

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

THE WORD SOWER**PRESIDENT MESSAGE**

Dear United Methodist Women,

2020 seems like it was such a long time ago. While many of us experienced the illnesses, struggles, and death associated with COVID 19, the start of a new year brings thoughts of rejuvenation, energy and rebirth. Especially during this time of struggle. Keep faith as you travel along your journey! Reach out to those in need through your prayers and action.

This year, the celebration of the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King was a quiet day and one of reflection due to COVID. On this day, I recalled my visit to Washington, D. C. for his monument dedication. It was a joy to be there but a sadness that he did not live longer to spread his preaching's and teachings. Oh, how I imagine what this world would be like today if he had lived longer

. I was also very proud of the work and dedication of my cousin Coretta and others endured to see it finally come to fruition

. The thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians (Love is patient....), particularly verse 4 is my favorite scripture and when looking for a quote to share I came across Dr. King's quote concerning hate. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear". This quote is certainly what we all need to follow in this day and time. Can you imagine what the world would be like if we focused on love instead of hateful speech and actions.

May you have a blessed and peaceful year!

Cheryll Felder

Conference President

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**Living the Racial Justice Charter Report
New Mexico Conference
United Methodist Women
September 1 – August 31**

Date of Report: _____ **Church/Unit:** _____

District: _____

**Contact Person Completing this form
(include phone number):** _____

Instructions:

For a Local United Methodist Women's (UMW) Unit or church to obtain the "Living the Racial Justice Charter" designation, ONE activity from each category (I. Local UMW Unit Programming, II. Local UMW Unit Enrichment, and III. Beyond the Local UMW Unit) must be completed during a calendar year. Following the achievement of the "Living the Racial Justice Charter" designation, a Local United Methodist Women's Unit or church may continue to retain the designation by completing a minimum of ONE activity (from any category) in each successive calendar year. Any activities completed by circles will be counted toward the three activities required for the local unit to receive the "Living the Racial Justice Charter" designation.

Reports are due to the Committee on Racial Justice no later than the last Monday in September. Email reports to [nmunedmethodistwomen@gmail.com](mailto:nmunitedmethodistwomen@gmail.com). Local UMW Units and/or churches will be recognized for becoming/maintaining the "Living the Racial Justice Charter" designation at the annual meeting of the New Mexico Conference of United Methodist Women.

List Activity Number, Description, and Date Completed

First Year – (Minimum: Completion of three activities- One activity/category):

2nd Year & Beyond:

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Happy New Year!

And what a year this has been. We have not been able to meet in person, and I miss that. And we won't be able to meet in person for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. So I won't be ordering study books to have available at the retreat. But you can go to the website, unitedmethodistwomen.org, and click on Mission Studies. The new one this year is Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship. The two other studies are repeats from last year:

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, and Finding Peace in an Anxious World. I have read Pushout, and it is very good.

Also for the Reading Program, go to the website and click on Reading Program. You can download the list of books for 2021 and there is lots of information on where to find the books, as we are not able to order through the service center any more. There are 4 plans for the reading program and 5 categories of books.

Promote the Reading Program in your units and groups. Do a book review of the books you have read to encourage others to read them.

Happy Reading!

Alice Fenton, Secretary of

Program Resources

Useful Links to explore :

[United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women](#)

[United Methodist Women - 2020 Reading Program](#)

[United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women Social Action Campaigns](#)

[United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women are Members and Leaders](#)

[United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women: What We Do](#)

[United Methodist Women - Living Wage Map: Does your state need a raise? See if your state's minimum wage is a poverty wage.](#)

[United Methodist Women - Press Releases: United Methodist Women News](#)

Greetings from the new conference secretary!

Hi, my name is Marjorie Bahm and I've accepted the conference secretary position for calendar year 2021. I'm replacing Anne Grant who held this position for several years and was ready to move on to bigger & better positions within the conference. She did a great job for the conference and left me with big shoes to fill! We will miss you Anne!

Fortunately, I was blessed to be able to attend the UMW Leadership Development Days via Zoom last weekend (Jan 29-30) and attended the Secretary's training given by our corporate secretary Susan Moberg. The training was fantastic & I learned a lot. Part of the job is to assist district secretaries who can then pass training on to the unit secretaries. If you are a unit secretary that isn't fortunate enough to have a district secretary, I can work with you directly.

Another requirement of the job is to publish a current conference directory. I will need to get district and unit leadership listings from you so that I can put together a good directory for your use. Please respond promptly if I reach out to you requesting information. Thank you in advance.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Call or text (505) 332-8456 or email marjoriebahm@gmail.com.

Ready to serve.

Marjorie Bahm

Faith Talks

A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PODCAST

- **Thursday, February 11 at 2:00 pm ET** • Faith Talks: Black History Month with Khristi Lauren Adams and Emily Jones • [register now](#)

The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books.

