

From Your District President

What a success the Winter Gathering of the Twin Cities District UMW was! The attendance on Zoom was greater than many recent in-person meetings. If you were registered and were unable to get connected, please know that now we have tripled our Zoom capacity, so everyone who wishes to attend the Spring Gathering will be able to join in.

There are some exciting things coming up this spring, still happening on Zoom. Please help your friends get connected if they aren't computer users.

Our spring Twin Cities District meeting brings us Susan Mullin, with Interfaith Power and Light to speak about Just Energy and the grant the Minnesota Conference has received to work on renewable energy that benefits everyone, especially the communities impacted by pollution or by the cost of changing to renewable energy sources. As Christians, we are called to care for the earth and our environment, both for the sake of those dear to us, and also for those who live throughout our country and world. Find out what you can do to take action to get climate change moving in a better direction, and climate justice be a part of the movement. I hope you can join us on Zoom, Saturday, April 24 for this informative event. See details in other parts of this newsletter and get registered!

Another fun thing coming in April is the Emma Norton Open Doors Gala on April 29, via Zoom. You will find entertainment, inspirational speakers, and some exciting items offered in the Silent Auction. Check out the details in this issue of the Connection.

Do you know who to contact among the Twin Cities District officers to get more information about United Methodist Women happenings? I encourage you to get acquainted with your District Liaison and let them know how your local UMW unit is doing. Sharing your ideas is one way to connect United Methodist Women across the district. Check out the Liaison list in this issue.

May God continue to bless you all.

Melinda Kohrt, President, TC District UMW

Winter Gathering Highlights

- 148 registered for the event
- Great worship
- Patty Wetterling, a wonderful speaker
- Excellent financial response

Dates to Remember

- April 24, TC District Spring Gathering-virtual
- April 29, Emma Norton Gala -virtual, see article on pages 8-10
- June 22-24, Annual Conference UMC, St. Cloud
- Summer, Mission u – virtual, see article on page 10
- July 24, TC District Fall Planning
- September 25, TC District Fall Gathering/Annual Meeting
- October 2-3. Annual UMW Conference Gathering/Leadership Development Retreat

Until the COVID situation is reassessed in late summer, decisions whether gatherings are virtual or not, final decisions are yet undecided.

Day of Giving

Tuesday, March 23, was the national Day of Giving. The national United Methodist Women has been asking for women to give to the Legacy Fund on this special day. The Legacy Fund has not yet met its goal, so if you have not yet given, consider a gift to United Methodist Women!

Treasurer's Report

At the District Executive Board meeting on March 6, the 1st quarter giving was reported. So far, only 2.62% of our 2021 Mission Giving Pledge of \$55,250 has been received. The 2021 Emma Norton Pledge is at 24.2% of \$7650. The 1st quarter balance is \$3208.03.

The UMW Mission Love Offering, given at the Winter Gathering, was a very generous \$1298.50. An equal amount (plus \$25.00) was given to the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center. Emma Norton received \$1185.00. The Executive Team of the TC District sincerely thanks everyone who participated in Patty Wetterling's presentation with their Zoom presence and their offerings.

Treasurer Helen also presented the 2022 Budget which was approved by the Executive Team. The recommended Budget will be shared at the Conference's meeting in April. At that time, it may be formally adopted., although adjustments can still be made through July.

The budget total was decreased from \$55,250 in 2021 to \$50,000 (2022). Decreases were made in line items that showed a decrease in actual spending in 2019 and 2020. Additional cost saving items will be adopted as they become necessary.

TC District 2020 Unit Giving

The units listed below gave in all **Five Channels of Giving:** Pledge to Mission, Special Member Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory and World Thanks:

Five Star Units:

Minnehaha and Simpson

The units listed below have given in all **Five Channels of Giving**, and have increased their pledge to mission giving at least \$1 more in a least one area over the last year to become:

Gold Star Units:

Brooklyn	Lake Harriet
Brunswick	Messiah
Centennial	Mounds Park
Church of Peace	Normandale Hylands
Discovery	Northeast
Fridley	Path of Grace
Hamline	Richfield
Hennepin Avenue	St. Paul's

Thank you to all of the local units in the Twin Cities District!

