

Alaska United Methodist Women



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September 20-22
Solid Rock Bible Camp
Soldotna

Mission u South-Central

November 22-23
UMC of Chugiak

Mission u Peninsula

November 1-2
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When we understand and value the glory that awaits us, we are better able to endure whatever comes our way in this life. We can give God praise even during trials because we have His guarantee that we will receive all He has promised: "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" 2 Corinthians 4:17

I've been thinking about our Legacy. This year we have been celebrating the 150th 'birthday' of United Methodist Women. We've shared stories of women who, motivated by the gospel, gave their time, skill and resources to the work of United Methodist Women and our predecessor organizations. The stories we've heard set in motion our organization whose "world-wide accomplishments and impact of those efforts are still felt today." These women are our Legacy Women. And we are heirs, having received their legacy to carry on. What an inheritance!

Our inheritance in Christ is already reserved for us. What we have in Christ is being stored in heaven for us. We enjoy blessings as daughters of God here on earth, but our true inheritance is reserved for us in heaven. The Spirit affirms with our spirits that we are God's children. "Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings so that we may also share in his glory." *Romans 8:17*. Creator God doesn't need anything from us. He resolved in eternity past to make us His own inheritance.

Joshua 18:1-3 tells us, "Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them. But there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance. Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which The LORD God of your fathers has given you?" The Promised Land had already been conquered. All the children of Israel had to do was march in and take it. Yet seven tribes neglected to receive their inheritance. The New Testament reflects the old Testament. "The land" represents our full inheritance—God's promise of health, prosperity, peace, and hope.

How long will you neglect to go and possess that which the Lord God has given YOU? Like the children of Israel, we need to boldly claim everything that belongs to us in Christ. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus. Our Father wants us to take our full inheritance—His marvelous provision that was paid for through the blood of Jesus. Let us understand and value the glory that awaits us!

Bonnie Miller

President, Alaska United Methodist Women

Father, forgive me for living like a spiritual pauper rather than a child of the King. Help me to let go of my scarcity mentality and take hold of the riches of my inheritance. Lord, I know this isn't about money or the treasures of this world for your precious promises go so much deeper than anything this temporary world has for us. Help me to live out my faith as part of the full inheritance of the Father just as Jesus did. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



League of Extraordinary Women

Dear Alaska United Methodist Women:

We are excited to see all of you at **Alaska United Methodist Women's Annual Gathering 2019!** We have an amazing weekend planned. So make your plans to travel to Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna, Alaska, September 20-22!

We will not only be having our Annual Gathering and business meeting, but also celebrating 150 years of United Methodist Women. **WOW!**

This year's theme is "**League of Extraordinary Women**". We are celebrating the League of Extraordinary Women who have come before us, those that are doing the work now, and those that will come after us. We are all part of this League of Extraordinary Women and together we make up the complete vision of what United Methodist Women was,

what it is now, and what we are to be. This is the year of our 150th Birthday, and we will be celebrating our history and our legacy with some special surprises!

We are blessed to have **Shannon Priddy, United Methodist Women National President**, as our guest speaker for the weekend. As a child Shannon was taught to work for what is right and just in the world. It was at her mother's invitation that she became involved in United Methodist Women through the transformative education now called Mission u. The opportunities she has been afforded through United Methodist Women opened her eyes to injustice, but also opened her heart to faith, hope, and love in action. It is exciting to have this woman of distinction share about her journey with United Methodist Women.

Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management at the United Methodist Women National Office will join us and be available for discussing Planned Giving and how it pertains to United Methodist Women and the Legacy Fund.

We will introduce you to a BRAND NEW, EXCLUSIVE for Alaska training! **Alana Wall, National Coordinator of Distance Learning for United Methodist Women**, will join us via online technology. Our **Director Susan Williams** has been working with Alana to develop this training specifically for Alaska's Annual Gathering. We will be introduced to the UMW Leadership Development online platform, Bridge. Each participant will have an account set up in the program. Alana will lead us through a course, while demonstrating the many features of the program. We will explore the possible ways the Bridge platform can be used for leadership development and unit program planning.

We also have a great worship team!!! Karen Martin-Tichenor will be our weekend clergy, leading us through worship together, centering our minds and bodies on the work that is the United Methodist Women. Song Leaders Mollie and Sally Bynum will join pianist Ola Mullikin to lead us in our music.

There is so much we want to get into this one weekend, BUT we also know that it is important to take time to relax and recharge, so along with the time of business meetings, learning, celebrating, etc., there will be times of less structured choice activities.

We are looking forward to being with each of you and celebrating the League of Extraordinary Women that we all are a part of!

Questions? Contact Vice President Jenn Miller

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Register Today!

LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

REGISTRATION FORM

Alaska United Methodist Women

Annual Gathering • September 20-22, 2019

Solid Rock Bible Camp 36251 Solid Rock Rd, Soldotna, AK 99669

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Do you need any special arrangements? Explain _____

	YES	NO		YES	NO
This is my first time attending Annual Gathering.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Unit Officer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a Conference Leadership Team Member.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Voting Delegate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am under 18 years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Church:		
I can provide transportation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, for how many?		
I need transportation to and from the airport.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrive _____ Depart _____		
I can provide housing before or after the event.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, for how many?		
I need housing before or after the event. (If choosing to stay at a hotel, you will need to book your own room).	<input type="checkbox"/>		If yes, please select:	<input type="checkbox"/> Courtesy in-home housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel at own expense
	YES	NO			
I will donate \$ _____ to the Scholarship Fund so more women may attend Annual Gathering.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Your registration fee includes 5 meals and all materials associated with the event.

