

ALERT

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"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

- 1 John 3:18

Love
in Action



SEJ 2020 Registration open!!!

<https://www.umwsej.org/registration>



April 17-19, 2020.

We'll see you in Mobile, Alabama at the Renaissance Riverview Hotel.

Register online now for hotel!



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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

In the coming weeks we'll gather at Blue Lake for our annual Spiritual Enrichment "retreat" (SER)! There have been years that you've made the journey to the woods, determined to reconnect with old friends, make new acquaintances and even just to "retreat"!

Joan Simmons, Vice-President and Tutti Johnson, our Spiritual Growth coordinator and the entire Committee on Program have been planning and we're really looking forward to this spiritual growth step.

Both Tutti and I have received some pointers about keeping retreats fresh and new. We always include an evaluation at each of our events seeking your comments about it and we are always looking for better ways to make your decision to invest time, money and energy on this weekend event.

For this SER 2019, we've determined to hold off with Sunday Lunch and begin to end the retreat as always after Communion on Sunday morning.

For Saturday's schedule we'll still offer the Focus groups that we hope are relatable to a stage or season of members lives and age groups that attended in past several years.

Of course, we'll still have to take care of some business-electing our next slate of conference officers and correcting some Standing Rules, but it's over before you know it.

We believe our Music Leader; our Speaker and the Blue Lake Grounds atmosphere will be exactly what is needed to retreat.

As we begin planning SER 2020 some other new and fresh ideas will begin to take shape. We've already determined to "change the length of the retreat" and plan Friday and Saturday, only. We'll consider how best for you to get the message - God's presence in our practical faith walk. We want you to experience discussions instead of just sitting and listening. We're even considering an obstacle challenge while you're there! There's so much more we can do to appeal to your spiritual growth as we strive to nurture your membership in United Methodist Women.

Come on! Visit our conference AWF-UMW website for information. Send comments as you "Contact Us"
<http://www.awf-umw.org>

RETREAT!

Debbie Bell, President (2019-2020)

Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women

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VICE PRESIDENT'S WORDS

Your executive team met in Pinehill, Al. We reviewed the evaluations from Annual Day, 2019. We had roughly 50% of the attendees fill out the evaluations. Overall the results were positive with mainly "4's" and "5's". Your comments were shared with the group and discussed. We take your suggestions seriously and work to address each and come up with solutions to ensure we move in the right direction in 2020.

The Program Committee met on Saturday. I gave a brief review of plans for Annual Day 2020 and then turned over the meeting to Tutti Johnson. She is well into plans for our Spiritual Enrichment Retreat in October. Different duties were assigned to individuals on the program committee but rest assured Tutti has the program well under control. You will hear more from her in this issue of Alert.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed Mission u not only for the studies presented but for being with friends from all over the conference. What a blessing to be part of United Methodist Women and the Purpose we support. See you at Blue Lake in October.

Call me with any questions you might have concerning Annual Day in 2020.

We will meet on February 14-15 at Enterprise UMC in Enterprise, Alabama. Our speaker is Rev Sara Shaver. More in the December ALERT.

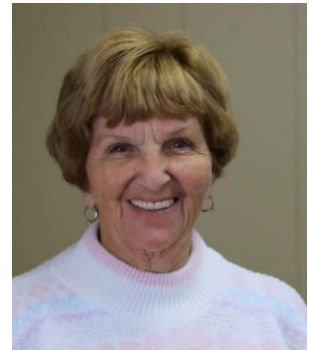
Psalms 33:1 How very good and pleasant it is when "sisters" live together in unity.

Joan Simmons, Vice President

Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women

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Message from the Conference Secretary

Please help to keep the Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women Directory up-to-date by sending any changes in contact information to me at cathy3163@hotmail.com.

Cathy Givan, Conference Secretary



Committee on Nominations

United Methodist Women of the Alabama-West Florida Conference have embarked on a 150 years of service to women, children and youth. I'm sure many of you can think back on the many years you have served your units and community. It is that type of service that will keep the Legacy for another 150 years. The Alabama-West Florida Conference of United Methodist Women can't continue their great level of service to our communities, this nation and around the world without your leadership.

Please consider serving on your conference level. There is no Big I in teamwork. The Executive Mission Team of your conference is made up of leaders who decided to share their knowledge and talents to make sure our conference is one of the best.

Special thanks to Sally Ozan who served diligently as our Secretary of Program Resources. It is with great gratitude that the Committee on Nominations thanks all those who serve our conference.

If you wish to serve on our conference team in the future, please complete a talent bank form and return it to Zan Jones, Chairman of Committee on Nominations or scan an email to Mahogany84@hotmail.com or mail 1800 Witherspoon Circle, Mobile, Al 36618.

