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Mark your Calendars for a few upcoming Events!

March – UMW 2020 Census Survey (due March 31)
March 8 & 22 – Energy 4 All Virtual Webinars
March 11 – JRLC Virtual Day on the Hill (MN Legislators)
March 23 – Day of Giving-Legacy Endowment Fund
April 14 – UMW Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day
April 29 – Emma Norton “Opening Doors Gala”
May 15 – UMW Day Apart “Meditations and Reflections”
July 16-18 – Mission u
July 31 – Mission u Too

August 7 – Mission u Too - Minnetonka
October 2 – MN Conference UMW Annual Celebration
District Spring Gatherings
March 20 – North Star
April 17 – Big Waters & Southern Prairie
April 24 – River Valley & Twin Cities

National Website: unitedmethodistwomen.org
MN Website: mnconfumw.com

Rhythm of the Journey

Cindy Saufferer – MN Conference UMW President



Greetings UMW Sisters,

It was only a moment, steps paused, when I noticed the water beside me singing and dancing through the rocks. The sound of “thunk, thunk, thunk” drew my eyes toward the sky. “Thunk, thunk, thunk.” There she was, a Pileated woodpecker, head cocked one way then the other, listening for dinner. A gentle breeze that might have gone un-noticed on

most days, kissed my cheek as the Spirit filled my heart, whispering “I am with you.” I almost missed it all, the busy-ness of life and meeting agendas filled my thoughts nudging out any notice of Presence. It was a walk that centered me. It was the rhythm of placing one foot in front of the other that became a prayer.



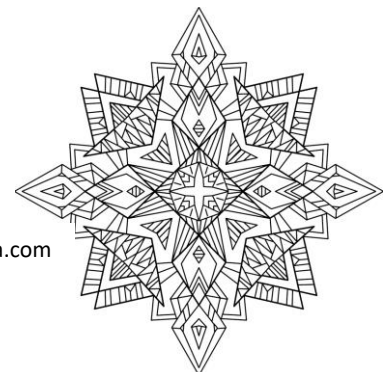
Whether it is alone or shared with friends on a busy street or a mountain trail, I love to walk. A walk never fails to calm me and to remind me of what is truly important. The conversation (or my thoughts if I am alone!) tend to flow naturally, ideas are birthed and problems dissolve. There has been tears of joy and of heartbreak. Sometimes it is nothing short of pure awe and gratitude, all shared in the steady rhythm of the journey.

This is exactly how I have experienced the last 25 years with United Methodist Women. It has been a journey with friends. We have prayed, learned, laughed, cried and prayed a little more. It is this community of women that have walked beside me and supported me, always reminding me to listen to the whisper deep within. It is alongside this community of women that I have put one foot in front of the other discovering the depths of connections of all creation.

I have walked thousands of miles over the years. 2021 has greeted me with a new mile marker and new opportunities to learn and grow as the President of the Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women. I admit, the first few months had their moments where all I could see was the next Zoom meeting. So, I place one foot in front of the other, entering the rhythm, the prayer listening for the whisper which leads my heart.

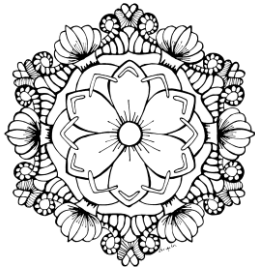
It is with all my heart that I hope that you join me on this walk. I look forward to listening to your wisdom along with your hopes and worries. Bring a friend, and all together we will enter the prayer of placing one foot in front of the other.

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Prayerfully Walking,

Cindy Saufferer, President; MN Conference United Methodist Women



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Together We Can Do Great Things

UMW Census 2020 Survey – formerly Census *Catherine Williams – Membership, Nurture, & Outreach*

Welcome to all United Methodist women in Minnesota. We give Melinda Kohrt a special “Thank You” for her nurturing spirit these past four years. She has gone on to another UMW position. I, Catherine Williams, am joining you in discovering all the possibilities we have available to us as members and supporters of the organization of United Methodist Women (UMW).

