

ALERT

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2019 4th Quarter Alert

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2019 Conference Officers

President	Debbie Bell
Vice President	Joan Simmons
Secretary	Cathy Givan
Treasurer	Jean Creswell
Communications Coordinator	Michele Smith
Program Resources	Sally Ozan
Nominations Chair	Zan Jones
Spiritual Growth	Tutti Johnson
Social Action	Ora Gillespie
M.N. & O	Kristine Jones
Ed. & Interp	Joyce Genz

2019 Committee on Nominations

Reda Brooks	Zan Jones
Cheryl Mothershed	Nettie Lang
President SEJUMW	Betty Helms
UMW National Vice President	Clara Ester
Web Manager	Anne Capps

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

- 1 John 3:18



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!

For more information please contact

legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org



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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>

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Planning Team is offering a \$500 scholarship to each conference. This scholarship is to be used to send someone from your conference to attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in Mobile, AL:

(You only need to select one of the items below or more if you choose in making your determination.)

1. A United Methodist Women member that has never attended a Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting.
2. A newly retired United Methodist Women member
3. A United Methodist Women member under the age of 49

A brief paragraph stating (50 words or less) why they want to attend a SEJ meeting and how they plan to use the information they received from the SEJ meeting when they return to their conference. The SEJ Treasurer, Kay Phillips will send a check in the amount of \$500 to your conference treasurer as soon as we receive the information from you. You can select more than one person and divide the scholarship equally if you choose but, they must meet one of the criteria requirements.

But the drop-dead very last deadline for submitting your nominee will be **February 29, 2020**

Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women Scholarship Event Application

SEJ

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
- ☒ Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting
- ☐ Assembly

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 next page to complete the application.

1. Have you previously applied for a scholarship offered by Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Women? If yes, please explain.
2. Why you would like to receive this scholarship?
3. Why would you like to attend this specific event?
4. How are you involved in United Methodist Women in your local church? Dates and events will be helpful if available.
5. How will you share your event experience with others following the event?

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.

Signature

Date

VICE PRESIDENT'S WORDS

This is my final article for the ALERT as your conference vice-president. Time goes by so quickly and my term is coming to an end. My thanks to all of you who helped and guided me along the way with suggestions and advice as we planned Annual Day and Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. Many thanks to Foley UMW and Demopolis UMW who opened their doors for our first and second "moving around the conference" Annual Day. Enterprise UMW will be hosting in 2020. We heard the request to consider another weekend for Annual Day 2021 and we will be discussing with the District President and leaders in the Marianna-Panama City District.

Tutti Johnson, thanks for all the hard work you do on giving us wonderful SER's. They have been fantastic! It has been my pleasure to work with all of you. I will miss my conference friends (board members) who were always there for me with helping hand and great ideas.

Last but **never least** I want to thank Debbie Bell for all the support and guidance during these years. I will miss your 'daily' phone calls but appreciate everything you did for me. **You are a very special person.**

Please Welcome Katy Wrona as your new VP. She is a dynamo and will do a great job in this position.

See you all at Annual Day!!!

Joan Simmons, Vice President
Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women

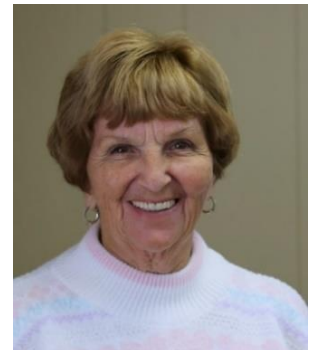
For I know the plans I have for you "declares the Lord" plans.....to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NAS)

Joan Simmons, Vice President
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2020 New Officers

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



"Please accept our apologies for the late distribution of this last Alert newsletter for 2019. Circumstances beyond our control prevailed. We will be more diligent to provide the 2020 Alert Newsletter in a timely manner and according to the AWF-UMW Policies." AWF-UMW Leadership

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA **CONFERENCE** UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**2020** Calendar of Events

Theme: In His Service

1 Timothy 3:13 *"Those who have served well gain a good standing and considerable confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."* (CEB-Common English Bible)