Keep our Legacy going for another 150 years. Remember it cannot happen without your talents.

HOPE, FAITH, LOVE AND ACTION

Zan M Jones

Committee on Nominations, 2019 Chair



Spiritual Growth

Work has already begun on this year's SER which will be October 11-13, 2019. The Rev. Reba Wiley will be our speaker this year and we are looking at other things we hope will bring you as participants into a closer walk with God.

Blessings!
Tutti



Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting 2020

Registration is open!!!!

<https://www.umwsej.org/registration>



Betty Helms has been nominated to the National United Methodist Women's Board of Directors.



SAVE THE DATE:

- April 17 – 19, 2020
- Mobile, AL
- Renaissance Riverview Hotel
- <https://www.umwsej.org/registration>

FIVE CHANNELS OF GIVING.

Not all United Methodist Women can travel the world, but their mission dollars can and do through the five channels of Mission Giving.

Pledge to Mission / Special Mission Recognition / Gift to Mission / Gift in Memory and World Thank.

Let's talk about the World Thank Offering for a minute. Throughout the year United Methodist Women members participate in a long-held tradition of giving a spontaneous gift of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. Members often have offering boxes or other containers (see the United Methodist Women Mission Resources website: <http://www.umwmissionresources.org>) in their homes where they collect the offering throughout the year and then bring them to a special service of thanksgiving. A World Thank Offering program is available every year in the United Methodist Women Program Book and on the website. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through the national United Methodist Women organization in the United States and around the world.

Let's also talk about another special offering that supports special grants - Call to Prayer & Self-Denial: This annual observance gives local and district organizations an opportunity to study and reflect on a particular theme each year and to designate funds for ministries related to that theme. The offering is given on a rotating basis for designated purposes: Programs and mission institutions related to United Methodist Women; capital expenditures (property and building needs) in United Methodist Women institutions; the Retirement Benefits Fund, which helps retired missionaries and deaconesses; and one the year is reserved for other projects that apply to be a part of the offering. Offerings from the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial provide support for mission through grants and dedicated gifts to programs with women, children, and youth. Learn more at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/call-to-prayer.

Each of these offerings has a program in that 2018-2019 Sisterhood Program book.

Mission Giving is mission money used for any part of our mission work, provides funds to which all mission programs have access. It allows the work of United Methodist Women to reach far beyond the church walls and into the lives of women, children and youth who are often outside the bounds of our traditional ministries. These "Offerings" are included in the gifts and pledges given out of what we have to accomplish God's mission in the world.

Our individual annual Pledge to Mission is a way of supporting the United Methodist Women organization Purpose for women, children and youth. This pledge promise is discerned with Prayer and thankfulness.

An Offering, an additional way to "give."

Debbie Bell, "Other Opportunities for Giving"

OUR GIVING TO DATE

7/31/19	Pledge	Paid	Balance	% PD
Baypines	14,000	4,476	9,524	32.0%
Demopolis	15,000	9,137	5,863	60.9%
Dothan	14,750	6,473	8,277	43.9%
Marianna/PC	13,000	4,045	8,955	31.1%
Mobile	20,000	11,604	8,397	58.0%
Mtg/Oplk	11,500	3,280	8,220	28.5%
Mtg/Pratt	11,000	3,772	7,229	34.3%
Pensacola	25,000	10,934	14,066	43.7%
Events - Offering	1,750	1,551	199	88.6%
PLEDGE TO MISSION	126,000	55,270	70,730	43.9%



From your Conference Treasurer

Why do we support missions?

I truly believe that if you are reading this, you believe in missions. Otherwise why bother being a member of such a great Christian organization like United Methodist Women. We are missions – it runs in each of our very souls as surely as our blood runs through our body giving us life.

As our national president Shannon Priddy said in the latest issue of response magazine (July/August 2019): “Our members give out of their love for the world and provide financial support for national mission institutions, higher education scholarships for international students, and more than 100 programs taking place in more than 100 countries. For United Methodist Women members, Mission Giving is called joy. The joy of giving is celebrated when we see the work that is accomplished by our gifts around the world and in our own communities.”

But if that is what we are all about, what each of us believes in.... why is it so hard to get our members to share in raising the much-needed funds to power our missions?

Perhaps as an individual you don't fully understand what a Pledge to Missions is and perhaps you might confuse it with other areas of giving to United Methodist Women. We as an organization can have many ways to give some are restricted but our Pledge to Mission is unrestricted donations.

