



*Each local UMW is encouraged to become a Conference Mission Today UMW by completing a **minimum of 10** of the following 20 items **including at least 4 of items 1-7**. Check the box by each item you have completed during this calendar year. Send this report and the Honor Local UMW report on the opposite side by **Jan. 15th** to: Laurie Ball - Email to: BallLL8933@gmail.com Mail: 6605 Bristle Cone Ct/ Lolo MT 59847*

City: _____ Name of Church: _____

- 1. Used the Prayer Calendar at general/circle meetings and prayed for person in mission.
- 2. Your local UMW made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- 3. Your local UMW added two or more new members to its roll.
- 4. Your local UMW had one member subscribe to Response and give a Response Moment at meetings.
- 5. Your local UMW used at least two programs from the Program Book during the year.
- 6. Your local UMW or a circle conducted at least one mission study.
- 7. Your local UMW or a circle implemented the Charter for Racial Justice by reading books, Response articles about other races and cultures, by a mission study involving other faiths, interacting with other cultures, or by using the video "In Search of Social Justice" available from the Conference Sec of Program Resources.

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- 8. At least one member attended Mission u.
 - 9. At least two members attended a District Meeting (not including District or Conference officers).
 - 10. At least two members attended the UMW Conference Annual Meeting (not including District or Conference officers).
 - 11. One or more members serve on the UMW District, Conference or national level.
 - 12. At least one person joined the UMW Action Network to receive Action Alerts and wrote to a legislator.
 - 13. Members corresponded with at least five people listed in the Prayer Calendar.
 - 14. Your local UMW participated in activities that include working with children in church, schools or community or co-sponsoring a Children's Sabbath in your church or being involved in the local school system.
 - 15. Your local UMW received 5-Stars by contributing to all 5 channels of Mission Giving.
 - 16. Your local UMW participated in a district, conference or world mission project.
 - 17. Your local UMW had one or more members participate in the Reading Program and give a book report.
 - 18. Your local UMW invited a District or Conference officer to a local UMW meeting during the year.
 - 19. Your local UMW had a "green" program or is a "Green" United Methodist Women local UMW (Get information on becoming a Green Local UMW at <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice>).
 - 20. Your local UMW held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Did your local UMW complete a minimum of 10 of the above items, including 4 of items 1-7?

Number completed: _____
Check the box YES or NO

Thanks for all you do to promote Mission!

Western Mountains District UMW Honor Award

Check the box by each item completed this year. Each item is worth 1 point. **20 points** needed to be an Honor Unit.

Reports

- 1. Mailed or emailed in Mission Today Report and UMW Honor checklists by **January 15, 2019**.
- 2. Mailed or emailed in your new local UMW officers by **December 15, 2018**.
- 3. Completed the UMW Online Membership Census Report between **January 1 and February 8, 2018**.

Program

- 4. Made birthing kits, school kits or other projects for mission.
- 5. Gave reports from Response magazines or online resources at general UMW or circle meetings.
- 6. Participated in the UMW Reading Program and reported on at least one book at a meeting.
- 7. Read at least one UMW book from each of the five areas (Education for Mission, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Nurturing for Community and Leadership Development).
- 8. Gave copies of both mission checklists to all local UMW officers and coordinators.

Spiritual Growth

- 9. Had member(s) attend 2017 Women's Retreat at Fairmont Hot Springs.
- 10. Member(s) attended Mission u, a church or other spiritual retreat (does not have to be UMW related).
- 11. Used a current Spiritual Study or Spiritual Growth book from Reading program.
- 12. Held or attended UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program.
- 13. Shared prayer concerns at general/circle meetings.

Social Action

- 14. Selected a social action issue on which to focus local general/circle prayer, study and action.
- 15. Member(s) participated in UMW Action Network or made contact with legislature on any issue.
- 16. Member(s) participated in local community opportunities for mission.
- 17. Member(s) participated in conference wide opportunities for mission (Blackfeet Parish, Intermountain, etc).