Please remember to include any donations made.

Mail completed form and payment to:

Linda Heim
2441 Nancy Circle
Anchorage, AK 99516

\$150	Regular Registration	(received by September 6)
\$175	Late Registration	(after September 6)

Questions? Contact Linda Heim by mail, email lindalouheim@gmail.com, or phone (907) 345-0204.

LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

Annual Gathering Social Action!

Tangible Offering Project

Each year we give a tangible offering to a local cause. This year's Tangible Giving offering will go to **Sprout Family Services** in Homer, Alaska. Sprout is a private non-profit corporation with a core purpose of promoting the healthy development of children.



Sprout's mission is to support healthy development of children ages 0-5. Their services include: family visits and support, weekly playgroups, a resource lending library (toys, books and equipment), Pediatric Occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy, free child development evaluations, free vision and hearing screening and community referrals.

Although they could use many things right now their biggest need that we could help them with is diapers and wipes. Jill Lush, Executive Director of Sprout, says that she was thrilled that the Alaska United Methodist Women chose them as the tangible gifts project this year. "There is truly such a need and with the state budget crisis, we can only predict that we will see a large spike in the demand for diapers in the Southern Peninsula."

Below are the reason Jill gave for the need for diapers and wipes in our area.

- * Diapers are expensive and the need in the Southern Kenai Peninsula is palpable. Per the journal "Pediatrics", 30 percent of mothers report running short of diapers. And, 8 percent say they "stretch" them, meaning they clean them out and reuse them. This practice is linked with rashes and infection, one cause of child abuse neglect reporting.
- * A lack of diapering can have far reaching implications beyond urinary tract infections and rashes. One study shows a lack of diapering causes mothers to become depressed. Additionally, child-care facilities often won't allow parents to drop children off without diapers, precluding parents from going to work or schooling and compelling some parents to remain in poverty. Per the National Diaper Bank Network, a child left in wet and/or soiled diapers, causes children to fuss and cry. These indicators: parental stress and mental health, lack of child care leading to poverty, and fussy and crying children are all factors correlated with child abuse.
- * In 2017, Sprout staff noticed a need for diapers for families without the resources to purchase them regularly. After exploring several community-based resources (Food Bank, Haven House, WIC), it was determined that no such resource existed. Sprout began to collect diapers from random donations, and began purchasing them occasionally on an as-needed basis from unrestricted dollars. In 2018, with no advertising/marketing, Sprout gave out 765 diapers to families in need. We have not yet counted the diapers distributed in fiscal year 2019, but we know we have far exceeded the 2018 amounts.
- * A wide range of families utilize the diaper bank at Sprout - from weekly clients to pop-ins. Some needs are greater and more urgent, while others are occasional. Depending on the circumstances, a family may just be waiting for a paycheck and suddenly realize they are out of diapers or a family may be hoping to swap sizes as babies grow at different rates. Some families may become overwhelmed with the cost and demand of diapering an infant, which can run approximately \$100/month. Foster families also find themselves in immediate need at times when a child is put in their care.

Check out Sprout's website at <http://www.sproutalaska.org/>.

Look for containers near the registration table at Gathering to deposit your diapers in!

by Linda Heim
Alaska UMW Conference Treasurer

Annual Gathering Opportunities to Give

Pledge to Mission

Conference Treasurer Linda Heim has mailed each local unit treasurer the annual pledge form for 2020 year Pledges. Treasurers, please complete the pledge form with your unit's 2020 Pledge to Mission and bring it to Annual Gathering. Remember - your unit can be honored for giving more than you pledged, but only if we've received a pledge! Extra forms will be available at Annual Gathering.

Not only do units make a pledge to the conference, but individual members may pledge to their units to fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

The conference United Methodist Women pledges a specific amount to United Methodist Women's national office for mission with women, children and youth and retains a designated percent to be used for conference administration and membership development expenses.

Annual Gathering Offering

Don't forget to bring your personal and Local UMW Unit offering to Annual Gathering. This year's offering will be given to the Legacy Fund in honor of the 150th Birthday of United Methodist Women.

Annual Gathering Silent Auction

Now is the time to be thinking about what you will contribute to the Silent Auction at Annual Gathering. Proceeds from the auction will be split between the two United Methodist Women National Missions located in Alaska – AK Child and Family and Nome Community Center. Hand-made items are especially popular but I'll bet you can find a "treasure" that you are willing to part with that someone else would love to have! So, start sewing, knitting, painting and going through your white elephants to support our national missions!

