



# GLOWING EMBERS

**Spring 2022 Newsletter  
Western Mountains District - Mountain Sky Conference**

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## JANET'S JINGLES

Janet Ulrich, Western Mountains District President

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First, I would like to thank all those of you who submitted Mission Today and Honor Unit reports, as well as those who have sent in the list of their local officers for 2022! We will recognize Honor Units and Mission Today units at our Spring meeting!

Next, I would like to challenge each unit to submit at least one name to help us fill district positions for the remainder of this year! We need the following officers: treasurer, secretary, program resources, and committee on nominations. These individuals may be nominated for positions up for election for next year. Since we are doing most meetings by Zoom during the Covid pandemic, probably no travel is involved. Please submit names to myself ([bluejaytree5881@gmail.com](mailto:bluejaytree5881@gmail.com)) and/or Arlis Vannett, ([arlis\\_v@hotmail.com](mailto:arlis_v@hotmail.com)). Let us know which office the individual would best fill, and make sure you ask the person before sending their name to us! Thank you!!

I hope everyone is enjoying Mission u! I thought the first one on Feb. 6 was great! The study is an update on the Climate Justice study from several years ago. Rev. Waveland King is leading the study, and it is by Zoom, on Sunday afternoons, from 2 – 4:30 through Feb. 27. The next Mission u class will be in July. Check out that course description in the Mission u report in this newsletter on page 11.

Also, the Mountain Sky Conference UMW is hosting a Spiritual Life retreat by Zoom April 1 & 2. Check out the information on this retreat on pages 9 and 10 in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful 2022, and let's hope we can meet in person in 2023! Until then, we will need to continue to enjoy each other's faces and voices through Zoom!

Janet Ulrich, President

## Spiritual and Membership Report

*To commemorate Black History Month, Bishop Forrest Stith recently penned this prayer as part of a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Asbury UMC in Washington on Feb. 1. We share it with you in hope that it may be a blessing during your reflections this month.*

“Dearest God: When human cruelty reared its ugly head, you sustained your people and made it possible for African-Americans to survive the Middle Passage, auction blocks, whipping posts and forced labor. You softened the hearts of many who worked in secret on our behalf. You lifted our heads with the message that God sides with the oppressed and delivers the captive. You strengthened our hands to struggle for justice and freedom.

We give thanks for the witnesses who have come before us: Harry Hosier and Aunt Betty, Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, Charles Tindley and Mary McLeod Bethune, Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

These men and women, and countless others, struggled amidst great travail, yet kept the faith and became the yeast from which we rise and prosper. As their spiritual descendants we, too, are formed in your image, carrying the stars in our eyes, the moon in our hearts and the cosmos in every breath.

You touched us with goodness and beauty. Yet we resisted your touch and attempted to shape ourselves. So we have become encompassed by greed, blinded by injustices, broken with grief. But again and again, you send your Spirit to renew us and your earth, to gather our brokenness and despair into new hope and turn us into ALLELUIAS!

Eternal God, we give thanks for all you have given us through the ages. We give you thanks for all who went before us and those who will follow us. Grant that today we may go into this world in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

by Bishop Forrest Stith

Cindy Baril,  
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## Mission Today and Honor Units

**The following units achieved Mission Today and Honor Unit Stars!**

Boulder 1 star, Bozeman 5 stars, Columbia Falls 1 star, Great Falls Christ 3 stars, Great Falls First 4 stars, UM-AB Hamilton 1 star, Helena Covenant 1 star, Kalispell Epworth 5 stars, Mission Valley 5 stars, Missoula 1st 5 stars, Missoula Grace 1 star, Polson UMW 1 star, Salmon 2 stars, St. Pauls 5 stars, Stevensville 2 stars, Townsend 1 star

## Nominating Committee

There are vacant positions to fill on our leadership team. They are: treasurer, secretary, program resources, and committee on nominations. Please contact Arlis Vannett at [arlis\\_v@hotmail.com](mailto:arlis_v@hotmail.com) if you are willing to serve in one of these positions.

## Education and Action

### History of Black History

Called the “father of Black History” Carter Goodwin Woodson, an American historian, author and journalist was one of the first scholars to study African American history in the early twentieth century. In 1926 he launched a celebration of “Negro History Week” (sic) designated the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas. Woodson believed that African American contributions “were over-looked, ignored, and even suppressed by the writers of history textbooks and the teachers who use them.” He felt that young African Americans were not being taught enough about their won heritage and achievements of their ancestors. Woodson’s idea to celebrate and recognize contributions of Black Americans gained in popularity and importance over the decades. In 1970 Black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University expanded their teaching activities and celebrations to a full month holding the first Black History Month. President Gerald Ford in 1976 recognized Black History Month during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial urging Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every endeavor throughout our history.”