Be a card carrying member of United Methodist Women! New members and members that have not signed up before can officially sign up for membership online @myUMW.

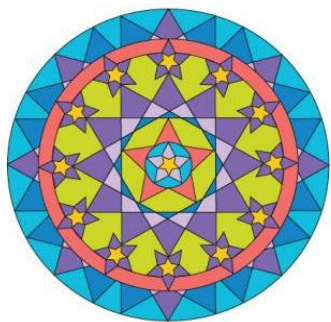
Go to the website, unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW and follow the directions. Try this on a regular computer. It may not work on an iPhone.

2020 Unit Survey: Local Units are the bedrock of the organization. United Methodist Women national has a 2020 Unit Survey instead of a Census this year. They are looking for more local information so they can better serve your local needs. They know local units are the soul of UMW. The survey gives them information on what you need to stay a thriving unit in your church. The survey increases communication between everyone.

Please complete the Unit Survey by March 31th. Have a unit leader go to the website: unitedmethodistwomen.org. On the main page you see the box that says: “**Census 2020.**” Click on this box to get to the **2020 Unit Survey**. When you are finished, print out the thank you page to show that the survey has been completed. Note: This may have a time limit on your computer, so work quickly.

On the survey you will find questions about activities your unit most identifies with. Most of us identify with “Local Service Projects.” Look over the other three areas and see what may interest some of your members or what may re-kindle interest in your local UMW at all age levels.

- A. **Impact:** Our unit *actively advocates for change* on one or more of our social justice campaigns, work with our *local National Mission Institutions* (NMI) ie. *Emma Norton Services*; partnered with others in advocating for change. We do advocacy to foster change and create opportunities of service to support a particular cause. Ex. Maternal Health in MN, or Protest for change, social media meet ups, and others through JRLC or ISAIAH.
- B. **Influence:** Our unit *actively offers opportunities for nurture and development* for current members, newly connected women and younger leaders; participates or hosts leadership development and mentorship opportunities, create space for networking across generations, succession planning. Take part in district and MN conference level meetings and Mission U learning.
- C. **Inspire:** Our units actively participate in *spiritual growth* and development within the UMC and beyond the local church, offer spiritual/soul care retreats, create and foster opportunities to connect spiritual women. Include devotions and Bible study in meetings and host a UMW Sunday worship.
- D. Our unit focusses on **local service projects** like sock and book bag drives, convening around our interest and needs of the immediate community, take part in fellowship activities in partnership with the UMC, not focus on advocacy.



Meditations and Reflections on Loving Neighbors

MN Conference A Day Apart - a Zoom Retreat
Christie Brown Conference Spiritual Growth
Diana Eickelberg Conference Program Coordinator

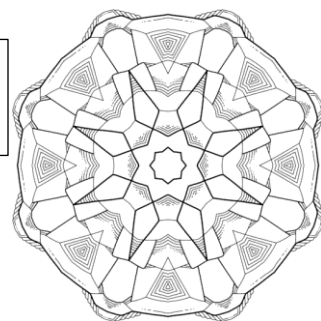
Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Register by May 10

Hi UMW Friends,

Corner Mandala from
lovetoknow.com
by Terry Hurley

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We are fortunate to have two presenters: Erin Marks and Pam Johnson.

Erin Marks is from First United Methodist Church, Red Wing, MN. Erin is a retired teacher who has many talents, Erin plays guitar and sings for Sunday services, she is also a great hand crafter. She has just completed a class called Creative Connections. Part of this class is drawing Mandalas. Don't panic, Erin is a fun teacher and you don't need to be an artist. When you register a template will be sent to you by email or post office. **You will need some basic supplies, a pencil with a good eraser, a couple sheets of paper (card stock works well but not necessary), and a black fine tip marker.** Erin will also talk about the prison ministry is she involved with.