Membership Nurture and Outreach

- 18. Had some general/circle meetings to accommodate women who can't normally attend.
- 19. Provided child care for general/circle meetings.
- 20. Had a membership drive and had members invite individuals to attend your general/circle meeting.
- 21. Increased your membership by at least one.
- 22. Use get acquainted/ice breakers activities at general/circle meetings.

Education and Interpretation

- 23. Used Children Sabbath materials during a church service or had a program on children/youth.
- 24. Participated in World Day of Prayer or Church Women United event.
- 25. Invited a Missionary (e.g. Deaconess, US-2) or a Volunteer in Mission (VIM) to give a program.
- 26. Strove to become/became a Mission Today UMW (report form on opposite side).
- 27. Used material from District/Conference/National UMW for a report at a meeting or in church newsletter.

Communications

- 28. Sent an article on your local activities to the District newsletter Glowing Embers (cathysf@bresnan.net).
- 29. Forwarded the electronic copy of the District newsletter to your members with email.
- 30. Submitted names of women in your local UMW to be considered for District or Conference office.
- 31. Created or updated your local UMW history and sent it to the Conference president.
- 32. Member(s) joined the UMW online community (<http://www.umwonline.org>).
- 33. Put articles in your church newsletter or bulletin about UMW meetings and activities.

Finances

- 34. Sent Pledge to Mission to District Treasurer by **December 15th**.
- 35. Pledge to Mission was at least 60% of local UMW budget.
- 36. Provided a pledge program to circles.
- 37. Treasurer or other members told where the money goes at general/circle meetings.
- 38. Bought a Special Recognition pin and/or certificate.
- 39. Bought and used Gift to Mission card.
- 40. Bought and used Gift in Memory card.
- 41. Gave a World Thank Offering program.

City: _____

Church: _____

Number of the above items that your local UMW completed: _____ **(need 20 minimum)**



5-Star Giving makes mission possible.

*Here are the five channels of Giving your unit can do to receive a 5-Star Award.
Please mail your checks made out to Western Mountains District UMW by Dec. 1st*

Explore five ways you can donate to the ministry and mission of United Methodist Women.

1. **Pledge to Mission** An individual member's Pledge to Mission is the amount a woman gives to her local unit to help fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women. The Yellowstone Conference United Methodist Women pays pledges to United Methodist Women's national office for mission with women, children and youth and retains a designated percent to be used for district and conference administration and membership development expenses. We are counting on your unit to help us!
2. **World Thank Offering** Spontaneous additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.
3. **Special Mission Recognition** These pins offer a meaningful way to honor members who have dedicated so much time and effort to service. Gift amounts range from \$40 to \$2,000. Special Mission Recognition certificates and pins are ordered by the local treasurer through the district's treasurer, using the spaces provided on the treasurer's remittance form. The district treasurer sends the order to the conference treasurer, who sends it to United Methodist Women's national office. The Special Mission Recognition is sent from the national office to the honoree or to the person whose name and address were given on the original order. Allow plenty of time to receive the pin.
4. **Gift to Mission** Make a gift of \$5 or more in honor of someone and send a card to the honoree. The following cards are available: Congratulations, Thank You, A Baby, In the Service of Christ, A Special Day, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday and assortment of Christmas cards. (You can simply send in a \$5 donation if you haven't given a card this year.)
5. **Gift in Memory** Give a gift in memory of a member, a friend or anyone, in any amount of \$5 or more. Gift in Memory cards, available free, may be sent to the family of the deceased. (You can simply send in a \$5 donation if you haven't given a card this year.)

Thank You! Mission Giving is the foundation for mission work through United Methodist Women. Your contribution enables a full and consistent response to human need, especially the needs of women, children and youth. It affirms the wholeness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a commitment to its proclamation in word and deed.

Mission giving strengthens basic programs and projects. It also makes emergency response and exploration of new and evolving areas of mission possible.

"...their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving ... " II Corinthians 8:2