JAN 17-18 (Fri-Sat)	Friday start 5:00PM XTeam Officers & Distr. Presidents	*Executive Mission Team Meeting Location: Marianna UMC, Marianna, FL
FEB. February 6-8 (Fri-Sun)	Friday start conf president, treasurer, CON Chair, GC delegates	Leadership Development Days (LDD) Location: St. Louis, MO National organizes hotel/event schedule
FEB 14-15 (Fri-Sat)	Fri 3PM Checkin All invited	AWF-UMW Conference Annual Day Location: Enterprise First UMC in Enterprise, AL
APR 17-19 (Fri-Sun)	Fri 8AM-6PM checkin	Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) meeting Location: Mobile, AL
JUL 10-11 (Fri-Sat)	Friday start 5:00PM XTeam Officers & Dist. Presidents AND District Treasurers	**Executive Mission Team Meeting 2020 District Budget Reviews Location: Gadsden St. UMC in Pensacola, FL District Treasurers will also be required to attend this meeting
JUL 24-25 (Fri-Sat)	Schedule pending	Cooperative Mission u Location: Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery, AL
OCT 9-10 (Fri-Sat) ! NEW, 2-DAYS !	Fri 3 PM Checkin Sat 7AM Checkin All invited	Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat 2021 Executive Mission Team elect/install Location: Blue Lake Assembly Grounds
NOVEMBER (Recommended)	ALL	UMW Day celebrations per Local Unit Be Invitational!
NOVEMBER 7 (Sat ONLY)	Sat. 8:30AM to 3:30PM	District president & District treasurer <u>ONLY</u> Location: TBA

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* Includes conference executive mission team officers AND District Presidents

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† March 6-7, 2020	COSROW – Blue Lake Assembly Grounds	All Invited
† June 7-10, 2020	UMChurch Annual Conference - FrazerUMC	AWF-UMW Conference/District President
† June 27, 2020	"called" AWF-UMW Conference/District President location	TBA
† May 5-15, 2020	General Conference 2020	Minneapolis, MN Delegates

Committee on Nominations

United Methodist Women of Alabama West Florida Conference thank you for answering the call as we embark on a new year. It's great leadership that will continue to help our conference excel above the rest.

Special thanks to all the officers that served our conference faithfully Joan Simmons as Vice-President, Sally Ozan Secretary of Program Resource and Cheryl Mothershed Committee on Nominations member. We're grateful for their devotion and leadership during their tenure.

Let's welcome our newly elected and re-elected slate of officers for 2020.

Vice President- Katy Wrona Mobile District

Committee on Nomination Chair -2020 Peggy Cunningham Bay Pines District

Committee on Nominations member- Class 2024 Desiree Clark Mobile District

Re-elected for another term:

Jean Creswell-Treasurer

Kristine Jones- Membership Nurture & Outreach

Tutti Johnson- Spiritual Growth

I thank you for allowing me to serve your conference as Committee on Nominations Chair for 2019. I will remain on the committee until the end of 2020. The Committee on Nominations is already preparing our work of recruiting new leaders for 2021.

Please consider a position in leadership and complete a talent bank form and return it to Peggy Cummingham Chair of CON. Mail to 3944 Todd Lane Unit 905, Gulf Shores, AL 36526 or email her at peggyjc2011@gmail.com.

Keep our Legacy going for another 150 years. Remember, it won't happen without you. HOPE, FAITH, LOVE AND ACTION



Zan M Jones

Committee on Nominations, 2019 Chair

Reflections from our President

Thanks to each of you, in 2019 our conference events (Annual Day and Spiritual Enrichment Retreat) were clearly focused on our theme and Scripture, "Love in Action" 1 John 3:18 "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." The thousands of women, children and youth visiting the many agencies and community centers United Methodist Women support and focus on have greatly benefited from our individual Pledge to the Local Unit as it journeys to the National organization where the many grants awarded support the many programs.

I have a question for you. Why hasn't your good friend at church joined United Methodist Women? Is it because they work? Is it because they travel? Is it because they just don't want to commit to go to a meeting?