Pam Johnson is our Education and Interpretation Coordinator and a deaconess. She will focus on the Lenten study **Love Is the Way** by Bishop Michael Curry. Let's have some fun.

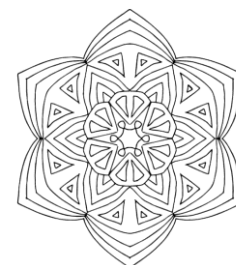
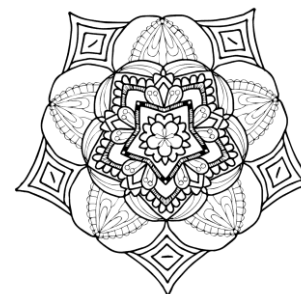
Hope many of you can join us for a spiritual experience and learn some new ideas. Registration is due May 10th. The registration form is later in this newsletter.

A day of Devotions; Hymns/Music; Scripture; Offering and Reflection.

"Creative Connections: Meditation while drawing a Mandala" and "Love is the Way"

Mandalas can be used for meditation to help us gain knowledge from within our own soul. Using a basic circle shape and adding colors and patterns to represent your wish for yourself or someone else, you reduce your stress and have a beautiful art piece that is uniquely yours.

Bishop Curry writes: "Agape Love is sacrificial love that seeks the good and well-being of others, of society and the world. Agape love looks outward. A firm commitment to act for someone other than yourself."



All of the instructions for registering are on page 11. Zoom invite will be sent after May 10 registration.

You can register online at <https://forms.gle/p3QF3WUYusiJL5rR6> or by paper later in this edition of the Fresh Connection please mail registration to Sandy Meyer at 8724 Valley View Place, Chanhassen, MN 553317. Questions? Call Sandy at 952-270-1157

Join us for this exciting Day!



Mission u *There's Far More Here* **THAN MEETS THE EYE**

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without [God's] unfolding grace. [...] There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

Mission u and Mission u Too
Amanda Harris - MN Mission u Dean

We have known and felt what it is like when “things are falling apart on us.” We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything.

Could there be, as 2 Corinthians put it, “far more here than meets the eye”?

Mission u, like many activities in our lives, has moved online. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God's grace is still unfolding and life is being made new.

Indeed: There's far more here than meets the eye. Will you join us?

At our upcoming **Mission u**, we will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools, and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

Our 2021 **Mission u** will offer the following studies:

- *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, edited by Erin James-Brown
- *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris
- *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship* by Darryl W. Stephens

Join us: Mission u will be virtual this year. We will be offering all three studies.

Each study will be a Friday Evening, Saturday, and Sunday event.

June 11th-13th Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

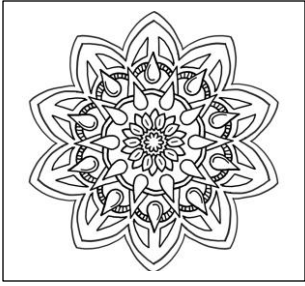
Study Leaders Emily Jones (UMW Executive for Racial Justice) & Dr Lorraine Mayfield-Brown

July 16th-18th Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom.

Study Leader: Amanda Meisenheimer is the Minister of Children and Families at the Riverside Church in the City of New York.

August 6th-8th Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Study Leader: Marion Hansen North Star District President



Emma Norton Services

Barb Payne - River Valley District ENS Representative

WOW - Its 2021 Happy New Year! As I reflect on what was planned for 2020 at Emma Norton Services (ENS) and personally, there were unexpected challenges not in the 'plan'. I think you will all agree that we have a new perspective when it comes to our health and safety. They say necessity is the mother of invention. I

believe we have seen it with Zoom meetings, mask/barrier making, closing of many businesses/services that we took for granted and how to connect when socially distancing.

I first want to thank everyone for stepping up and continuing to supply welcome baskets, paper products, checks, warm clothing and volunteer time to ENS. In addition, over 400 masks were made, packing/moving supplies and welcome totes were donated.