Pledges are composed of five areas: 1) Pledge or unrestricted money sent to the district, then the conference, then National, 2) Special Recognition Pins, 3) Mission Cards, 4) Gifts in Memory, and 5) the World Thanks Offering.

Pledges are made by individuals to her local unit. The local unit then makes its pledge to its district. The district then makes its pledge to our conference. And finally, our conference (Alabama-West Florida) makes a pledge to national. These pledges fund institutions, leadership development, grants, and a multitude of other projects that give women, children and youth a voice. The response magazine highlights these in every issue.

Although important in its own right, what is not a part of the pledge are Love Offerings, Call to Prayer, UMCOR, or any other donations made to any other organization whether locally, nationally or globally. The only thing we can count towards our Pledge comes from the five areas of giving mentioned above. This year our pledge is \$126,000 for our conference.

I urge each of you to contribute to your unit's pledge now, not later. Help us to keep the torch burning for missions just as our members have in the last 150 years. Women, Children and Youth around the world are counting on us today, tomorrow and the days after.



Jean Creswell, AWF-UMW Conference Treasurer
For any questions, jean@pinebelt.net OR
contact@awf-umw.org

Program Resources

There have been some changes in the way the District Secretary for Program Resources or other designed officer will be obtaining most of the United Methodist Women's program resources.

In the past, you would order books and materials on consignment to sell at your District Annual Meetings, Officer Trainings, or other events. You may still order items to sell but they are non-returnable. The new option is to order a "Bookstore in a Box" for the shipping charge of \$10. The stock number K3205 is the last option on the Program Resources Order List Form. Please note that you should order the "Box" at least 2 weeks in advance of your event to avoid expedited shipping costs. The "Bookstore in a Box," displayed at Mission u this year, contained an impressive array of resource materials. It included one set of Mission u textbooks, copies of response magazine, a Program Book, a Prayer Calendar, along with other items and an Inventory List with Order Forms. You should keep the display for future events. At your event, attendees will have the option to order materials with your assistance or take the Inventory and Order Form home to complete and mail at their convenience.

Andrew Cheu, United Methodist Women Operations Director, is available to help you with ordering, feedback, and general questions. You may contact him at

ACheu@unitedmethodistwomen.org



God Bless You All,

Sally Ozan, AWF-UMW Secretary of Program Resources
sallyozan@gmail.com

Some fun photos from Mission u courtesy of Laurel Akin



Education and Interpretation

Recently, I read an article about Bill Gates' annual review on gatenotes.com. Gates listed three meaningful questions that he asked himself to assess his life that year. A form of these questions would be a good mid-year self-evaluation for us as United Methodist Women as we complete the last quarter of this year and plan for next year's activities. I've modified Gates questions (bolded) to apply to United Methodist Women and added a fourth that has been on my heart for most of this year. I'm evaluating myself against these questions as I write them.

1. Did I devote enough time to my (United Methodist Women) family (by attending circle, unit, district, conference, or national events)?
2. Did I learn enough new things (through the Reading program and response magazine, attending Mission u, and researching our social action initiatives)?
3. Did I develop new friendships and deepen old ones (by spending more time with our fellowship of women and reaching out to new members)?
4. Did I just educate myself to be inspired or did I put my passion into action? Using football jargon, did I "break the huddle" and run the plays to win the game? I must be actively involved in one of our social action campaigns.

I trust you could say YES! YES! YES! and YES! to these questions and are encouraged to finish the year strong.

Tasks remaining for 2019:

Promote the five channels of giving. Work with your treasurer to make sure that all the pledges are on-track to meet the final goal. At this writing the total conference giving stands at 37.2%. You can track the current totals on our AWF-UMW webpage to ensure we meet our goals by the end the year.

Encourage members to fulfill their pledge by sharing powerful mission stories to illustrate our pledge dollars at work. The response magazine has stories in every issue, and you can find additional stories at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/givingstories>.

Promote Gift in Memory and Gift to Mission cards. By making a gift in honor of someone and sending a card to the honoree, we are achieving one of our channels of giving. Cards are now available on demand at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/giving-resources>. Click on the Gift to Mission or Gift in Memory boxes on the page to pay online. You may also keep an assortment of cards to sell at Unit or Circle meetings.

Encourage your E&I local officers to use Mission Today standards as a planning tool for 2020. It's time to start setting UMW agendas for 2020. Using the Mission Today standards will ensure that all unit events and meetings will include some of the required criteria. These criteria were created by our AWFC UMW executive team to energize each unit to be fully involved in the mission of United Methodist Women to women, youth and children.

Promote registration for the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. Our speaker this year will be Reverend Reba Wiley. The information and registration forms are contained in this edition of the Alert and also on the Alabama West Florida United Methodist Women's Conference website at awf-umw.org.

Remind District E&I Coordinators to gather unit reports for Mission Today Units and mission study attendance at the unit, district or conference events for your report by Nov 30.

Thank you for your dedication to furthering the mission to vulnerable women, youth and children of the world. Let me know how I can further support you to reach your goals for your district

Joyce Genz



Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

Hello All,

As summer is drawing to a close, the nomination date for the Priddy Pal is quickly approaching!

Nominees are accepted through October 1, 2019. A "Priddy Pal" is a woman age 16-39, she may be a member of UMW or not, and she is someone who is being mentored by a woman currently in UMW. "Mentored" means she is being involved in UMW and its events by her member-mentor(s). Included with the nomination: 1) Picture of the nominee (if possible), 2) Paragraph about the "Priddy Pal" and her involvement in UMW written by her mentor(s); 3) Paragraph about UMW and her service to it written by the nominee herself. I would like to have at least 1 nominee from EACH District.

You heard it here first: No tricks, just treats! The 2020 Census will begin in October 2019 through March 2020. Please encourage your Unit President to complete the census once it becomes available. The census collects no personal or confidential data about any one member. Help us GROW FORWARD by identifying our strengths and weaknesses as collective members of United Methodist Women.

We also have a fun project to work on with a deadline of November 1. The Southeastern Jurisdiction is putting together a recipe book!!! All the proceeds will go to the Legacy Fund. It will be on sale at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Meeting in Mobile (April 17-19, 2020). I would LOVE it if you each could get 2-5 recipes from ladies in your district. Please have her/his name, recipe, district, and conference. All that information will go in the recipe book.

Please send all nominations and recipes to KristineUMW@gmail.com

I want to encourage us all to attend at least one upcoming UMW event. It could be the upcoming Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake in October, or your local unit's luncheon. Whatever event sparks your interest, follow it! Turn that spark into a fire for our mission of helping women, children, and youth.

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Warmly,

Kristine Jones



Social Action

Back-to-School Webinars with United Methodist Women: Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Save the dates for these upcoming webinars.

The Reality of It All: Injustice of Our Education System with Khaylan De La Hoz and Star Rodriguez (United Methodist Women High School Summer Interns)

Tuesday, August 13 12PM-1PM EST

Two high school students will share their experience and knowledge about the real challenges students and teachers face due to the school-to-prison pipeline and the importance of relationships and school community. This webinar will include stories, statistics, film clips and more. This webinar will be led by United Methodist Women National Office Summer High School Interns, Khaylan De La Hoz and Star Rodriguez.

Understanding and Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline 101 with Emily Jones

Monday, August 19 7PM-8PM EST

You'll participate in a brief "101"-level introduction to understanding the school-to-prison pipeline using a Wesleyan lens. This is a repeat of a previously offered webinar for those who may have missed it earlier this year. No prior knowledge necessary.

Trauma-Informed Care with Kenya Cummings

Monday, September 16 7:30PM-9PM EST

You'll build a deeper understanding of trauma-informed approaches to education, care and community-building, including an introduction to key concepts and tools that you can use in caring for young people, yourself and others in your community. This webinar is especially helpful for those who support, teach, facilitate, organize, or otherwise care for children, young people and/or adults.

Bible Study: Using the School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study with Emily Jones

Monday, September 30 12PM-1PM EST

You'll experience a taste of the school-to-prison Bible study tool in an interactive online session and then learn more about how you might use the full resource in your unit, circle or church. This webinar is open to anyone interested in exploring how Scripture helps us understand and interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

Organizing Skills: The Campaign Essentials and Base-Building with Kenya Cummings

Monday, October 14 7:30PM-9PM EST

You'll learn new concepts and practices for strengthening your organizing. This webinar is most helpful for those who are already familiar with the school-to-prison pipeline and are trying to learn more skills and tools to organize to interrupt/dismantle it.

For now, anyone who wants to be added to the mailing list for ongoing updates on the school-to-prison pipeline can email Emily Jones at ejones@unitedmethodistwomen.org with a request to sign-up.

The link for sign-ups directly on Zoom or WebEx (whichever service is being used) should be coming in about a week or so, in advance of the first of the webinars.

Anyone interested in this issue is Welcome to join in the discussions. Social Action, In Action.