So, it is in this spirit and towards this endeavor that I refer you to our United Methodist Women’s website at <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice> where you will find resources for Black History Month and racial justice including a Black History quiz, books about Harriet Tubman (She Came to Slay) and the contributions of a core of Black women whose expertise and knowledge was significant to the success of projects at NASA (Hidden Figures ) along with other articles and videos.

Also check out resources compiled by Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women at <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/black-history-month>.

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## Western Mountains District Treasure’s Report

**Recap for 2021:** Budgeted \$35,000 in donations. Actual donations were \$34,513.13.  
We were so very close to the budget. Way to go UMW!

**Breakdown:**

\$33,198.91 sent to Conference for the 5 areas of giving, love offering and UMCOR.  
\$460 to the Blackfeet,  
\$554.22 for Legacy Funds,  
\$300 to the Intermountain Ministries.

The silent auction at the fall meeting raised \$637.00 for Scholarships to Flathead Camp.

There are 5 units that are receiving 5 stars certificates.

Balance in the bank:	Checking Account Balance 1/22/2022	\$5,204.57
	2023 Fairmont	\$2,209.10
	Ygwms Scholarship (Fairmont)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,995.47</b>

## Featured Units

### Missoula First UMW

The UMW of Missoula First UMC has kept their mission coffers flowing during the pandemic. Since circles and groups were not meeting in person, and church services were still hybrid, we took a “leap of faith” and promoted the usual fundraising activities on-line and changed the methods of delivery. Thus, the Ash Wednesday Souper and Bread Supper was advertised on-line and in the bulletin about what types and how many pints of soup could be ordered. The soups were prepared at home, ladled into pints in the church kitchen by UMW (masked and gloved), and placed in paper bags with bread or rolls to be picked up at a designated time and paid for at the church back door. Spring and Christmas cookie and candy sales were handled the same way with on-line orders. All baked goods were assembled in the kitchen on paper plates, placed in zip lock bags, labeled, and sold each at \$5.00 for an assorted plate, and picked up. If designated items couldn’t be picked up, they were gladly delivered. Our famous apple pie sales were done in the same fashion. All in all, where there was a will, there was a way, and fundraising was just as successful as ever. Thanks be to God!

Submitted by Patricia Herries, Missoula First UMW

### Church library dedicated to Kay Duffield

On Jan. 23, 2022, during the Sunday worship service, Missoula First UMC dedicated the church library in memory of Kay Duffield who passed on June 9, 2021. Kay was an active member of FUMC serving as the Financial Secretary and on many church committees. She held offices and was a mentor to many in the Local, District and Conference UMW. Kay was a member of Walk to Emmaus, served as a Stephens Minister, and as a mentor to many.

Submitted by Laurie Ball



A shadow box with items honoring Kay’s service in UWM and framed photo of Kay have been placed in the church library. As you can tell from the photo of Kay, the library has lots of windows that light up the room like her smile always did.

## Featured Units

### Dillon Grace UMW

#### *Agape with Love*

The photo below shows a sampling of the 60+ heart necklaces that were made for the 2022 Women's Walk to Emmaus.



Pictured left to right are Janey Eudaily, Adele Hansen, Sharon Champine, Tennie Bertler, Aleta Lavender and Joyce Anderson. Their nimble fingers were beading heart necklaces for the 2022 Women's Walk to Emmaus.

The Dillon Grace UMW and Dillon Dames Fourth Day Group from Walk to Emmaus are busy beaders and crafters this spring. They are creating heart necklaces, two types of beaded bookmarks, greeting cards, fancy sticky notepads and other assorted Agape to be gifts of love for the Pilgrims who attend this year's Women's Walk to Emmaus on Flathead Lake.