There were many challenges and changes and some surprises at ENS in 2020:

- *The pandemic and then civil unrest at the State Capital (within view of then EN Residence) required new security and safety procedures.
- *The cancellation of UMW and UMC meetings or changes to virtual meetings reduced what was collected for donations to ENS. This impacted the budget so personnel and other budget items had to be reduced.
- *Board and other meetings were changed to Zoom meetings and donation deliveries were by appointment and dropped off at the door.
- *The 2020 annual Opening Doors Dinner was converted to a virtual celebration and fundraiser auction. Profits met or exceeded expectations!! Thank You!! The new name of the event is: **Opening Doors Virtual Gala** and is planned for **April 29, 2021**. More information can be found on the ENS website: emmanorton.org.
- *Remodeling of the 13 town houses at Emma's Place was completed. The playground and landscaping will be completed in the spring. Existing families have settled in and new families are moving in. The welcome totes are much appreciated.
- *The Board of directors has had some changes with some members rotating off, 5 new members added and Tariq Malik agreed to be the new Board President. I will continue to be the UMW River Valley District representative for a final 2 year term along with serving on their finance committee.

Last but not least, on December 17, 2020, the Minnesota Housing Board announced their 2020 funding selections. ENS plan and application request to build a new residence in the Highland Bridge neighborhood was selected to receive \$18 million. The staff at ENS provided an outstanding application which was accepted on their first attempt. Congratulations to All!! ENS will be partnering with Project for Pride and Living, Inc. (PPL), Urban works and Ryan Companies to create a new safe environment for 60 individuals and small families. As a result, the fundraising for the remaining needs for this project, mentioned in my article last year, will be starting this year!!

BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU, as we all continue to serve and share to help women and children in need.

For more details or questions please go to their website www.emmanorton.org or call 651-747-8766 or email Victoria Virasy at virasy@emmanorton.org



Faith, Hope, Love in Action: God's Call to Us!

An invitation to all United Methodist Women

Conference Annual Celebration

Saturday, October 2, 2021 - Anoka UMC, Anoka, MN. MN

Diana Eickelberg, Program Coordinator, MN Conference UMW

We are planning an in-person meeting at this time and it will depend on the state guidelines as the year progresses. Our thoughts are that it may be a combination in person/ zoom meeting for those who chose not to attend in person. **Bishop Bard our interim Bishop will be leading us in worship.** (See related article page 10.)

Our program will include information on **Harvest Nation, a project of the Bois Forte Chippewa reservation** in far northeastern Minnesota. **Denise Pieratos and her daughter Dani** will share information on their **aeroponics project** and how it is providing healthy food for those on reservations.

Join us for fellowship, exciting Emma Norton updates, racial justice issues and more.

Diana Eickelberg, Program Coordinator, MN Conference UMW

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UMW Land Acknowledgement statement Minnesota United Methodist Women collectively acknowledge that we are located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. We reside on land that was cared for and called home by the Dakota and the Anishinabe Ojibwe peoples from time immemorial. This land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its indigenous stewards. We recognize, support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native nations in this territory and beyond. By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold ourselves accountable to the Native peoples and nations.

Join us for Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the Hill on March 11th!

Make Justice your Aim

6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Register at - jrlc.org

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Paul Slack --Trust, Access and Equity

Rev. Slack brings 30 years of experience as a pastoral and social justice leader and currently serves with Lutheran Social Service MN as a Social Justice Advocate.

Panel: Homeless Outreach, Housing and Health

Blair Harrison, Senior Advisor on Health, Homelessness and Housing, Minnesota Department of Health

Dr. Antony Stately, CEO and Physician, Native American Community Clinics, Minneapolis

Deb Holman, CHUM Street Outreach Coordinator, Duluth

Learn about JRLC Legislative Agenda and How to Advocate for Justice at JRLC.org

Prepare for virtual legislative visits to be held March 15, 16 and 17 - register at jrlc.org

Legislation from the JRLC – Sherry Scholljegerdes – Southern Prairie District

The JRLC bill on maternal health and access to Medicaid data to improve outcomes has been included in the **Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act** (HF 660 - Richardson). The bill was heard in the House Health Finance and Policy Committee and passed unanimously.