Faith, Hope and Love in Action

Ora A. Gillespie

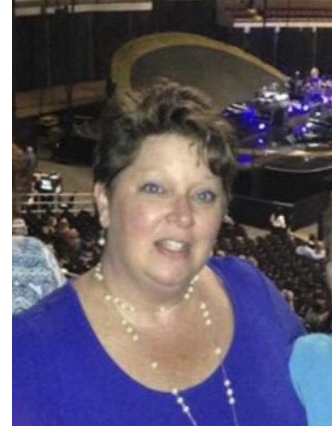
Communications Coordinator

Next articles due to me by November 10, 2019

But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.... 2Timothy 2:16

Michele Smith

Communication coordinator



2020 Slate of Officers, Nominees

Vice-President - Katy Wrona, Mobile District

Treasurer- Jean Creswell, Demopolis District

Membership Nurture & Outreach (MN&O) - Kristine Jones, Montgomery-Prattville District

Spiritual Growth - Tutti Johnson, Demopolis District

Committee on Nominations, Class of 2024 - Desiree Clark, Mobile District

Committee on Nominations, 2020 Chair – Peggy Cunningham, Bay Pines District

nominee bio on pages 15 & 16

AWF-UMW Standing Rule(s)**IV. ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS**

A. The electorate of the conference organization shall be composed of the following:

- One representative from each local unit
- Conference Executive Committee
- Bishop
- District Executive Committees
- District Superintendents
- Directors of the United Methodist Women, Inc. residing within the Conference
- Officers of the jurisdiction organization residing within the Conference.
- In order to ensure continuity on the Executive Committee, officers shall be elected for a two-year term as follows:

· **Elected in even years:**

- President
- Secretary, who is responsible for putting the directory together
- Mission Coordinator for Social Action
- Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
- Communications Coordinator, who is ALERT editor

· **Elected in odd years:**

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach
- Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
- Secretary of Program Resources
- Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
- Those elected shall assume their duties January 1, following their election.

All motions, reports, resolutions made from the floor of the Annual Meeting shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Secretary at the time of presentation.

Thank you considering your support as I move into this Committee on Nominations Chair position.

From the first time I attended a UMW meeting, I knew that God had led me there because I am a social justice person and so is UMW. It was wonderful to know that UMW was doing Jesus' work which He had asked us to do.

I am a retired teacher and belong to AERA which is the retired teachers' organization. I serve on the Legislative Committee for this organization.

I attend Gulf Shores UMC where I volunteer for many of our mission programs. I have served my Local Unit in many leadership roles that included President, Social Action and Secretary. I continued my serving in the Missions of United Methodist Women as a District President and Social Action Coordinator

I am married to Don Cunningham who is very supportive of UMW and I have one son.

Peggy Cunningham, Baypines District



Thank you considering your support as I move into this Committee on Nominations Class.

I was born and raised in Mobile, AL. I graduated from Spring Hill College with a BA degree in Communications. I am lifelong member of Spring Hill Avenue UMC where I have held various positions in the church including membership on the SPRC committee, Education committee and currently on the hospitality committee.

I help with Vacation Bible School, serving as chairperson for two of those years.

I am active in UMW since the early 1990's where she has served as President on three separate occasions and currently serving as Vice President of my Local Unit.

I am married to Patrick for 25 years and we have one daughter, Nicole. I am currently acting as caregiver for my elderly aunt. She enjoys reading, traveling, various types of music and shopping. She has a deep love for all animals, especially cats.

Desiree Clark, Mobile District



I am thankful for your consideration to be the AWF-UMW Vice-President in this next term.

Katy Wrona was born and raised near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She received her bachelor's degree from Lycoming College. In 2014, she moved to Mobile, Alabama as part of the United Methodist Church's Global Mission Fellow Program. During her time of service, Katy developed the Communities of Transformation Mobile site and has continued to strengthen the site over the last four years. Katy is an active member of Mobile United's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is a member of St. John UMC and serves as their unit president.

In September of 2018, Katy became the new director of Communities of Transformation in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. She is excited to envision the future of COT while strengthening the foundation built upon holistic personal development and authentic relationships. Katy learned about being part of a community from her mother, a local pastor in the United Methodist Church, and feels she is living into her calling walking with others as they become part of a new community. Katy loves to swim, cook, and hike in the Smoky Mountains.

Katy Wrona, Mobile District



I am Jean Creswell and have served as conference treasurer for the past 3 years. Thank you for your continued support and consideration to another term in our AWF-UMW conference

I have worked in the accounting field since I graduated from the University of West Alabama in 1976 with a B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting and Art. I was employed with UWA from 1983 until 1999 in the Office of Development serving as the Alumni Director and the University Foundation Manager. I recently retired after twenty years with Pine Belt Communications where I was the accounting manager. I am a member of the Arlington United Methodist Church, serving as its treasurer and assistant Sunday school teacher, as well as serving on numerous local and district church committees over the years. I also serve as my local UMW unit treasurer and have served in the past as the Demopolis District UMW treasurer, secretary and president. I also manage the financial part of my family's timber and hunting business. Married to my retired military husband, John, we have four children and six grandchildren which we both love to spend time with.

