

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Elizabeth River District 2017

**Living Into Our Purpose**

*PURPOSE*

*UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SHALL BE A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHOSE 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.*

**Achievements for Recognition**

**(Level I):** Complete **eight (8)** items; must include at least **four (4)** items marked with **(\*)**

*[four (4) items with two (2) \* items for circles/units with less than 15 members]*

**Silver (Level II):** Complete **thirteen (13)** items; must include at least **six (6)** items marked with **(\*)**

*[six (6) items with three (3) \* items for circles/units with less than 15 members]*

**Gold (Level III):** Complete **twenty (20)** items including **twelve (12)** items marked with **(\*)**

*[ten (10) items with six (6) \* items for circles/units with less than 15 members]*

The evaluation period for this report shall be **1 SEPTEMBER 2016 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 2017.**

Mark the items you completed. Use these suggestions to **MAKE IT HAPPEN** in the world in which we live.

**1. PURPOSE (MISSION GIVING)**

- 1a. (\* ) **Make and Meet a Pledge to Mission Giving.**
- 1b. (\* ) Include the **UMW Purpose** at every meeting.
- 1c. (\* ) Increase the local organization's Pledge to Mission this year.
- 1d. (\* ) Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star organization by contributing to Five or Six Channels of Mission Giving (Pledge to Mission; Special Mission Recognition; Mission Giving Cards; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering; and Candle burning).
- 1e. (\* ) Have **one (1)** member become a Rainbow Giver. Name \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1f. (\* ) Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th **Legacy Fund**.

**2. KNOW GOD (FAITH)**

- 2a. ( ) Encourage the practice of Spiritual Disciplines (i.e. scripture, prayer, fasting)
- 2b. (\* ) Have at least one **Prayer Calendar** which can be used at each local organization meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.
- 2c. (\* ) Have at least **one (1)** member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item)
- 2d. ( ) Host or participate in a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of the children. (Resources can be found at [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org))
- 2e. (\* ) Use at least **two (2)** programs from the Program Book.

### 3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)

- 3a. (\* ) Choose **one (1)** District Social Action Priority to work on. Priority is: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3b. ( ) Present a Program or Initiate a Project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority.
- 3c. ( ) Have at least **one (1)** member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February. Member's name: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3d. (\* ) Have at least **one (1)** member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Network (<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>) to learn more about justice issues.
- 3e. ( ) Have at least **one (1)** member sign-up for the action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society (<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/>) and share information on Justice Issues with the local organization.
- 3f. ( ) Have at least **one (1)** member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (<http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>) and use ideas to advocate for justice.
- 3g. (\* ) Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies by having a Racial Justice Program, participating in a District Racial Justice Program or attending a Conference Racial Justice event. Get resources from: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice/tools>
- 3h. ( ) Have "green" meetings **and** participate in or develop an Environmental Justice Program. Describe what you did: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)

- 4a. (\* ) Add at least **two (2)** new members to the roll (**one (1)** new member for local circles/units with 15 or fewer members).
- 4b. (\* ) Have at least **two (2)** members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting (if a small circle/unit – 15 or fewer members – you may include **one (1)** District or Conference Officer).
- 4c. ( ) Sponsor a young woman (**18 - 40**) to attend a District or Conference Young Women's Event. Name of attendee: (for your archives) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4d. (\* ) Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than one of your own members, to one of your local organization meetings during the year and/or your United Methodist Women's Sunday.
- 4e. ( ) Write to at least **five (5)** mission workers listed the *Prayer Calendar*.
- 4f. ( ) Have at least **one (1)** member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.
- 4g. ( ) Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinators by August 31st. + *(see footnote p.3)*

## 5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)

- 5a. (\* ) Have at least **one (1)** subscription to *response Magazine* within the organization to help members stay informed of mission in the world and for help in planning programs. Include a “*response Moment*” where an item from *response Magazine* is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.
- 5b. (\* ) Have at least **one (1)** member, other than a District or Conference officer, attend Mission Encounter or a District Mission Celebration/Mission Encounter event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this blueprint.)
- 5c. (\* ) Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the **United Methodist Women National Office** (Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA is the only National Institution in Virginia), or the Ministry Grants of Virginia (listed in the Annual Report) and visit and/or contribute needed resources. Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5d. (\* ) Have or participate in at least **one (1) current** mission study during the year. Which one:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5e. (\* ) Have at least **two (2)** members **complete Plan I or higher** of the Reading Program. + *(see footnote)*

## 6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)

- 6a. ( ) Have **one (1)** or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working at a food pantry or clothes closet, Stop Hunger Now event, bagging potatoes, etc.  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6b. (\* ) Participate in the **Campaign for Children** (public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.) Describe what you did:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6c. ( ) Provide at least **ten (10)** UMCOR Mission Kits and funds for shipping for the Virginia Annual Conference (Kits for Conference)
- 6d. ( ) Make a donation of goods (stamps for inmates, etc.), money (to support a Prison Chaplain) or service (Bible study, bell choir) to Prison Ministries.

Local Organization/Church \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members in your Local Organization \_\_\_\_\_

President or Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

+ **No Change** in reporting of Membership (4g) to the District MN&O or the Reading Program Books (5e) to the District SPR.

Send completed form to Elizabeth River District Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator  
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