I pray that the joy and love of the season will be with each of you as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Several months ago I asked all the local units within the North District to let me know how they were working to live into the United Methodist Women Purpose. I was curious how they were working to meet the needs of women, children and youth. Thank you to the units that responded. I was humbled and excited to hear of the many ways local units are fulfilling our Purpose. Many units not only are involved within their local communities, making a difference, but also involved globally. Thank you. I am praying that as you prepare to enter into the New Year your unit will continue to live out our Purpose.

I must say, October was a busy month here in North District. Our Annual Celebration was held October 13th. Thank you to Trinity United Methodist Women for hosting this event. We opened the program with the North District business meeting, wherein the 2019 budget for the North District was approved. We also elected new leadership team officers. New leaders were installed and continuing officers were recommitted. Following the business portion of the meeting Ender Austin III, our guest speaker, gave a presentation related to our theme of Connecting Our Dots. He utilized the current United Methodist Women mission priorities of Climate Justice, Criminalization of Communities of Color, Child and Maternal Health, and Economic Inequality to identify how they are connected and how we are connected to community.

Two weeks later Desert Spring United Methodist Women hosted the Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women Annual Celebration. Women from all over the Conference attended. The theme of this celebration was Pondering Possibilities with Hope and Help. The guest speaker was Betty Mathis, Executive Director of Wesley Community & Health Centers. We examined elements related to United Methodist Women that were found in a time capsule. We added items to the time capsule we felt represented our organization today and that the women of the future might find interesting. Participants at the event also had the opportunity to visit several Ministry Mission Fair booths representing local organizations, including Catholic Charities, Nevada Public Health, Rape Crisis Center, Safe House, and Safe Nest. We also had information available on Program Resources, Racial Justice, Social Action, Wesley Community & Health Centers, Legacy 150 and 1869 Society, plus information on the Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting that will be held in Phoenix in 2020.

As we prepare for the season of Advent and reflect on this past year, I am thankful for each and every one of you. I am thankful for all you have done on behalf of United Methodist Women to fulfill our Purpose to meet the needs of women, children and youth.
Kim Jacques, First Henderson, was one of the North District Mission u scholarship recipients. She shares her Mission u experience with us.

Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

First let me say this is an article of Unity.

It was honestly a blessing and honor to receive the award to attend mission u with Karla Tucker and Gracie Campbell, First Henderson UMC. Meeting the North District officers and church representatives from the whole district was amazing. Our host church prepared and provided fellowship, hospitality, great foods, and classrooms space. So many sisters all joined together to worship, pray, learn, and grow.

There were Bible verses, hymns, introductions, instructors, books, collaborations, and a plastic bag of dirt.

It all got me to thinking about children’s games we would play, on the lawn sometimes, in Southern California when we got bored! Being the middle daughter of five girls; I am number three, two older, and two younger sisters. So, Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living caught my attention.

Karla and I chose to attend class together and it was awesome. Through the class we had many activities, readings from the Bible and book, but what really made me curious was the Plastic bag of Dirt.

One of our favorite summer lawn games was called “Mother May I?” And now, I ask my Father in heaven “Father May I?” When playing the game, each person was asked a question and if the person answered the question correctly they could ask for “Mother May I?” Well, I was very close to my Father, as I am today so it was not odd for me to ask the question “Father May I?”

So here are just a few of the questions I asked:

“Mother May I…gain wisdom and knowledge from the UMW?”

“Father May I…Praise and give you Glory in Your Holy name in this sanctuary?”

“Mother May I…have an open heart and mind?”

“Father May I…Share Your many blessings with others?”

“Father May I…Always Serve You in all I do and Say?”

Well, when we were little girls we learned how to: make “mud pies” out of dirt, play well with our sisters, be creative, learn about nature, plant seeds, and grow up, all in the dirt, in our back yard. Of course, there was church to attend, both services on Sunday, and choir practice during the week. When I attended Mission u, we were asked to bring a Plastic bag of Dirt so we all could share in an activity together. Some of the activities we did in class were to make soil and vegetable markers. For each marker you could tell a story about your life experience, family relationships, or something about your life that God wanted you to plant in the soil. Another activity was to join all the Plastic bags of Dirt in a large bowl mixed together. In unity, we could all share in the abundance of the earth’s soil and what it offered, pray together, share our life stories, meet new sisters in Christ, and ask the question “Father May I?”

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Mission u Update

Glenda Hill, Mission u Dean

I'm pleased to announce our newly elected Assistant Dean for 2019 is Janette Gann. Welcome, Janette!

