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This Edition of the Fresh Connection has important information regarding the business portion of our Annual Gathering in October. The proposed leadership team for 2020 as well as proposed changes to the Standing rules please read carefully as we will be voting for these important items at the October 12th Annual Gathering at Centennial UMC.

From the Heart: a note from Sandy Meyer



Greetings UMW
Sisters!

It's hard to believe we
are nearing the end of
summer! I hope you
have all had the
opportunity to enjoy
God's beautiful world!

I have had the great joy of being able to kayak almost every day at a lake which is 5 minutes from my house. Sometimes I go twice! It is my time alone with God and I cherish it.

I had the opportunity to give a presentation about UMW Connections at Mission u. I missed attending Mission u this year, but I enjoyed reading the study books which were interesting and relevant. It's one of the things I love about being involved in UMW. We tackle difficult topics and open our hearts and minds to new ways of looking at things while maintaining a sisterhood of grace.

There are so many opportunities for us to be involved.

Please consider attending your District and the Conference meeting this fall. The Conference meeting is Saturday, October 12 at Centennial UMC in Roseville. It is a great way to meet new women from other churches and share ideas. We have two

fabulous speakers and the business meeting is when we elect officers and vote on budgets for 2020. The business meeting might seem boring to some of you, but you have a voice and it should be heard. Look over the Standing Rules changes and the Nominations Committee report to see who your officers will be for 2020. You will notice that I am continuing in my position as President until 7/31/20 when Cindy Saufferer will complete her term as a Director for National UMW and then take over as Minnesota Conference President.

Please consider serving on a District or Conference team. We all have gifts to offer. We need yours! You will receive training and support from caring and helpful sisters who are also on the team.

There are so many opportunities for us to be involved in mission. Go on a mission trip, support a mission trip financially, support programs in our local communities, share a smile with a stranger, pray for each other. What will you do to make this world a better place?

Please consider attending the Annual Meeting of Church Women United on September 14 at Discovery United Methodist Church in Chanhassen. There will be a SERRV sale with fair trade items from around the world and the *Keynote Speakers* are Faye Christensen and Debra Jene Collum (from Commission on Status and Role of Women) on the

topic: "When Words Get in the Way of our Faith Journey". I will be elected the President for Church Women United of Minnesota at this meeting. I would appreciate your support in person by

attending this meeting and your prayers as I step into this new position.

Love, Sandy

Proposed Leadership Team For 2020

ELECTED LEADERSHIP:

President:

Cindy Saufferer - Begins Aug. 1, 2020; 1st Term, 1st year

Sandy Meyer - Extended presidency Jan. 1 - July 31, 2020

Program Coordinator:

Diana Eickelberg - 1st Term, 2nd Year

Secretary:

Linda Brinster - 1st Term, 1st Year

Treasurer:

Teri Arnold - 2nd Term, 2nd Year

Co-Chairs, Committee on Nominations:

Shirley Durr - Class of 2021

Becky Coleman - Class of 2021

MISSION COORDINATORS:

Spiritual Growth:

Julie Adams - 2nd Term, 2nd Year

Membership Nurture and Outreach:

Melinda Kohrt - 2nd Term, 2nd Year

Social Action:

Linda Kotschevar - 2nd Term, 1st Year

Education and Interpretation:

Pam Johnson - 1st Term, 1st Year

Resource Manager:

Grace Swanson - 1st Term, 2nd Year

Communications Coordinator:

Kim Harris - 1st Term, 2nd Year

Committee on Nominations:

2021: Becky Coleman

2021: Shirley Durr

2022: Thalia Duffied

2022: Barb Hanson

2023: Janet Ewing

APPOINTED LEADERSHIP:

Commission on the Status and Role of Women:

Joyce Prudden

MN & O Label Order Processor:

Shelley Knoblauch

MN & O Officer Update Processor:

Sophia Mahowald

Directory Project Leader:

Rebecca Bischoff

Technology Coordinator:

Amanda Harris

Language Coordinator:

TBA

Historian:

Char Frankenberry

Proposed Nominees to National United Methodist Women:

National Director:

Sandy Meyer

National Program Advisor:

Shirley Durr

Proposed Standing Rule Changes

The following changes are recommendations from the Standing Rules Committee. These changes are being suggested to be in line with the United Methodist Women National Office and to clarify recent financial positions. The entire standing ruled can be found online at <https://www.mnconfumw.com> We have chosen to just highlight the changes being made in this newsletter. The Standing rules are 10 pages long and we wish to be mindful of how we spend the money you work so hard to raise for missions.

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE UMW STANDING RULES FOR 2020

Additions are underscored and in *Italicized lettering*.

Deletions appear with ~~striketrough~~ markings.

