



CIRCUIT RIDER

GETTING THE NEWS OUT TO THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF THE
EAST DISTRICT
DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

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UMW EAST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ENRICHMENT EVENT

Saturday, January 18, 2020

9:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Red Mountain United Methodist Church
2936 N. Power Road, Mesa**

20/20 VISION for a 2020 WORLD

Speaker: Bob Luft from UMOM

*Program: Panel on Leadership & Leadership
Enrichment*

The mail-in registration form may be found at: <https://dscumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2020-East-Leadership-Enrichment-Registration.pdf>

2020

It seems like such a short time ago that I said “yes” to serving as vice-president of the East District. I was totally in awe of those who were serving (and have retired) and those who are continuing to serve on the leadership team. These women all work so hard and know so much. I was certainly a “newbie” and in need of help. Well, help was given to me and I am happy to say that I have made it through the year. Time has rushed by so quickly and we are wrapping up 2019 when it feels like it has hardly begun! Remember almost twenty years ago when everyone thought the world was going to collapse when we entered a new century? Yet, here we are, embarking upon a new decade. What kind of world will we have in 2020? What kind of visions will this new year bring for us and United Methodist Women?

On January 18, 2020, we will hold our Leadership Enrichment Event at Red Mountain UMC. I hope all of you who want 20/20 Vision into the future will attend. Bob Luft with the Open Hands Crisis Shelter at UMOM will speak to us about Serving God and Serving Others. We will also look into the future to enrich our lives and vision visions we have not imagined before. To do this, we need input from all women. We need all women to offer leadership to your units who don't have any. So, come to this Leadership Enrichment Event and start 2020 with 20/20 vision, serving God and others, as Jesus has commanded.

Coming in April, we will need all women to step forward and offer help at the Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting which will be held in Tempe. You will hear more about this event. What a great opportunity we will have right in our own backyard!

Cris Bass,
East District vice president

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I just want to say thank you for your lovely notes of farewell, the Special Mission Recognition pin, the bouquet of flowers, but most of all the opportunity to serve on the district leadership team of this great organization. I do so appreciate each of you. I am confident that the East District United Methodist Women is in good hands. I look forward to becoming more active in my own local unit. May Christ bless you as you continue to bless Him.

Happy New Year!

Love & joy,
June Hanson,
East District outgoing president

The Reason for the Season



As we enter the holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and then the new year, we tend to fill our days with busy activities. Our focal point becomes decorating our houses and yards, buying gifts, baking goodies and attending many festive gatherings. Sometimes it's easy to lose sight of the fact that Thanksgiving is not about overindulging in turkey and pumpkin pie, but instead is about thanking God for all our blessings. Likewise, we need to remember that Christmas has a profound significance that goes much deeper than the outer trappings of the holiday.

The gospel of John tells us "The Word became flesh, full of grace and truth, and dwelt among us. The Word was the source of life and brought light to all mankind." We, as God's people, need to spread that light to everyone we encounter by showing God's love to all, because love is the spirit of Christmas.

Love was in God's heart when we were given the greatest gift of all - the baby Jesus. Every time we perform acts of kindness to others, Christ is reborn in our hearts. It's when we allow Christ to enter our minds and hearts that He dwells in us and His spirit governs our lives, not only on His birthday but every day.

Dear Lord, We pray that we won't get so busy with holiday tasks and celebrations that we forget to concentrate on the reason for the season - God's great gift to humankind. Let us spread God's light and love, giving hope and joy to all.

Amen.



A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love. A Merry Christmas to you from the East District leadership team.

2019 Census

The 2019 Census is open! Deadline is March 30, 2020. It's shorter than last year. Check it out and familiarize yourself with the data required. We're aiming for 100% reporting this year.

The Census Link can be found on the United Methodist Women's website. The link is [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census 2019](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019). You will need to know your church name and zip code, the number of members as of Dec. 31, 2019 and the number of new members added or deleted in 2019. You will be asked questions regarding your unit's use of the Response magazine and the types of programs that you have had during the year.

Please feel free to contact me by email at mjmermer7@aol.com if you have any questions or need assistance. Let me know by email when you have completed your survey.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Marilyn Seese,
East District Membership Care

Greetings, world-class *Reading-Program* readers!

Good-bye, farewell, adios, and ciao!

Yes indeed, all good things come to a fork in the road, as some great wit probably said at some point. My term as your United Methodist Women's East District reading coordinator is coming to an end, and I wish each and every one of you happy book trails. Our paths will cross as we read along, singly or together, aloud or in our hearts.

Thank you for all your support, and ideas, and critiques, and spirited discussions along the way.

