

The Network News

Anderson District United Methodist Women

South Carolina Conference

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SAVE THE DATE

September:

26th Anderson District UMW 48th Annual Meeting
Mount Zion UMC Central SC

Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month
Men's Kairos Month
3rd Quarterly Financial Report Deadline

October:

Women's Kairos Month

3-4 Bethlehem Center Spartanburg Special
Emphasis Month

23-24 SC Conference United Methodist Women's
48th Annual Meeting
Main Street UMC, Greenwood SC



*Faith Hope & Love—Pray for your community and each other
through these uncertain times—God is in control ALWAYS*

**Anderson District
President
DeDee Clarey**

Greetings, Anderson District United Methodist Women!

So many things have happened in everyone's daily lives since our last newsletter. Covid 19 has pretty much turned our world upside down!! One of the questions that I keep asking myself is what is God trying to show me? Of course, there is always more than one answer! First, I need to be thankful for what God has provided for me and my family. Kevin and I are fortunate that the impact of this epidemic has been minimal on our daily lives. It is difficult to see so many people struggling with all the losses that have been caused by this epidemic!

Second, I have learned how much I appreciate relationships. Social distancing has been necessary, but I sure have missed seeing everyone! It has been unfortunate that we had to put the brake on all United Methodist Women activities. There are still so many of you that I have not had the pleasure to meet.

Finally, one should pray with ceasing. Our way of life has been disrupted by Covid 19. Most of us are resistant to change. We need to remember that we do have a constant in our lives, God. Everything may be in an uproar right now, but God is in control!

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Hoping to see everyone soon!

Blessings- DeDee Clarey
Anderson District President

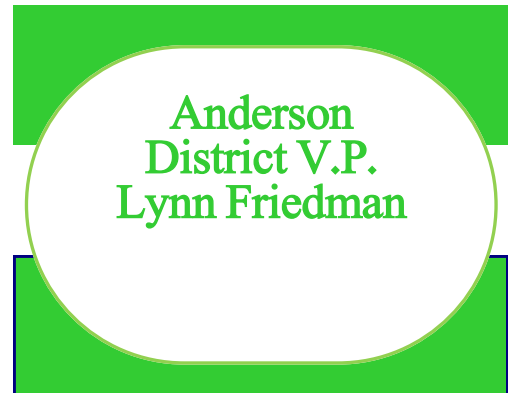


Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:**
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,**
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,**
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,**
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace
and a time to refrain from embracing,**
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,**
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,**
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.**



Hello to all of you out there as we all muddle through this very strange time in our lives. I hope that you are all finding ways to stay positive and to use this time as a learning and growing time. By this time of the year we would have gathered together for District Day Apart and many of us would have been able to share fellowship at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. Unfortunately, both of those were cancelled due to Covid-19. We have all missed not being able to worship together for many weeks and look forward to the time when our churches can return to normal. I hope that all of you are planning to attend the 48th Annual Anderson District Meeting Saturday, September 26 at Mount Zion UMC, Central. This will most likely be our first and only district gathering for the year. Our keynote speaker will be Abby Crooks, Director of Fostering Faithfully, a faith-based non-profit that encourages and equips foster families in Pickens and Oconee Counties. The following information was taken from their website and explains more of what they do.



Oconee County currently needs about 90 foster families and Pickens County needs 30 (March, 2020). We must invest in those who choose to foster as they are valuable community resources for vulnerable children. Nationally, half of all foster families quit within a year after their first placement (Foster Focus). They must have support to thrive! We have seen this change in our community!

The Department of Social Services in South Carolina generally has one foster family for every four children in care. South Carolina has the greatest number of children in foster care in institutions/group care than any other state in the nation.

The Upstate area of South Carolina is short 500 standard-level foster homes.

South Carolina needs 1,675 foster parents (March, 2020).

About 50% of the kids adopted from DSS each year are adopted by their foster parents, so recruitment is never-ending since many of these families stop fostering to focus on their new child's needs.

