



Central Texas Conference United Methodist Women September 2019

Are You a Christian of Title or Conscience?



This question caught my attention while reading our current Mission u Spiritual Growth book, *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, insisted Methodists needed to relate one on one with people who had fewer resources than they themselves had. In 1869, committed Methodist Women put this into active practice with a vision. Their united effort empowered by love has brought much needed change and United Methodist Women still raise their voices and speak up for women and children who are “least of these”.

Because of our foremothers’ commitment, UMW have engaged in some of the most important work the church has ever accomplished by bringing liberation, healing, freedom, wholeness, justice and joy for those who are oppressed. UMW does ministry with those who are struggling (not to or for) and requires us to move beyond the church walls.

Our foremothers still challenge us today to change the conditions in society so all will have enough and to create peace through justice. Are you a Christian of title or conscience? Only you can truly answer this question.

Blessings,
Susan Torpy
CTC Social Action Coordinator

Even though you might not be able to make the training webinars below, please register so you can receive the recorded webinars and receive updates on future webinars. With this access, you will be able to use the recorded webinars for meetings or group gatherings.

Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline webinars:

http://umw.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=4141.0&dlv_id=7881

Climate Justice webinars: United Methodist Women is partnering with others in the #FuelChange effort to build local networks of organizers and activists and coalition partners to #FuelChange in your community by transitioning dirty diesel school bus fleets to clean, zero-emission school bus fleets.

https://dreamcorps.zoom.us/webinar/register/7115645364034/WN_Lj0Ze5M8RWmaTAwqMMI5Hg

Just Energy for All 101 webinars: <https://umwomen.wufoo.com/forms/z1hbcxa110el5xr/>

****Please read and share this PDF book link:** *Beyond the Golden Rule: A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice* https://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/general/beyond_golden_rule.pdf

Dates to Remember:

UMW Texas Legislative Event in Austin, Texas January 26th-28th, 2020

Charter for Racial Justice Event: Sing A Rainbow at FUMC Georgetown February 15th, 2020. Looking for ideas to become a Charter Racial Justice Club? Visit page 72 for Racial Justice Scenarios after clicking on: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/umw/pdfs/racialjustice2012.pdf>



Language Coordinator: How to Build This Resource CTC UMW needs YOU.

We are sisters of a variety of language groups here in CTC UMW.

A search is on to find YOU. If you enjoy the use of a language other than English,
Or you know of sisters who enjoy languages other than English, please let us know.
Please contact Beth Dorcas at elizabeto@grupos.org or text to 817 228-8577 or phone
to 817 446-4431.

Imagine a CTC UMW in which no matter your language, you could participate actively in
any CTC UMW event, and in District events.

The South Central Jurisdiction Conference is in March of 2020.

Imagine a United Nations atmosphere, where everyone is richer because of sharing life
together across language differences.

For those who have experienced this in Mission U, you know we are all richer because
of hearing each others' stories.

So please, help us find each other. And if you are interested in assisting in the
preparation of written translations, or in assisting with verbal translation, please let us
know.

**SPANISH-Coordinador de idiomas: cómo construir este recurso CTC UMW
te necesita.**

Somos hermanas de una variedad de grupos de idiomas aquí en CTC UMW.

**Una búsqueda está en busca de USTED. Si disfruta el uso de un idioma que
no sea inglés, o conoce a hermanas que disfrutaran de otros idiomas además del
inglés, avísanos.**

**Póngase en contacto con Beth Dorcas en elizabeto@grupos.org o envíe un mensaje
de texto al 817 228-8577 o llame al 817 446-4431.**

**Imagine CTC UMW en el que, sin importar su idioma, podría participar activamente en
cualquier evento de CTC UMW y en eventos del Distrito.**

La Conferencia de Jurisdicción Central del Sur es en marzo de 2020.