Let me share a few things that you can share with them about why they should at least go to a meeting to find out about United Methodist Women.

They must consider that we accomplish many hands-on actions for local women's shelters, participate in food pantries, volunteer at the Resale store for Missions, help with the local school(s) in a Reading program or after-school program, pack backpacks with food for children, coach in Communities of Transformation, visit Nursing homes, make blankets for the children at local hospitals, and yes we travel too! We go around the United States to meet with thousands of other UMW members who raise millions of dollars for Missions. We are the missional arm of the United Methodist Church.

Yes, we do sit down and meet. Although, when we're sitting down, we are planning and organizing for missions for those most marginalized in our communities. Our Pledge to Missions is additional giving to our tithing to our church.

Our Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive Fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Love God, Love People, Change the World

In 2020, our Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women theme and Scripture focus: ***In His Service***, "Those who have served well gain a good standing and considerable confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 3:13(CEB)

Let our 2020 Annual Meeting at Enterprise First be where you and your friend join a lasting Fellowship. We're meeting in the Dothan District at Enterprise First UMC in Enterprise, AL on February 14-15, 2020. Our Speaker is Rev. Sara Shaver and I would like for those that can - come join us in this Fellowship and meeting.

Come on! Visit our conference AWF-UMW website for information. Send comments as you "Contact Us"

<http://www.awf-umw.org>

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Debbie Bell, President (2019-2020)

Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women

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Message from the Conference Secretary

Please help 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

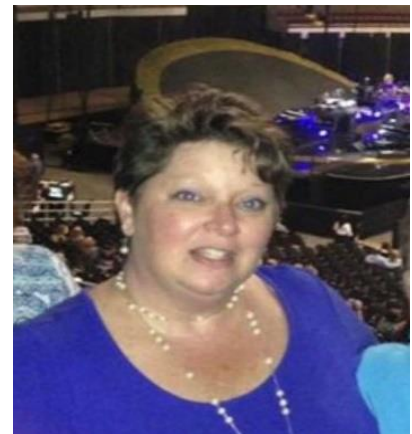


Reminder from the Communication Coordinator

- It's time to re-subscribe for a paper copy of the newsletter.
- Yearly subscription for a paper copy of the newsletter is \$8.00.
- Payments can be mailed to me or Jean Creswell, or payments can be made in person at Annual Day.

The Spring issue of the conference newsletter shall include information on Financial Interpretation. **Information is due to Communications Coordinator by 2/10**, ALERT to be published no later than 3/10.

Michele Smith, Communication Coordinator



Social Action

Social Action Campaigns for 2017-2020

The Charter for Racial Justice is the guideline used by the United Methodist Women to keep us focused on our mission task and social justice issues. We advocated to end Maternal Mortality (maternal and child health), Economic Inequality (a living wage for all), Climate Justice (be stewards of God's creation) and Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration (interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline).

Many local units in our conference have shared mission study activities with other units. Many of the Units are small in membership and this was an opportunity to reach out and include more members in our District/conference. I will share a few with you. "Women Rising Up for Human Dignity and Rights", a discussion lead by Nancy Travis on the history of the Native American Indians and how the United Methodist Women can offer a sisterhood of grace covenant of support. Units present at this mission study were from Dalraid, Locus Bluff, Metropolitan, Chapel and District President Reda Brooks. In the Baypines District, "Pilgrimage to Montgomery to tour National Museum for Peace & Justice/Legacy Museum", was a huge success. Over 80 participants met and discussed ways for us to move forward and live in peace with one another. Many United Methodist Women from the local units, district and conference were involved in this mission trip.

Alabama State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) had an Equal Pay Day Women's Leadership Conference and the focus was on equal pay issues, such as the effects of equal pay, unequal pay affect what a woman earns today, future benefits and social security. Participants were given tools to gain an understanding of the laws and how employers can protect themselves through knowledge of and compliance with federal and state laws. For more information: www.pay-equity.org.