There are over 450 children in SC legally free for adoption, and we believe that by connecting foster children to caring community members we can find more kids forever homes.

We know that not everyone can foster, so Fostering Faithfully bridges the gap between those who need help and those who want to help.

Emotionally and economically we connect foster children and the families that love them to the community that cares for them by connecting loving volunteers and donors through a tangible support network providing:

- fully stocked resource and equipment centers in both counties we serve (including beds, cribs and car seats)
- fun date nights out for foster parents and for kids to see siblings and build relationships with other kids in foster care so they know they are not alone
- new shoes for every child entering foster care (they should walk proudly into their new schools!)
- meals delivered to foster homes and meals before training events with free childcare
- recreational scholarships for kids in foster care to take lessons like art, dance, music, swim, karate, and/or attend field trips or go to camp
- birthday sponsorships to ensure kids feel cherished and have an amazing birthday memory in foster care
- mini grants for home and licensing needs
- training conference scholarships for re-certification
- care bags provided to local DSS offices
- Support for DSS county offices and local caseworkers
- * support group
- * personalized duffel bags for children entering care
- * special celebrations
- * respite support

Our hope is to continue to increase and retain loving foster families in our community with an ecosystem of authentic support. Not everyone can foster, but everyone can connect to do something to make the foster care system better.

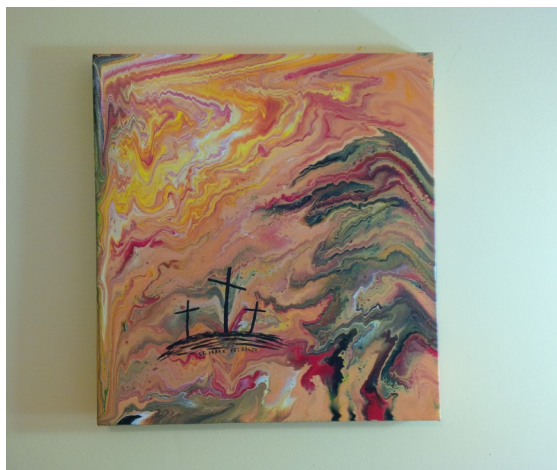
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More information will be forthcoming in the September newsletter about how we can support this organization. In the meantime, please stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing everyone in September 26th at Mt. Zion UMC in Central. Registration will begin at 9:00 and continue to 9:45. The meeting will begin at 10:00

Secretary of Program Resources

Dr. Aubrey Coffee

May everyone be blessed during this somewhat trying times of the Coronavirus. Easter Season this year was not the normal that we are used to, but a re-invented one that allowed us to celebrate in a new way. Through Facebook, conference calls, Zoom, and television, we are getting the message every Sunday. Personally, I am using conference calls and occasionally online (Sunrise Service at Lake Junaluska) as my internet service is not as reliable as most. Heading into Easter weekend was a time of reflection. My morning walks through the neighborhood gives me this opportunity and allows my spirit to be refreshed. When I went to bed Friday night (Good Friday), I was blessed to have had a good day and I gave thanks to the Lord for prayer's answered and what he had provided for me and my family. Early Saturday morning the Spirit touched my heart to make a painting. It was very vivid, and the subject matter was the Crucifixion. When I awoken, it was still on my heart, but I knew I need clarity. So, off I was on my morning walk. My heart wasn't heavy in the sense that something was wrong, but it was heavy in the sense that I had to do something. Just walking, I saw the glorious work of the Lord. Trees, birds, blue skies, everything alive, moving in a slight breeze, and I, a small image in a large picture. And thinking of the task at hand – to depict the Crucifixion through my painting; I was up to the task.



Energized, I went online to find images of the Crucifixion to give me a starting point for colors and context. My painting style is Fluid Art, which consist of pouring various colors of acrylics onto canvas. I obtained three paintings from the pour. Two of them were possibilities for the painting, but I would know when they dried. On Sunday, we had Easter Service via conference call. Rev. Alfred Wright (Central UMC) gave a wonderful sermon on the Resurrection (St. Mark 16) and at that point I realized the two paintings depicted both the Crucifixion (St. Mark 15:33-34) and the Resurrection. After the Service was over, I reread the two Scriptures and looked at the two dried paintings. To my surprise, I had painted what was put on my heart early Saturday morning.

Poured painting is a type of abstract art and most of the time what is seen is in the “eyes” of the viewer. Here’s my belated “Happy Easter” and may God bless you and yours during this “New Normal”.

Aubrey

United Methodist Women Reading Program

The Reading Program is a cherished UMW tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books. To participate, select one of the four plans and start reading!

To check out the Reading Program online (and also the list of books) go to:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Media/PDF/2020ReadingProgramCatalog.pdf>

If you have any questions about the Reading Program, ordering books, or UMW Resources in general, feel free to contact me at:

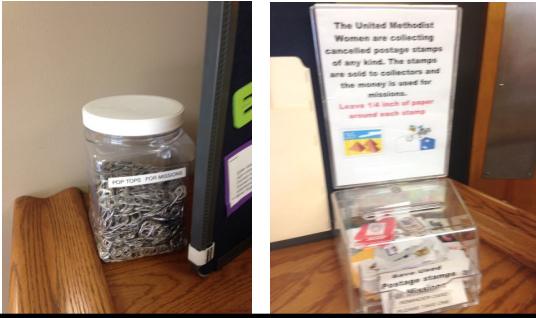
acoffee@clemson.edu or text me at 864.650.2967



It is never too early to start working on your Mission Today activities. Remember, you will need to complete 10 activities and submit to me before our District Annual Meeting in Sept 2020.

Rosalyn Moore

Continue to collect can tabs and used postage stamps.



Collecting stamps and tabs for the Marion Mission and the Ronald McDonald House respectively.

Education & Interpretation
Chairperson
Rosalyn Moore

I know and understand it is difficult to plan and think ahead at a time like this. Yet offices need filling for the coming year. Our work must go on even though we are not meeting.

The need is greater for our serving the women and children locally, nationally, and internationally. Please continue to be in prayer for these important positions. Each position and member have an important part in our serving as UMW. YOU are needed.

Please be in prayer for God's guidance of new leaders to serve the District Leadership Team. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Penelope Wesley. (864-905-3372)

The following positions are open for 2020-2021.

- Secretary
- Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach
- Chair of Nominations,
- 2 - members for the Committee on Nominations.

Committee on Nominations Chair
Penny Wesley (864-905-3372)
pawesley59@gmail.com

The next time you feel like GOD can't use YOU, just remember....

Noah was a drunk
Isaac was a daydreamer
Leah was ugly
Moses had a stuttering problem
Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
Elijah was suicidal Isaiah preached naked
Naomi was a widow
John the Baptist ate bugs
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Zacchaeus was too small
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Timothy had an ulcer...
AND Lazarus was dead!

Abraham was too old
Jacob was a liar
Joseph was abused
Gideon was afraid
Rahab was a prostitute
David had an affair and was a murderer
Jonah ran from God
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
Martha worried about everything
Paul was too religious

No more excuses now!! God can use you to your full potential.

Besides you aren't the message you are the messenger.



Anderson District United Methodist Women

48th Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 26TH 10:00am

Mt. Zion

310 Church Street, Central SC 29630

This event
is FREE

Registration is FREE. Pre-registration deadline Monday September 16, 2020. On-site registration is allowed.
Registration on day of event: 9:00am-9:45am; including morning refreshments. There will be NO on-site lunch.

Pre-Registration please list all names from your church on one form

Send to: **Donna Hopkins 405 St. Paul Road | Easley, SC 29642**
864-915-5872 | marcell405@bellsouth.net

Church _____ # registered _____

Name (Please PRINT legibly)	Address	Phone number	E-mail
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list more on back if needed			

Treasurer's note:

Remember, I will need all your remittances and completed forms for each quarter by the 5th of March, June, September and December.