**Imagine una atmósfera de las Naciones Unidas, donde todos son más ricos por
compartir la vida juntos a través de las diferencias de idioma.**

Para aquellos que han experimentado esto en Mission U, saben que todos somos más

**ricos por escuchar las historias de los demás. Entonces, por favor, ayúdenos a encontrarnos. Y si está
interesado en ayudar en la preparación de traducciones escritas, o en ayudar con la traducción verbal,
háganoslosaber.**



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FRENCH-Coordonnateur linguistique: Comment construire cette ressource

CTC UMW a besoin de VOUS.

Nous sommes des soeurs de divers groupes linguistiques, ici à la CCT UMW.

Une recherche est en cours pour vous trouver. Si vous aimez utiliser une langue autre

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que l'anglais ou si vous connaissez des sœurs qui aiment des langues autres que

l'anglais, veuillez nous en informer.

Veuillez contacter Beth Dorcas à elizabeto@grupoj.org ou envoyez un SMS au 817

228-8577 ou par téléphone au 817 446-4431.

Imaginez CTC UMW dans lequel, quelle que soit votre langue, vous pouvez participer activement à n'importe quel événement CTC UMW et à des événements de district.

La conférence sur la juridiction du centre-sud se tiendra en mars 2020.

Imaginez une atmosphère des Nations Unies où chacun est plus riche grâce au partage de la vie malgré les différences linguistiques.

Pour ceux qui ont vécu cela à Mission U, vous savez que nous sommes tous plus riches parce que nous entendons les histoires de chacun.

Alors s'il vous plaît, aidez-nous à nous trouver. Et si vous souhaitez participer à la préparation de traductions écrites ou à la traduction orale, veuillez nous en informer. Le CTC UMW a besoin de vous.

Nous sommes des soeurs de diverses origines et parlant différentes langues.

Nous aimerions que vous nous joigniez. Si vous préférez ou si vous connaissez des soeurs qui préfèrent communiquer dans une langue autre que l'Anglais, veuillez nous en informer. Vous pouvez contacter Beth Dorcas sur son email: elizabeto@grupoj.org ou envoyer un sms au numero 817-228-8577 ou appeler au numero 817-446-4431.

Vous pouvez participer activement sans barrière de langue à n'importe quel événement du CTC UMW et à d'autres activités organisées dans votre district. La conférence du Centre-Sud sur la juridiction se tiendra au mois de Mars en 2020.

Imaginez une atmosphère comme celle des Nations Unies où chaque participant est enrichi par le partage des expériences vécues malgré la diversité des langues utilisées.

Pour celles qui ont déjà vécu cette expérience à Mission U, vous savez combien nous apprenons des histoires racontées par chacune de nos soeurs.

Si vous souhaitez participer à la traduction des documents écrits ou aider pour faire l'interprétation, veuillez nous en informer.

Merci.

KOREAN-언어 코ордин레이터: 이 리소스를 구축하는 방법

Central Texas 연회 여선교회는 당신을 필요로 합니다.

우리는 Central Texas 연회 여선교회에 속한 다양한 언어 그룹의 자매들입니다.

당신을 찾기 위한 노력이 진행 중입니다. 영어 이외의 언어를 사용하거나 사용하기를 즐기는 자매를 알고 있다면 알려주십시오.