Through the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), fourteen Lee University students of Tennessee had an enriching experience visiting Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Southern Poverty Law Center, Alabama State Capitol, and Metropolitan United Methodist Church. The purpose of their tour was to integrate faith and justice by learning more about the nation's history, specifically visiting the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice as a reminder of the humanity to continue the Kingdom Work demonstrated in the Civil Rights movement while examining the Legacy of Racial and Economic Injustice - connecting the past and present. More Information: Equal Justice Initiative. Please forward to me any mission study or unit activities that I can present in the end of the year report for Social Action. I can only imagine how much each unit will send. I know you all have gone beyond what was asked!

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" - 1 John 3:18

Ora A. Gillespie, AWF-UMW Social Action coordinator
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Download the Charter for Racial Justice today.

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/charter-for-racial-justice-english>

From your Conference Treasurer

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we close out our United Methodist Women's year, I want to encourage you to open your hearts, minds and spirit to making the lives of women, children and youth throughout the world a little bit better than they were this time last year. Sometimes we each may feel that our little bit of giving isn't enough to even bother giving. ***"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the oceans would be less because of that missing drop."*** This is a quote from Mother/Saint Teresa who dedicated herself to loving all. Not just those that looked like us, talked like us, or were in our physical communities or areas, but to all. United Methodist Women combine all of our giving to reach all corners of the globe, not just our individual towns, cities, counties or state.

You may think your community is where your giving should be focused and I'm not saying it isn't or doesn't need your support. I am stating that both your community and the global need are both important. Just as you give a tithe to your church, you are probably also giving to other charitable agencies such as Red Cross or the Salvation Army. You do this because they all need your support. This is the same as your local, district, conference and global United Methodist Women. Your individual donation is what funds our United Methodist Women missions.

In my little local unit, we individually pledge an annual amount that can be paid on each month, once a quarter or annually depending on the individual preference. I know I can personally give more if giving a certain amount each month rather than one amount one time a year. I, like many of you am on a fixed income. When I do make my actual donation, I know that 60% of that donation is going up the chain from our local unit to the district, then 100% on to the conference and ultimately to our national headquarters. The remaining 40% donated amount is to be used by my local unit to support our reading program, conference love offering, specific local programs like our blessing the backpacks, and charities that support women, children and youth not necessarily affiliated with UMW like ARMS summer camps, Camille Place, and other organizations. We also have a special jar we collect for Dumas Wesley that is sent straight to them once a quarter. This is just how our local unit works but it has been effective in increasing our giving and voice in how we spend our monies. We don't do "fund raisers" but if we did, the same percentages would be used as we are using the United Methodist Women's name during that event.

Whether your annual donation or pledge to your local unit is \$25 a year or \$25,000 a year, each drop does collect to make our pledge possible to fund our mission... to serve women, children and youth everywhere. If you haven't made your donation this year to your local unit, please call your local treasurer today and tell her you want to show your support by giving. ***"Intense love does not measure, it just gives."*** (Another quote from Mother/Saint Teresa).

Jean Creswell, AWF-UMW Conference Treasurer

For any questions, jean@pinebelt.net OR

contact@awf-umw.org

We are still very far behind meeting our 2019 Pledge and only have a short time left.

6. MISSION GIVING (PLEDGE)	Pledge	Paid by Districts	Balance	% Paid
Bay Pines	14,000.00	9,451.38	4,548.62	67.5%
Demopolis	15,000.00	14,332.33	667.67	95.5%
Dothan	14,750.00	10,298.54	4,451.46	69.8%
Marianna/PC	13,000.00	5,919.35	7,080.65	45.5%
Mobile	20,000.00	18,843.72	1,156.28	94.2%
Mtg/Oplk	11,500.00	6,257.81	5,242.19	54.4%
Mtg/Pratt	11,000.00	7,961.50	3,038.50	72.4%
Pensacola	25,000.00	13,211.19	11,788.81	52.8%
Events - Offering	1,750.00	2,404.31	-654.31	137.4%
TOTALS FROM DISTRICTS	126,000.00	88,680.13	37,319.87	70.4%
Paid to Date to National		67,772.20		53.8%