Helen Eslinger, Treasurer, TC District UMW

Recognition of Mission Today Units for 2020

Each year your local units are asked to give an accounting of what activities you have done that exemplify how you are participating in MISSION TODAY. The list also serves as a road map for activities that you can plan for your unit to be involved in for the year ahead. Some of the activities receive more weight, and they are marked with asterisks. Depending on the size of your unit, it is recommended that you do a specific number of the starred activities during the year, or perhaps I should qualify this by saying for a "normal year". Churches were closed and events canceled, which impacted your participation in your usual yearly activities, including those involving mission.

I have heard Sandy Meyer say many times that United Methodist Women is a sisterhood of grace, and it is through the lens of grace that the forms for Mission Today have been reviewed. Some units were able to check off all of the requirements, and some fell just a bit short; but ALL of them participated in Missions during a pandemic year and ALL your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The following UMW units have been recognized with appreciation for their participation in Mission Today 2020: Brooklyn, Brunswick, Centennial, Discovery, Fairmount Avenue, Messiah, Minnetonka, Normandale Hylands, United Methodist Church of Peace.

The Year of the Pivot

Local Units Get Creative to Continue Their Mission

We could probably all agree that there is very little the pandemic hasn't touched in our lives over the past year, including how our local United Methodist Women units function. Many of us moved our Circle and leadership meetings to a virtual setting like Zoom. However, when it came to planning and hosting *UMW in Action* fundraising events we had to get creative!

At our leadership training event held virtually on Zoom January 23 following the Winter Gathering, our Membership Nurture & Outreach group shared some of the ways they have "pivoted" during the last year to host their important fundraising events that help them live out their UMW mission of supporting women, children, and youth in need.

Here is a sampling:

Virtual Bazaar — Brooklyn United Methodist Church

For over 40 years, the Brooklyn UMW Fall Bazaar has been the major fundraiser that gives BUMW the ability to support missions in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center and all over the world. When they had to cancel the Bazaar in 2020 due to the pandemic, they came up with an alternative which was promoted in the church newsletter to solicit donations from the congregation to supplement their budget. As an incentive for contributing, UMW offered a "Thank You Gift" to anyone giving a contribution of \$25 or more. The gift bags incorporated the craft aspect of the bazaar as each one contained a unique cookbook, a handmade dish cloth, a handmade mask, and five handcrafted cards. The bags were then personally delivered by a member of the Board to the donor.

In addition to the joy of contacting people and "distance visiting" when delivered, the Thank You Gifts produced some "God Winks." The cookbooks came from a UMW member's aunt who had accumulated them over many years of collecting. When downsizing her collection, she offered some to her niece. The cookbooks had been created as fundraising projects for a variety of organizations -

churches, schools, civic organizations, nonprofits, etc. and came from many locales and states. A cookbook along with the other items were randomly placed in a bag and a handwritten thank you note and then delivered. Twice after the bag was delivered, the UMW team heard from the recipient, "Was that cookbook chosen just for me?" and "How did you know?" The cookbook's place of origin and/or organization producing it turned out to hold a special connection to the person receiving the bag. Now that's a "God Wink! The Virtual Bazaar was successful from the financial aspect, raising \$2,500, but equally successful were the human contacts that were made during a year that was isolating and lonely for many members. "We felt God winking at our unit as we worked to find a way to continue to fund mission giving for United Methodist Women," says UMW member, Carol Foster

Centennial United Methodist Church — Roseville

"UMW typically sells pecans in November," says UMW member Tracy Fodstad. In 2020, they coordinated an outdoor pick up which went well. They also held a virtual auction and hosted a Christmas Tea on Zoom. "Participants were invited to show the tea cup they were using and the story behind it," Tracy says.