To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the [Reporting Form](#). When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a [Certificate of Recognition](#).

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. As you read, consider taking one or more of the following actions:

Track Your Progress

- **Share the program** with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.
- **Help people attain books.** Distribute this guide.
- **Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.
- **Display a progress chart in your church** for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
- **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- **Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.

Where to Find Books- Although Amazon is always a convenient option, please consider obtaining Reading Program books through:

School and public libraries

Local independent bookstores

Franchises of larger bookstore chains

As always, most Reading Program books can also be found for reading electronically on your Kindle, tablet or other devices. For ebooks free of charge, check your local library, Google eBookstore, Project Gutenberg or Open Library.

If you do order books through Amazon, please remember to visit smile.amazon.com, Amazon's charitable giving page, and select "**United Methodist Women**" as your charitable organization. For all eligible purchases made on smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% to United Methodist Women.

Albuquerque District President's Report

The District Mission Team met and we will be holding our Annual District Meeting on April 24 via Zoom. Our theme will be "Embracing Change" and our speaker will be Susan Brumbaugh. Susan is a mental health counselor and is on the staff at St. John's United Methodist Church in Albuquerque.

The registration form will be available in the District Newsletter, the "Mustard Seed" coming out in February. Please put this on your calendars. Plan to attend and invite a friend. If you know someone who needs help with Zoom, let me know and I would be happy to help them.

The Lord gives the command: The women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host.

Psalm 68:11

Kathy Duncan

TREASURER UPDATE

Thank you to the United Methodist Women of the New Mexico Conference for giving so generously in 2020. We gave \$50,981.92 to support the mission of United Methodist Women. I appreciate all the effort from all the districts, Albuquerque, Clovis and El Paso we couldn't live the United Methodist Women's vision of "Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world: without your support. The conference also gave \$968.69 to the Legacy Fund and \$1,130 on Special Mission Recognition Pins. If you have any questions please contact your district treasurer Vikki Penrod, Albuquerque, Gayle Lowry, El Paso and myself for the Clovis District and the conference.

Peggy Arensdorf, (505) 237-8933,
parensdorf@comcast.net.



2021 Registration Spiritual Enrichment Retreat – Zoom Event
March 6, 2021
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Leader: Dee Dee Hefner

Please duplicate this form and send one per person to registrar.

Name_____Church_____

Address_____District_____

City_____State_____Zip_____Phone_____

Email_____

Registration deadline is March 3, 2021. A Zoom invitation will be sent out to those registered. Additional details on the Spiritual Retreat including leader and theme will be provided at a later date.

Send registration form or email to:

REGISTRAR:	Peggy Arensdorf	505-237-8933
	PO Box 53429	
	Albuquerque NM 87153	parensdorf@comcast.net

In lieu of a registration fee, we are requesting donations to the United Methodist Women **She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference** 2021 A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. Every year, “A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial” encourages women to step out in faith and bring the love of Christ into a hurting world through their prayers and selfless giving.

Send donations to the registrar and make checks payable to **NMCUMW.**

New Mexico Conference United Methodist Women – 2021 Officers

Executive Board – Elected Leaders (Elected by NM Conference UMW membership)

President		Cheryll Felder 473 Pendale Rd El Paso TX 79907-4410 (915) 858-2026 (h) (915) 449-4181 (c) cherfoxf@att.net	2021 - 2022	El Paso District
Vice-President		Tanya Barlow 109 Skyvue Ruidoso NM 88345 (575) 257-8169 (575) 973-1630 (c) grandedta@hotmail.com	2020 – 2021	Clovis District
Treasurer		Peggy Arensdorf PO Box 53429 Albuquerque NM 87153 (505) 237-8933 (505) 301-1978 parensdorf@comcast.net	2021 - 2022	Albuquerque District
Secretary		Marjorie Bahm 3437 Juan Tabo Albuquerque NM 87121 (505) 332-8456 marjoriebahm@gmail.com	2021 – 2021	Albuquerque District
Chair, Nominations Committee		Cheryl Ferguson 1433 E 35 th St Odessa TX 79762-7719 (432) 559-7647 libzavala@yahoo.com	2020 – 2021	El Paso District
	Member	Linda Leschnitzer 431 Pruitt Ave White Rock NM 87547 (505) 690-8678 dalehugo@icloud.com	2020 - 2023	Albuquerque District
	Member	Judy Wagoner 1610 N. Washington Odessa TX 79761-2359 (432) 664-0060 judy@txwagoners.com	2020 - 2023	El Paso District
	Member	Cheri Burch 39 Chaco Loop Sandia Park NM 87047 (505) 286-9674 cburch@aol.com	2020 - 2021	Albuquerque District
	Member	Vacant		

Executive Board – Appointed Leaders (Appointed by Conference President)