A BRIGHT SPOT

SOCIAL ACTION LOVE IN ACTION

A pilgrimage to confront Racial Injustice

On Monday, October 21, 2019, some Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Women members of the Baypines District, eleven pastors and family and friends travelled to Montgomery, AL for a pilgrimage to discover and to confront the truth of America's history regarding slavery and racism. As we prepared for this faith walk, we prayed for spiritual growth and understanding related to these issues. Our prayers also included our desire that as we returned home, we would be committed to making changes in our attitudes and behaviors and to taking personal collective action toward racial issues healing.

We travelled from far away south as Gulf Shores and north from Eclectic Alabama; even as far away as Peachtree City, Georgia to participate in this spiritual walk. At least thirteen churches and several conference staff members were in attendance, in all, about eighty individuals. We came in a charter bus, in cars and in vans, with friends and with strangers.

We gathered at River City UMC early in the morning for a Sending Forth, followed by a tour of the *Legacy Museum* and the *Memorial for Peace and Justice*. As we observed and experienced these sacred places, we were asked to reflect upon what we saw and heard. What were we feeling and why did we feel that way? What did we learn and what would we do with that learning?

We later reassembled at River City church to talk with one another about what we saw, felt and learned and what were we going to do about it. The day ended with a service of Holy Communion.

With God's Help through all these vessels nothing described could have happened without mentioning these people.

The Baypines District United Methodist Women are so thankful to everyone who participated, supported and prayed for our pilgrimage. We would like to honor Annette Winston, who devoted so much time to research and study to lead us into our own reflections. To Susan Hunt and the AWFC United Methodist Board of Church and Society; the Baypines District Superintendents - Darren McClellan and Jean Tippet for their financial and moral support; to Rev. John Brooks and wife Reda Brooks for their spiritual and gracious assistance. Thank you to Andy Gartman for leading us in song and to Foley & Robertsedale UMC for printing. We are grateful to the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast for welcoming several of us on their pilgrimage and for sharing their literature. Finally, we are so thankful to River City Church and their Pastor Justin Todd for being so welcoming to host and serve us.

This brief was provided by Edith Brooks, a Morgan's Chapel UMW member in the Baypines District.

<https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/museum>

Take Action on United Methodist Women's Four

Social Action Campaigns!

Steps you can do today and in your units!

1. **Just Energy for All (Climate Justice):** unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice

Two ways to act:

1. Organize our 3rd letter writing campaign to urge Chevron to join other oil and gas companies in reducing their methane emissions and supporting sound regulations

(www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/chevron).

2. Do you know if the energy you consume is just or impacting the health of women and children and God's creation? Curious about what your United Methodist Women unit can do? Take the "Just Energy for All" 3-part webinar training this September to October or take the online bridge course.

Register here: <https://umwomen.wufoo.com/forms/z1hbcxa110el5xr>.

♦ Contact Elizabeth C. H. Lee, climatejustice@unitedmethodistwomen.org



2. **Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration**

Do a deep dive into scripture and the school-to-prison pipeline using the Bible study found here: unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/mission-focus-issues/racial-justice-and-mass-incarceration/reflections

♦ Contact Emily Jones, ejones@unitedmethodistwomen.org



3. **A Living Wage for All: Economic Inequality**

What happens if you or a loved one falls ill and you get no pay when you're out of work? You get zero wages, may deplete savings and incur debt and could lose your job. Join our campaign to urge members of Congress to support the bipartisan FAMILY Act guaranteeing paid family and medical leave for all! Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/paid-family-leave to send an online letter right now!

This Fall, plan to screen the documentary "Zero Weeks" in your unit or church and then invite others to take action as well! For resources to take this campaign to your unit go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/paid-family-leave.

