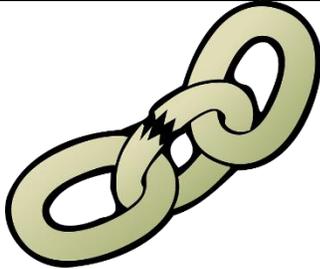


NORTH COUNTRY BREEZES

NORTH DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

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Greetings from North District President

Eileen Guillermo

Do you ever get goose bumps when you feel exhilarated or experience an “aha” moment? I do. I am always grateful for those experiences. I personally never know where it will happen or when it will happen, but when it does I surly know it.

Throughout the past few years I have served as the North District President, Desert Southwest Conference, United Methodist Women, and I have experienced those feelings many times. I feel grateful and blessed when I recognize those experiences and allow them to just happen - to go with the flow, feel the chi, or allow myself to become one with many “in the groove”. I come away from those experience much like an electric car that was almost drained of energy, plugged into a charging station, and now back to full charge status and ready to get moving again.

You might ask what triggers those goose bumps. I can say in all honesty it is each and every one of my fellow United Methodist Women sisters. We are united in so many ways and rooted in our growing knowledge of God. We work persistently to fulfill our Purpose. I see Christ in each and every one of you. I see it in the deeds you do as individual members and how you come together to share, learn, and be in mission. There would be no United Methodist Women organization if it were not for the members of our local units. Whether you are from a small unit or large unit does not matter. The works and deeds achieved through your love and action are priceless. I hear it when I speak with you. I see it in your works. You do great things done in His name.

I recently had three of those goose bump experiences I would like to share.

I had the privilege to be a facilitator at the Mission u study; Women United for Change, 150 Years in Mission, held in the North District, and hosted by Trinity United Methodist Women. On our classroom worship table I had placed a chain with one-inch links and approximately three feet in length. I knew I was going to place the chain on the table and I knew why I chose the chain to represent United Methodist Women. However, the impact of that simple act of holding the chain in my hands and then placing it on the table, was felt to my core. I explained that the chain represented our foremothers and other women, children and youth who might have felt chained to life circumstances and practices. I further reflected that each link also represented our foremothers and each

of us and that together we are strong, persistent and can and do make a difference. It felt like our foremother's were there with us throughout the class...after all we were telling their stories, which are our stores.

The second time I was blessed to be a blessing was when our local Journey United Methodist Women unit made up comfort/care kits for homeless people in the Las Vegas valley. Our task or action was for each of us to take a bag and distribute it to someone in need prior to our next general meeting. Well my car never seemed to be at the right location when approaching stop lights or intersections. The usual individuals usually observed within the grocery store parking lots were not where they normally hang out. However, one day when not really looking, I had exited a local restaurant after a meeting with another United Methodist Women member, and there sitting on a nearby parking lot curb, under the shade of a small tree, was a gentleman in need. As I gave him the baggie full of goodies, we had an opportunity to have conversation. I think that is what he may have appreciated the most. After about 10 minutes of conversation, we shook hands and went our separate ways, but it was in those 10 minutes I felt the connection with the "Spirit" through action.

The third time was just this past weekend. I was fortunate to have a free Saturday, and had been previously invited to join the Desert Spring United Methodist Women up at Mount Charleston Library for their planning retreat. I observed from my position on the couch (sidelines) with that goose bump kind of moment beginning to build throughout their entire planning meeting. There was no greater thrill at that time than watching those women brainstorm ideas and start to formulate plans of action for the coming year. I left that meeting charged and excited for them and felt uplifted at all the possibilities.

So to each of you, know you are an important. It is through your persistence, faith, hope, and love in action that we can continue to be United Methodist Women. I pray that even with all the issues in the world and our denomination, we as an organization will continue to move through our faith and in action on behalf of women, children and youth.

To each and every one of you and the members of your unit, be well, be safe, and be blessed.

May the morning sun bless your day and the setting sun bring you peace.

Eileen

NORTH DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION
October 12, 2019
Check in 8:30 a.m.
Journey United Methodist Church, 6450 E. Stewart

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We are thrilled to announce that the keynote speaker at our Annual Celebration will be Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management, United Methodist Women National Office.