MISSION DOLLARS

Through the end of July 2019 units have contributed the following:

	BUDGETED	RECEIVED to DATE
Pledge to Mission	\$15,000	\$ 9,550
Undesignated Mission	\$ 2,500	\$ 519
Designated Mission	\$ 2,000	\$ 20
Call to Prayer	\$ 500	\$ 75

We have a lot of work to do! About a month ago Alaska Conference United Methodist Women received a grant of \$20,000 from National United Methodist Women. Without their help we would not be able to hold Annual Gathering or pay for travel and accommodations or fund Mission events. Our conference receives far more than we give! The money that we use to fund our budget has generously been donated by local units from all over the world. So, let's get busy and strive to become self-supporting in the future!

Business MATTERS

Bonnie Miller
Alaska UMW Conference

Your Alaska Conference United Methodist leaders plan an annual meeting to conduct the business of the conference organization. The meeting may also include worship and programs. In Alaska, we hold our meeting in the Fall and call our meeting “Annual Gathering.”

The voting body of the Conference organization is composed of:

- Two elected delegates as representatives of each local unit
- Conference Leadership Team
- Members of UMW National Organization residing within the Conference
- Voting members of the Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team residing within the Conference
- The resident Bishop

The following is the agenda for the **Annual Gathering Business Meeting**. Items to be approved by delegate vote are listed in the business meeting agenda and on pages 6-12 of this newsletter.

Friday, September 20

7:15 PM Business Meeting 1

- Delegate Roll Call
- Presentation of the Minutes of the Last Annual Business Meeting
- Presentation of the 2018 Budget
- Presentation of Nominations Slate of Leadership Team

Saturday, September 21

10:30 PM Business Meeting 2

- Minutes of the Last Annual Business Meeting Approval
- 2020 Budget Approval
- Five Star Giving Awards
- Election of New Leadership Team Members

Sunday, September 22

10:30 AM Business Meeting 3

- Conference Leadership Team Goals 2020
- President's Report
- Outgoing Leadership Team Member Recognition
- Installation of New Leadership Team Members



2018 Annual Gathering Business Meeting Minutes

Alaska United Methodist Women

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Friday Evening September 28, 2018

President Bonnie welcomed all and introduced special guests, the Worship Team and the Leadership Team. She presented prizes to early bird registration attendees.

President Bonnie Miller called the business meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer. Secretary Carolyn Lopez conducted the roll call of delegates.

Anchor Park UMW	Ginny Niusini-Dixon	Latu Tuuholoak
First Anchorage UMW	Jennifer Miller	Lori Staats
Douglas Community UMW	Sandra Coon	Debra Gerrish
Ketchikan UMW	Judy Shoup	
Homer UMW	MariAnne Gross	Ruby Nofziger
North Star UMW	Carolyn Lopez	Nora Ribbens
Seward Memorial UMW	Carol Hatch	Ari Schablein
Sitka UMW	Janice Hamrick	Julia Smith
St. John UMW	Linda Heim	Debbie Pintsch
Turnagain UMW	Mollie Bynum	Sallie Bynum
Christ First UMW	Linda Haynes	Ronnie McKenzie
Willow UMW	Fran Lynch	

Also present were voting Leadership Team members:

Bonita Miller-President, Carolyn Lopez- Secretary, Nora Ribbens – Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, Ofa Finau- Chair, Committee on Nominations, Lori Staats- Mission Coordinator for Social Action, Linda Heim-Treasurer, Jenn Miller- Dean of Mission Education, Kathrine Miller- Secretary of Program Resources, Debra Gerrish- Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, and Julia Smith- Legacy Liaison.

Also present at business sessions were Tara Barnes, response Magazine Editor and gathering keynote speaker, and Anita Turner, Chair of the Western Jurisdiction UMW Committee on Nominations.

Secretary Carolyn Lopez read the minutes of the 2017 Annual Business meeting. The motion to approve was made by Sandra Coon, Mollie Bynum seconded, and the minutes were approved with corrections.

The 2019 Budget was introduced, and delegates encouraged to review before tomorrow's vote.

President Bonnie introduced the changes to the Standing Rules, answered questions and encouraged us to review.

Chair on Committee of Nominations Ofa Finau presented the 2018-2019 Slate of Nominees:

Vice President	vacant (2 years)
Treasurer	Linda Heim (1 year)
Social Action Coordinator	Lori Staats (2 years)
Communications Coordinator	Amanda Soliai (2 years)
Chair, Committee on Nominations	Ari Schablein (2 years)
Committee on Nominations, Kenai Peninsula	Ofa Finau (3 years)
Committee on Nominations Northern	Ronnie McKenzie (1 Years)
Committee on Nominations South Central	vacant

Minutes continued

Committee on Nominations, Southeast	vacant
Racial Justice Task Force, Seat A	Sheri Whitethorn (3 years)
Racial Justice Task Force, Seat D	Ruby Nofziger (3 Years)

Recommended Presidential Appointment: Assistant Dean of Mission Education	Lori Staats (1 year)
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The business meeting was closed in prayer by Cherie Shrader and the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon September 29, 2018

Anita Turner said the opening prayer and President Bonnie called the second session of the Annual Business Meeting to order. Secretary Carolyn conducted roll call of delegates with every delegate in attendance responding.

The minutes were approved yesterday when a motion was called for from the floor.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Treasurer Linda Heim presented the 2019 Budget. Discussion was held, and a voice vote was held to accept 2019 Budget and was approved by all.