♦ Contact Carol Barton, cbarton@unitedmethodistwomen.org



4. **End Maternal Mortality: Maternal and Child Health**

Find a local maternal and child health advocacy group in your community or state. Explore ways to establish and support maternal mortality review committees in the state.

unitedmethodistwomen.org/mchealth

♦ Contact Katie Pryor, kpryor@unitedmethodistwomen.org



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Education and Interpretation

Our annual pledges and offerings support over 90 national ministries and annual grants to support special projects that support women, children and youth around the world. If you wish to see the specific details, you may download the financial reports from <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/finance>. I was pleasantly surprised that our pledges are amply supplemented by endowments and other sources of income, allowing our pledge dollars to continue the ministry to women, children and youth. It is critical for members to know that the Legacy Fund and other endowments allow the United Methodist Women sponsored ministries to continue when giving is below projections. The national website now features a program called Legacy Builder to encourage members to donate at least \$18.69 a month toward the Legacy Fund. Another opportunity to fund for the future is the planned giving program, the 1869 Society. Details and brochures are available on the resource webpages of the national website.

Did you know that our mission pledges also support 8 regional missionaries around the world? Since the program's initiation in 2000, all funding for Regional Missionaries (both programmatic and salaries and benefits) is supported by your United Methodist Women's mission giving.

The term "regional" in regional missionaries comes from the geographic assignment each missionary is given. She does not work for an individual church, annual conference or organization, but rather serves Methodist, United Methodist, ecumenical and grassroots organizations in a region of the world. These large regions include Asia, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, East and West Africa, and the English and French speaking Caribbean and Americas. The difference between missionaries "sent" out in the past such as Isabella Thorburn and Dr. Clara Swain and the work of the Regional Missionaries today is that they are selected from within the region of their home country and work in that region. Photos and bios of all missionaries are available at www.unitedmethodistwomen.com/missionaries.

The 2020 Call to Prayer and Self Denial program features the stories of the current regional missionaries. Encourage your local units in your district to use *the United Methodist Women Program Book 2019-2020* available from the United Methodist Women's Resource Center or online at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/2019-2020-program-book-call-to-prayer>.

I'm looking forward to a great 2020 as I know you are. Let me know if I can provide any support of your responsibilities as District Coordinators of Education and Interpretation. Thank you for all you do to promote transformational learning and to interpret the need to provide resources to resolve injustices experienced by women, children and youth around the world.

Joyce Genz

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Membership, Nurture, & Outreach

Hello Ladies!

I hope this message finds each of you doing well. As we wind up for the holidays and wind down 2019, take this time to rest, recharge, and get ready to start 2020 ignited for MISSION!

Part of growing forward in our mission is knowing where we came from previously. Each year, national provides the opportunity for us to share with them some of what we have done the past 12 months, you know this as the "Census." This year's survey is very short and will not take much of your time to complete. There are at least two ways to complete the Census, one is online (quick and easy) the other is on paper. Local Unit Presidents are encouraged to complete the Census. If that is not possible, then the District President can input the information online assisted by the Local Unit President or input the information from a paper copy of the census.

Deadline: March 30, 2020.

Link to Census: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019

Instructions on Completing Census (with questions) [Instructions for Completing the 2019 Census \(with questions\)](#)

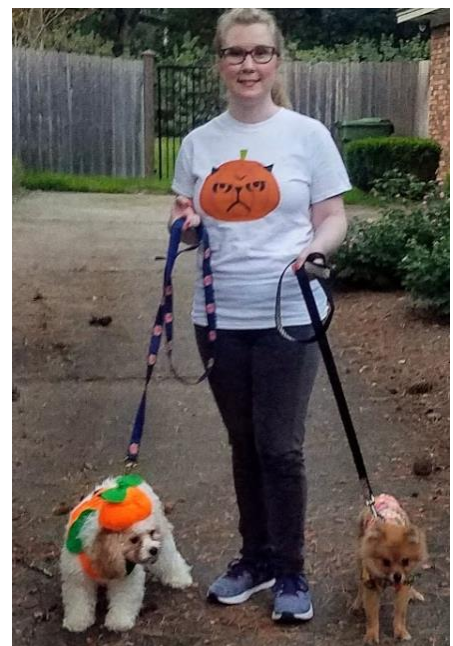
If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, email, or drop me a line. My phone number is 256-345-6846. My email is KristineUMW@gmail.com.