Jean Creswell, Demopolis District



I'm Kristine Jones and attend Montgomery First UMC. I have been a life-long Methodist. I am very active in our UMW and currently chairing the annual bazaar. I am a local lawyer that focuses on juvenile, family and small claims matters. I am a proud dog-Mom to Maverick & Cochise.

Thank you for considering continuing your support as I move into this next 2-year term as Membership Nurture & Outreach role.

Kristine Jones, Montgomery-Opelika District



Spiritual Growth Coordinator - Tutti Johnson.

Bio available at SER



INSTRUCTIONS for **Spiritual Enrichment Retreat** REGISTRATION FORM - **OCTOBER 11 - 13, 2019**

**"Let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth."**

1 John 3:18 NIV

SECTION

- A HEALTH FORM** - if you've already sent one for Annual Day - don't send another one unless something medical has changed. This form allows us to help you in an emergency situation while at the event.
- B NAME - ADDRESS:** please print as neatly as possible especially email addresses in case the Registrar needs to ask you a question.
FIRST TIME: if 1st time at one of the AWF SER events, please check so we can recognize you.
- C DISTRICT / CONFERENCE OFFICERS ONLY** section. Only fill out if you currently hold a position. Please make sure you state the position & district.
- D LODGING:**
Please note the number of nights you plan on spending in the 1st column of the Lodging section.
The cost listed for the night is per night, so if you are staying 2 nights, multiple to cost by 2.
For instance, if rooming with someone for 2 nights in Linwood, the total cost for that line is \$71.
We will make every effort we can to grant your request for a specific type of room, but they are limited and it is on a first come first serve basis.
If you select a double room without listing a roommate, one will be assigned to you.
If you are commuting - please indicate on the Commuter line.
- E MEALS:**
1-5 Because we have to let the Blue Lake staff know how many meals to prepare, we need you to enter the number of meals you are eating. There are 5 total meals, starting with Friday supper and ending with Sunday breakfast. Please indicate exactly which meals you are eating and carry over the total for that meal to the cost column.
- F-1 Subtotal:** add together E1 through E6 - all meal Plus Lodging Section D
- F-2 DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS:** You are allowed \$55 for 1 24-hour period that covers lodging & meals. Please enter a negative amount on this line of no more than \$110.
- F-3 Subtotal:** add together Line F-1 plus F-2
- F-4** If your registration form is postmarked after Oct. 10th, a \$10 late fee must be paid.
- F-5** Everyone, whether a commuter, staying one day or all days, has to pay the \$15 registration fee.
- F-6** If your **payment** isn't the correct amount, the registrar will try to email the problem, but it is helpful if you try to fill out the form correctly. All unpaid amounts will be expected to be paid either prior to the event or at registration when you arrive. **If you need help calculating, please call or email the registrar prior to mailing your**
- G FOCUS GROUPS:** Friday night is for everyone. Saturday you can choose and participate in 2 of the 3 offered. Class size is limited, so the first ones to register get first priority.
- H VOTING DELEGATES:** Each Local Unit has ONE (1) vote. Delegate designated, each District officer 1-vote, / Conference officer 1-vote / SEJ and or National officer 1-vote / resident Bishop 1-vote.
ONLY delegates in attendance will Vote and will be designated by a colored ribbon which they will pick up at registration. We may designate seating for voting delegates during the election session AND each delegate must signify their vote by designated "ballot" (raising hand or standing or whatever is determined)
If a Local Unit is only represented by a district officer that is ONLY one vote as a district officer.
If a Local Unit is only represented by a conference officer that is ONLY one vote as a conference officer.

SPEAKER

The Rev. Reba Wiley is a native of South Carolina and received her Master of Divinity from Emory. She met her husband, the late Rev. Steve Wiley, on her first day at Candler and they were married the next August before beginning their second year there. Both Reba and Steve served their entire ministry in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, at one time sharing an 8-point Charge in the Demopolis District. Reba served a total of 39 years as a pastor and also as the Demopolis District Superintendent for 7 years. She retired from full time ministry, but is the new pastor at the Pine Hill Charge UMC (Pine Hill, Arlington and Kimbrough) and has is also busy with Communities of Transformation, where she began the conference's first rural COT in Pine Hill. She is also a member of the Pine Hill Charge UMW.