Church of Peace — Richfield

Church of Peace has approximately 15 UMW members. The church helps support VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) in Bloomington, which provides many services to individuals and families in need. The church's United Methodist Women decided to sponsor a project last October to collect the six most needed items for the month of October, which included flour, sugar, peanut butter, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, and diapers. Members of the congregation dropped off the items at the church and UMW member Louise Hershey's husband delivered them to VEAP. By the end of October, they had delivered 354 pounds of food and diapers which Louise says was amazing for a congregation of about 65 members.

Let Jennifer Hipple, Membership Nurture & Outreach, TC District UMW, know what your unit has done!

2021 District Liaisons

Liaisons are a connection between the local UMW units and District & Conference UMW.

SANDRA Adelmund: Minnehaha, Northeast, Korean Evangelical

DIANE Denkmann: Brunswick, Good Samaritan, Lake Harriet, Messiah

SYLVIA Farrells: Eden Prairie, Portland Avenue, Uptown, Hamline (office)

HELEN Eslinger: Path of Grace, Church of Peace, Hillcrest

CINDY Waldt: Emma's Unit, The Beloved, Christ, Epworth

JENNIFER Hipple: Mounds Park, Prospect Park

CAROL Foster: North, Olivet, Brooklyn

BONNIE Bougie: Aldersgate, Centennial UMW

SUSANNE Mattison: Hennepin Avenue

BECKY Coleman: Fairmount Avenue, La Puerta Abierta, New City, Fridley

SHIRLEY Durr: Faith (West St. Paul), St. Paul's, Walker

SHIRLEY JACKSON: Community, Faith St. Anthony Village, Park Avenue

MELINDA Kohrt: Excelsior, Minnetonka, Pilgrim

SANDY Meyer: Discovery, Camphor Memorial, Richfield

PAULETTE Malacek: Normandale Hylands

JOYCE Prudden: Recovery, Living Spirit

UNITS SHOULD RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS ONCE EVERY QUARTER

How are you doing? Any questions or concerns you want the District Leadership team to know about? Any "UMW in Action" (projects/events) you're planning or have recently completed. Promote Emma Norton Gala/fundraising events; promote Assembly.

Jan-early March	Census/Survey deadline is March 29. Any UMW in Action projects to share?
March '21	The TC District Gathering is April 24, be sure to register! Share a bit about Keynote Speaker Susan Mullin & "Just Energy for All." Emma Norton "Opening Doors" digital gala is April 29.
April-May	Promote Mission u (see p. 10 for more info); ask about their UMW in Action projects.
Aug-Sept	Promote and invite to Fall Gathering; inquire about UMW in Action projects.
December	Promote Winter Gathering and leadership training; inquire about UMW in Action

Offering for Spring Gathering

We all know what important issues climate change and climate justice are. Climate changes are threatening the future of our entire world. God appointed all of us to be stewards and caretakers of this world and unfortunately our job performance has been less than stellar. Much is required to stop and mitigate what is happening.

Our guest speaker for the April 24th Twin Cities District Meeting is Rev. Susan Mullen and she will be talking about the work being done by MN Interfaith Power & Light. As the name implies, this is a group made up of Christians, Jews and Muslims concerned about climate justice. Their website <https://www.mnipl.org> states their mission as “works in partnership with faith communities to build transformative power and bring the lights of people’s unique gifts to addressing the climate crisis.” The group is actively working on stopping the Line 3 Pipeline and supporting the new Climate Justice Household Program. They put on presentations and workshops to provide the training, skills, and resources to nurture hope in faith communities and to make a positive difference in addressing climate change. They have hosted meetings with our Congressional Representatives to enlist and encourage federal climate action. They show us how we all can make a difference in this fight.