My address is:

3621 Lancaster Lane, Montgomery, AL 36104. Or "friend" me on Facebook!

Happy New Year!

-Kristine





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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		Dates of Service
Local	Office(s)	
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	recruiting members	publicity
communication	social issues	workshops
computer	creativity	newsletters
accounting/bookkeeping	recording minutes	retreats
organization of details	public policy	music
nominations	public relations	youth
program planning	community building	children
administration	inclusiveness/pluralism	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"/> Membership Nurture & Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Chair of Nominations	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Education & Interpretation	

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

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 awfwmw@aol.com OR send to the Nominations Chair of your District or Conference

**2020 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 nay act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Consent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Section A HEALTH FORM					
All Participants MUST Register, even for 1 day. One Health Form must be submitted per calendar year. All forms are destroyed after the last conference event.					
Section B NAME - ADDRESS INFO please print neatly or type					
Name as to appear on Name Tag			Email (Please PRINT)		
Address		City	State	Zip	
Phone		District	Local Unit/Church		
FIRST TIME TO THIS Alabama West Florida Conference United Methodist Event					
SECTION C DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS - ONLY					
All District and Conference Officers only pay Registration Fee, but please indicate if you are eating the meals on Friday and Saturday in Section E below.					
District Office		DISTRICT			
Conference Office					
SECTION D LODGING <i>comes with Complimentary Breakfast</i>					
All attendees are responsible for reserving their own rooms at a local hotel/motel and acquiring roommates. Please tell them you are with the Alabama West Florida United Methodist Women to get their special discount. ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY RESERVE BY DATE TO GET SPECIAL RATE*					
Suggested Motels/Hotels	Room Size	Rate w/Tax *	Phone #	Reserve By	Address
Hampton Inn	Queen/Dbl	\$ 115.00	334-347-5763	1/27/20	8 West Pointe Court Enterprise AL
Hampton Inn	King	\$ 115.00	334-347-5763	1/27/20	8 West Pointe Court Enterprise AL
Fairfield Inn		no block rate	334-348-1581		203 Brabham Dr. Enterprise
Candlewood Suites		no block rate	334-308-1102		203 Brabham Dr. Enterprise
SECTION E MEALS COSTS					
To get accurate Meal count, please indicate by putting 1 or 0 in the # Column Below					
			#	COST	Enclosed Total
1	Friday includes Dinner			\$ 10.00	\$ -
2	Saturday Includes Lunch			\$ 10.00	\$ -
SECTION F REGISTRATION, LATE FEES & TOTALS					
1	SUBTOTAL (Meals) Section E 1 & 2				\$ -
District & Conference Officers can deduct \$55 per 24-hr period from the Total Due. Therefore deduct cost of meals here. The remaining portion can be claimed on an expense voucher with motel receipt which should show the names of all roommates handwritten in on receipt. You must attend entire event to claim deduction.					
2					
3	Late Fee If postmarked after Due Date 2/3 \$10.00				
4	Registration Fee - All must pay this				\$ 15.00
Please add all Meals +					
5	TOTAL OWED & ENCLOSED				
Registration+ Late Fee					
Make all checks payable to AWF-UMW					
Mail to: Jean Creswell, Conference Treasurer jean@pinebelt.net					
PO Box 250 Arlington, AL 36722			334-385-2521 (Best option) 334-813-2500 (CELL)		

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

2/3/2020

(A \$10 Late Fee will apply to all LATE registrations if postmarked after this date.)

