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FIRELANDS DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2019



"On fire with the spirit, we go forth to share the love of Christ with other women."

THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of the 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.

BECOME A MISSION TODAY UNIT

East Ohio Conference and Firelands District United Methodist Women 2019 Mission Today Unit Goals.

Section A. Complete at least four of the following:

- ____1. Use the *Prayer Calendar* at each meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.
- ____2. Make and meet the unit's Pledge to Mission.
- 3. Add at least one member to the unit's roll.
- ____4. Have at least 2 members subscribe to *Response* magazine.
- ____5. Use at least 2 programs from the *UMW Program Book* each year.
- ____6. Conduct at least one mission study each year from the current or previous year *Mission u* studies.
- _____7. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. Suggestions:
- A. Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background and use programs from the UMW Program Book.
- B. Develop bi-racial or multi-racial cultural Koinonia (Christian Fellowship) groups.
- C. Hold a joint Vacation Bible School and/or pulpit exchanges.
- D. Share joint worship services on special occasions.
- E. Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family.
- F. Other (Explain)

Section B: Complete at least four of the following:

- ____ 8. Have at least one member (other than district or conference officers) attend a UMW Mission u.
- _____9. Have at least one member (other than district or conference officers) attend the District Annual meeting or Conference Annual Celebration.
- ______10. Have at least one member join the UMW Action Network. Register online www.umwmission.org, click on "Act" or via mail: Washington Office of Public Policy, GBGM-Women's Division, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Room 530, Washington, DC 20002, (Request UMW Action Network and include name, address, phone, Congressional District, Conference, and District.

- ____11. Have unit members write to at least 5 persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar* each year.
- ____12. Participate in the Campaign for Children (Campaign for Children-UMW Phase III #3223) in at least one way. Suggestions:
- A. Help sponsor a church or community program related to the needs of children and youth.
- B. Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund by using the National Observance of Children's Sabbath Handbook-Repairers of the Breach #3224
- C. Get involved with children by mentoring, tutoring, Big Sister Program or Ohio Reads Program.
- D. Write, email, or call Congressional representative and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
- E. Visit local schools and/or attend a school board meeting.
- F. Other (Explain
- ____13. Be a Five Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of Mission Giving (Pledge, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering).
- ____14. Include a Response moment at every meeting.
- ____15. Have at least 2 members complete a Reading Program plan and give a mini-report on a book.
- ____16. Invite a district or conference officer (other than a unit member) to a unit meeting each year.
- ____17. Pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" UMW unit. Information is available at www.umwonline.org/environment or www.umwmission.org click on "Act" and "Environment Issues."
- ____18. Conduct a Mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat or have at least 2 members attend a district or conference retreat.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

2019

March 6- Ash Wednesday

March 30—Firelands District Spring Meeting at Sandusky Trinity UMC

April 21-Easter

April 28—UMW Sunday

June 11-14 – East Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside

July 19-21 - Mission u at Mount Union

October - Firelands District Annual Fall meeting

October – East Ohio Conference Annual Celebration