Thanks again for all you do for your local UMW.
Blessings,

Mary Beth

Treasurer
Mary Beth Ellison

A word from our Bishop Holston:

Bishop Holston, Conference Updates,

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, resident bishop of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, released this statement regarding the latest guidance in response to the coronavirus pandemic in our state:

Bishop Holston

Friends, I continue to be inspired by the creative ways the churches of the South Carolina Conference have responded to the ongoing challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. Your commitment to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and your care for one another are evident in so many ways. South Carolina United Methodists are truly seeking a more excellent way – following God beyond the bounds of expectations. In consultation with the Cabinet and according to the latest guidance from public health officials, I am strongly recommending that leaders of each local church continue to suspend in-person worship services, gatherings, meetings and events through June 10.

Worship and other in-person gatherings are allowed to resume beginning Sunday, June 14. The cabinet has outlined the safety concerns and guidelines for resuming in-person worship in a new resource called “Reset | Restart | Renew.” These guidelines are the product of prayer, research, data analysis and many conversations with public health officials, church leaders and state leaders. Clergy and church leaders are strongly encouraged to use this document to navigate the transition to resuming in-person worship. We have heard your desire to return in-person to the communities of faith that shape your relationship with Jesus Christ. Even when the church doors are once again open and we can safely gather, this does not mean a return to business as usual. It is critical to recognize the importance of the safe and sanitary practices necessary once we return to church buildings.

Congregations are encouraged to care for one another as plans are made for resuming in-person worship and continuing remote worship opportunities. Some churches may opt to return in-person at a later date, depending on their context. We support you in making the best decisions for your congregation as you care for one another. Moving day for those transitioning to new appointments will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020. This one week delay allows time for in-person farewells and necessary sanitizing of parsonages.

We continue to monitor developments in the pandemic as we discern a new date for the 2020 Annual Conference session – postponed from June 7 -10. Our priority in this and all decisions is ensuring the health and safety of South Carolina United Methodists.

In this interim time, I know you will remain steadfast in finding ways to remain in community with your sisters and brothers in Christ. Our regularly updated collection of resources to help local churches through this unprecedented time can be found at umcsc.org/coronavirus.

As people of faith who profess to follow Jesus Christ, we know that our call is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. With ears open to hear how God is calling your congregation and hearts open to respond to that call, we embrace this opportunity to be a beacon of hope in a hurting world.

We renew our commitment to faithfully participate in the life of our congregations through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness so that all may come to know and be transformed by the love, grace and mercy available through Jesus Christ.

I invite you to join me each morning – on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and at umcsc.org – as we pray for those affected by the coronavirus, for those experiencing stress, anxiety and financial uncertainty, for medical professionals treating and caring for patients and for those working to ensure a healthier future for all of us.

Grace and peace,
L. Jonathan Holston
Resident Bishop





Annual Reporting Guide for 2020

Please complete for the time frame noted below. Mail to
President: DeDee Clarey 1128 Lakeview Dr Greenville SC 29611
clarey8080@bellsouth.net

Mail no later than September 1, 2020

LOCAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING ♦ For period from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020 ♦

UNIT NAME _____ PRESIDENT _____

1. MEMBERSHIP:

Number of members in local organization: _____

Total number of members giving \$5 a year for Wallace Family Life Center: _____

Number of deceased members: _____

> Send a list of names to: Elizabeth Finley nunifinley@gmail.com 616 Brock street, Central SC 29630

Did your unit complete the UMW 2019 Census? How many members? _____

2. CONTRIBUTIONS:

Five Star Requirements*: (Enter Amount)

Five Mission Requirements* (for Gold Seal)