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

REGISTRATION FORM

2020 AWF UMW ANNUAL DAY

EVENT

DATE

LOCATION

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2020

Enterprise First United Methodist Church
217 South Main Street Enterprise, AL 36330

United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION


G. VOTING DELEGATES only
(check which):

_____ Local Unit
_____ District Officer
_____ Conference Officer

_____ Other (SEJ, Nat'l, Special Needs (dietary or physical):

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AWF-UMW ANNUAL DAY REGISTRATION FORM - FEB 14-15, 2020

In His Service — *"Those who have served well gain a good standing and considerable confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."* 1 Timothy 3:13 CEB

SECTION		
A	HEALTH FORM - one form per year will cover all events. This form allows us to help you in an emergency situation while at the event. At the end of the year, all forms are destroyed.	
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 this AWF-UMW event, 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 or conference.	
D	LODGING: A list of all the hotels is on the registration form. Each member is responsible for her own room reservations, roommates and costs. Please reserve by the reserve date to get the discounted rate (if listed) and state that you are with the Alabama West Florida United Methodist Women. There are limited number of block rooms. First come policy. Your cost for lodging will not be calculated here as you pay the motel yourself.	
E 1-2	MEALS: Because we have to give our caterers the number of meals to prepare at least 10 days out, we need you to enter the number of meals you are eating. There are 2 total meals, starting with Friday supper and ending with Saturday lunch. Please indicate exactly which meals you are eating and carry over the total for that meal to the cost column. Breakfast is not included.	
F-1	Subtotal: add together E1 through E2 - meals only	
F-2	DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS: You are allowed \$55 for one 24-hour period that covers lodging & meals AND you must attend both Friday and Saturday to obtain the scholarship. You must pay the registration fee of \$15, but can deduct the meals on this line. This deduction will be included in your total to be repaid after filing an expense voucher to the Conference Treasurer within two weeks of the event.	
F-3	If your registration form is postmarked after Feb. 3rd, a \$10 late fee must be paid. If you are only coming for one day and not eating, the late fee can be waived.	
F-4	Everyone, whether a commuter, staying one day or all days, has to pay the \$15 registration fee. Everyone is considered a commuter since no on-site lodging is available.	
F-5	TOTAL AMOUNT AND ENCLOSED: ADD F1, LESS F2, PLUS F-3, PLUS F-4. Your total should be at least \$15. Please re-check your additions on the form and make sure it matches your check amount. 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 form.	
G	VOTING DELIGATES: 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 circle on their nametage 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 by our leader.) 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. If a Local Unit is only represented by a National officer/representative that is ONLY one vote as a National officer/representative. If a Local Unit is only represented by a SEJ officer/representative that is ONLY one vote as a SEJ officer/representative.	
SPEAKER	Sara Leitnaker Shaver was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico. She graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science In Special Education and heard the call to ministry later in life and earned her Master's of Divinity from Candler School of Theology. Rev. Shaver has served in the conference beginning with Dalraida UMC in Montgomery where she was as the Director of Christian Education and then as Associate Pastor. She also served Jay UMC in Jay, Florida; Trinity UMC In Weoka, Al; Capitol Heights in Montgomery, Al; FUMC Monroeville In Monroeville Al and as the District Superintendent in the Dothan district. Sara currently serves Gulf Shores UMC In Gulf Shores, Al. Sara and husband Joel Everest have two children and two grandchildren.	
DATE	SCHEDULE Annual Day 2020 - all @ Enterprise First United Methodist Church	Time
Fri 2/14	CHECK IN @ Enterprise 1st United Methodist Church (217 South Main Street Enterprise, AL)	4:00 PM
	Gathering Music in Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
	Dinner in Fellowship Hall	5:30 PM
	Gathering Music in Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
	Program including Memorial Service & Speaker	7:00 PM
Sat 2/15	CHECK IN @ Enterprise First United Methodist Church (those not registered Friday)	7:30 AM
	Gathering Music in Fellowship Hall	7:45 AM
	Processional of Bishop, District Superintendents and Conference/District UMW Presidents	8:30 AM
	Opening, Skit, Welcome	8:45 AM
	Bishop David Graves Message, Communion	
	Break	10:00 AM
	Business Session Alabama West Florida Conference	10:15 AM
	Speaker	11:15 AM
	Lunch	12:30 PM

Save the Date!

2020

Conference Annual Day

Feb 14-15

Enterprise Alabama

**Southeast Jurisdiction UMW
Quadrennial meeting**

**April 17-19 Mobile, Alabama
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel**