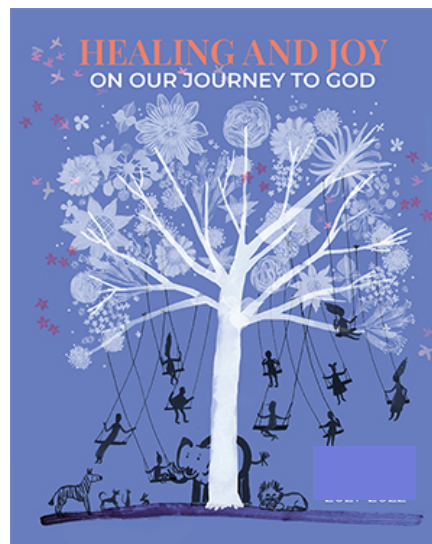


# HEALING AND JOY ON OUR JOURNEY TO GOD

## MARY MARTHA LINK PEAKS PIKES PEAK DISTRICT AUGUST 2022



### **Calendar Dates**

#### **Peaks Pikes Peak District Events**

September 24  
District Annual Gathering  
ZOOM in person opportunities at  
Broomfield  
Colorado Springs  
Fort Collins  
Your home church/UWFaith unit  
Your home

#### **Mountain Sky Conference Events**

Annual Meeting  
October 7-8  
Cheyenne, WY or Zoom

#### **Western Jurisdiction Events**

April 25-28, 2024  
Western Jurisdiction Meeting  
Anchorage, Alaska

#### **National**

**E-Mail Links**  
**Conference UWF:**  
[mntskyumw.org](http://mntskyumw.org)

**National Office:**  
[uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)



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### **Telling our Story**

United Women in Faith and our predecessor organizations have been telling the story of women in mission for over 150 years. The 2 original missionaries were sent to India and there are still active mission institutions bearing their names: Clara Swain Mission Hospital and Isabella Thoburn College. If you Google those names, you'll find their websites. What a blessing to be part of that tradition.

The July/August issue of response magazine features the story of our UWF National President, "Ainise "Isama"u. She tells about attending UMW meetings as a child with her mother, a United Methodist pastor. As a young adult, however, she really didn't have much interest in joining. She had to be invited several times before finally attending, but now she helps tell our story too.

We will continue to tell our part of the story here in the Peaks Pikes Peak District on September 24 at our annual gathering. Some folks may consider that just another business meeting. Well, it's true that we will need to do some business that day. But that business, such as how we spend our money and the women we elect as leaders tells our story also. How we use our resources and the issues we care about tell the story of who we are as individuals and an organization. I look forward to seeing many of you at the district gathering on September 24.



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## Planning for the Annual Gathering

It is a little bittersweet that our Annual Gathering on Sept. 24 will be my last meeting serving as Vice-President for the Peaks Pikes Peak District. But I do plan to continue to participate in the PPP team as a member of the nominations committee, if that meets with the approval of our attendees at the business meeting. Please save the date and plan to join us on Saturday, September 24 for the Annual Gathering of the Peaks Pikes Peak (PPP) District United Women in Faith, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon via a **Hybrid Zoom**. Our goal is to have three central locations (Broomfield, Colorado Springs, and Ft. Collins) where several local units can gather together to Zoom with each other. We also will offer the Zoom link to local units that want to meet at their churches, and sisters who prefer to meet from their homes. In the times of COVID uncertainty, we want to offer as many opportunities as possible for our sisters to gather.

Because this is our business meeting, we will consider and vote on: our 2021 Annual Gathering minutes, changes to the district standing rules, approving our 2023 budget for the district, and the slate of officers presented by our Nominations Committee. We also will have a memorial service for our sisters who have passed since our last annual meeting, and a pledge service as we look forward to our mission efforts in 2023.

Our focus for this gathering is our business meeting, but we will have opportunities to talk about growth—in ourselves and families, United Women in Faith units, our PPP district and the Mountain Sky conference, and at the national level. Belinda and Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula will facilitate this discussion and we'll have the opportunities to share our thoughts about growth with each other. Dr. Charles also will officiate at Communion during the meeting.

And, did we mention that you'll have a chance to visit with your United Women in Faith sisters across the district? We know that we can hold our meetings with new technology, but there really is no substitute for seeing each other and catching up with friends.

One last thing—since our theme is growth and growing, please share any pictures of your vegetable or flower gardens, trees, beehives, or children with our Zoom administrator, Laurel Kubin, at [laurekubin@gmail.com](mailto:laurekubin@gmail.com). You'll find the registration form in the newsletter, but please plan to let Laurel know if you plan to meet at one of our three locations, at your church, or from your home. Laurel can be contacted at [laurelkubin@gmail.com](mailto:laurelkubin@gmail.com) or 970-686-0544.