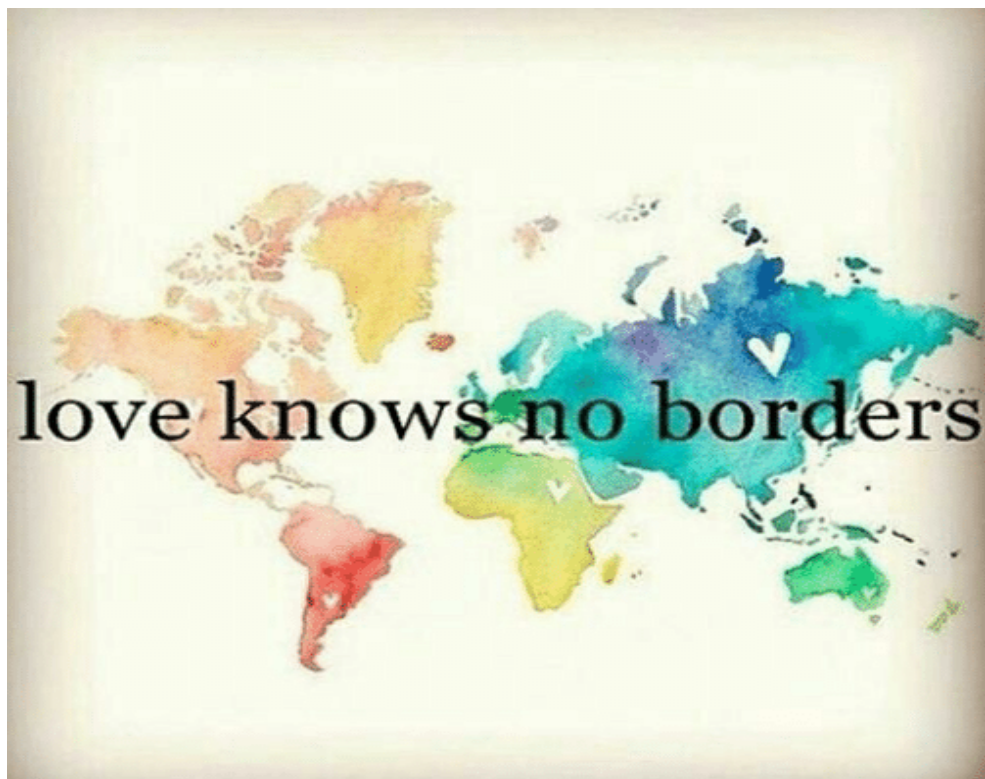
Beth Dorcas에게 elizabeto@grupoj.org로 문의하거나 817-228-8577로 텍스트 메시지를 보내시거나 817-446-4431로 전화하십시오.

귀하의 언어가 무엇이든 상관없이 우리 Central Texas연회나 District여선교회 어느 행사든지 적극 참여할 수 있다는 것을 상상해보십시오.

남중부 지역 회의 (The South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event)가 2020 년 3월에 있습니다. 언어의 차이에 상관없이 함께 삶을 나눔으로써 모두가 더 풍부해지는 유엔의 분위기를 상상해보십시오.

Mission u에서 이것을 경험한 사람들은, 서로의 이야기를 들음으로써 우리 모두가 더 풍부해진다는 것을 알고 있습니다.

서로를 찾을 수 있도록 도와주세요. 또한 문서 번역이나 또는 구두로 통역을 돕고 싶으면 알려주십시오.





A Letter from Lynne

“Let us not grow weary in doing good,
for in due season, we shall reap,
if we do not lose heart.” Galatians 6:9

I love seeing the first day of school pictures from friends posted on Facebook and Instagram. Friends post their children, grandchildren and selves. Teacher friends show off freshly decorated rooms; college students revel in the anticipated freedom of being in their own dorm room away from home. Parents share their trepidation over the same.

The past few weeks have been busy with back to school events, meetings resuming after a summer off, and continuing work on Mission u, planning for Annual Autumn Gathering and other church busy-ness.

Add to that, I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of my first grandchild in late October. I stayed up way past my bedtime Friday completing work on a quilt for the baby shower on Saturday.

I work at balancing my life. I work at reminding myself, as a dear pastor once told me, “‘No’ is as holy an answer as ‘yes’.” Yet, I feel compelled- more often than not- to say “Yes.”

I’ll be honest I’m sometimes tired. I’m sometimes discouraged by slow progress. I sometimes feel the urge to give up.

The verse from Galatians is one of my favorite scriptures. I find it most encouraging. I examine what I am doing with my time each day to see if it is, in fact, ‘doing good’. I heard a radio ad this week that struck me. The speaker said, “Do not mistake activity for achievement.” How easy it is for me to fill my calendar with activities. How much harder it is to actually achieve the goals I’ve set for myself and the groups with which I’m active.

Is that true for you? Don’t give up! Keep doing good. Keep believing that you make a difference; because you do! And if we do not give up, we will reap a harvest for our Lord.