Twin Cities District UMW will be sharing half of the offering received for the Spring Gathering with MN Interfaith Power & Light. The other half of the offering will go toward undesignated mission giving in the many areas supported by UMW that benefit women, children, and youth around the block and around the globe.

How to Give Your Offering – Your offering will be accepted by mailing checks to our Treasurer, Helen Eslinger. In addition, we will also be collecting funds for Emma Norton Services in conjunction with our usual Emma’s Tea.

Instructions regarding **ALL** checks for both the offering and donations for Emma’s Tea are:

1. **ALL checks** should be **made payable to TWIN CITIES UNITED METHODIST WOMEN or TCUMW**.
2. **On the memo line please write the name of your church.** By doing this, your unit will receive credit towards its yearly pledge,
3. **Note Emma Norton Services or ENS on the memo line** for ENS contributions.
4. One check can be written to include both an offering and a donation to Emma’s Tea. **Make a note on the memo line as to the amount for each donation, or enclose a note detailing how your total check should be divided.**
5. **MAIL the check to HELEN ESLINGER, 10280 Scarborough Rd., Bloomington MN 55437.**
6. **DO NOT send cash.**

If you have questions about any of this information, feel free to contact me. grumpytf@aol.com or cell phone 763-234-7543

Everyone be well. See you on Zoom on April 24!

Carol Foster, Education & Interpretation, TW UMW

A Gentle Reminder

In the last issue of the TC District newsletter, a notice was given that starting with the Fall issue of the Twin Cities Connection, the newsletter will be sent only by email to those who have an email address. You will get a mailed copy **ONLY** if you do not have an email address or if you request that a copy be mailed to you via USPS. Depending on your post office, you may get your mailed copy about one week later than those whose newsletters are emailed. **REMEMBER**, the savings in postage will be going to missions. Let me know by August 15 if you do not have email or would prefer delivery by USPS. My address is 5208 W. 111th St., Bloomington, MN. My email is angelseyf@gmail.com. You can call me at 952-888-8771.

Sylvia Farrells, Communications Coordinator, TC District UMW

News from Walker Methodist Health Center Foundation & Auxiliary

Don't Forget Us!!

Walker Methodist Auxiliary has not been present in the building for the past year and we have not been able to have our fund raising jewelry sales. We are still in need of jewelry and looking forward to future sales. We were able to have a table at the Craft Sale in Southtown Shopping Center March 12-14. The sale was successful in both sales and visibility. We are looking forward to being at the Southtown Craft Sales in the future.

There is always a need for funds at the Care Center, as the residents do enjoy the music and other programs we are able to provide for them. With the lack of sales possible in the past year, this means are funds are depleted.

If you have your Membership Dues paid up and would like donate to the Care Fund, **CONTACT US!!** (Clarice Lien at 612-866-3719 or Maxene Schwanke at 651-771-5318)

Thank you for your support.

16TH ANNUAL WALKER METHODIST STRIDE FOR SENIORS

5K/10K Run/Walk
Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9 a.m.
Lake Harriet Bandshell Park or virtually

Proceeds from the race go to support services for residents of Walker Methodist Communities.

REGISTER!

Use the code SENIORS to sign up for \$30 direct donation to "Health Center"; In person and virtual options available. Price to participate goes up after April 1; \$35 5K/\$40 10K

All participants receive a T-shirt and more. Virtual participants receive a race box with these items.

Questions? Susanne Mattison, Walker MHC
Auxiliary President Susanne_mattison@yahoo.com

READING PROGRAM UPDATES

The Coronavirus has change so much in our lives this past year, including parts of the UMW Reading Program. I want to inform you of these changes and some of the reasons for the changes.

Because books could not be sent to evaluators last year after the closing of the national office and a delay in naming the 2021-2024 Reading Program Committee, it was decided to extend the 2021 Reading Program through 2022. This results in the Reading Program now spanning two years. The new Reading Committee will eventually determine how the Reading Program will be configured as this plan was put in place to meet the unusual circumstances of 2020.

In addition, all titles from the 2015 to 2021-2022 Reading Program guides can be read and credited through December 31, 2021. This decision allows some books to be current longer than the usual six years. Then titles from the 2017 to 2021-2022 Reading Program guides can be

credited until December 31, 2022.

The Bonus Books from the 2020 and 2020-2021 Reading Program guides can only be counted as two books in the SAME category. However, a few of these Bonus Books are also current mission studies! This may give you an added incentive to add them to your reading Program plan. To find Bonus Books that count in two DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, LOOK IN EARLIER guides. An exciting new addition to the 2021-2022 Reading Program is *Faith Talks* podcasts. These podcasts can be found at: unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks. Listening to three *Faith Talks* podcasts will count as two books in the Spiritual Growth category.

I encourage you to participate in the Reading Program. It is a safe way to engage in and better understand our world without leaving home.

Paulette Malecek, Program Resources, TC District UMW

Changes in Housing is Emma Norton Services big news!

The 13 townhouses at Emma's Place were remodeled, providing families with updated living spaces! The playground and landscaping will be completed this spring-volunteers are welcome to help make the surroundings more beautiful for children and families. THANK YOU to United Methodist Women who, along with volunteers from United Methodist Churches, have lovingly gifted new families with welcome totes filled with necessary items for their new homes! What a beautiful gift you have provided for families.

By 2023, Emma Norton Residence 2.0 (ENR 2.0) will have grown from a safe place to sleep to a supportive sanctuary for healing and personal growth, mental health services, and supports integrated throughout all programs and activities! Construction of the new Emma Norton Residence 2.0 is planned to begin in late fall, 2021, in the Highland Bridge neighborhood (the former Ford Plant property by the Mississippi River Ford Dam). Everyone is so excited! The new ENS 2.0 will be designed based upon trauma informed principles! It will provide residents with a much-needed sanctuary for growth.

Funding for ENS 2.0 was given a boost with an \$18 million award by the Minnesota Housing Commission, an unprecedented event for a first-time applicant. A \$2 million capital campaign will begin this spring. We all have the opportunity now to contribute to the dream of ENR 2.0 and to the residents who are creating new lives for themselves. You will not want to miss the Virtual Opening Doors Gala on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Go to Opening Doors Gala for details: <https://emmanorton.org/engage/events>.

Shirley Jackson has agreed to be TC District's Emma Norton Representative. Her address is 651 Sullivan Drive, Columbia Heights, MN 55421 Phone 651-308-1678, sjackson007@gmail.com. Please add her name and other contact information to your TC District List of Executive Team members (see Winter 2021 newsletter).

Emma Norton Services Virtual Opening Doors Gala Thursday, April 29, 2021 7:00 pm

Opening Doors Gala website: <https://emmanorton.org/engage/events>

How can we help?

1. **Register for free, on website, for the Virtual Opening Doors Gala**
2. **Sponsor a Virtual Table**
Sign up on website, invite "table guests." Get together a few people for an at-home watch party (**depends upon Covid status**). Either sponsor a table or go in on a table sponsorship together with others. Sponsors may register with VVirasy@emmanorton.org
3. **Donate Auction Items**
 - Please notify Victoria Virasy (email above) that you will donate auction items. Fill out donation form.
 - Donate a unique experience with a local expert or chef.
 - Purchase gift cards from your favorite places and donate them to our auction.
 - Put together a themed basket. (ideas attached)
 - Know a group of bakers? We would love to bring back the baked goods or peanut brittle for a one time pick up after the event or for a "dessert a month" program.
4. **Spread the Word!** Share Emma Norton stories everywhere, with everyone. Share what ENS means to you, your connection to staff or clients, special memory of volunteering. Share info re/ENS growth: eg, Scattered-Site Program doubled in size in 2020
5. **Invite guests** to register: free registration at www.emmanorton.org/events/
6. **On Social Media:** "Like" and comment on Gala posts, share ENS Social media post
7. **Fund-A-Need:** Your contributions to Emma Norton make a huge difference in the lives of those we serve. Examples of what each funding level can do:

\$2,500 - Pays for the security deposits and basic furniture for one new individual and one new family through our Scattered-Site Housing program.
\$1,000 - Pays for the transportation, food, and fees for a family field trip or community celebration for 60 kids and their parents from Emma's Place.
\$500 - Pays for two months of three healthy meals on site for a resident at Emma Norton Residence.
\$250 - Pays for basic household supplies (cleaning, towels, bedding, etc.) for a new resident or family moving into our housing.
\$100 - Pays for the monthly birthday party/treats at Emma's Place to help every child feel celebrated during their special month.
\$50 - The normal ticket price for this event. Any amount helps us to continue providing critical supportive programming for our residents on their path to personal success.

All donations are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated. Thank you for your strong support for Emma Norton Services.

Opening Doors Gala 2021 Ambassador Guide

The Opening Doors Gala is Emma Norton Service's annual fundraising event, where we share the successes of the past year, and the goals of the years to come. This evening of philanthropy, community, and celebration usually brings together supporters from all over Minnesota, and now with digital, new supporters from all over the country!

Register for free at <https://one.bidpal.net/openingdoors2021/ticketing>

Event Preparation

- Event Sponsors: Do you work for, or have a special relationship with, a company that could sponsor the Opening Doors Gala? Ask them, and connect them with Shawna!
- Table Sponsors: Get together a group of people for an at-home watch party, and go in on a table sponsorship together!
- Auction Assistance:
 - o Due to the economic impacts of COVID-19, we're taking a slightly different approach to soliciting auction donations. Rather than asking for donations from your favorite local businesses, purchase gift cards or items yourself to donate to the auction!
 - o Baskets: Work with your faith or community groups or coworkers to put together silent auction baskets!
 - o Premiere auction items: unique experiences, interpersonal connections, events & activities, commissioned/one-of-a-kind art.

Spread the Word!

- Like, comment on, and share ENS social media posts, especially about ODG 2021.
- Register and invite: registration is free! Direct people to www.emmanorton.org/events/ to register, and let them know if they register before April 1 they could win an ENS sweatshirt!
- Personal stories: Share what ENS means to you! This could be the story of how you got involved, a connection you made with staff or clients, a special memory from volunteering, etc.!
- Fundraising impacts: People like to know what their donations do—share information about ENS's growth (example: Scattered-Site Program doubled in size in 2020), how many people we serve, fund-a-need options, and goals for the future.

Event Engagement

- On the day of, continue to engage with ENS social media posts, and share the link to the livestream and event center!
- Livestream chat before: Keep the chat on Facebook and/or YouTube active by announcing your presence, sharing how excited you are, and thanking people for tuning in. As others log on, ask guests to chime in about who and how they are, where they are watching from or how they came to know ENS.
- Livestream chat during: Chat positively about the program and fundraising goals. Keep a positive, encouraging "let's do this together!" tone. Comment on auction items, cheer on bidders, and thank donors!

Emma Norton Annual Dinner & Auction

April 29, 2021

Looking for ways to support the Opening Doors Gala? Here are a few ideas that you, your faith community, or your community groups could contribute. We've outlined some examples, but encourage you to be creative! *Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, we'd like supporters to purchase gift cards from their favorite local businesses to contribute.* Please contact Victoria Virasy-Ertelt at 651-251-2662 or virasy@emmanorton.org for more information about donating. Donations, except perishables and commissions, should be dropped off or scheduled for pick-up no later than **Monday, April 19.**

Listed on the next page are examples of silent auction items that have been popular in the past.

Theme	Ideas
One-of-a-kind (not a basket)	Arts/crafts commissions, personalized art or art celebrating MN, digital art/music workshops, guided wildlife walk/hike, a pie once a month for a year... get creative!
Support Local	Purchase gift cards/items/tickets from your favorite local businesses and artists to help support them AND Emma Norton Services!
Play Outside	Chalk, Frisbee, jump rope, water balloons, outside activity book, sunscreen
Coffee/tea	Tea, coffee, mugs, tea strainers, chocolate covered espresso beans
Gourmet	Gift cards to fancy restaurants, gourmet ingredients, fancy cookbooks
Sewing/knitting	Sewing and knitting material, needles of various sizes, books of patterns
Garden	Seeds, pots, signage, shovels, gardening gloves
Sports	Merchandise for MN teams, biographies of MN athletes, sports balls
Pets	Toys, treats, grooming gift cards, animal clothes, pet themed human accessories
Art	Art supplies (brushes, paints, pens, sketchbooks), step-by-step guides, smock
Pampering/Spa	Candles, essential oils, bath bombs, home mani/pedi kit, face foot and hand masks
Video Games	Video games, toys from Mario, Sonic, Pokémon, Animal Crossing, or Minecraft
Fun at Home	Puzzles, board + card games, DIY craft kits, cocktail and baking kits, popcorn, gift card for digital movie rentals

SAVE THE DATE

Mission u--Coming Summer 2021

It is great to announce that mission u will once again be held this summer especially after it was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Two studies are currently being offered with a third study still in the planning stages. The information that is confirmed at this time is shown below, along with tentative information for the third study. It is unknown what the charge for mission u will be or even if there will be a charge. Pending details will be announced later so watch for further updates.

Here is a rundown of what is known at this time:

1. Amanda Harris is the Dean of mission u.
2. 2021 mission u will be a virtual event via Zoom.
3. The studies will be offered on three weekends, and can be registered for one, two, or all three weekends.
4. The studies to be offered and the books to be used are:
 - **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique W. Morris. This Issue Mission Study session will be offered on **June 11 – 13** with Emily Jones who is the UMW Executive for Racial Justice, and Dr. Lorraine Mayfield-Brown from Seminole, FL. The book is not available through the UMW website and will need to be obtained through a bookstore or your library.
 - **Finding Peace in an Anxious World**, edited by Erin James-Brown. This Spiritual Growth Study will be offered **August 6-8** and led by Marion Hanson. The book is available to order through <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org> for \$10.00 for print and \$5.95 for Kindle.
 - **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship** by Darryl W. Stephens. It is hoped that this will be a third study to be added as an additional Spiritual Growth Study. The dates and leader(s) have not been finalized, so at this point this is a tentative session. This book is also available at the above website in the same formats and for the same prices.

The current plan is for each weekend to begin with a Friday evening session, as a meet and greet and making sure all the Zoom connections are working. Saturday and Sunday will start with a morning worship and study session, a break for the lunch hour and then followed by an afternoon session and closing.

Put save the dates on your calendar for mission u and wait to hear more details as they become available. In the meantime, you can order your books and start reading.

See you at mission u! Carol Foster, Interpretation & Education TC District UMW



Twin Cities District UMW Virtual Spring Gathering

24 April 2021
10 am to Noon
Via Zoom

Guest Speaker: Susan Mullin

- **Ordained Deacon (Minnesota Conference)**
- **Director of Faith Community Organizing (Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light - MNIPL)**

“Just Energy for All”



All are Invited
&
Welcome

Registration

- **Register online:**
<https://forms.gle/21kqrR5wXWnuLhhe7>
- **Registration Deadline: April 20**

10 am ~ Worship

- **Offering: MNIPL & TCUMW**
- **Donate online:** <https://bit.ly/TCUMWDonate>
- **OR mail checks to: Helen Eslinger**
10280 Scarborough Road
Bloomington, MN 55437

10:40 am ~ Susan Mullin

- **Followed by discussion**

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