Next stop is Committee on the Judiciary and Civil Law. The bill addresses the health inequity surrounding pregnancy and childbirth; Indigenous women in Minnesota are four times as likely to die in or as a result of childbirth as white women. For Black women, the likelihood is three times as high. The bill requires study of those cases which involved serious medical issues, but the mother survived. It also authorizes expanded access to data to learn how to improve outcomes. Please contact your legislators to encourage their support bill HF# 660 .

Social Action

Linda Kotschevar – Conference Social Action

"Urgent Maternal Warning Signs" 9x12 posters Sherry Scholljegerdes

Southern Prairie District, with the help of the conference, is taking on a fun project. We are distributing 9x12 posters "Urgent Maternal Warning Signs" 250 of them. Native American women are our priority as they are 10x's more likely to have severe complications or death as a result of pregnancy. The posters will be put in restaurants and gas stations restrooms and other areas where women frequent. The idea is to put the posters on the inside of the door of toilet stalls.

We are contacting the 11 Indian Reservations in MN and the Indian Center in the Twin Cities, also some food shelves. The remaining posters will be distributed in the Southern Prairie District. If you would like to see the poster go to <http://www.ccpc.org>Pregnancy-Corner>Urgent Maternal Warning Signs> If you would like some to put up, contact Sherry Scholljegerdes at sgscholl2@yahoo.com or call 507-835-4304.



Just Energy 4 All: We are fortunate to live in a time when many of us in the U.S. have access to energy to run our dishwashers, charge our phones, cook our meals and commute to our local United Methodist Women meetings. But is the energy that fuels all these possibilities just? How is it impacting the lives and health of women, children and youth in the U.S. and around the world? Our Just Energy for All Campaign works for energy that is cleaner and more just for all of God's people and creation.

[Just Energy for All 101 3-part Webinar Series](#)

Learn more about the *why* and *what* of United Methodist Women's Just Energy for All campaign, as well as *how* your United Methodist Women unit, district or conference can be involved. These 90-minute webinars include presentations, breakout sessions, and opportunities to connect with other UMW members and people of faith. If you missed Part 1 and/or 2, recordings will be available on the UMW website in the near future. You can still [register today](#) for Part 3 in the series.

- **Part 1 (2/22/21): Why Just Energy for All?** Why should United Methodist Women and people of faith care about just energy for all
- **Part 2 (3/8/21): What is Just Energy for All?** Fossil fuels? Solar? Wind? All renewable energy? Nuclear?
- **Part 3 (3/22/21): How do we advance Just Energy for All?** How can United Methodist Women and people of faith be part of the solution?

[Just Energy for All Action Steps](#)

1. Join United Methodist Women's *monthly Just Energy for All Strategy and Capacity Building Sessions* every third Wednesday at 2pm CT. [Learn more](#) and [register here](#)!
2. Register to participate in *UMW's Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day* on April 14th to urge Congress to make climate justice a priority. Stay tuned to UMW's website and social media for further info.
3. Sign UMW's letter urging Congress to pass a national moratorium on water, power, and internet shutoffs and prioritize people-focused federal relief during the COVID pandemic. [Tell your elected officials to stop utility shutoffs in the next COVID-19 relief package! \(p2a.co\)](#)
4. Sign up for climate justice updates from United Methodist Women at [Be Just. Be Green. Climate Justice - United Methodist Women \(convio.net\)](#)
5. Participate in one of the Minnesota UMW/Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light *Just Energy for All Campaigns*. Learn more and sign up today at [Interest Form: UMW Just Energy for All \(google.com\)](#)