SAT. FOCUS GROUPS

1. Crafts (wooden crosses) led by Linden Carden
2. Armchair Yoga led by Susan Hill
3. Crocheting crosses with plastic bags (Plarn) led by Jay Lockert (bring your own hooks D or E, Basic crochet skills required: chain, and double stitch). Bags provided.

DATE	SCHEDULE - Breaks will be called but not listed	BLUE LAKE LOCATION
Friday 10/11/19	3:00 P.M. CHECK-IN Registration	Oakwood Solarium
Fri & Sat	5:15 DEVOTIONAL TIME	Lakeside or Chapel
Fri & Sat	5:30 P.M. DINNER	Dining Hall
Friday	7:00 P.M. PROGRAM - Speaker	Chapel
Friday	8:30 P.M. FOCUS GROUP - everyone: UMW Census and other online information	TV Room by Cafeteria
Fri & Sat	7:00 DEVOTIONAL TIME	Lakeside or Chapel
Saturday 10/12/19	7:30 A.M. CHECK-IN Registration	Oakwood Solarium
Sat. & Sun.	7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST	Dining Hall
Saturday 10/12/19	9:00 A.M. PROGRAM - Business Session, Election Conference Officers/Installation	Chapel
Saturday	10:30 A.M. PROGRAM - Speaker and Offering to Pledge to Missions	Chapel
Saturday	7:00 P.M. PROGRAM - Speaker	Chapel
Sat. & Sun.	12 Noon LUNCH	Dining Hall
Saturday	1:00-4:30 P.M. FOCUS GROUPS - sign up @ Registration - limited space in each	Choose 2 of 3 listed above
Sunday 10/13/19	8:30 A.M. PROGRAM with Communion (no lunch afterwards)	Chapel

Section A HEALTH FORM				ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN REGISTRATION FORM 2019 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREA OCTOBER 11 - 13, 2019 BLUE LAKE UNITED METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS	
All Participants MUST Register, even for 1 day. One Health Form must be submitted per calendar year. If you have sent one in, please check the box to the right.				REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/30/2019 <i>(A \$10 Late Fee will apply to all LATE registrations)</i>	
Section B NAME - ADDRESS INFO				EVENT DATE LOCATION	
Name as to appear on Name Tag		Email (Please PRINT)			
Address		City	State	Zip	
Phone		District	Local Unit/Church		
FIRST TIME TO Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Event					
SECTION C DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS - ONLY					
All District and Conference Officers will pay Registration Fee plus any balance not covered by the 2019 reimbursement rate of \$55 per day (maximum \$110 for this event).					
District Office		DISTRICT			
Conference Office					
SECTION D LODGING			If you don't list a roommate and you wish a Double Room, a roommate will be assigned to you.		
# NIGHTS	Occupancy	Per Person PER Night	Single rooms are limited; therefore all request may not be honored. First come - First served. Under Nights, please list Fri and/or Sat		
LINWOOD					
	Double	\$ 35.50		\$	-
	Single *	\$ 58.00	No roommate	\$	-
CENTER SECTION					
	Triple	\$ 22.50		\$	-
	Double	\$ 29.50		\$	-
	Single *	\$ 50.00	No roommate	\$	-
RV Park					
	Hookup	\$ 14.00	per night	\$	-
COMMUTER - NO LODGING			Check Here	\$	-
SECTION E MEALS					
To get accurate Meal count, please indicate by putting 1 or 0 in the # Column Below					
	#	COST	Enclosed	Total	
1	Friday Dinner	\$ 9.50	\$	-	
2	Saturday Breakfast	\$ 7.50	\$	-	
3	Saturday Lunch	\$ 9.00	\$	-	
4	Saturday Dinner	\$ 9.50	\$	-	
5	Sunday Breakfast	\$ 7.50	\$	-	
SECTION F REGISTRATION, LATE FEES & TOTALS					
1	SUBTOTAL Section D and E			\$	-
2	District & Conference Officers can deduct \$55 per 24-hr period from the Total Due. Put in as a Negative #, no more than \$110				
3	SUBTOTAL Line 8 and 9 (can't be a negative number, enter zero instead)			\$	-
4	Late Fee if postmarked after Due Date		\$10.00		
5	Registration Fee -		All must pay this	\$	15.00
6	TOTAL OWED & ENCLOSED		Please add all Lodging + Meals + Registration+ Late Fee	\$	-
SECTION G FOCUS GROUPS					
Limited Space, Secured by order of registration received. Put in order of Preference 1 to 3.					
Class	Time I/O	Register 1, 2, or 3	Time I/O	Register 1, 2, or 3	
Crafts - wooden crosses	1-2:45 PM		3-4:30 PM		
Armchair Yoga	1-2:45 PM		3-4:30 PM		
Crocheting crosses	1-2:45 PM		3-4:30 PM		
Make all checks payable to AWF-UMW					
Mail to: Jean Creswell, Conference Treasurer				jean@pinebelt.net 334-385-2521	
PO Box 250					
Arlington, AL 36722					
Special Needs (dietary or physical):				H. VOTING DELEGATES only: Local Unit name District Officer Conference Officer SEJ Officer National Officer check the office above for voting if applicable See instructions on back page.	