Recognition was given to 5 Star Giving units and to those units exceeding their pledge. 5 Star Givers: First Anchorage, Anchor Park, Homer, Nome Community, North Star. Exceeding Pledge: Anchor Park and North Star.

The 2019 Standing Rules have been posted on our website and distributed in our newsletter. A request came from Committee asking for approval of changes as presented. A verbal vote for approval of the 2019 Standing Rules was made, and the Standing Rules were approved.

President Bonnie Miller read the Slate of Nominations and asked for additional nominations from the floor for positions with recommendations from the Committee of Nominations. Hearing none, President Bonnie then asked for nominations from the floor for vacant seats. Lori Staats nominated Jenn Miller for Vice President. Lori Staats nominated Sandie Coon for a position on the Committee on Nominations, who declined. Nora Ribbens nominated Debbie Pintsch for a position on the Committee on Nominations, who agreed. The Committee on Nominations checked Debbie Pintsch's tenure and Ms. Pintsch had no tenure left on for the Committee on Nominations, therefore, the President will appoint her.

A motion to accept the slate as amended to include floor nominee Jenn Miller as Vice President was made by Lori Staats and was seconded by Mollie Bynum. The slate was approved.

Sunday Morning September 20, 2018

President Bonnie Miller called meeting to order. Secretary Carolyn Lopez called role call for delegates and proclaimed all present. Ofa Finau opened our meeting in prayer.

President Bonnie gave the President's Annual Report. A complete report is attached.

Tara Barnes, our Guest Presenter, and Pastor Autumn Krueger we presented thank you gifts and received a resounding applause.

Outgoing Conference leaders Crystal Feaster, Ofa Finau, Vicki Keele and Judy Shoup were recognized with Special Mission Recognition pins.

Incoming and second-term Conference Leaders Jenn Miller, Linda Heim, Lori Staats, Amanda Soliai, Ari Schablein, Ronnie McKenzie, Sherri Whitethorn and Ruby Nofziger were installed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Lopez

Conference Secretary

Alaska United Methodist Women

2020 Proposed Budget

	2018 Budget	2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	2020 Proposed
BUDGETED INCOME				
UMW, Inc. Cultivation Funding	19,000.00	25,500.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Pledge to Mission	20,000.00	11,826.93	15,000.00	15,000.00
Special Mission Recognition				500.00
Gift to Mission				500.00
Gift in Memory				500.00
World Thank Offering				500.00
Call To Prayer			500.00	100.00
Other Mission Giving	2,000.00	1,946.91	2,500.00	
Designated Giving	2,000.00	2,559.43	2,000.00	2,000.00
Annual Gathering Registration	2,500.00	2,345.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
Limitless				
Spiritual Growth Registration				
Mission u Registration	3,000.00	545.00	3,500.00	1,500.00
Annual Gathering Offering	1,500.00	1,120.10	1,500.00	1,500.00
Silent Auction	1,550.00	1,080.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Carryover	5,000.00	562.41	2,000.00	
Book Sales	1,000.00	164.50	1,200.00	
Released Set Asides	6,000.00	8,651.62	600.00	6,000.00
Total Budgeted Income	63,550.00	56,301.90	55,800.00	52,100.00
Other Income				
Dependent Care Donations	500.00	40.00	229.00	150.00
Miscellaneous Income		303.96		99.00
Scholarship Donations		385.00	200.00	250.00
Refunds				
Total Other Income		385.00	429.00	499.00
TOTAL INCOME	64,050.00	57,130.86	56,229.00	52,599.00
EXPENSES				
BUDGETED EXPENSES				
Administration				
Audit			250.00	250.00
Historian	50.00		50.00	50.00
Newsletter	1,000.00	524.00	900.00	100.00
Directory/Yearbook	200.00	259.21	200.00	200.00
Total Administration	1,250.00	783.21	1,400.00	600.00
Conference Leadership Team				
AUMC Meeting	75.00	163.19	75.00	75.00
Dependent Care	500.00	-	300.00	300.00
Mission Coordinators	400.00		300.00	300.00
Annual Sampler Mailing	480.00	1,440.00	720.00	360.00
Leadership Team Magazines	200.00	140.00	432.00	432.00
Supplies/Printing/Postage	400.00	290.12	300.00	300.00
AV Conferencing			225.00	180.00
Racial Justice	75.00	42.01	75.00	75.00
SMR Pins for Outgoing Officers	250.00	300.00	240.00	240.00
Total Leadership Team	2,380.00	2,375.32	2,667.00	2,262.00
Winter Meeting				
Winter Meeting Room and Board	1,000.00	715.57		1,000.00