Kenya is the Executive for Development Management at United Methodist Women national office and has the honor of working closely with United Methodist Women members around the country working together toward the future of the organization through the Legacy Fund Endowment.

Kenya has a combined 14 years' experience working with local and international non-profits and Foundations in Development. She also has experience in managing fundraising campaigns and relationship building.

A mother of five, Kenya has always had a passion for working with women and children and continues to do this through every facet of her life.

This year's Annual Celebration Mission Focus is personal hygiene items for Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, a local community mission supported by Journey United Methodist Women. Please bring toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, travel size shampoo, etc. THANK YOU!

You won't want to miss our Annual Celebration! The registration form is in this newsletter as well as on the conference website at dscumc.org/umw/event/north-district-annual-celebration/



REGISTRATION FORM

North District United Methodist Women

ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2019 – 150 Years

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 – Check in at 8:30 a.m.
Journey United Methodist Church
6450 E. Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89110

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Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management
United Methodist Women National Office

Registration Deadline is October 5, 2019

Registration Fee \$18.00 if paid by deadline. Late registration \$20.00

Mission Focus Project: We are asking each person to bring personal hygiene items, such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, travel size shampoo, etc. Items collected will be presented to Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, a local community mission supported by Journey United Methodist Women.

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Complete a registration form for each person

Please make checks payable to *North District United Methodist Women*
Send to Karen Dallatore, 4916 Carmen Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

NAME OF PERSON ATTENDING _____ LEADERSHIP ROLE or AREA OF INTEREST _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip Code

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____ Check Enclosed _____ or Check to be Mailed _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____
Name Relationship Phone

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 childcare? Yes No Number of Children _____ Age(s) _____

*Note: If childcare is needed please provide sack lunch for your child.

Do you have any dietary restrictions? No Yes If yes, please describe _____

Mission u 2019

North District Photo Memories, Thanks to Photographer Dan Sahagun

Glenda Hill, dean
Mission u

We were glad to see everyone who came to Mission u at Trinity UMC in Las Vegas.

Eileen Guillermo, North District United Methodist Women president and Desert Southwest UMW Legacy liaison, did a great job leading the class on Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission.

We were very happy to have Rev. Khalif Smith, Senior Pastor, First UMC Mesa, lead the spiritual growth study, Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship.



Heads up! Mission u in North District will be at First Henderson UMC next year on July 10-11. We hope you'll get these dates on your 2020 calendar and make plans to participate next year.

Treasurers
Pledge Service and More

Sharon Scobie, treasurer

Now that fall is approaching I encourage you to send in your third quarter remittance in payment of your pledge. Please make sure you make your check out to **North District UMW** or **UMW, North District**. That is the name of our checking account.

The 2019-20 program book is out, so check it for the pledge service usually done in October or November. The pledge service is titled, "Women in Strength," The objective: *"That United Methodist Women members in their units, districts and conferences will have an opportunity to learn about the power of Mission Giving and shine a light on issues affecting women, children and youth through their Pledge to Mission."*

As you prepare for your local pledge service, ask your individual members to consider increasing their yearly pledge by 5%. On a yearly pledge of \$100, that is an increase of \$5; on a yearly pledge of \$50, that is an increase of \$2.50. That is not asking for a huge increase. Then when you determine your final 2020 budget, be sure to use that increase as a way of increasing your Mission Giving. If you currently budget \$200, that would only be an increase of \$10. If your pledge is \$1,000, that would be an increase of \$50. If each unit would consider this option, we could easily increase what we give to district, which will increase what is given to conference and finally national. Our district budget for 2020 will be \$30,210; our Mission Giving pledge is \$12,000 which is an increase of \$2,000 over 2019. Please help us reach this goal.

Just as a heads up for end-of-the-year emptying of treasuries, I will need to have ALL monies to me (in my hand) by **December 10** if you want it counted for 2019. Anything received after that date will be put in 2020 receipts.

Are you looking for Program Ideas and Local Event Resources?

Your local group of United Methodist Women is vital to the mission of the larger organization.

The national office is committed to providing the resources you need to have inspiring and productive meetings.

Find helpful resources at

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/programs-events>

Hats & Hands at First Henderson United Methodist Women

Kim B. Jacques, president



Hats & Hands is a ministry of First Henderson United Methodist Women. Meetings are held from 9 to 11 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the library. Please consider joining us. Lessons in knitting, crocheting and looming are available. Donations of hats (store bought knit hats are always welcome), yarn and/or needles are always appreciated.

Why would you want to knit in church? It is all about the prayer! As you make a knitted item for distribution through the Hats & Hands ministry your prayers for the recipient are woven into the item. When you knit in church all the love and prayers during the service are also knit into each item. The lessons preached by the pastor are woven into the yarn. We pray over each item and hope that the love and healing power of the Lord is felt each time the recipient wears the hat or scarf. What a powerful garment a simple hat can become with the power of prayer.

We will continue collecting the donations until October and then Pastor Kim will bless the items at both services. Then we will get together with University United Methodist Church for distribution. There will be a meal served and then everyone will get their much needed items for the winter.

Do You Love to Read?

As many of you know, I love to read and have been spending most of my summer reading my ever popular mysteries. However, I have read 10 reading program books and hope to finish another 10 before the year is over.

Where are you in your reading? If you've never participated in the reading program before, I challenge you to read at least five books, one in each category, during these next four months, September through December. Several of the books can be found in your local library.

Happy Reading,
Sharon Scobie



Newsletter Sign-up

Did you know that anyone can receive the district and conference newsletters? Recently at Mission u several women inquired how they and/or other members of their unit could receive United Methodist Women newsletters.

A little background: districts usually send their quarterly newsletters to all local officers via email or a link to their newsletter, which is on the web. Each year the conference adds the names of the new local presidents and secretaries (or alternate officers) of each local unit to their monthly e-news distribution list. Names are never removed from the lists, unless requested to do so. Therefore, the lists continue to build. Any time anyone asks to have their name added, it is place on the appropriate list.

Signing up is easy.

*To have someone or a group of names added to the **North District mailing list** please send a request to: Allie Lakey, alliel@cox.net

*To receive the **Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women's monthly e-news**, the Southwest Winds, sent right to your computer's inbox, send an email to: umwomen@dscumc.org

Please note – before you send in a list of names please be sure it is okay with everyone on the list to be included.

Our United Methodist Women's conference web pages hold a wealth of information, including recent and back copies of the district and conference newsletters. Be sure to check it out: <https://dscumc.org/united-methodist-women/>

Bev Secrist, communications coordinator
Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women

Desert Spring United Methodist Women Holds Planning Retreat

Alison Kerr, president



Looking to our future in 2020, we met to plan and brainstorm at the Mt. Charleston Library on Saturday, August 17.

Away from the heat of Las Vegas, in the cool mountain air, 17 women gathered with their sack lunches. We discussed mission outreach, programming, and fund raising.

We enthusiastically bounced ideas around! As we ended the session, we picked which ones would be our focus for 2020. It's going to be a great year!

Spring Fling Fashion Show & Luncheon Hosted by Hope United Methodist Women

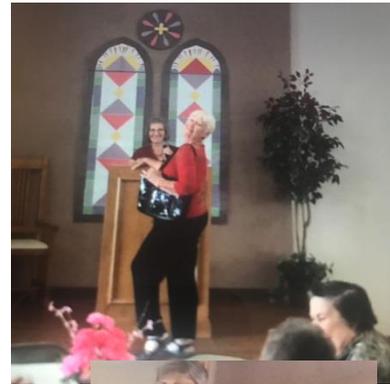
Nancy Greinke, president

On Saturday, May 11th, Hope United Methodist Women located in Bullhead City, AZ., hosted a “Spring Fling” Fashion Show and Luncheon.

Everyone who attended enjoyed a variety of great tasting salads and desserts created by the combined efforts of the women of Hope United Methodist Women and Hope UMC. Thank You, Thank You!!!



We, the ladies of Hope, had a fantastic and fun time modeling the clothes provided to us from the boutique of St. Vincent De Paul. What a great way



to promote this wonderful and worthwhile organization to those who attended.

We were also grateful and thankful to everyone who donated hand-crafted gift baskets/gifts and also to Bill Jackson, who personally contacted business owners who donated gift cards and gifts for our raffle drawing.



We are already looking forward to hosting our “Spring Fling” Fashion Show and Luncheon in 2020. Details will be coming out in a future North Country Breezes newsletter.



Reading Group Meets – Congratulations!



The Reading Group from combined Green Valley UMC and First Henderson United Methodist Women meets monthly. This photo was taken August 8th. Lynn Wallasky led us in discussion at our August gathering. This is just part of the group. Most of the women were on summer break.

Calling u Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

Judi Nibbelink

Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women President

Women Quadrennial Meeting in Tempe, Arizona on April 17-19, 2020. You can go to wjumw.com to get all the information on this exciting event.

Calling U is the theme for this event. It is being planned as a MINI ASSEMBLY with Ubuntu activities, workshops, a Native American cultural evening, a climate change action event and exciting worship around women in the Bible. Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, one of the five top atmospheric scientists in the world will be the keynote speaker. Harriet Jan Olson, our CEO, and Shannon Purdy, UMW National President, will share on United Methodist Women.

The purpose of this event is to elect two women from our jurisdiction to serve as directors to United Methodist Women National. The Western Jurisdiction Leadership will also be elected at this time.

You may register on- line for the event and the hotel. God is calling each of us to take time and celebrate who we are and whose we are. Come here the stories of the bible women and take time to share your story.

Four scholarships will be awarded to first time jurisdiction attendees who have not served UMW beyond the local unit. Forms are available from your district president or Judi Nibbelink at judiannaz@msn.com or 520 818-6766.

North District Committee on Nominations is Calling YOU!

Alma White-Crenshaw, chair
Committee on Nominations

We are Recruiting for the following positions on the North District Leadership Team.

ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE WELCOME to serve on the leadership team. Training is provided so you will be confident that you can fulfill the position expectations.

Here are the current vacancies in the 2020 slate of officers.



- ▶ Vice President
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Secretary
- ▶ Social Action
- ▶ Committee on Nominations Members

I know sometimes it is hard to volunteer for a leadership position. There are reasons to instantly say NO! “I’m not qualified,” “I don’t have time,” “I don’t like going to meetings.”

There are compelling reasons to say YES!

- ▶ We offer leadership and position training.
- ▶ We are a team – you’re never left to do it on your own.
- ▶ We plan events usually a year in advance, so you can schedule United Methodist Women activities and all the other demands on your time in advance.
- ▶ Our district meetings are jam-packed with ideas, planning, learning and we never meet just for the sake of meeting.
- ▶ It is a joy to participate on the North District Leadership Team.

Don’t be shy about asking for details! Call me and we can work together to find the perfect position for you! Or, you may know someone who would be a perfect candidate for one of the open positions. Encourage her to step forward.

With your help, we will be able to present a full slate at the North District Annual Celebration on October 12. We will announce the slate of officers by September 12.

Note: You can reach Alma at 702-702-845-6954 and almalwc@aol.com

Educating Members for Mission

Barbara Lewis
Educating Members for Mission Coordinator

Hello, my name is Barbara Lewis. I am a member of Advent United Methodist Church. I currently serve as Educating Members for Mission Coordinator on the North District United Methodist Women leadership team.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you at North District United Methodist Women Annual Celebration at Journey UMC on October 12th. In the meantime, check out this link for great information about educating members for mission:
unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do.



I will be happy to answer any questions about my position. I can be reached at 702-338-5568 if you would like to get together to talk about more ways we can make sure we are educating our members about the priority issues and all the other mission work we as United Methodist Women are involved in.



**United Methodist Women:
Faith • Hope • Love in Action**

We are women with a 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."