From left to right: Lillian Hegsted, Sharon Steede, Mary Karlsgodt and Virginia Cook making bookmarks for the Women's Walk to Emmaus which will be held on Flathead Lake April 29—May 1, 2022

## Western Mtns District Spring Meeting

**APRIL 9, 2022 9:00AM TO 4:00PM**

**Theme: Soul Care, Earth Care**

**The Lord is calling you to be Bold to answer His cry!  
Come Rejoice in the Lord and fellowship with us!**

**Join us via Zoom for our spring meeting.**

**Watch for the registration information to come.**

**For additional information please contact**

**Tammy Wieweck, Western Mtns District Vice President,**

**Genesis 26 –28 MSG:** *God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.” God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God’s nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”*

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### ***Flight 2022***

Happy New Year and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices; pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will BE NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY and new BEGINNINGS! ♡ ♡

Stay Blessed! And Welcome into 2022!!!! ✈

*Anonymous contribution to our newsletter.*

# Mtn Sky Conference — Communications & News



**National Assembly 2022 May 20-22**

## **TURN IT UP!**

Come to Orlando, Florida to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.

## **WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER**

In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!**

At ASSEMBLY 2022 we will **TURN IT UP!** for spiritual healing and renewal. We will **TURN IT UP!** for rebirth in a new time. We will **TURN IT UP!** for women leaders. We will **TURN IT UP!** for justice for women, children and youth. And it all begins with you. Will you **TURN IT UP?**

## **Registration fee:**

The registration fee for in-person is \$365.00; virtual is \$235.00; 2022. Registration closes April 11. (Proof of vaccination required at time of registration. Visit the FAQ page for assistance.)

- ◆ **Hotel expenses: \$158 - \$203** per night for up to four people (double/double room)
- ◆ **Meal expenses:** Friday & Saturday – breakfast & dinner Sunday – breakfast

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***EMBRACING THE FUTURE:*** Save the Date! March 23, 2022

**Embrace the future for women, children and youth by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund on Day of Giving. Join us for the Live Facebook Event on March 23 to find out how your gifts are being put to use.**

## **WAYS TO GIVE:**

- ◆ **Online at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/150](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/150)**
- ◆ **By phone: 800-278-7771**  
**(8 am. To 5 p.m. EST, Mon.-Fri.)**
- ◆ **Text: 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area**
- ◆ **By check to: United Methodist Women Attn: LEGACY,**  
**475 Riverside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> Fl, New York, 10115**  
**Write "Day of Giving" in the memo Section**



**Try our 150 Legacy Quiz next page.**

# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT UMW LEGACY FUND 150?

## 1. UMW'S Legacy 150 is about:

- A. The first 150 women who pioneered UMW
- B. 150 countries that have UMW Units
- C. Connecting the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UMW with future mission serving women, children, and youth

## 2. When did UMW's roots start to sprout?

- A. March 23 1869
- B. During the Civil War
- C. The first Mother's Day

## 3. The organization from which UMW grew was:

- A. Women's Foreign Missionary Society
- B. Christian Women United
- C. Methodist Women Auxiliary

## 4. The first missionary endeavor of the original organization

- A. Feed the homeless in Boston
- B. Send a doctor and teacher to serve women in India
- C. Scholarships to expand the number of women in ministry

## 5. What is the "Special Day of Giving" about?

- A. Our Christian responsibility to >the
- B. Encouraging women to financially support any charitable program
- C. Secure the future of UMW Mission (March 23 anniversary of first meeting)

## 6. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Creative ideas include:

- A. Gifts in increments of 1869—\$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc.
- B. Gifts in increments of the 150th year--\$15, \$150, \$1,500
- C. Members could name The Legacy Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension
- D. All of the above

## 7. The UMW Legacy Fund will become an endowment to:

- A. Support equal pay for women personnel in UMW positions
- B. Provide a stable source of support for core expenses of mission
- C. Stockpile money to conduct a major event in Washington DC to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## 8. How can you donate to Legacy 150?

- A. Online at [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)
- B. Text Legacy150 to 41444 on your mobile device
- C. By telephone at 800-278-7771. (M-F 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mountain.Standard.Time)
- D. By checks noting Legacy Fund 150 mailed to United Methodist Women, Treasurer's Office, 475 Riverside Drive, 15thFloor, New York, NY 10115
- E. Give through your local Unit and send to your District Treasurer:
- F. All of the above





Mountain Sky United Methodist Women

## *Spiritual Life Retreat*

*Presents:*

### *Where Will You Flourish in this Foolish World ?*

**Date and Time:**

**Friday, April 1, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Saturday, April 2, 8:30am to 3:30pm**

**Study Leaders:**

**Dr. Tim and Shirley Roehl**

**Join on a virtual (Zoom) journey of discovery  
to find a path you can follow in our foolish world.**

**A path where you best fit and flourish.**

**A path where you make a difference in the lives of others.**

**A path to clarity when God guides your direction and destiny.**

**A path blending seven ways of looking at your life.**

**A path to nourish your heart.**

**Registration:** Please register at [mtnskyumw.org](http://mtnskyumw.org) website.

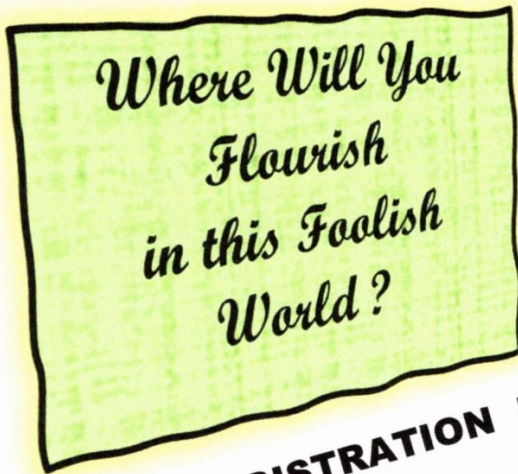
For additional information, contact Lora Fulton, 1710 Dogwood Court, Broomfield. Co 80020

Or email Lora Fulton at [mscumwregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:mscumwregistrar@gmail.com)

For more information about Tim's ministry, writing and resources go to [www.FitFlourish.com](http://www.FitFlourish.com). Also his book "Fit and Flourish: Discover How God Created You to Make a Difference" (personal journal/group study edition) is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Dr. Tim Roehl has coached and equipped leaders from over 75 nations as a pastor, church planter, missionary, author, and trainer.





**REGISTRATION FORM**

## **Free Virtual Spiritual Life Retreat 2022**

Friday April 1, 2022  
6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Saturday, April 2, 2022  
8:30am to 3:30pm

### **Keynote Speakers: Dr. Tim and Shirley Roehl**

*Stand at the crossroads and look... Ask for the ancient paths. Ask where the good way is. ... Walk in it and You will find the rest for your souls! Jeremiah 6:16 NRV*

<b>Name</b> _____
<b>Address</b> _____
<b>Email address</b> _____
<b>Phone Number</b> _____


Your attendance Zoom link will be emailed to the email address listed above. Watch for the link during the last week of March. Questions? Call Lora Fulton 303-439-2129 or email: [mscumwregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:mscumwregistrar@gmail.com)

#### **REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

[www.mtnskyumw.org](http://www.mtnskyumw.org)

#### **or mail registration form to:**

**Lora Fulton, 1710 Dogwood Court, Broomfield, CO 80020**



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Dr. Tim Roehl

# MISSION u

## Next Mission u Study

***“Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship”***

Save the summer dates for this virtual study:

Consecutive Wednesday Evenings: July 13, 30, 27 and August 3 (7:00-9:30 p.m.).

Mission u Dean Kathryn Witte will be the study leader for this course.

The book is written by Darryl W. Stephens, and it can be purchased online for \$10.

Please direct questions about these studies to either Dean Kathryn Witte (kathrynwitte75@yahoo.com) or Assistant Dean Belinda Alkula (Belinda.Alkula@gmail.com)

In Jesus’ own words, he came to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. What is the responsibility of the church to follow Christ’s example in word and deed? While these times might feel particularly turbulent, society has always confronted the church with challenging issues where she has had to discern how God was calling her. The church’s track record in these moments is far from perfect. The purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

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## Looking Ahead to the Future of Mission u

*New study leaders and new languages.*

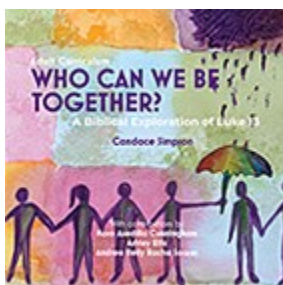
***And Luke 13: A Transformative Biblical Curriculum for Adults, Youth and Children***

Dean Kathryn Witte, Assistant Dean Belinda Alkula, and new study leader trainees Courtney Randall, Charlene Elliott, Araceli Berguda and Gaylene Maka are signed up for the upcoming leader training scheduled for several days and times in April. We are most excited about adding leaders who will teach in **Spanish** (Araceli Berguda) and in **Tongan** (Gaylene Maka). Additionally, Courtney Randall, who is also the Mission Advocate for the Western Jurisdiction, is planning to focus on the **youth study**.

Beginning with 2022, a new model of *Mission u* curricula will be introduced following the April training. Instead of creating separate studies that examine spiritual growth, justice, and national and global social issues, we are integrating these commitments into one curriculum. This means there will be one curriculum for adults, one for youth and one for children. In 2022, all three curricula (adults, youth, children) will be on the topic of Luke 13. Our goals are to make this curriculum widely adaptable and easy to use in districts, units, local churches and Sunday schools, as well as to create intentional opportunities for intergenerational learning.

At the end of the **Luke 13 study**, our hope is that participants will leave with a bigger and broader vision of the kind of community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief, and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small and often disruptive ways as Jesus did in Luke 13? May we do so with the faith that a multitude of small actions, like seeds, can activate a community’s healing and renewal.

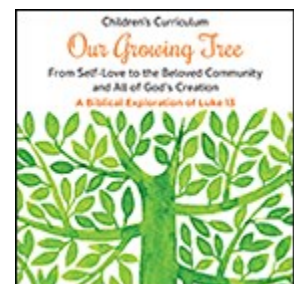
***Who Can We Be Together?***  
2022 Adult Curriculum



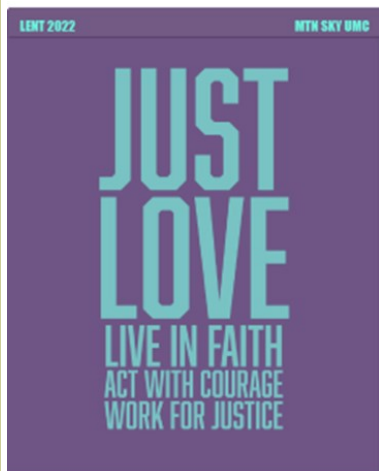
***Community in the Midst of Challenging Times***  
2022 Youth Curriculum



***Our Growing Tree***  
2022 Children’s curriculum



## Mtn Sky Conference Communications & News



### Lent 2022: Just Love series returns

Sundays through Lent

March 6, 20, 27 and April 3, 10 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Explore justice issues and live into Beloved Community.  
Here is a brief taste of sessions in the series.

- Creation Care & justice-based solutions to climate change
- Immigration and mass migrations resulting from climate change
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples
- Restorative Justice from an Indigenous People's perspective
- Initiative and nurture courageous conversation on justice topics

## Quiet Disciple Nomination

Is there a woman in your local organization of **United Methodist Women** who can always be counted on to help when there is a need, a person not necessarily recognized with a title? This is the ideal woman to nominate for the Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Women's "Quiet Disciple Award."

The process of selecting and nominating a woman in the Mountain Sky Conference for this award is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge her ministry/ministries of service.

The recipient selected from the nominees will be announced during the **virtual** Spiritual Life Retreat, April 1-2, 2022. This award recipient will also be recognized during the Mountain Sky Conference UMW's virtual breakfast, scheduled June 25, 2022.

The **nomination form** is on the next page of this newsletter and also on the [mtnskyumw.org](http://mtnskyumw.org) website.

Please email or mail the completed nomination form to me.  
Request it reach me no later than **Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**

Cathy Speich-Ferguson  
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**Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Women's  
2022 Quiet Disciple Award  
- Nomination Form -  
Deadline March 15, 2022**

This church member nominates this deserving United Methodist woman for becoming the recipient of the Mountain Sky Conference UMW's "2022 Quiet Disciple Award."

**Person Making the Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

In recognition of exemplary service to our local church/United Methodist Women's unit, we wish to nominate the following woman for selection as the Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Women's "2022 Quiet Disciple Award."

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Preferred Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept the following text as our nomination article for our Quiet Disciple nominee.

(\*Please do not exceed 150 words. You may write on the back of this form or attach a page.)

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## News from National

### A Prayer for the Ukraine shared by our national UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator

#### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



## News from National

### **NEW WINE SKINS FOR NEW WINE New Programs, New Website, New Look**

**Highlights from national UWM news and  
Response magazine article by Yvette Moore**

"....Our church, our nation, and our world have undergone warp-speed change in the past year, let alone the past 53 years since the United Methodist Church came together. Questions may abound, but one thing is clear for all with eyes to see: God is doing a new thing among us today. And United Methodist Women is again saying yes to being a part of God's new thing and taking steps to fulfill our purpose in some new and some improved ways. In other words, we are making new wine and new wineskins to fulfill our role in God's mission."

"We've been talking about this and working on it for more than a quadrennium now. New wine changes and expands—but so does old wine. None of our members, new or old, stop growing and changing. We all need new wineskins. Our new wineskins will benefit everyone!

#### **United Methodist Women**

"Founded in 1869 in March, the United Methodist Women is "the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members". [Wikipedia](#)

*Faith*

**We are women of Passion  
and Power united by God's  
love in our Mission to uplift  
women, children and youth.**

*Power  
Action*

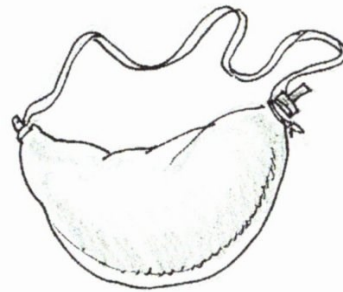
*Unity*

*Love*

*Strength*

*Justice*

*No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins. **Mark 2:21-22 (NIV)***



**We're making changes to  
better reflect how we answer our  
calling today. It's an exhilarating  
time as we commit to even greater  
inclusivity, action and impact.**

*You are an essential part of our  
bright future. As organizational leaders,  
your strength and steadfast faith are  
needed now more than ever as we stand  
together to continue to put love into  
action.*

# SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **February 28: Join the National UMW Facebook event** to launch our new UMW brand and website *Go to:* <https://www.facebook.com/UMWwomen/>
- ◆ **March 1: *New Wine Skins for New Wine brings new programs.*** Tune into our UMW Facebook page for the unveiling of our new brand. Also, check out our new website. Join in and help UMW celebrate as we move into our new future.
- ◆ **March 6: Lent 2022: Just Love series** Sunday evenings beginning March 6 through April 10, 2022, 5:30pm—6:45pm
- ◆ **March 23: Legacy Endowment Fund Day of Giving**—Join us for the Live Facebook Event on March 23 to find out how your gifts are being put to use. Make your donation to the future of our UMW.
- ◆ **April 1-2: Spiritual Life Retreat 2022: *Where will you flourish in this foolish world.*** Virtual journey of discovery led by Dr. Tim and Shirley Roehl April 1, 6:00pm to 8:00pm & April 2, 8:30am to 3:30pm
- ◆ **April 9: Western Mountains District Spring Meeting:** virtual meeting, Saturday, 9:00am –4:00pm Theme: *Soul Care, Earth Care.*
- ◆ **April 11: Registration deadline for UMW Assembly 2022**
- ◆ **May 20– 22: UMW Assembly:** Orlando, Florida
- ◆ **June 25: Mtn Sky Conference UMW breakfast:** virtual gathering, June 25, 2022, 8:30am—10:00am
- ◆ **July 13: Mission u: *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship*** Spiritual growth study. Wednesday Evenings via Zoom. July 13, 30, 27 and August 3 (7:00-9:30 p.m.) Study leader is Kathryn Witte Purpose of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.
- ◆ **September 10: Western District UMW’s Fall gathering** via zoom.
- ◆ **Oct 21-22: Mtn. Sky UMW Annual Gathering**
- ◆ **March 2023: Women’s Spiritual Retreat:** Fairmont Hot Springs, Montana



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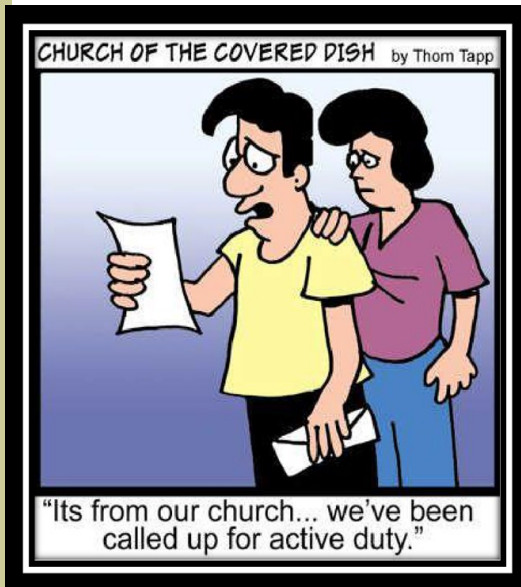
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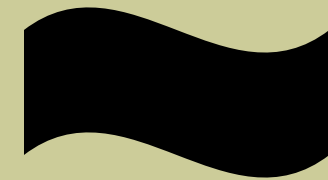
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And say your prayers  
Because Jesus and  
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—Joseph Basehart



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