



**United Methodist Women  
North Texas Conference**

**Living the Racial Justice Charter: Annual Report (2020-2021)  
09.01.20 – 08.31.21**

**Date of Report:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local UMW Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name/Contact Info. of Person  
Completing Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

For a Local UMW Unit 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 UMW Unit may continue to retain the designation by completing a minimum of ONE activity (from any category) in each successive calendar year. For Local UMW Units with UMW Circles, any activities completed by Circles will be counted toward the three activities required for the Local UMW Unit to receive the “Living the Racial Justice Charter” designation.

Local UMW Units will work with and report their “Living the Racial Justice Charter” designation activities to their District Social Action Coordinator by the report due date set by the District UMW President.

The District Social Action Coordinator will report the “Living the Racial Justice Charter” Local UMW Unit’s designation to the conference UMW Social Action Coordinator(s) by the report due date. Local UMW Units will be recognized for becoming/maintaining the “Living the Racial Justice Charter” designation at the North Texas Conference Annual UMW meeting.

The North Texas Conference (NTC) UMW Charter for Racial Justice Committee will meet for consideration of the revision of criteria annually.

Refer to the “Living the Racial Justice Charter: Activities/Resources for Local UMW Units” form for category and activity numbers.

**List Activity Number, Description, and Date Completed**

**First Year – (Minimum: Completion of Three Activities – One Activity/Category)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Local UMW Unit Programming			
Local UMW Unit Enrichment			
Beyond the Local UMW Unit			

**Second Year and Beyond – (Minimum: Completion of One Activity in Any Category)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>

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If participation in “Living the Racial Justice Charter” lapses in any given year, the Local UMW Unit must begin again AND complete three activities, one from each category, during a calendar year.

**( I ) Local UMW Unit Programming:**

1. Devote a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice
2. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW program book
3. Participate in a Bible study on racism (Racial Justice Manual – online)
4. Give a book report on a Reading Program book on Social Action
5. Invite an international guest to come and speak about their home country
6. Regularly share local newspaper articles relating to racism
7. Regularly share articles from UMW *Response* magazine relating to racism
8. Watch and discuss a video relevant to racial justice, mass incarceration, etc.
9. Study the portion of the racial justice timeline that spans your lifetime
10. Conduct a workshop from the UMW Racial Justice Manual

**( II ) Local UMW Unit Enrichment:**

1. Display the Charter for Racial Justice and lift up at least one issue in each meeting
2. Send at least one member to Mission U to take the Social Action Study
3. Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice
4. Purchase & discuss two UMW Reading Program books authored by someone with a different racial background or ethnic profiling
5. Attend a UMW District or Conference Social Action event
6. Study, in-depth, a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice policies
7. Study the Social Principles of the UMC that relate to racism  
<https://www.umc.org/en/what-we-believe/basics-of-our-faith/our-social-positions>
8. Have a member of your Local UMW Unit sign up to receive free email updates from the following:
 

Colorlines	<a href="http://www.colorlines.com">www.colorlines.com</a>
Equal Justice Initiative	<a href="http://www.eji.org">www.eji.org</a>
Southern Poverty Law Center	<a href="http://www.splcenter.org">www.splcenter.org</a>
9. Attend a UMW conference-sponsored racial justice event (attendance by one or more local UMW unit members)

**( III ) Beyond the Local UMW Unit:**

1. Give a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
2. Hold a postcard writing session to contact Legislators regarding issues as determined by the NTC UMW Social Action Coordinator(s)
3. Experience worship with a church with a different ethnic background

**( III ) Beyond the Local UMW Unit (Continued):**

4. Host an international tasting party or cultural event and be certain to integrate a racial justice element
5. Plan a worship experience for your church with emphasis on racial justice from the UMW Racial Justice Manual
6. Conduct a workshop from the UMW Racial Justice Manual
7. Host a panel to discuss equal education, housing, employment, etc.
8. Mentor/Tutor a minority child at a local school

**Racial Justice Tools/References (which can be found online at the links below)**

- UMW Charter for Racial Justice  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjusticecharter>
- Resources for Racial Justice Manual  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/racial-justice-tools-for-leaders.pdf>
- Racial Justice history  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice/history>
- UMW Program Resource Book  
<https://www.umwmissionresources.org>
- UMW Reading Program books  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>
- Mission U  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-u>
- Response Magazine  
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response>
- General Commission on Religion & Race  
<https://www.gcorr.org>
- UMC Global Ministries  
<https://umcmision.org>
- UMC  
<https://www.umc.org>
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