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTIONS

In even-numbered years:

- Treasurer
- Chairperson of the Nominating Committee
- ~~Vice President/Program Coordinator~~
- ~~Mission Coordinators (Spiritual Growth and Education and Interpretation)~~
- ~~Resource Manager~~

In Odd-numbered years:

- President
- Secretary
- ~~Mission Coordinators (Social Action and Membership Nurture and Outreach)~~
- ~~Communications Coordinator~~

The Committee on Nominations will also appoint the following officers as needed:

- *Program Coordinator*
- *Spiritual Growth Coordinator*
- *Education and Interpretation Coordinator*
- *Social Action Coordinator*
- *Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator*
- *Communications Coordinator*
- *Language Coordinator*
- *Resource Manager*
- *Commission on the Status and Role of Women Representative*

These appointed officers have the same privileges as the elected officers and are members of the Executive Committee. Each year, the Committee on Nominations will ask each appointed officer if she would like to continue her position for another year with a maximum of 4 years.

Recognizing that not all positions may be filled, additional positions can be filled at any time as needed upon approval of the executive committee.

Section 3. For an *elected* officer to fill an unexpired term of office, if the time to serve is one year or longer, the period to be served shall be considered the first term, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. If the time to serve is less than one year, it shall not constitute a first term.

Section 4. All *elected* officers shall be eligible for re-election for one two-year term in the same office. A treasurer can be re-elected for two terms.

Section 7. All *elected and appointed* conference officers are to attend their own district executive team meeting and district events at district expense.

ARTICLE 2 – MEETINGS

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly. Two of these meetings shall be in conjunction with the Annual Gathering and Mission u. **A majority (more than 50%) of the Executive Committee must be present in person or electronically to constitute a quorum. The quorum will be verified by the Secretary.**

Section 5. ~~All~~ **The following** Conference and District officers are required to attend the annual Leadership Development Retreat in the fall: **Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Mission u Business Manager, Committee on Nominations, Program Coordinators, Mission Coordinators, Communication Coordinators, and Conference Technology Coordinator, and additional positions as determined by the Administrative Committee. If unable to attend, contact the Conference President.**

Section 6. All elected and appointed Conference officers, the Dean and Assistant Dean of Mission u, and District Presidents are required to attend the Conference Annual Gathering ~~unless excused by~~ **If unable to attend, contact** the Conference President.

All District officers are required to attend the Conference Annual Gathering ~~unless excused by~~ **If unable to attend, contact your** District President.

ARTICLE 3 – FUNDS

Section 3. All UMW monies are required to be handled by bonded persons which includes ~~duly elected~~ treasurers, presidents, **Mission u Dean,** and Mission u Business Manager.

Section 4. At the beginning of each quarter the Conference Treasurer shall send each district one-fourth of the amount of its A & MD Fund's budget.

- A. These funds shall be disbursed by district treasurers for district expenses.
- B. The money on the Conference Budget designated for Mission u ~~study leader training~~ shall be sent to the Mission u Business Manager in the first quarter.

Section 10. Childcare shall be provided at Conference Annual Gatherings if requested by the registration deadline. A minimum of two childcare providers (at least one with Safe Sanctuary **or Safe Gatherings** credentials) will be paid by Conference UMW if unable to find volunteers.

Section 11. The following Conference officers **and appointees** are expected to attend UMW Assembly and North Central Jurisdiction at the expense of the Conference: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee on Nominations Chair, Language Coordinator, and any additional Conference officers **or appointees** required by National.

- A. No changes
- B. No changes
- C. Additional Conference officers **or appointees** who wish to attend and request reimbursement may apply for scholarship based on funds available and determined by the Executive Team.

Section 13. The President or ~~a proxy~~ **another Conference officer determined by the Administrative Committee** is required to attend the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. If the Conference President is not elected by the Minnesota Annual Conference as a delegate to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference or General Conference within the contiguous United States, the Conference UMW will pay the expenses for her or ~~a proxy~~ **another Conference officer determined by the Administrative Committee** to attend as a visitor ~~if she chooses to attend.~~

Section 14. At the end of the year any unused Administration and Membership Development Funds, except the minimum necessary to begin the next year, are added to the pledge sent to UMW National.

ARTICLE 4 – EXPENSES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 C. Each officer ~~including Mission u Registrar and Assistant Registrar~~ will be allowed two study books for Mission u each year.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEES

Section 5. Program planning shall be done by a Committee composed of the Program Coordinator as chairperson, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations or designated member of the Committee on Nominations, four (4) Mission Coordinators, the District Presidents, and additional persons as needed

ARTICLE 6 – MISSION U

Section 1. There shall be a Conference Mission u to be held each summer. The Dean and the Assistant Dean are required to attend Mission u Leadership Training.

- A. The Dean, Assistant Dean, ~~and~~ the Business Manager, Registrar, and Assistant Registrar of the Conference Mission u shall be selected by the Mission u nominating committee from outside the Conference ~~elected~~ leadership. They shall be included in the installation service at the Annual Gathering.
- B. The Dean, ~~Assistant Dean of Mission u, and Business Manager~~ shall be considered ~~a member members~~ of the Conference Executive Committee as soon as ~~they are~~ she is approved by the Conference Executive Committee. ~~They shall be included in the installation service at the Annual Gathering.~~

Section 2. The leaders of Mission u are ~~selected~~ approved annually by the Executive Committee to serve a maximum of two (2) years. The Business Manager's term is a maximum of four (4) years.