\$	*Pledge to Mission	\$	*Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg
\$	*Special Mission Recognition (@\$40)	\$	*Columbia Bethlehem Comm Center
\$	*Gift to Missions (@\$5 per card)	\$	*Killingsworth
\$	*Gift in Memory (@\$5 per card)	\$	*Wallace Family Life Center
\$	*World Thank Offering	\$	Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T.
\$	TOTAL Amount	\$	Call to Prayer and Self Denial
\$	Extra Giving – (Rainbow Woman, etc.)	\$	

3. PARTICIPATION (Since September 1, 2019)

Anderson District Events: (# of persons from your unit attending each event)

Annual Meeting 09/28/2019		Day Apart 4/14/20	Canceled
District Officers Training 12/07/2019		Other Unit Mission Events (list on back)	

SCCUMW Events: (# of persons from your unit attending each event)

Annual Meeting 10/25-26/2019		Spiritual Growth Retreat 5/1/20	Canceled
Conf. Officers Training 12/07/2019		Come Together Be Together 5/16/2020	Canceled
Killingsworth Gala 11/26/2019		Mission U 7/16-18/2020	Canceled
Legislative Advocacy Day 2/11/2020		Youth Mission u July /2020	Canceled
SCCUMW Mission Trip 4/ 2020		Other SC Mission Events (list on back)	

4. MISSION EDUCATION • SOCIAL JUSTICE • MISSION TODAY

Reading Program: Number of participants: _____ Send reading reports to: Secretary of Program Resources:

Aubrey Coffee 430 PinduLac Drive, Central SC 29630 acoffee@clemson.edu

Number of subscriptions to Response: _____ Was Program Book used? _____ Was Prayer Calendar used? _____

Charter for Racial Justice: Are you a Diamond Unit? ____ Send report to: Social Action Coordinator: Carol Weatherford

dweather104@alo.com 101 Terrace Drive, Seneca SC 29672

Are you a **Mission Today Unit**? ____ Send completed form to: Rosalyn Moore 810 South B Street Easley SC 29640 msroz-zy1953@gmail

5. In what public school district is your Unit located? _____

Does your Unit support the Campaign for Children? Yes ____ No ____



Visit the conference at SCCUMW website: umcsc.org/umw

UMW Online: www.umwonline.org/home

UMW Facebook page: www.facebook.com/UMwomen

UMW Flickr pages: www.flickr.com/photos/UMwomen

UMW Instagram pages: www.instagram.com/UMwomen

UMW Pinterest pages: www.pinterest.com/UMwomen

UMW Twitter pages: www.twitter.com/UMwomen

UMW YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/UMwomen

Learn information, find forms and the online editions of The Mission Echo
newsletter and district newsletters.

Stay connected and learn more about your UMW and Limitless
on the website and through social media.

unitedmethodistwomen.org



An excellent source of information is the

[South Carolina United Methodist Advocate](http://advocatesc.org) An award winning publication!

advocatesc.org

**Spiritual Growth
Coordinator
Elizabeth Finley**

Hey Everyone! Well, we have Corona Virus and Tornadoes that we are all dealing with. This is a special SPRING 2020! And an Easter Season at HOME.

As members of the United Methodist Women our priorities include being a community of women that know God, are supportive and creative, and we expand the concepts of mission.

I encourage you to reach out to your friends and family in every way you can under the guidelines we are given. Just like I am reaching out to you with email.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

PRAY PRAY PRAY My prayers are that God will be with our home churches, our communities, our families, and each of us.



Look for more news and updates: umcsc.org/umw

Find forms and previous newsletters.

Follow the SC Conference located in the Mission Echo

Duties of a Cluster Leader Needed- Zone 2 Anderson : Zone 3 Abbeville Starr/Iva : Zone 5 Williamston BHP

Your main duty is to help your district president communicate with the churches in your cluster. This may either be spreading information or helping to gather information such as membership and info needed for year end reports.

