

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2009
MISSION TODAY

The purpose of Mission Today is to encourage every United Methodist Women's Unit to attend events in the District and Conference; to participate in programs of the UMW; and to take action where we can provide for those in need and learn more about the work of the Women's Division.

() 1. MAKE AND MEET OUR PLEDGE TO MISSION.**

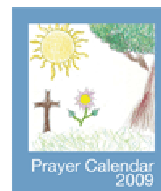
Complete the first item (required) and a minimum of eight of the following items, including at least four of the asterisked (*) items. Activities conducted between September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009 will be recognized at District annual meetings in 2009. Note: Units with 15 or fewer members may complete the first item and a minimum of four of the following items, including two of those marked with an asterisk (*).

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED:

- (*) 2. At least two members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
- () 3. At least one member, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend District Spiritual Life Event or the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat.
- () 4. Have at least one member other than a District or Conference Officer attend the United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly.
- () 5. Have at least one member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.
- (*) 6. Have at least one member other than a District or Conference Officer attend the Conference School of Christian Mission at VUMAC or a District Mission Event.
- (*) 7. Sponsor a young woman to attend the Conference Young Women's Event.
- (*) 8. At least one member attend the Domestic Violence Seminar on April 25, 2009.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS OF THE UMW:

- (*) 9. Select a mission project from those supported by the Women's Division or the Mission Project Grants of Virginia (formerly Healing the Hurts) and contribute some needed resources to the project.
- (*) 10. Use the Prayer Calendar at each Unit Meeting to pray for Persons-in-Mission and mission projects for women, children, and youth.
- (*) 11. Use at least two programs from the UMW Program Book during the year.
- () 12. Each Unit, Circle, or Subgroup include a "Response Moment" where an item from Response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.
- (*) 13. The Unit, Circle, Subgroup, etc. have at least one Mission Study from the School of Christian Mission during the year.



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YOUR ACTION IN SUPPORTING THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

- (*) 14. Include having the UMW Purpose at every meeting.

- (*) 15. Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star Unit for the past year by contributing to five or six Channels of Mission Giving.
- (*) 16. Increase the local unit Pledge to Mission for the coming year.
- () 17. Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than a member, to one of _____ your Unit Meetings during the year.
- () 18. Visit a Project which is supported by funds from Women's Division or the Mission Project Grants of VA such as the Henry Fork Service Center or the Wesley Community Service Center.
- () 19. One or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working in a food pantry or clothes closet, bagging potatoes, etc.
- () 20. Provide at least five UMCOR kits and funds for shipping for the VA Annual Conference.
- () 21. Members shall write at least once a year to five Persons-in-Mission listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- () 22. Add at least two new members to the roll, or one new member for Units with 15 or fewer members.
- (*) 23. Have at least two members who subscribe to Response Magazine.
- (*) 24. At least two members participate in the Reading Program.
- () 25. Have a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of Children.
- () 26. Have "Green Meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead of disposable cups, etc.)
- () 27. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in one way during the year.
- () 28. Make a donation of goods, money, or service to Prison Ministries.
- () 29. Support public education and promote the Campaign for Children Phase III.



- () **A MISSION TODAY UNIT:** Completed the one required item, PLUS eight additional items including four (*) items, or for Units with 15 or fewer members, completed the first required item and a minimum of four of the other items including two of those marked with an (*).
- () **A MISSION TODAY SILVER UNIT:** Completed the first required item, plus fourteen additional items including at least six (*) items.
- () **A MISSION TODAY GOLD UNIT:** Fulfilled 24 items, including 12 (*) items.

UNIT/CHURCH _____

Number of members in your unit _____

President/Contact Person _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Period covered: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009