Section 3. Non-elected officers and others who lead enrichments at Mission u shall receive either an honorarium plus expenses or paid registration, to be determined by the Mission u Core Team. ~~Non-elected officers who lead plenaries at Mission u shall receive a meal, if appropriate, and an honorarium.~~

Section 4. The ~~Mission u Dean~~, Assistant Dean, the Business Manager, Registrar, and Assistant Registrar will have expenses paid by Conference UMW when called to a Conference meeting.

Section 5. All elected and appointed Conference Officers including the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and District Presidents are ~~required~~ encouraged to attend Mission u with their way being paid by Conference funds.

- A. Conference Nominating Committee members and other appointed officers are ~~required~~ encouraged to attend Mission u or Mission u Too with their way being paid by Conference or Mission u funds.
- B. All elected and appointed District officers are ~~required~~ encouraged to attend Mission u or Mission u Too with their way being paid from District funds. ~~Mission u staff participants who are not Conference or District officers will EITHER HAVE THEIR REGISTRATION PAID OR BE GIVEN AN HONORARIUM.~~
- C. All elected leadership of the UMW (WFMUCW, National, and Jurisdiction) residing within the Conference are invited to attend Mission u or Mission u Too at Conference expense.
- D. All women of the Conference are ~~urged~~ encouraged to attend Mission u or Mission u Too.

ARTICLE 7 – CORRESPONDENCE

Section 2. Membership Lists – The United Methodist Women do not furnish lists of their elected or appointed leaders nor members to individuals or agencies outside the organization unless authorized by the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE 2 - MEETINGS

Section 2. ~~The other two meetings of the Conference Executive Committee shall be winter and spring.~~ The reimbursement for food to the local church who is hosting a Minnesota Conference UMW event shall be as follows: Breakfast ~~\$3.50~~ \$5.00; Lunch ~~\$6.50~~ \$10.00; Coffee & Breaks ~~\$2.00~~ \$3.00; Dinner ~~\$8.00~~ \$12.00 per day, per person based on number of registrations reported by the registrar for the event.

Sections 11-13. Meal expense will be reimbursed up ~~to \$20~~ \$30.00 per day. Lodging will be based on two persons to a room.

ARTICLE 4 - EXPENSES OF OFFICERS

Section 5D. Meals are provided at the Conference UMW established rate of up to \$20 \$30.00 per day when receipts are presented.

Submitted by MN Conference UMW Standing Rules Committee

Chair: Shirley Durr

President: Sandy Meyer

Chair, Committee on Nominations: Faye Christensen

Secretary: Shirley Goutcher

Treasurer: Teri Arnold

Communications Coordinator: Kim Harris

Mission u Dean: Myrna Kuehl

Mission Coordinator (2019 Spiritual Growth): Julie Adams

District President (2019 BW): Joyce Stobb

Education and Interpretation

Even in early August, farmers and gardeners are thinking about the harvest. They go over what went well, problems, solutions and planning. As workers in the Lord's field and garden we need to evaluate our work, as well. The Mission Today report is one tool to help us.

The Mission Today report will be in the conference yearly mailing to unit presidents. It will be on a separate sheet of paper and included within the body of the "Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women 2020 Directory."

The report is designed to help units evaluate programs and determine ways to grow in service. As your unit plans for 2020, you could review and complete the 2019 report. Use the report to "expand concepts of mission" as you plan for 2020.

Send completed Mission Today reports to your district Education & Interpretation coordinator, prior to the district Spring Gathering. If your district doesn't have an E & I coordinator, your district president receives the report.

Peace, your sister in Christ,

Linda Brinster,

Minnesota Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator

MN Conference United Methodist Women Annual Gathering
October 12, 2019 8:45AM-3:45PM

Dare to Act/Live Boldly

Centennial UMC 1524 County Rd C2 W. St Pau; MN 55113

Registration and Emma Coffee will begin at 8:45AM and meeting will open at 9:30AM

Registration and Lunch \$15 mail in following registration or register online at <https://www.mnconfumw.com/>

Registration required for each participant attending. Registration ***Deadline: Oct. 1, 2019***

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____
Street City ZIP

District _____ Church _____ First-time Attendee _____

Age Bracket: ___15-25 ___26-35 ___36-45 ___46-60 ___Over 60

Dietary needs _____

I need childcare: ___ YES ___NO Age of children _____

Please bring a sack lunch for each child

___ \$15.00 individual registration fee enclosed

___ Group registration payment enclosed (one check with a registration form for each person)

Make check payable to: MN Conference UMW

Amount enclosed _____ Check # _____

Send completed registration form(s) and payment, ***by October 1, 2019*** to Peggy Rhodes, 2849 Farrington St, Roseville, MN 55113 H: 651-283-3827 C: 612-963-7659

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