1. Cluster leaders also man the registration tables at all district meetings and events. This will help you associate names and faces.
2. You may want to hold meetings with your cluster units. These can often foster cooperation between and among units. You may want to visit some of the units at their general meetings, but ask first.
3. If there is a district or a cluster unit, meet with them as well.
4. Communication can be done through phone calls or email. You will need to communicate with each president in your cluster at the beginning of the year as a means of introduction.
5. Plan to help the units with their membership information. You may want to bring your laptop or iPad to Officer's Training or cluster meeting to help them enter the information.

There is nothing in the Handbook regarding this position. It is not a tenured position, you are appointed, not elected. You are part of the leadership team and should be prepared to give a report at board meetings.

Contact DeDee Clarey / clarey8080@bellsouth.net

**Cluster Leader
Elaine Jones**

ANDERSON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2020 CALENDAR

January 2020		Happy New Year	Hope and Blessings
February 2020		Wallace Family Life Center Special Emphasis Month	SC Conference UMW
Feb. 4, 2020	4:30 PM	Anderson District Leadership Team	Saint Paul Easley
February 11	9:00 AM	Legislative Advocacy Day 2020	Epworth Children's Home, Co- lumbia
Feb. 16, 2020		Deadline for March Network News	
February 29		Limitless Celebration Day "NEW EVENT"	Lebanon UMC Eastover SC
March 3, 2020	9:00 AM	Legislative Advocacy Day *bad weather make up day	Epworth Children's Home, Co- lumbia
March 2020			SCC + National UMW
March 2020		Network News published	
March 2020		Men's Kairos Month	
March 6, 2020	All day	World Day of Prayer	an Ecumenical Observance
March 5, 2020		1 st Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
March 23, 2020	All day	Legacy Fund Day of Giving	151 Years Young
April 2020		Columbia Bethlehem Community Center Special Emphasis Month	SC Conference UMW
April 2020		Women's Kairos Month	
April 4, 2020	Canceled	Anderson District UMW Day Apart	Bryant Lodge @ Southern Wes- ley University in Central
April 17-19	Canceled	Southeastern Jurisdiction, Mobile Alabama	Bus Trip leaving from Columbia
May 1-3, 2020	Canceled	SCCUMW Spiritual Growth Retreat	Lake Junaluska, NC
May 5, 2020	Canceled	Anderson District Leadership Team	Bethesda, Easley
May 16, 2020		Deadline for June Network News	
May 16, 2020	Canceled	"Come Together Be Together"	Walterboro Dist
June 2020		The Tracy Jackson Program of G.I.F.T. Special Emphasis Month	Anderson District UMW
June 2020		Network News published	
June 5, 2020		2 nd Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
June 7-10, 2020	Canceled	SCCUMC Annual Conference	Florence SC
July 16-18, 2020	Canceled	Mission U 2020	Spartanburg Methodist Col- lege
Aug. 4, 2020	4:30 pm	Anderson District Leadership Team	Saint John's, Anderson
Aug. 16, 2020		Deadline for September Network News	
September 2020		Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month	SCC + National UMW
September 2020		Men's Kairos Month	
September 2020		Network News published	
Sept. 5, 2020		3 rd Quarter Financial Report Deadline	
September 26	9:00 AM	Anderson District UMW 48 th Annual Meeting	Mount Zion, Central
October 2020		Bethlehem Center - Spartanburg Special Emphasis Month	SCC + National UMW
October 2020		Women's Kairos Month	
Oct. 23-24, 2020		SCCUMW 48 th Annual Meeting	Main St UMC, Greenwood SC
Nov. 3, 2020	4:30 PM	Anderson District Leadership Team	Clemson SC
Nov. 7, 2020	8:30-2:00	SCCUMW 2020 District Officers Training	Chapin UMC
Nov. 16, 2020		Deadline for December Network News	
December 2020		Network News published	
Dec. 05 2020		Anderson District Officers' Training	Clemson UMC, Clemson
December 25		Merry Christmas	May There Be Peace On Earth

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The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement 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 participation in the global ministries of the church.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission



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