Wishing you all happy trails,

Judith Humbert
East District Reading Program Coordinator, 2016-2019

Looking for gifts to give this holiday season?



- Give a subscription to **response**. Find information and [order here](#).
- Give a **Prayer Calendar** [Order by clicking here](#).
- Give your grandchildren one of the children's Reading Program books . Check your nearest bookstore or order on line [View](#) the list of Reading Program books [here](#) and then locate the ones that say they are suitable for children or youth. Don't forget to read the book yourself and count it towards your total. Or give a book to an adult.
- Give a Gift to Mission in someone's honor. Contact your treasurer.
- Give to the Legacy Fund in someone's honor. [Click here](#).

Local treasurers should have received a statement of their giving so far this year, as well as a year-end report form to fill out and return to me. I need to receive the forms and any funds you want recorded for 2019 by December 10. This will give me time to get my reports ready for the conference treasurer. Thanks to all the Five Star Units and those that have already (or will) meet their pledges. The Five Star Units and those units who meet their pledges this year will be recognized at the Leadership Enrichment Event in January.



In the September 2018 *Circuit Rider*, I told about John Wesley's views on money. As your local unit makes decisions about what to do with any excess funds when emptying your treasury (you could send them to a local or national charity, save for scholarships to send your members to one of our district or conference events or to help pay this year's East District pledge) think about the following part of that article:

The father of Methodism, John Wesley's first rule about money was "Gain all you can". Despite its potential for misuse, money in itself is something good. There is no end to the good it can do. His second rule for the right use of money was "Save all you can." He urged his followers not to spend money merely to gratify the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eye or the pride of life. His third rule was "Give all you can." One's giving should begin with the tithe but should not end there. All of a Christian's money belongs to God. Believers should use their income as God directs.

I enjoyed my fourth year as your East District treasurer and look forward to next year. You are a wonderful group of women to work with! Hope to see all of the local treasurers at the Leadership Enrichment Event at Red Mountain UMC on January 18, 2020. Even if you've been through the training before, there are always new things to learn and experiences to share that might help others.

Linda Moore
East District treasurer
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Looking for program ideas for 2020?

Consider having a program on one of United Methodist Women's issue priorities this quadrennium.

[Criminalization of Communities of Color](#)

[Economic Inequality](#)

[Climate Justice](#)

[Maternal and Child Health](#)

Check out the following web page for ideas and information about working for justice through service and advocacy.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy>

Or - click one of the links to the left.

District and Conference 101

Every once in a while, we post some clarification in our newsletter about the differences between the **Conference** and **District** of the United Methodist Women. Here it is.

Our **Desert Southwest Conference** of United Methodist Women is made up of four districts. North District, (Las Vegas area) South District (Tucson area) West District (Sun City, west Phoenix areas) and East District (East Phoenix, Mesa, Gilbert, Prescott, Payson areas).

Our conference officers are as follows:

President: Alberta Farnsworth

Vice President:

Secretary: Suvasini McCormick

Treasurer: Alice Brown

Chair of Nominations: Arvilla Jungman

Secretary of Program Resources: Caroline Kidd

Education for Members on Mission: Jeannine Reynolds

Spiritual Growth: Kathy Schock

Nancy Jamison: Social Action

Appointed to their office is: Communications coordinator: Bev Secrist

Spanish language coordinator: Jeanie Hughes

Conference holds an Annual Celebration each year on the 4th Saturday of October to elect and install new officers, celebrate the retiring officers, pay respect to those who have passed on, have speakers to address our current issues, and a business meeting to vote to accept the budget and approve standing rule changes.

All United Methodist women are invited and encouraged to attend the Conference Annual Celebration as an opportunity to hear the speakers, meet new officers, enjoy fellowship over lunch and learn what is new or coming up with our Western Jurisdiction of United Methodist Women.

The Conference Newsletter is called the Southwest Winds.

Our district is East District

Our officers are as follows:

President: Bonny Sloane:

Vice President: Cris Bass

Secretary: Yvonne Fischer

Communications: Beth Cadman

Social Action Coordinator:

Treasurer: Linda Moore

Membership: Marilyn Seese

Spiritual Growth: Linda Munsil

Coordinator of Program Resources: Marilyn Seese

Chair of Nominations Team: Cyndi Heinecke

East District holds an Annual Celebration each year the 2nd Saturday of October. All local units' officers and United Methodist Women members are invited and encouraged to attend this event. It is our East District Celebration of accomplishments, electing, and installing new officers, and

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voting on our budget for the next calendar year. We enjoy speakers, lunch, special speakers on issues we are addressing, and it is a time to celebrate our work as local units of United Methodist Women. District officers are here to plan, maintain, and train the local unit officers. Each District does have a celebration about the same time as we do each year.