Winter Teleconferences	50.00			
Winter Materials and Supplies	50.00	150.86	50.00	100.00
Winter Meeting Travel	2,400.00	2,187.90		2,000.00
Dependent Care		132.00	150.00	150.00
Total Fall and Winter Meetings	3,500.00	3,186.33	200.00	3,250.00
Membership/Connectionalism				
Deaconess and Homemissioners Fund			25.00	25.00
Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team	362.00	362.00	362.00	362.00
Total Membership/Connectionalism	362.00	362.00	387.00	387.00
Annual Gathering				
Leadership Team Room and Board	500.00	157.97	4,625.00	500.00
Meeting Facilities	200.00	150.00	4,300.00	150.00
Food for Meals	2,000.00	1,474.56		1,500.00
Honoraria	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Printing Materials	1,000.00	612.27	750.00	750.00
Books from Mission Resource Center	1,000.00		1,100.00	
Supplies/Copies/Postage/Etc.	250.00	171.70	350.00	250.00
Travel - Unit Delegate	1,600.00	942.83	1,600.00	1,600.00
Travel - Conference Officers	3,000.00	2,345.69	2,200.00	2,400.00
Dependent Care		126.00	300.00	300.00
Guest Accomodation		1,536.74		500.00
Total Annual Meeting	9,600.00	7,567.76	15,275.00	8,000.00
Mission U Training				
Dean/Asst. Dean Travel	600.00	637.58	1,200.00	650.00
Dean/Asst. Dean Room and Board	350.00	359.10	350.00	250.00
Study Leader Travel	2,400.00	1,330.45	1,200.00	1,300.00
Study Leader Room and Board	900.00	360.49	750.00	500.00
Total Mission U Training	4,250.00	2,687.62	3,500.00	2,700.00
Mission U Events				
Dean Resources, Supplies, and Copies	350.00		300.00	200.00
Meals	750.00	50.08	600.00	450.00
Study Leader Honoraria	600.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Dean and Study Leader Books	150.00		300.00	300.00
Study Leader Duplication, Etc.	225.00	10.59	150.00	150.00
Dean/Asst. Dean Travel	1,500.00		1,500.00	750.00
Dean/Asst. Dean Room and Board	300.00		300.00	200.00
Study Leader Travel	3,000.00	1,128.66	1,500.00	1,500.00
Study Leader Room and Board	400.00		400.00	400.00
Leadership Team Meals			300.00	300.00
Gift to Mission/Resource Persons	100.00	20.00	100.00	50.00
Dependent Care	300.00		300.00	200.00
Leadership Team Travel	1,000.00		500.00	500.00
Leadership Team Room and Board	250.00		150.00	150.00
Teleconference	100.00		-	
Mission Resource Books & Return Ship	200.00	150.00	250.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	50.00		50.00	50.00
Total Mission U Events	9,275.00	1,809.33	7,150.00	5,800.00
Spring/Summer Meeting				
Room and Board	800.00	332.00	600.00	800.00
Summer teleconference	100.00		-	
Travel	2,400.00	1,111.36	2,100.00	1,800.00

Printing		45.70	50.00	50.00
Supplies		91.05	100.00	100.00
Dependent Care		129.00	150.00	150.00
Total Spring/Summer Meeting	3,300.00	1,709.11	3,000.00	2,900.00
Spiritual Growth Retreat				
Limitless				
Retreat				
Total Spiritual Growth Retreat			-	
Unit Development				
Leader/Nominations Itineration	1,000.00	473.08	1,000.00	1,000.00
Scholarships				
Special Enrichment				
Total Unit Officer Development	1,000.00	473.08	1,000.00	1,000.00
A WAY FORWARD *NEW*				
Itineration travel		536.40	500.00	
Itineration meals		134.39	150.00	
Itineration housing				
photocopies		111.74	100.00	
supplies		76.98	50.00	
Total A Way Forward		859.51	800.00	
National Meetings				
Quadrennial Meeting				
Registration				1,000.00
Room and Board				2,000.00
Travel				5,000.00
Assembly 2018	8,000.00			
Assembly Registration		295.00		
Assembly Room and Board		2,571.54		
Assembly Travel		6,469.55		
National Seminar 2019			800.00	
Total National Meetings	8,000.00	9,336.09	800.00	8,000.00
UMW National				
Pledge to Mission	13,333.00	9,370.65	10,050.00	10,000.00
Special Mission Recognition	500.00	380.00	500.00	500.00
Gift in Memory	500.00	310.00	500.00	500.00
Gift to Mission	500.00	275.00	500.00	500.00
World Thank Offering	500.00	843.41	500.00	500.00
A Call to Prayer and Self Denial	500.00	46.00	500.00	100.00
Other Designated Giving	1,500.00	100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Quadrennial Offering	100.00			100.00
Legacy Endowment Fund		1,004.63		
Total UMW National	17,433.00	12,329.69	14,550.00	14,200.00
Yearly Set Asides				
Assembly	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
National Seminar 2019	200.00	-		
Quadrennial 2020	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Spiritual Growth Retreat	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Yearly Set Asides	3,700.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	64,050.00	48,979.05	56,229.00	52,599.00
Other Mission Outreach				
Nome Community Center		100.00		
AK Child and Family				
Alaska Projects		1,223.84		
UMCOR		280.96		
Total Other Outreach		1,604.80		
TOTAL EXPENSES	64,050.00	50,683.85	56,229.00	52,599.00

