *
 - 15 District Leadership Training Event (DLTE), Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *
 - 16 Oregon-Idaho Conference Annual Meeting, Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *
 - 16 Conference Executive Team Meeting, Boise First UMC, Boise, ID *
- * Combined Person-to-Person and Virtual Event

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2022

May

- 20-22 National Assembly, Orlando, Florida

October

- 21-22 Oregon/Idaho Conference DLTE and Annual Meeting