Our UMC Social Principles include *Energy Resources Utilization*

"The whole earth is God's good creation and as such has inherent value. We are aware that the current utilization of energy resources threatens this creation at its very foundation. As members of The United Methodist Church we are committed to approaching creation, energy production, and especially creation's resources in a responsible, careful and economic way. We call upon all to take measures to save energy. Everybody should adapt his or her lifestyle to the average consumption of energy that respects the limits of the planet earth. We encourage persons to limit CO2 emissions toward the goal of one ton per person annually. We strongly advocate for the priority of the development of renewable energies. The deposits of carbon, oil, and gas resources are limited and their continuous utilization accelerates global warming. The use of nuclear power is no solution for avoiding CO2 emissions. Nuclear power plants are vulnerable, unsafe, and potential health risks. A safe, permanent storage of nuclear waste cannot be guaranteed. It is therefore not responsible to future generations to operate them. The production of agricultural fuels and the use of biomass plants rank lower than the provision of safe food supplies and the continued existence for small farming businesses." *UMC Social Principles 2016 General Conference*

Nominations Report - Winter 2021

Becky Coleman - MN Conference UMW Nominations

Friends, You all understand how the Committee of Nominations works to identify potential leaders and that some work is always confidential. This is how things stand at this moment; we have not started asking women if they are willing to serve in 2022. The openings are public information, and we welcome any suggestions you have about women who might be willing to serve. At this time in the process, we are working to develop a pool of candidates -- not specific candidates for positions.

Thank you all for your support. Becky Coleman, co-chair of nominations

Committee on Nominations Working Paper – Winter 2021 Minnesota Conference UMW

Positions not filled for 2021

Communications
Technology Coordinator
Resource Manager

Positions open in 2022

To be elected

Secretary (Linda Brinster can be elected for a second term.)
Chair, Committee on Nominations

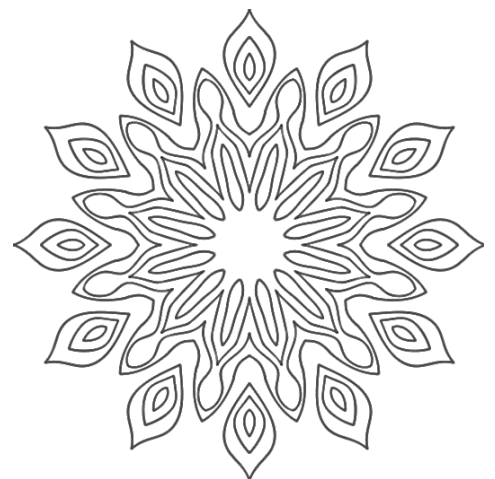
Coordinators to ask if willing to serve in their appointed positions

Membership Nurture and Outreach – Catherine Williams
Spiritual Growth – Christie Brown Friends,

Education & Interpretation – Pam Johnson
Any positions filled in 2021

To be appointed in 2022

Program Coordinator
Social Action
Any positions unfilled in 2021



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Meet the Bishop – Bishop David Alan Bard

Bishop David Alan Bard is [serving as the interim bishop](#) for the Minnesota Annual Conference. This assignment begins January 1, 2021, and continues until another bishop is assigned, but no later than December 31, 2021.

Bard is the presiding bishop of the Michigan Area. Prior to arriving in Michigan in September 2016, Bishop Bard was serving at First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minnesota since 2005. He was elected to the episcopacy on July 13, 2016 at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference held in Peoria, IL. He has been in ministry for more than 30 years and served in many roles within both the Minnesota Annual

Conference and the General Church.

Within the General Church, Bard serves on the Study on Ministry Commission, the Committee on Faith and Order, and the North Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy. He has also previously served on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Commission on General Conference, and the Commission on Theological Education.

Bard has a wife, Julie, and three adult children. In his free time, he enjoys music, reading, baseball, and walking outside.