United Methodist Women
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 United Methodist Women <small>FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION</small>		TALENT BANK INFORMATION ON PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP					
(To be completed by prospective leader - Send to District Nominations Chair)							
Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)				Date			
Name							
Address							
Telephone:		Home		Work			
Email							
Local Church				District			
Age:	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's+
Languages Spoken				Racial/Ethnic Group			
Professional skills, job experience							
Office(s) held in United Methodist Women							
		Office(s)			Dates of Service		
Local							
District							
Conference							
Jurisdiction							
Additional Experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women) or in the community							
Special Talents or Skills:							
Areas of Special Interest or Concern:							
secretarial		communication		computer		accounting/bookkeeping	
organization of details		nominations		program planning		administration	
recruiting members		social issues		creativity		recording minutes	
public policy		public relations		community building		inclusiveness/pluralism	
publicity		workshops		newsletters		retreats	
music		youth		children		other (specify)	
Which office(s) on the Conference United Methodist Women's Team would you most like to hold given the opportunity to serve?							
<input type="checkbox"/> President		<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President		<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary		<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations		<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation		<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach		<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth		<input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources		<input type="checkbox"/> Communications			
Why are you interested in this position and what qualifications do you feel you have for your office(s) of choice?							
Would you be able to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen United Methodist Women through the PURPOSE of the organization?							
Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment for:							
Full day		Weekend		Extended Time			
Yes or No		Yes or No		Yes or No		Yes or No	
I am sorry but I am unable to accept an office this year. Please keep my name on file and contact me in _____.							
You may send your completed Talent Bank Form as an attachment emailed to awfumw@aol.com OR send to the Nominations Chair of your District or Conference							

**2019 HEALTH FORM AUTHORIZATION
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Physician's Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ **Policy #:** _____

Allergies to medications: _____

In the event of an emergency, contact: Name: _____

Relation: _____ **Phone #:** _____

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at the Mission u Event, I authorize the ALWF Mission u to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation is needed.
2. Release my health information to the authorized individual/agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Consent Plan: This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed "life-saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person listed as emergency contact person is unable to be reached. I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Non-Consent Plan: I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the case of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place:

I hold harmless the ALWF Conference Mission u, the ALWF Conference, the United Methodist Church, and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women

Scholarship Event Application

You are invited to apply if you are:

Please check the box that best describes you.

- ☐ A FIRST TIMER TO THIS EVENT
- ☐ ARE UNDER 39
- ☐ ARE A NEWLY RETIRED WOMAN

One scholarship will be awarded to the following events:

Please check the event you are interested in attending.

- ☐ ANNUAL MEETING
- ☐ SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT

Terms of the Agreement:

- a) A committee of the Secretary, Coordinator for Spiritual Growth and the Vice President will review your applications and choose one scholarship recipient per event.
- b) The recipient and the Conference Treasurer will be notified two weeks prior to the event.
- c) The recipient must submit an event registration form immediately to the Conference Registrar.
- d) Registration fee will be covered by the Conference Treasurer.
- e) If you are chosen and unable to attend, funds will revert to the scholarship fund.
- f) **Applications must be submitted to the Conference Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the event. Only applications received prior to the deadline will be considered.**
Cathy Givan, 1398 E. Cotton Rd. Eclectic, AL. 36024 / email: cathy3163@hotmail.com

Your Name

Your Address

Your Phone Number(s)

Your E-Mail Address(s)

Your District

Your Local Church

Your age group:

- ☐ 12 & Under
- ☐ 13 – 18
- ☐ 19 – 30
- ☐ 31 – 50
- ☐ 51 – 60
- ☐ 61 – 70
- ☐ Over 70

Please continue to page 2 to complete the application.

- Thank you for submitting this application. Please by your signature below acknowledge you have read and understood the terms of the scholarship agreement contained in this document.

Date

United Methodist Women
Alabama-West Florida
Conference
Michele Smith
7710 Roberson St
Irvington, AL 36544

Save the Date!

2019

October 11-13

**Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
@ Blue Lake**