I invite you to join me on October 12 at our Annual Autumn Gathering at Keller UMC.

We will train district officers and those who are not district officers will work in Keller’s Resource Room. **Everyone is invited to bring a contribution for the Resource Room. These items are desired: any kind of cereal, jelly or soup, spaghetti- 12 oz. to 16 oz. packages, Diapers Sizes 4, 5 & 6**

We will conduct the business of the Conference UMW including approving a budget, electing officers and selecting nominees to National UMW Board of Directors, Program Advisory Group and delegates to South Central Jurisdiction UMW Conference.

Our speaker, Katelin Hansen will lead us in assessing our assets and considering how to use them to develop our communities. By communities, I mean our areas of worship and work, our areas of influence and interest.

Katelin Hansen, PhD serves as Strategic Initiatives Director for the faith-based nonprofit, [Community Development for All People](#), and as the Minister of

Music for the [United Methodist Church for All People](#), a multi-race and multi-class church in Columbus, OH.

I had the pleasure of hearing a similar presentation by Katelin at UMW Assembly. I promise you do not want to miss her enthusiasm and dynamic presentation. It will be very apparent that her work is spirit filled and led.

There is a flyer and registration form in this issue of Cross Ties. You may register and pay online at ctcumw.org. If you prefer to pay by check, please print and mail your paper form along with a check. I hope to see you there!

Blessed to serve with you,

Lynne Grandstaff, President





Central Texas Conference United Methodist Women

47th Annual Autumn Gathering &
Leadership Development Day

October 12, 2019 9am -3pm

Keller United Methodist Church
Discipleship & Administration Center
Keller, Texas

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Featuring Katelin Hansen leading us to discover, develop and use our God
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**Register Online
or by Mail**

**Information and forms at
www.ctcumw.org**



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Or mail this registration form and check to:

Corliss McBride
5618 Wilshire
Waco, TX 76710

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Church Name _____

District

- ☐ Central
- ☐ East
- ☐ New Church Start
- ☐ North
- ☐ South
- ☐ West
- ☐ Not in Central Texas Conference

Position

- ☐ UMW Member
- ☐ Local UMW Leadership Team
- ☐ District Leadership Team
- ☐ Conference Leadership Team
- ☐ Friend of UMW

Child Care

_____ Child care not needed _____ Child care needed

List names and ages of children:

Others being Registered:

Lunch: Beef & Chicken Fajita Buffet (if registering for a group, indicate number of each)

_____ Regular _____ Vegetarian/Vegan _____ Gluten Free

Translation Needs must be registered by October 1 to allow for translation of materials and to schedule simultaneous interpretation.

Translation needed:

_____ None _____ Spanish _____ Korean _____ French _____ Other

Registration Fee of \$15 covers lunch and 2020 Resource Book for each attendee. Additional Resource Books : \$5 each.
Please send check & registration Form.

I will bring a themed basket for the silent auction. _____ Yes _____ No Theme if known: _____

_____ Total number of registrations @\$15 each

_____ Additional Resource Books @\$5 each

\$ _____ Total submitted Check Number _____

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL AUTUMN GATHERING ON OCTOBER 12

President- Lynne Grandstaff

Vice President – Margaret Gessley

Treasurer – Corliss McBride

Secretary- Becca Bilz Davis

Mission Coordinators

for Social Action – Susan Torpy

for Membership, Nurture and Outreach – Patty Lee

for Spiritual Growth- Judith Graham

for **Education & Interpretation – Linda Beach**

Secretary of Program Resources – Regina Holleman

Communications Coordinator/website – Anne Ridley-Pleasant

Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations - Betty Foster

Nominations Committee

Class of 2020 – Charlotte Rabbe Lynda Schraub

Class of 2021 – Betty Foster Shirley Channell

Class of 2022 – Jan Kinkade - _____

Class of 2023 - Veronica Madrigal - _____

BOD Nominees - Darlene Alfred - Billie Ray - Janna Elliott

PAG Nominees - Edie Snider - Madison Bishop - Paulette Terrell

Voting Delegates to SCJ- President, Lynne Grandstaff Vice President- Margaret Gessely

Judy Graham, Susan Torpy, Pamela Pinkerton-Whitley, Donna Jensen

Alternates- Nancy Brown, Betty Foster, Becca Bilz Davis

Names in bold are to be elected. Others will continue in their positions.