General Conference postponed again! Excerpts- from Bishop Bard's Letter of February 26, 2021

"The Commission on the General Conference for The United Methodist Church has released a [statement](#) announcing its decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference given that the trajectory of the coronavirus pandemic does not seem to allow for the planning and holding of a large, in-person international gathering in late August and early September of this year. Furthermore, the Commission, after hearing a report from the Technology Task Force it established, did not think a full General Conference could be held virtually given challenges of internet access and time differences involved. It is important to know that there is a 16-hour time difference between the Philippines and the U.S. West Coast time zones. The Commission sought to do justice & avoid harm. **General Conference is now scheduled for August 29-September 6, 2022 in Minneapolis.**"

"I am committed to working with you as your bishop with graciousness, kindness, and toward mutual blessing. As long as we are together, and I continue to believe we are stronger together, we share in the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We want to see people come to know God's saving grace in Jesus. We all want people to grow in love of God and neighbor. We all want the hungry to be fed and the homeless housed. We all want to overcome the racial divides that have plagued our country and hampered our witness and ministry. We all want to be a fore for justice, reconciliation, and healing in our world. We want our congregations to be communities of transformation. Let this be our focus. Let this be the work to which we devote our primary energy. Let our prayers be devoted to transformed lives, vibrant congregations, and vital ministries to heal a broken world."

To read the entire letter go to: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org> under news and pastoral letter.

To **Contact Bishop Bard** go to [Bishop David Bard](#) or [Sheilah Kyburz](#) at the Minnesota Episcopal Area office at (612) 230-3334. Mailing address is 122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55404.



Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women Day Apart Retreat via ZOOM Meeting Registration Form Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

There is **no fee** to attend this meeting, but you must supply an email address to receive the invitation to the ZOOM meeting. There is a List of Materials needed, see article.

Please fill out the following information and mail it **BEFORE May 10, 2021**

Sandy Meyer; 8724 Valley View Place; Chanhassen, MN 55317

Questions? Call Sandy at 952-270-1157

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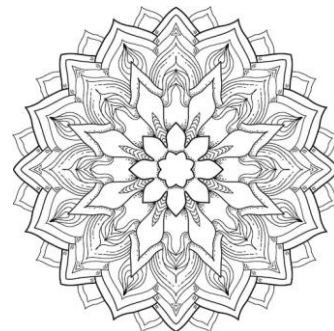
Email address _____

District Name _____

Local Unit Name _____

Local Unit Church _____

Local Unit City _____



Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to connect with your UMW sisters from around the state. If you don't have email you can invite a friend or family member to register their email and then communicate all of the information to you. You can even access the ZOOM meeting by telephone!

National United Methodist Women

A News Release on the United Methodist Women website. Unitedmethodistwomen.org

Women of Faith: We Cannot Fight Climate Change as Individuals; A Communal Response is Necessary

"United Methodist Women recognizes that the climate crisis disproportionately impacts women, children and marginalized communities in the U.S. and around the world. The Paris Agreement is as necessary today as it was when it was forged five years ago. As women of faith, we urge the incoming Biden/Harris administration to create a cohesive response and take immediate action on day 1 with a plan that is at scale to combat the climate crisis," said Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, executive for economic and environmental justice and climate justice lead for United Methodist Women.

"Climate is one of the critical crises of our time. It will take all of us to develop new technology, change our investments, subsidies and our personal habits to care for the creation. The federal government has its role in that, as do we all. We must develop just and sustainable approaches as part of the community of nations and national leadership is best suited for that part of the work...." said Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary and CEO of United Methodist Women.

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Saturday, May 15, 2021
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Emma Norton 2021 Opening Doors Gala



It's time to get excited!
Opening Doors Gala 2021
Thursday, April 29, 7:00 PM
It will be digital and free to attend!
Register at **Emmanorton.org**.

Interested in donating an item or a basket to the auction?
Email our Advancement Associate at
VVirasy@emmanorton.org for more information.