Did you attend Mission u in 2018? Did you enjoy your class? Did you read the book? (Some of us run out of time.) Have you thought about doing a Mini-Mission u for your unit? Get together with a couple of other women who were in your class and do some brainstorming. I have found that teaching a session to a group is a good way to really learn something new.

There are study guides included with the study books, and there are other resources available. If you need help in planning your own Mini-Mission u event, I can help you find more resources.

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Program Resources

Sharon Scobie

Don’t mean to intrude on Terrie as Program Resources, but I put together a listing of all the books on the Reading Program from 2014 through 2019 and would be more than happy to share it with anyone who is interested. I found that some of the books are in the public library, so I put an asterisk by the name of any of those that you can check out.

If you contact me by email (sscobie42@gmail.com), I’ll be glad to send the list to you.

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Dinner & Movie at Advent UMC

Terrie Shipman, President
Advent UMW

Advent United Methodist Women will be sponsoring a fundraising dinner and a movie Friday, February 22, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

*The movie: "I Can Only Imagine".

*Dinner: Sloppy Joes.

*Price: $5.00 per person; family of 4 or more $20.00.

Please R.S.V.P. to Terrie Shipman 702-343-7441 by February 15, 2019.

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Mesquite United Methodist Women

PRESENTS

“BE THE LIGHT”

Annual Women’s Retreat
Saturday, February 23rd, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Continental breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.
Join us for a day of inspiration, meditation, fellowship and music.

REGISTRATION: $20.00 if paid by February 16th; $25.00 if paid February 17th or later
Continental breakfast, lunch & all materials are included.
Space is limited so register early.
For questions contact: Doris Points: 702-346-7958 or the MUMC Church Office: 702-346-4663

Please retain the top portion for your information. Return this portion with your check Payable to Mesquite United Methodist Women, Attn: Jean Langlois. Mailing address: %Mesquite UMC, 420 W. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite NV 89027

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ADDRESS_________________________________ EMAIL____________________________
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HOME CHURCH______________________________DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? Yes___ No___
Explain:____________________________
I have enjoyed serving as your treasurer for the past six years. It is my hope that someone will step up to serve in this capacity. The district has a computer for you to use and you do need to know how to use QuickBooks. I will be more than happy to help you through your first year.

Here we are again at the end of the year. Bonny Sloane, our conference treasurer, has indicated to the district treasurers that we should have all our local units send in their final remittance by December 10. As in other years, any money I receive after that date will be credited to 2019. Be sure to send in your World Thank money which is normally collected in October or November. We are close to our $18,000 Pledge to Mission so I’m hoping that we will again send in more than we pledged. We have several units who are Five Star Givers; I hope that includes your unit. These awards will be distributed at the Leadership Development meetings in January.

Any donations to Legacy should go directly to National so that the donors receive credit for their giving. It does not come through the district.

Be sure to put the following North District dates on your calendar:

January 5, Leadership Development, River Cluster, includes study on What About Our Money?
January 19, Leadership Development, Las Vegas Area
March 23, Desert Southwest Conference UMW Retreat, Tucson
July 12-13, Mission u, Trinity UMC
October 12, North District Annual Celebration

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

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United Methodist Women 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.
Change hits all of us at one time or another and North District’s Hope UMW of Bullhead City, AZ is no exception. Over the past several years we have lost members due to moves out of the area, health, and death. This year, we lost two of our dear friends (who were also very good friends to each other) Audria VanDerSchaaf and Emileen (Mimi) Olson within a four month period. Our long-time friend and UMW President, Karen Wilson along with her husband, Don, moved to Lake Havasu City, AZ. We miss you both!

On October 27th, four of our UMW members (one of our ladies is a new member and this was her first Annual Celebration/Meeting) had the opportunity to attend the Desert Southwest Conference Annual Celebration 2018 34th Annual Meeting, “PONDERING POSSIBILITIES WITH HOPE & HELP”. We had a wonderful time getting reacquainted and meeting other UMW members with a same-minded focus. The video depicting our 150-year history makes us very grateful to the ladies who helped to make us what we are today. We all hope to be as ‘Bold’ as those who are our roots to keep our history moving and branching out in all directions.

We’ve all heard the saying, “Life Goes On” which in our group has us seeing renewed and new interest in our group. We at Hope are looking forward to the opportunities and challenges with “Hope & Help” that lie ahead in 2019.

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Trinity UMW Cookbook Needs Recipes
Donna Canfield, President
Trinity UMW

Calling all mothers, grandmothers and daughters and men who like to cook. In the spring of 2019, Trinity United Methodist Women will be publishing a cookbook entitled, “The 150th Legacy Cookbook.”