Nominations Slate

We present you the 2019-2020 Conference Leadership Team Slate of Nominations

Position	Name	Term	Local Unit
Co- President	Linda Heim	2 years	St. John UMW
Co- President	Debbie Pintsch	2 years	St. John UMW
Secretary	Carolyn Lopez	2 years	North Star UMW
Treasurer	Brenda Overcast	1 year	Douglas UMW
Spiritual Growth	Debra Gerrish	2 years	Douglas UMW
Communications, Publicity & Resource	Karen Wright	2 years	Douglas UMW
Membership Nurture & Outreach	OPEN	2 years	
Committee on Nominations Chair	Nora Ribbens	2 years	North Star UMW
Committee on Nominations Kenai Peninsula	Ari Schablein	2 years	Seward UMW
Committee on Nominations South Central	Elena Snyder	4 years	First Anchorage UMW
Committee on Nominations Southeast	OPEN	4 years	
Committee on Nominations Northern	OPEN	4 years	
Racial Justice Task Force, Seat A	BJ Eldred	2 years	Willow UMW
Racial Justice Task Force, Seat B	Kelly Marciales	3 years	Christ First UMW
Racial Justice Task Force, Seat C	Megumi Beams	4 years	Homer UMW
Recommended Presidential Appointment			
Dean Of Mission Education	Lori Staats	2 years	First Anchorage UMW
Nominees for National			
National Board of Directors	Susan Williams	4 years	Anchor Park UMW
National Board of Directors	Jennifer Miller	4 years	First Anchorage UMW
National Board of Directors alternate	Lori Staats	4 years	First Anchorage UMW
Program Advisory Group	Susan Williams	4 years	Anchor Park UMW
Program Advisory Group	Kelly Marciales	4 years	Christ First UMW
Program Advisory Group alternate	Karen Wright	4 years	Douglas UMW

Be a Leader with United Methodist Women

As a membership organization, you are invited to be involved in United Methodist Women leadership at the local, conference, jurisdiction or national level. Accepting a leadership role requires a commitment of time, energy and effort. But in return, you develop a deeper understanding of mission, grow spiritually, and make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth. Learn more about elected officers and their job descriptions at: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/equip-leaders/be-a-leader>.

Our Reading Program

By Kathrine Miller
Alaska UMW Conference
Secretary of Program Resources

DID YOU KNOW....

- This past year there have been changes to the United Methodist Women's Mission Resource Center. The Center is no longer selling the Reading Program books. Administrative items, different tools of office, gifts and study books will still be available through them. **The Reading Program books for are available at your local library or bookstore, Amazon and some may be available on audible books.**
- The deadline for sending notification of completion of a reading program, Kathryn Miller, Secretary of Program Resources, which reading plan you completed this year is **September 13!**
- The categories continue to be Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth.
- **Youth and children's books** can be included on all plans.
- **UMW mission study guides** can be read for credit in the following categories:
 - Spiritual growth study for Spiritual Growth
 - Geographic study for Education for Mission
 - Issue study for Social Action
- **Bonus books** are to be counted in Social Action and/or Education for Mission. They can be counted as two books in one category or one book in each category.
- **Plan I** requires one book from each category and regular reading of **response** magazine.
- **Plans II, III, and IV** require regular reading of **response** magazine in addition to the required number of books.

Plan II—Two books from each category (total of 10 books)

Plan III—Two books from each category plus 5 additional books from any category (total of 15 books)

Plan IV—Two books from each category plus 10 additional books from any category (total of 20 books)

Turn in your Reading Program completion information no later than September 13 to Kathrine at katiemillerak@gmail.com!



Together We Are Building Our Legacy

by Susan Williams
National Director

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate health care and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.

United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

What a privilege we have: to be faith, hope and love in action at this time in the history—and the future—of United Methodist Women.

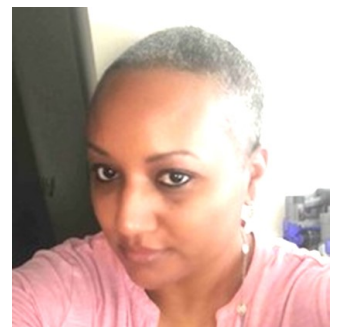
Taken from United Methodist Women's website <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/home>

ANNUAL GATHERING 2019



Kenya Roberts will join us at Annual Gathering. She will help us envision the possible when we say yes to God's call. Imagine—on 2 cents and a prayer, women changed institutions, broke down barriers, and empowered powerful leaders. Kenya will help us see our role in making the future happen. She will help us envision the possible when we say yes to God's call. Imagine on 2 cents and a prayer, women changed institutions, broke down barriers, and empowered powerful leaders. Kenya will help us see our role in making the future happen. Kenya is the Executive for Development Management at United Methodist Women national office. She has many years of experience working with local and international non-profits and Foundations in Development.

Alana Walls, Coordinator of Distance Learning with the National United Methodist Women's office, will join us by way of audio-video technology. She will introduce the UMW Leadership Development online platform, Bridge. Alana's passion is developing and implementing effective and engaging learning at all levels.



Did You Know?

by Lori Staats
Alaska UMW Conference
Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Did you know

...that only 17 percent of the U.S. workforce has access to employer-sponsored paid family leave? Millions of people in this country forego medical treatment or return to the job before they've had a chance to heal due to a lack of paid leave. Nearly one in four mothers of new babies go back to work within two weeks of giving birth. That makes recovery from birth more physically painful and emotionally traumatic and puts women at risk of life-threatening complications.

