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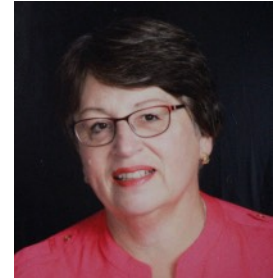
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President's Message

"Look to Me refreshing yourself in My Presence, and your steps will be steady and sure." "I wait for the Lord, my souls waits, and in His Word, I hope."

Hebrews 12:2, Psalm 130

When thinking about the world situations today, I look for optimism and hope. These two words can take you to a state of positivity. While optimism is defined as positive thought patterns, hope is the process of setting goals and following through on them. Even though hope can wrestle with despair, when the two are combined you become hopeful for a positive outcome. As United Methodist Women we strive to move forward with both of these ideals.

Major community disasters like the pandemic, earthquakes, and hurricanes leave us feeling less hopeful and less optimistic, and we turn to each other and our faith in God to get us through. But in recent times, we have tried new things, and found new paths to reach our goals and to our surprise many of them worked! This has brought us hope as we are reuniting in groups at church. We once again have relied on the self-confidence of our women leaders and they have led us forward. These are women who came on strong by fulfilling the needs of the crisis, including making masks, lap blankets, delivering food, giving and setting up vaccine clinics. Each of these tasks filled a need and brought hope to those who were less fortunate. We received the same sense of hope in ourselves and some optimism for doing more going forward.

UMW Purpose

The organized unit of 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.

Combining hope and optimism create these feelings and help us to set higher goals and to continue working towards achieving them. A feeling of positivity refreshes our optimism and gives us more security in what we are doing and instills less uncertainty. As our units move forward, let's set higher goals, exceed our expectations and make this a year for others to take notice! These values are important and the stepping stones of the United Methodist Women. Together let's announce our Faith, Hope and Love in Action and share it with all women around the world.

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2021 Calendar of Events

- SEP 12 DEADLINE for Fall District Meeting
- SEP 18 FALL DISTRICT MEETING, 10 am
- OCT 22-23 ANNUAL CELEBRATION by Conference District Women
will be virtual
- NOV 20 BEACON Distribution

ASSEMBLY: May 19-22, 2022 Orlando, Florida
Time to start making your plans for Florida
Early Registration started September 1

UMW Vision

Turning
faith,
hope
and
love
into
action
on
behalf
of
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Vice President Note

Greetings United Methodist Sisters!

In our last communication, we were looking forward to meeting in person, however circumstances have arisen that necessitate our meeting via Zoom. I am thankful that we have technology that affords us the opportunity to be in fellowship. It has been said that fellowship strengthens our faith and during this unprecedented time it is reassuring to know that we have the ability to see each other, pray together, hear each other's voices and keep abreast of important UMW updates.

Our UMW conferences have always presented outstanding keynote speakers and this year's fall conference will follow in the tradition. We are very pleased to have Will Fenton-Jones deliver an inspirational message. Will is from Akron, Ohio and is the Director of Multicultural Diversity for the East Ohio Conference. He has held the position since 2017. The position was created at the 2016 Annual conference as a result of the United Methodist Church acknowledging concerns for reaching diverse communities. Many of you may remember him working with youth ministry and as a worship leader.

Presently Will meets with pastors, congregations and church leaders to assist them in understanding their roles in meeting the needs of diverse Christian communities. He has chosen the title of his address to be "Organizing Church: Creating Momentum for Change." The topic is very timely because all of us have witnessed the ways in which the traditional church has had to change in order to meet the needs of parishioners and communities.

Will has been a popular guest speaker at many of our churches because he always delivers a message that embodies Christ's teachings that are relatable in everyday life. **Please join us on [September 18, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.](#) The registration form is included in the newsletter on page 6.** Please return it with the registration fee in a timely manner to the address indicated on the form. Please be sure to pass the information on to all the United Methodist Women in your church as soon as possible. Until then, stay well and strong in faith.

Blessings,

Barbara Murphy Vice President



Living the Vision

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

Treasurer’s Report

First of all, thank you to all our units who have supported UMW with mission giving during this difficult year. It seems that just as we believe we are getting back to normal and planning to meet again a setback occurs and we are unable to have meetings and fundraisers safely. Yet, throughout the past year and a half, UMW sponsored missions have been happening. The NCD UMW Team wants to remind you that it is the money that units donated toward mission giving and other five-star giving that allows these mission projects to carry on. So please do your best to send in your pledge to mission, special mission recognitions, gifts to mission, gifts in memory, and World Thank Offering gifts in this year.

NCD Unit Giving as of August 12, 2021 is shown below.

5-Star Mission Giving	2020 Year End	As of 8/13/21
Pledge to Mission (NCD Pledge \$35K)	26,900.00	6,059.63
Special Mission Recognition	840.00	240.00
Gift to Mission	1,280.00	15.00
Gift in Memory	470.00	355.00
World Thank Offering	1,818.14	220.00
Total 5 Star Mission Giving (NCD goal \$40K)	31,308.14	6,889.63

Treasurers, please check your e-mails shortly before our fall meeting for your units giving statements to date. I will mail out statements to those unit treasurers I do not have emails for as well.

Dates to remember:

Any 3rd quarter giving should be mailed to me by September 23. Any year end (4th quarter) giving should be mailed to me by December 1. Please make checks out to "NCD UMW" and mail along with the filled out "Remittance Form for all Treasurers" to **Rebecca Riddlebaugh, 6899 Warrington Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070-5054.**

Questions? Contact me at info below.

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Living the Vision

We
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growth,
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Social Action

"United Methodist Women, The future is calling for our resolute action today. Now, is the right time to claim our roots, strengthen our relationships and our outreach and tend our foundations. God is preparing us, in the midst of prolonged uncertainty, for faithful work in and through changes ahead. Now is the time to lean forward toward opportunities that God is providing." - *Harriet Jane Olsen General Secretary United Methodist Women.*

In 2021 we continue to focus on Criminalization of school age children and Climate Justice. We struggle to speak out and speak up for these issues. We need to keep checking our National web site, attend Faith talks and encourage our representatives and senators at both the state and national levels to act on these issues. We also need to spread the word with our Local churches- How can we have an impact?

Let us all know what your local churches are doing!!!

O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly.

Blessings to All,
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**North Coast District United Methodist Women
Fall Zoom Meeting Registration Form**

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 10am-12noon Guest Speaker: Will Fenton-Jones, EOC Director of Multicultural Vitality
Registration \$5.00 per person, plus any donation you wish to make for an offering.

UMW Unit: _____

Attendee Name	Please indicate below (clearly print) how you will be attending the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if by computer put your e-mail address • if by phone put your phone number 	Registration \$5 (covers speaker and admin. costs)	Donation for offering	Total
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--	Totals	\$	\$	\$

Units can register together, or if your unit is not meeting, members can register individually.
 Preferred way to register: Mail form with check(s) made out to "NCD UMW" to Rebecca Riddlebaugh, 6899 Warrington Dr., North Olmsted, OH 44070-5054 so it is received by September 12, 2021.
 Alternatively: e-mail registrations (or scan of this filled out form) to NCDUMWTreasurerBecky@gmail.com or phone to 440-235-0211 (evenings or weekends) by Sept. 12 and mail the check(s) later.