What is important to remember is to connect with your communications coordinators and make sure you are receiving the newsletters. East District Newsletter is called the Circuit Rider. In the newsletters is a wealth of information that keeps you abreast of all goings on for your district and conference of the Desert Southwest United Methodist Women.

Every four years we celebrate a Western Jurisdiction event. This event includes all conferences of United Methodist Women in the Western United States. It is held in a different conference of United Methodist Women each time it is held. This year this very special event will be held in Tempe, Arizona. What a great opportunity.

Every 4 years we enjoy and celebrate United Methodist Women worldwide at Assembly. This can have up to 10, 000 women in attendance. It is held in a different Jurisdiction each time it is held.

I encourage each of you to get familiar with the officers that are here to serve you. The emails and other important information are published in your district directory each year. If you have any questions, feel free to email your district president or any of the officers. They will be happy to assist you in any way throughout the year.

Thank you, I hope this helps.

Cyndi Heinecke
East District Nominations Chair



Mini Mission u Invitation

All East District units are invited to a **Mini Mission u** on April 4th at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Mesa. The event will be an overview of the three studies given this summer and will be led by Glenda Hill, dean, and Jan Gann, assistant dean of the Mission u. Mark this on your unit's calendar now and watch for more information in the March *Circuit Rider*.

Registration now open

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CALLING U

WESTERN JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL EVENT

TEMPE, AZ
APRIL 17-19 • 2020



2020 Dates

- January 18 East District Leadership Enrichment - Red Mountain UMC
see page 1 for details
- February 15 *Circuit Rider* articles due for March newsletter - noon deadline
- April 4 Mini Mission u - St. Matthew UMC - all units welcome
- April 17-19 Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting - Doubletree Hotel, Tempe
- May 15 *Circuit Rider* articles due for June newsletter - noon deadline
- July 10-11 Mission u - Advent UMC - Las Vegas, NV
- July 31-Aug 1 Mission u - Lakeview UMC - Sun City, AZ
- August 15 *Circuit Rider* articles due for September newsletter - noon deadline
- August 21-22 Mission u - Catalina UMC - Tucson, AZ
- October 10 East District Annual Celebration - St. Matthew UMC, Mesa, AZ
- October 24 Desert Southwest Conference Annual Celebration, Tucson, AZ
- November 15 *Circuit Rider* articles due for December newsletter - noon deadline

Please Do Not Forget the East District UMW Local Unit End-of-the Year Reports

Dec 10, 2019: Final Remittance & End-of-the-Year Spending Report to Linda Moore

Dec 15, 2019: Reading Program Participants Report to Bonny Sloane

Dec 31, 2019: Mission Today Goals to June Hanson

Dec 31, 2019: 2020 Local UMW Officers List to Yvonne Fischer

Dec 31, 2019: Living the Charter Report to Bonny Sloane

Jan 31, 2020: Local presidents to submit End-of-Year Local Unit Membership Count to National UMW at: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019 (click on purple box) Absolute deadline is later, but please complete this by January 31.

Note: Forms have recently be mailed to the local presidents.

Treasury forms have been sent to the local treasurers.

Thank you in advance for your reports and your leadership.

Grace United Methodist Women



The women of Grace United Methodist Church in Mesa have tried to beat the heat this summer by staying involved in various service projects. The group collected items for UMCOR hygiene kits, and then met one morning to assemble these ---82 kits in all. The ladies also collected items for Harvest Compassion, and had a Craft Day to make Christmas gifts for the organization, which will be available for needy children to shop and choose items as Christmas presents for their parents and siblings. We worked on a variety of items for this Christmas shop, including candles, wall hangings, key chains, bracelets, wallets, small purses, and tote bags.

Along with both of these, Grace put together gift bags for Lincoln and Longfellow Elementary Schools, to use as door prize incentives at their parent meetings. And as we do every year, we helped collect and fill backpacks for the children in our Sidewalk Ministry at Reed Park in Mesa. With the whole church participating, Grace packed and filled 100 backpacks for the Back to School Drive, and they were given to the children the week before school started.

This year Grace United Methodist Women sent three people to Mission u - two attending for the first time. And round out the month of August, the Grace women prepared and served dinner at the East Valley Men's Center. It has been a fun and fulfilling summer for us at Grace, and now in September, the REAL action begins!

The photo is in the kitchen of the East Valley Men's Center, as we put on our hairnets and gloves and got ready to serve dinner.



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.

