

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION TODAY 2011

September 1, 2010-August 31, 2011 Report Form for Units

The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by energizing UMW to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action; increasing contacts between units and mission workers and projects; encouraging use of mission resources; expanding concepts of mission including social justice as mission.

Mission Today is not a new program. It is putting increased emphasis on what UMW has been doing for more than a century.

(**) 1. **Make and meet our Pledge to Mission.**

Your attendance is requested:

- (*) 2. At least two members, other than a District or conference officer, attend The District or Conference Annual Meeting.
- (*) 3. One member other than a Conference or District officer attend the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat or a District Spiritual Life Event.
- () 4. Have at least one member 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 Conference or District Officer attend the Conference School of Christian Mission at Blackstone or a District Mission Celebration.
- (*) 7. Sponsor a young woman to attend the Conference or a District Young Women's Event. Name of event attendee: _____

Your participation in programs on the UMW:

- (*) 8. Use the Prayer Calendar at each Unit Meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children, and youth.
- (*) 9. Use at least two programs from the UMW program book during the year. Which ones _____
- (*) 10. 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.
- (*) 11. The Unit, Circle, Subgroup, Etc. have at least one Mission study from the School of Christian Mission during the year. Which one _____

Your action in supporting the Purpose of the United Methodist Women:

- (*) 12. Include having the UMW Purpose at every meeting.
- (*) 13. Qualify as a Five-or Six Star Unit by contributing to five or six channels of Mission Giving
- (*) 14. Increase the local unit Pledge to Mission for the coming year.
- (*) 15. Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than a member, to one of your Unit meetings during the year and/or United Methodist Women's Sunday
- (*) 16. Select a mission project which is supported by funds from the

Women's Division or the Mission Project Grants of VA and visit and/or contribute needed resources. Name of project_____

- (*) 17. One or more members participate in hands-On mission such as gleaning, bagging potatoes, working in a food pantry or clothes closet, etc.
- () 18. Provide at least ten UMCOR kits and funds for shipping for the VA Annual Conference.
- () 19. Members shall write at least once a year to five Persons-in-Mission listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- (*) 20. Add at least two new members to the roll or one new member for Units with 15 or less members.
- (*) 21. Have at least two members who subscribe to Response Magazine.
- (*) 22. At least two members participate in the Reading Program and complete Plan I.
- (*) 23. Have "Green Meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead disposable cups, etc.) Describe what you did_____
- () 24. Have at least one person join the UMW's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
- (*) 25. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Polices in at least one way way during the year. Describe what you did_____
- (*) 26. Support the Campaign for Children (Children's Sabbath Service, support public education, etc.) Describe what you did_____

() **A MISSION TODAY UNIT:** Completed the first 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 thirteen additional items including at least six (*) items.

() **A MISSION TODAY GOLD UNIT:** Complete the first required item (**) PLUS 20 additional items, including at least 12 (*) items.

Unit/Church_____

President/Contact Person_____

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**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST
2011
SOCIAL ACTION AWARD**

The purpose of the Social Action Award is to encourage every United Methodist Women's Unit to be involved in social justice issues and to work to ensure that the words of Micah 6:8, "...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God", become a reality by advocating for justice.

Social Action Award goals:

Required:

() * Choose one to three of the District's Social Action Priorities to work on as a unit.

Social Action Priorities for
unit _____

Choose from the following goals to qualify for a Social Action Award:

() 1. Unit will have at least one member, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend the United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly. Members name(s) _____

() 2. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will join the General Board of Church and Society's Action Network and learn more about justice issues.
Members' names _____

() 3. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will sign up to receive the Virginia Interfaith Center newsletter and use ideas from the newsletter to advocate for justice. Members' names _____

() 4. Unit will have a Racial Justice Program or participate in a District Racial Justice Program.

() 5. Unit will read at least three books on Social Action from the UMW Reading List.
Books read: _____

() 6. Unit will have a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of children.

() 7. Unit will have "green meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead of disposable cups, use chlorine free paper, etc.). How was this achieved?

() 8. Unit will make a donation of goods, money, or service to Prison Ministries.

() 9. Each unit is urged to present a program or initiate a project based on the district's social action priorities.

Goal: _____

How was goal achieved? _____

A Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete the one required item and at least 5 of the other goals.

A Silver Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete the one required item and at least 6 of the other goals.

A Gold Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete all of the Social Action goals.

UNIT/CHURCH _____

Number of members in your unit _____

President/Contact Person _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

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Eastern Shore District**

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