Economic
Inequality

Did you know

...When floods strike or droughts persist, women are among the first to feel the impact on their livelihoods and daily lives. As managers of household resources, women may struggle to secure water, fuel and food. As migrants and refugees pushed from areas of climatic stress, they confront greater risks of disease and violence. Children are often most vulnerable to adverse health effects from environmental hazards. A recent report issued by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) states, "climate change will further reduce access to drinking water, negatively affect the health of poor people, and will pose a real threat to food security in many countries..."

Climate
Justice

Did you know

...Health care for women and children is at the heart of United Methodist Women today, and has been since the organization was founded in the 1800's. In 1869, Dr. Clara Swain was sent to Bareilly, India, to provide quality medical care to women. She has been called the "pioneer woman physician in India," as well as the "first fully accredited woman physician ever sent out by any missionary society into any part of the non-Christian world."

Maternal
& Child
Health

Did you know

...Today the United States leads the world in incarceration rates. There are now over 2.2 million people in our jails and prisons. This constitutes a 500 percent increase over the past 40 years.

Information above taken from the United Methodist Women website
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/focus-issues> .

Criminalization
of
Communities
of
Color & Mass
Incarceration

Want to know more about any of these focus areas for Social Justice? Annual gathering will have much more information about the issues United Methodist Women are passionate about. If you would like to find out more visit the display at Annual Gathering or visit the website. There are resources for your personal information and ways to share with your unit.

I look forward to seeing you at Solid Rock!

Lori Staats
Social Action Coordinator

It is our 150th Birthday!

by Julia Smith
Alaska UMW Conference
Legacy Liaison

March 23, 2019 is the 150th Birthday of United Methodist Women, but we are celebrating all year. What is your Unit doing to join in the Celebration, what have you already done? It is time to celebrate and your Conference Team is planning a great time of Celebration at our Annual Gathering at Solid Rock Camp in Soldotna. It not too early to start planning to come and be a part of the Celebration. We would like you to share how you are celebrating this momentous birthday at Unit Sharing time at Annual Gathering. Also, think of a member of your Unit that you would like to honor or remember by telling us about them, and Giving to the Legacy Fund in their honor or memory.

150 Years, 15 decades. We are planning a Saturday evening of fun and education about our 150 year history through a fashion show through the decades. Of the last 15 decades is there a time that interests you? Well, get your outfits ready whether it is from the 1860's or 1960's or today. You can dress up or down or wear a hat or scarf. Whatever you choose, just join in the fun and CELEBRATE! Building a Legacy United Methodist Women members' commitment and faithful service has led our foremothers' vision forward for 150 years. Yet the needs, difficulties and unjust practices faced by women, children and youth continue. These factors underscore the urgency of our work and the importance of a stable and consistent source of revenue that enables United Methodist Women to respond to emerging needs and support the work of future generations of women in the United States and around the world. In 2014, the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched to raise \$60 million to secure United Methodist Women for service in the next 150 years and beyond. Meet Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management, Methodist Women National Office, will be joining us for Annual Gathering. There will be a time to meet with Kenya and talk with her about ways to give to the Legacy Fund.

Ways to Give

There are many ways to contribute to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. For example, you can make a one-time gift, a recurring gift or make a pledge over time. Please reflect on the best way to make a significant gift. And ask questions or just talk with Kenya our Development staff from the United Methodist Women national office who will be available to discuss the various giving options with you. You can also speak with your financial or estate planner.

SOME WAYS YOU CAN GIVE: • Cash/Check/Credit Card • Planned Gifts

- Life Insurance Policies
- Matching Gifts
- IRA (or other retirement plan distributions)
- * Appreciated Securities
- Online Giving: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- Text to Give: Text "41444" on your cell phone and enter "Legacy 150" in the message area
- Send checks to:
United Methodist Women, attn: LEGACY
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115
(write: "The Legacy Fund" in the memo line.)



Please consider joining your legacy with ours by supporting the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign to carry the mission of United Methodist Women forward in making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth in the years to come.

For more information on the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, please contact us at

(212)870-3705 or e-mail Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Turn Our Lives Godward

by Debra Gerrish
Alaska UMW Conference
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

As a Christian these are good words to live by.

I took the course Accountable Discipleship - Living in God's Household and loved the course. The book it was based on, **Accountable Discipleship - Living in God's Household** engaged my mind and my emotions. I like the way the author took something I use or do and explained it in detail. Two examples would be how he explained the exact meaning of the word Shalom. "Shalom, a Hebrew word that encompasses God's intended will for all creation, means 'wholeness, harmony, completeness, and peace.' Jesus is the incarnation of this covenant, this shalom. The human response to his gracious initiative is to turn our lives Godward. Discipleship is living out the Godward life. It is a living in the covenant, the divine-human relationship of forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, wholeness - in other words grace."

The second example is: "The disciple's way of life is grounded in obedience to Christ's way of life. In that life there is an essential balance between doing ('to do justice....and love kindness') and being ('walk humbly with your God'). This is to say that disciples of Jesus Christ are compassionate and just. They love their neighbor and their world through intentional, concrete actions. They love in word and deed, seeking the welfare of the least, the last, and the lost. Disciples are humble and practice humility in all they do and speak. They do not think of themselves as being better or above anyone. Humility enables the disciple to see Christ in the face of each person they encounter in their daily lives. The humility arises out of their daily walk with God in prayer and meditation."



Destination Solid Rock !