This August the Central District partnered with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, One Fellowship Church, Fuzzy Friends, Heart of Texas Rodeo Sweethearts, family groups and many others to give away 1000 backpacks at the Richland Mall. This is no easy feat. The backpacks were blessed/prayed over before the stuffing of the bags began.

"This backpack and its contents have been blessed for your use. You are loved and supported. May you use your eyes to see new friends, open your ears to hear your teachers, open your mind to learn new things, may your heart know that when you are afraid, God is near. May your love for others grow. May you have a blessed school year." Over thirty-five men, women, children and youth participated in the task of preparing the backpacks for the giveaway over several days. The backpacks were distributed on a first come first serve basis to children who were present. Central District had a booth staffed by four UMW central district organizations. AT our booth we gave out additional supplies and blessed backpacks that other booths were giving out. Many mothers asked about United Methodist Women. Blessings were well received, but most of all, **we** were blessed by our service and action.



Two UMW units went together to deliver sanitizer, wipes, backpacks, snacks and pencils to JH Hines Elementary in Waco. These were the items that the school felt they needed the most. When asked what they needed throughout the school year, the answer was underwear, new or clean gently used. Make UMW Sunday an UNDIE Sunday, and take to a school or shelter that has that need.



South District

District Report

of FUMC

Mission U was fantastic this year. The Plenaries were excellent for a change and everyone was talking about them afterwards, not complaining. They were the topic of discussion and engendered much conversation at meals. The South District had 33 participants in the 1 Day study, which was great. I taught the study and was ably assisted by Patty Lee and Billie Ray. Our host was the UMW Temple. They provided a wonderful meal, AV services, and fun and fellowship. Special thanks to their President, Ilene Miller for her leadership and hard work.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Killeen UMC on September 28th. Our speaker will be Dr. Sandra Oliver. Her program will be about "Keeping the Faith in Challenging Times." That's a message that every United Methodist needs to hear.

We have filled every position for 2020, which is a good feeling. Our team has many things to celebrate for this year and we look forward to next year with the calendar filled already.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sharon Gibson for her superior work on our newsletter. She really makes us shine.

North District

The North District has a updated Resource book available online. Please check it out and download at https://www.ctcumw.org/north_district

To All Districts

*I am looking forward to updating your webpages with you! ~
Your Conference Webpage Coordination, Anne.*



Get up and give!

Search the website for your favorite non profits, including United Community Centers, Project Transformation, JFON (Justice For Our Neighbors), Glen Lake Camp and many others. You can schedule your giving in advance.

Just go to:
northtexasgivingday.org.



CALLING U TO LITTLE ROCK! MARCH 26-29, 2020

It's time to make your plans to attend the South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women Quadrennial Meeting in Little Rock March 26-29. **This meeting is for "u"!** You don't have to be a conference officer or any kind of officer at all to attend. You just need to register and come! There are scholarships available, so if you need help in covering the cost, please ask your local, district, and conference to see what's available. It's early enough to save up and ask for this trip for Christmas, your birthday, etc. I encourage you to come and bring friends. You can all get together and have a garage sale to help pay your way.

For those of you, who can't attend because of health issues or such, please consider giving a scholarship to a woman who would be willing to attend and represent you. I'm sure your local president will help you find someone who'd like to go. What a blessing that would be!

This year I've been listening to women's stories from across the country and so many of these stories start with, "I went to big meeting in Tulsa (or Louisville or St. Louis, etc.) and I was so amazed at how wonderful United Methodist Women is and all that we do. I've been hooked ever since! United Methodist Women is great!"