Historian		Vacant		
Parliamentarian		Cheryl Ferguson (See Nominations)		El Paso District
Green Team		Dodie Hawkins 10501 Lagrima de Oro Bld NE Albuquerque NM 87111 (505) 291-3430 (h) (505) 991-2850 (c) idoliahawkins@gmail.com		Albuquerque District
Chair, Committee on Programs		Tanya Barlow (See Vice-President)	2020 – 2021	Clovis District

	Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Melinda S Whitley 838 N Miranda St Las Cruces, NM 88005-2159 (575) 993-8496 whitleyms@gmail.com	2019 – 2020	El Paso District
	Education and Interpretation	Kay Martinez 2017 Algodones St NE Albuquerque NM 87112-3401 (505) 296-7308 (h) (505) 604-3953 (c) kkewpie@msn.com	2020 - 2021	Albuquerque District
	Social Action	Vacant	2021 – 2022	
	Spiritual Growth	Carolyn Begay 107 W Ute Farmington NM 87401 (505) 609-4488 csbegay@yahoo.com	2021 - 2022	Albuquerque District
	Annual Meeting	Doris Bowen 8521 Prestina PI NE Albuquerque NM 87111 (505) 410-7231 Bowen_g@msn.com	2020	Albuquerque District
Chair, Committee on Mission u (Dean)		Vikki Penrod (See District Treasurer)	2021 - 2022	Albuquerque District
	Assistant Dean	Anne Grant 320 Bristol Ct Las Cruces NM 88001-7524 (575) 649-1075 Grantanne482@gmail.com	2021 – 2022	El Paso District
	Registrar	Peggy Arensdorf (See Treasurer)	2021 - 2022	Albuquerque District
	Treasurer	Peggy Arensdorf (see Treasurer)	2021 - 2022	Albuquerque District
	Resources	Alice Fenton (see Program Resources)	2020 – 2021	Albuquerque District
Communications		Tanya Elliott 9301 Volcano Rd. NW #164 Albuquerque NM 87121 (505) 720-3038 Nmc.wordsower@gmail.com	2020 - 2021	Albuquerque District
Program Resources		Alice Fenton 4531 Bloomfield Hwy Farmington NM 87401 (505) 325-8469 (h) (505) 486-2769 (c) randafenton@gmail.com	2020 – 2021	Albuquerque District
Language Coordinator Navajo		Ruthie Francis P.O. Box 2971 Shiprock, NM 87420 (505) 860-3128 rafrancis04@gmail.com		Albuquerque District
Language Coordinator Spanish		Vacant		
Language Coordinator Korean		Vacant		
Executive Board – Leaders by Position				
Bishop		Earl Bledsoe 11816 Lomas Blvd NE		

		Albuquerque NM 87112 (800) 678-8786		
District Presidents				
	Albuquerque	Kathleen Duncan 11801 Eagle Rock Ave NE Albuquerque NM 87122-4123 (281)384-8869 Kduncan9@comcast.net	2019 - 2021	Albuquerque District
	Clovis	Vacant		Clovis District
	El Paso	Vacant		El Paso District
District Treasurers				
	Albuquerque	Vikki Penrod 12020 Paisano Ct NE Albuquerque NM 87112 (505) 577-0218 vspenrod@aol.com	2019 - 2021	Albuquerque District
	Clovis	Vacant		Clovis District
	El Paso	Gayle Lowry 5000 Prince Edward Ave El Paso TX 79924 (915) 588-7176 gaylesfolly@aol.com	2018 - 2020	El Paso District
National Director		Daryl Junes-Joe PO Box 607 Shiprock NM 87420-0607 (505) 427-0203 djunesjoe@hotmail.com	2020 - 2024	Albuquerque District
South Central Jurisdiction President		Ellen Lipsey 6845 Wooded Dr College Station TX 77845 (432) 284-0584 Elipsey59@gmail.com	2020 – 2024	El Paso District
South Central Jurisdiction Member Committee on Nominations		Maria Heredia P.O. Box 503 Mesquite NM 88048 (512) 665-2575 Mariakay0407@gmail.com	2020 – 2024	El Paso District
		2021 Events		
DATE	EVENT	DETAILS/ LOCATION		
Feb 20,2021	NMC Leadership Team Meeting	Zoom, Cheryl Felder		
Mar 06, 2021	NMC Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Zoom, Peggy Arensdorf		
April 24, 2021	Albuq. District Annual Meeting	Mustard Seed, Registration Form		
April 2021	El Paso District Meetings	TBD		
May 15, 2021	Wordsower Submissions Due	nmc.wordsower@gmail.com		
June 2021	Albuq. District Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Central UMC- Albuquerque		
Aug 7, 2021	Executive Board Meeting	Sacramento Methodist Assembly		
Aug 8-11, 2021	Mission U	Sacramento Methodist Assembly		
Oct 21,2021	Pre Conf Executive Meeting	St. Johns UMC – Albuquerque		
Oct 22-23, 2021	NMC Annual Meeting	St. Johns UMC - Albuquerque		