Transportation Needs?

As you make reservations to attend Annual Gathering in Soldotna, Alaska, please know that Carolyn Lopez of North Star UMW will be coordinating transportation from the Kenai Airport to Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna.. Please give her a call after you secure your ticket. She will arrange a local unit member to transport you to Solid Rock.

Carolyn Lopez
(907)513-9181

ANNUAL GATHERING 2019



Alaska United Methodist Women

August 2019

Mission u Coming to You!



Southeast

Aldersgate UMC in Juneau October 4-5

Kenai Peninsula

Soldotna UMC in Soldotna November 1-2

South Central

UMC of Chugiak, Chugiak November 22-23

Event Schedule

6:00—9:30 PM Friday

8:30 AM—5:00 PM

Mission u events take place across every United Methodist Conference and are organized by conference United Methodist Women leadership. At our Mission u events in Alaska we will grow in our understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. Events include worship, sinigang, interest groups around current issues, audio visual presentations, food and fellowship! Please join in embracing the opportunity to grow, share and advocate for others!

Details

COST

The cost for the event is \$50 early bird (paid at least 1 week prior to event), \$55 after that and at the door. This fee provides for Study Leaders, program materials, Friday snacks, Saturday light breakfast and lunch.

BRING

Bible, writing materials, mission study book and a desire to grow in fellowship and faith!

STUDY MATERIAL

Texts may be ordered in advance from www.umwmmissionresources.org

CHILDCARE

Childcare can be provided for a fee, with advance notice. Contact the Dean if childcare is needed.

EVENT CONTACT

Lori Staats, Dean of Mission Education
400 W. 76th #307 Anchorage, AK 99518
907-351-4498 staatslori@gmail.com

2019 Mission Studies

Special Study

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Study Book: Women United for Change By Ellen Blue

https://www.umsmissonresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53452

Leader's Guide by Julia Tulloch



Study Leader: Julia Smith, United Methodist Church of Sitka

United for Change by Ellen Blue is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the fact of mission. This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission. First organized in the United States, those societies sent missionaries overseas and later engaged in mission at home. Each was a

heroine who was willing to stand over and against what her culture—and sometimes even her church—expected of her. Learning about the early female leaders who created what would become today's United Methodist Women can help us understand who they truly were beyond who we expected them to have been.

Every woman who “stepped out of her place” to participate in mission societies at the turn of the 20th century was part of a movement that brought women into the forefront of Christian ministry. The women who have chosen to devote themselves to United Methodist Women and its predecessors have contributed mightily to God's work in the world. They have been responsible for positive change within the church itself, in their own communities, and all around the world. To know a little about the stories of even a few of them is to enrich our lives and our understanding of who we are as an organization. When women dared to change the world for the better, they discovered that they too were changed.

Spiritual Growth Study

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

Study Book: Practicing Resurrection by Janet Wolf

https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53408

Leader's Guide by Denise Smartt Sears and Janet Wolf



Study Leader Betty Burke, United Methodist Church of Chugiak

This spiritual growth study presents this well-known Gospel of Mark through voices and experiences that are often relegated to the margins. In five chapters, the study examines different passages in Mark and challenges readers to discover what radical discipleship looks like in their context

In *Mark and Radical Discipleship*, author explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. Wolf explores the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as a guide.

Mark, the earliest of the synoptic Gospels, was written almost forty years after the crucifixion. A time when the early church was struggling, troubled, and traumatized. Many of those who had walked with Jesus were now imprisoned or dead. The Jewish-Roman War of 66–70 C.E. ended with a destroyed temple and a fractured and frightened community. And then, as now, Christians were asking, what does it mean to be a disciple of this Jesus, crucified and raised?

Wolf explores this question in five chapters that walk the reader through the Gospel of Mark. Throughout the text, Wolf tells of her own experiences as a pastor and community organizer, recognizing the power of these and other stories to heal, transform, liberate, and unshackle.

Alaska United Methodist Women
Mission u 2019
Registration Form



Name: _____

Select Event Location:

- ☐ Aldersgate UMC in Southeast October 4-5
- ☐ Soldotna UMC on Kenai Peninsula November 1-2
- ☐ UMC of Chugiak in South Central November 22-23

All events run Friday 6-9:30PM and Saturday 8:30 AM -5:00 PM

Please choose one study:

- ☐ Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship
- ☐ Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Church _____

Emergency Contact name & number: _____

Please indicate any special physical or dietary needs: _____

Cost: Early bird cost is \$50. Registration one week before the event is \$55. Your fee provides for program material, Friday evening snacks, Saturday light breakfast and lunch. While registration is accepted at the door, advance registration and payment is appreciated. Please make checks to "AUMW".

I will donate \$_____ so that others may have the opportunity to attend Mission u.

Total Enclosed: _____

Please mail payment with registration to the Alaska United Methodist Dean of Mission Education:

Lori Staats, Dean of Mission Education
 400 W. 76th #307 Anchorage, AK 99518
 907-351-4498 staatslori@gmail.com

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The PURPOSE of United Methodist Women

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



League of Extraordinary Women

Alaska United Methodist Women

Annual Gathering 2020

Solid Rock Bible Camp, Soldotna

September 20-22

Early Bird Registration Until September 6!