Attending meetings on the jurisdiction and national level of United Methodist Women is often a life-changing experience and I hope you'll share that kind of moment with me this coming March 26-29 in Little Rock. Please come and bring a car full! Little Rock is pretty close to us here in Texas, so you can make it a road trip to save money. I just know you'll love the speakers, the workshops, the music, the women you'll meet, and be blessed to be blessing back home. You'll be inspired, energized, and filled with new ideas on how to be Christ in the world through the work of United Methodist Women.

I'm calling YOU to Little Rock 2020! Be BOLD! Make it happen!

Go to umwscj.org to register, get hotel info, get information on the schedule, the speakers, etc.

Cynthia Rives, National UMW Board of Directors

Faith and Leadership and Focus.....

I have had the privilege of representing the Central Texas Conference serving as a delegate to General Conference in 2012, 2016, the 2019 Special Session and am honored to serve again as a delegate to the upcoming 2020 General Conference in Minnesota. General Conference is commonly described as “the place where delegates wrestle with today’s issues in light of scriptural teachings and the church’s understanding of that teaching”. Others say, “it’s a place where we put our faith where our money is”. Regardless of where you stand the body known as General Conference and those who serve are given an awesome and at the same time often overwhelming responsibility and that is to represent the body while representing the body.

Those elected to serve as delegates are often thought of as the leaders of the church and are comprised of both clergy and lay persons. A group, when together, that represents a powerful example of faith and leadership and is for me one of the best examples of true servant leadership in our church today. Exodus 18 shows us how to “stand in the gap” for our brothers and sisters and be the “people’s representatives before God”. This may well have been the first “delegates” of God’s church. This has also always been the way of the United Methodist Women as we focus on ministries with women, children and youth.... we stand up and speak out for those who are often unable to speak for themselves.

The Program Advisory Group (PAG) met in March of this year along with the Board of Directors and among other topics discussed the agenda for the upcoming Special Session in St. Louis. At that gathering Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary, opened the conversation about what it means to be a United Methodist Church today to some and to others. After the Special Session Harriet Jane Olson released a statement reaffirming our commitment and purpose advising that”part of our focus is to be a creative supportive fellowship” and closed by advising that we will “continue to focus on mission, living out our Christian discipleship together, and addressing the needs of women, children and youth.

With the outcome of the Special Session in St. Louis and the work to be done at the 2020 General Conference the need for the United Methodist Women to be more visible and recognized as leaders within the conferences is apparent. An info sheet listing the Characteristics of a Good General Conference Delegate was created by the United Methodist Women to be used as a resource for those voting at Annual Conferences this summer, however, although the voting is over it remains a very valuable tool. The last but certainly not the least characteristic listed on the info sheet is being “a friend of United Methodist Women”. I challenge you all to read and familiarize yourself with those characteristics, share them with your local delegation and let them know they are not alone, that you bring unique gifts to the table along with a national sisterhood of resources.

Being a delegate and a United Methodist Woman during this critical time in the life of the United Methodist Church provides an opportunity to work together with multiple resources and put faith, hope and love in action.

Blessings,

Darlene R. Alfred
CTC Program Advisory Group

Characteristics of a Good General Conference Delegate

Experience beyond the local church. Like United Methodist Women, The United Methodist Church needs seasoned leaders. Women who've honed these attributes in their districts and/or conferences are prepared to use them on a national level.

Good decision-making. General Conference delegates are called on to make sound judgments and help set policies on issues that are sometimes unfamiliar or controversial. Delegates should be able to examine new information with an open mind.

Knowledge of the church. General Conference delegates need to understand the structure, doctrines, and policies of The United Methodist Church.

Commitment to addressing the needs of women, children, youth and vulnerable communities. General Conference delegates need to share these core concerns of United Methodist Women to help maximize our mission efforts.

Work well with people. General Conference delegates are, by virtue of their election, the leaders of the church. To work with a group of leaders requires tact and sensitivity, firmness, humility, and a good sense of humor for use in sure-to-come tense times.

Dedication which flows from a deep and sustaining faith that will help her accept and complete varied activities.

A friend of United Methodist Women. General Conference delegates should recognize the unique gifts women organized for mission bring to the table and how this has helped and continues to help lead the Church in living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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