



North Texas Conference United Methodist Women Living the Racial Justice Charter - Activities/Resources for Local UMW Units

Local Unit: _____ **District:** _____

In order for a Local Unit to obtain the 'Living the Racial Justice Charter' designation, ONE activity from each section below (I, II, & III) must be completed during a calendar year and each successive year. For a Local Unit with UMW Circles, any activities completed by Circles will be counted towards the three activities required for the Local Unit to receive the Living the Racial Justice Charter designation.

If participation in 'Living the Racial justice Charter' lapses, in a given year, the Local Unit must begin again AND complete three activities, one from each section, during a calendar year.

(I) Local Unit Programming:

1. Devote a meeting to studying & discussing the Charter for Racial Justice
2. Use a program on racial justice /human rights from 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 & discuss a video relevant to racial justice , mass incarceration, etc
9. Study the portion of the racial justice timeline that spans your life time
10. Conduct a workshop from the UMW Racial Justice Manual

(II) Local Unit Enrichment:

1. Display 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
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-social-community>
8. Have a member, of your Local Unit, signup to receive free email updates from the following:
Colorlines www.colorlines.com
Equal Justice Initiative www.eji.org
Southern Poverty Law Center www.splcinfo.com

(III) Beyond the Local 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, with regard to issues as determined by the NTC UMW Social Action Coordinator
3. Experience worship with a church with a different ethnic background
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 with a minority child through 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 www.gcorr.org
- UMC Global Ministries www.mission.org
- UMC www.umc.org
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