It will be in celebration of the UMW’s 150th anniversary. A few recipes will be culled from previous UMW cookbooks, but we are asking for new ones from church members. Women from throughout North District UMW units are also asked to participate. This would be the right time to submit a recipe if you have a family favorite so it will be passed on to the next generation.

This cookbook is going to be a fantastic, one-of-a kind treasure that you will definitely not want to miss out on! Start going through your recipes now and submit them to the church’s e-mail at trinity@tumclv.org.

Deadline will be the end of January, 2019. It will be professionally published with proceeds going to UMW mission projects.

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Be Just. Be Green.
Submit by Patricia Feaster,
Social Action Coordinator

United Methodist Women’s national office has made climate justice one of its four social justice priorities. Be Just, Be Green. is an initiative to help our membership see the intersections of climate justice with economic, racial, and gender justice.

To welcome and support environmental justice advocates like you, we want to provide you with practical, theologically sound tools to guide and inspire your advocacy and outreach.

You will find many resources and ideas how to Be Just, Be Green. on the national webpage - unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice. Spend time on the site and see all the do-able ideas for local organizations.

I’d love to hear how your unit plans to participate.

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ANNOUNCING A DATE CHANGE!!

Please Join Desert Spring United Methodist Women
on
March 16, 2019

For a Legacy 150th Anniversary Celebration
at
Desert Spring United Methodist Church
120 Pavilion Center Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89144

Details coming soon!

Coordinator: Yvonne Daniely, 702-869-6318
daniely5@embarqmail.com
Advent UMW members Barbara Lewis, Terrie Shipman, Karen Dallatore, Sheila Williams

Ender Hope Austin, III. His inspiring message helped “connect the dots” between our social justice priorities.

Clarbel Williams & Karen Dallatore

Eileen Guillermo & Alma Crenshaw

2019 District Leadership Team

Rev. Khalif Smith, Trinity UMC
NORTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2019 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

TWO LOCATIONS – TWO DATES!

**January 5, 2019**, 8:30 a.m. Check In
Hope UMC, 1325 Ramar Road, Bullhead City, AZ

**January 19, 2019**, 8:30 a.m. Check In
Advent UMC, 3460 N. Rancho Road, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Who should attend?** This annual learning event is for YOU – if you are new to your current office…. if you are an experienced leader….even if you don’t hold an office… you will benefit.

**What’s happening at this event?**

1. You will learn the tips and tools of your position by participating in the training session for your office, conducted by district and conference officers.

2. Sharon Scobie will lead us in a Mini Mission u study, “What About Our Money?” Participants will explore how we understand money within the context of our faith.

**But wait – there’s more!**
You worked throughout 2018 on Mission Today Goals, Charter for Racial Justice, and the Reading Program. Come to be recognized and receive your certificates.

**As leaders and members, there is always something to learn!** Please come to the most convenient location. Registration form is included in the newsletter. It is also on the conference website.
REGISTRATION FORM
North District United Methodist Women
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Jan. 5, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Hope UMC, 1325 Ramar Road, Bullhead City, AZ 86442
or
Jan. 19, 2019, 8:30 a.m., at Advent UMC, 3460 N. Rancho Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89130

Mini Mission and Leadership Enhancement
Sessions are designed to learn and become more aware of how we look at “our” money and to assist members and officers of local organizations to fully utilize resources available to help us continue to live into our PURPOSE.

Registration Fee - $18.00 if paid by deadline. Late registration $20.00
Registration Deadline for Bullhead City Event is December 29, 2018
Registration Deadline for Las Vegas Event is January 12, 2019

Complete a registration form for each person
If a unit pays, please submit check with registration forms.
Please make checks payable to North District United Methodist Women
Send to Karen Dallatore, Registrar
4916 Carmen Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, phone 702-338-0721

NAME OF PERSON ATTENDING
________________________________________________________________________
Identify Which Location you will Attend

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Do you hold a leadership role in your unit? If so, what position: ______________________________

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Do you give permission to be photographed and authorize photos to be used in United Methodist Women newsletters and other publications, promotional material and/or social media? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you need dependent care? _____Yes _____No

Do you need Child Care? _____Yes _____No

Number of Children ___ Age(s) ____________

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# North District United Methodist Women

## 2019 Calendar Schedule of Meetings, Events & Activities

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3. Charter for Racial Justice to District President

*As of 12/01//2018*
To All of You.....

Merry Christmas

From North District United Methodist Women Leadership Team