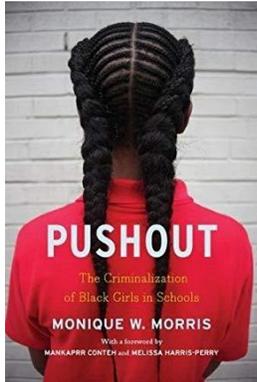
Mission u 2020 – Planning Ahead!

Terrie Shipman
secretary of program resources

One of our Mission u studies for 2020 is the book Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools. A synopsis of this book follows below. I have explored different ways of obtaining this book. Any book store can order a copy if one is not already available. It can be obtained at a local library. It can be ordered through Cokesbury and Amazon. If you order through Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and sign up to donate a portion of your purchase cost to a charity of your choice (Of course, I suggest United Methodist Women!).

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, by Monique W. Morris

Fifteen-year-old Diamond stopped going to school the day she was expelled for lashing out at peers who constantly harassed and teased her for something everyone on the staff had missed: she was being trafficked for sex. After months on the run, she was arrested and sent to a detention center for violating a court order to attend school.



Just 16 percent of female students in the USA, Black girls make up more than one-third of all girls with a school-related arrest. The first book to tell these untold stories, *Pushout* exposes a world of confined potential and supports the growing movement to address the policies, practices, and cultural illiteracy that push countless students out of school and into unhealthy, unstable, and often unsafe futures.

For four years Monique W. Morris, author of *Black Stats*, chronicled the experiences of black girls across America whose intricate lives are misunderstood, highly judged—by teachers, administrators, and the justice system—and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish. Morris shows how, despite obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes, and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities, and beyond.

Check it out ----

You can find printable Mission Giving Pledge Cards at

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-resources/pledgecards.pdf>

This is a good resource for your annual Pledge to Mission program.

150 Years and Still Going Strong

Karen Dallatore, secretary

Any organization that remains active and forcefully effective for 150 years must have some secrets to longevity. As Secretary of North District United Methodist Women, in the month of August, I have participated in activities that reveal two possible reasons for this longevity.

One of these activities was the **annual review of the North District Standing Rules**. A committee of four reviews the Standing Rules and proposes changes. These rules are needed to keep the organization cohesive between units, districts, conferences, jurisdictions, national and global. However, they do not become stagnant. If a district rule is no longer relative to current practices, it can be revised if the revision does not conflict with the Standing Rules of the conference. If an organization becomes bogged down with unnecessary or outdated rules, it will not survive for long.

The second activity involved planning for **Leadership Training**. When you are approached by the committee on nominations to hold an officer position whether at the local or district level, you will have ample opportunity for training. In 2020, Leadership training will be held in January at two locations. Current officers will train incoming officers. Well trained officers are essential to keep the organization running smoothly.

Program Resources Tidbits

Terrie Shipman
secretary of program resources

The 2020 Annual Sampler is now available on-line. The price is \$30, a decrease of \$10. It is less one Mission u 2020 study book, which happens to be *Pushout*. Each individual will be responsible for their own order. Study books will not be available at any of the Mission u sites.

Books are no longer available to purchase through United Methodist Women. They have dispensed of their warehouse for books. This is a way to save on space for unused publications. The funds are better used elsewhere.

Amazon offers a site where you can register (free) called smile.amazon.com. This site will donate a portion of your purchase price to a charity of your choice. Amazon does the donation. No additional money is collected from the purchaser. This is a great way to give to United Methodist Women. Your portion may not amount to much, however, every little bit adds up to a large sum. I would encourage all to utilize this opportunity.

**Desert Southwest Conference
United Methodist Women**

Annual Celebration

October 26, 2019

9:15 AM—4:00 PM

Sun Lakes UMC

9248 E. Riggs Rd, Sun Lakes, Arizona



**Come and learn how you can be the pebble
that starts a ripple
in your local church, community, and world.**

**Join us as we explore
United Methodist Women Issue Priorities**

- ▷ Maternal and Child Health**
- ▷ Criminalization of Communities of Color**
- ▷ Economic Inequality**

The mail-in registration form can be found at:

<https://dscumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-Annual-Celebration-Registration.pdf>

Registration - \$25

Early Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 16, 2019