I look forward to seeing you in September! And at future meetings!

(more from Cheryl)

### Afghan Squares Still Needed for Pine Ridge Reservation

Hi, as winter approaches, there is still a need for squares that can be seamed together and made into afghans for members of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. If you have made squares, or have a stash of yarn to use, please consider sending squares (6", 8", or 10") to these volunteers who will seam them together. Please remember—don't use all wool yarn as these afghans will be going through washers at some point in their life, and; although they are pretty, no 'holey' designs for the squares as we want to keep folks warm.

Thank you for your generosity!

Squares can be mailed to:

Seamers for Pine Ridge Reservation Afghans:  
Laura Sandage, 701 14th St., Tell City, Indiana, 47586, or

Sarah Gallagher, 223 S. Ann Arbor Rd., Saline, Michigan, 48176



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I just read Eleanor A Spiritual Biography from our reading program.. Her principles and the convictions she lived are impressive. "Serves humanity, consistently and passionately, through acts of love and justice." (Page 17) In many ways, those ideals are expressed by our United Women in Faith actions and in the United Methodist Church. One opportunity is this reminder from Cheryl Runyon:

The Mountain Sky Racial Justice Movement and Ministries Task Force will read and discuss, *How to Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi, beginning August 28 at 5 p.m. We will continue the discussions on Sept. 25 and Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. For more information, and to register for the discussions, visit the Mountain Sky website at: <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/newsdetail/16553826>



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Peaks Pikes Peak District  
United Women in Faith

Annual Gathering

*Healing and Joy as We Grow*

**Saturday, September 24, 2022 (via Zoom) 8:30 a.m.-12 noon**

Please plan to join us for the **Annual Gathering** of the Peaks Pikes Peak District of United Women in Faith. We'll begin the day with a quick catch-up with friends across the district, and announcements. Our focus for this gathering is our business meeting, but we promise to have opportunities to talk about growth—in ourselves and families, United Women in Faith units, our PPP district and the Mountain Sky conference, and at the national level.

Because this is our business meeting, we will consider and vote on: our 2021 Annual Gathering minutes, changes to the district standing rules, approving our 2023 budget for the district, and the slate of officers presented by our Nominations Committee. We also will have a memorial service for our sisters who have passed since our last annual meeting, and a pledge service as we look forward to our mission efforts in 2023.

Our program about how we are growing and generating healing and joy, will be led by Belinda Alkula, our former Mountain Sky Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator and current assistant dean for Mission u. Rev. Dr. Charles Alkula, the pastor of St. Paul's UMC in Boulder, CO, will join Belinda in presenting our program and will officiate our Communion service.

We are planning this as a 'hybrid' Zoom meeting by gathering together in three central locations (Colorado Springs, Broomfield, Ft. Collins), or as a unit at either your church or a friend's home, or individually.

And, because our theme is growth and growing, please share any pictures of your vegetable or flower garden, trees, beehives, or children with our registrar and Zoom administrator, Laurel Kubin, at [laurekubin@gmail.com](mailto:laurekubin@gmail.com).

To register, please contact Laurel Kubin, our registrar, by Thursday, **Sept. 22, 2022**, at [laurelkubin@gmail.com](mailto:laurelkubin@gmail.com) or 970-686-0544. "See" you on Zoom!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Street)\_\_\_\_\_ (City)\_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

UMW Unit and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location: Please indicate--

Colorado Springs  Broomfield  Ft. Collins  Unit Host Church  Individual



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Good News! The Special Mission Recognition (SMR) certificate is now available with the United Women In Faith logo. And--- it can be printed with your choice of several colors on the border. When a unit sends me an order for a Special Mission Recognition pin, I will send the template for the certificate by email in return.

Here are some ideas for giving a Special Mission Recognition:

- To teachers for educating our children and grandchildren
- To nurses and other medical professionals for caring for our health
- To volunteers who help at non-profits for sharing their talents
- To Food Bank employees and volunteers for their heavy lifting
- To your prayer partners
- To Sunday School and Bible School teachers

Give several SMRs in 2023 and every year thereafter. Recognizing younger women may attract them to membership because they know they are appreciated.

Also, each unit should be considering their Pledge for 2023 now so they can deliver their pledge at the 2022 PPP Annual Gathering in September.

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The Legacy 150 Campaign  
is now in a Sustaining Phase.



Go to  
[uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)  
to Legacy Fund  
For details on giving or  
becoming a  
150 Legacy Builder



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I want to thank all of the units that completed and submitted the 2021 survey and for letting me know your membership count. This information provides valuable feedback on how our District is doing. Also, if you have not already given me the names of any members who passed away in 2021 or so far this year, please let me know before the District annual meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The names will be read at the Memorial Service at the meeting.

I have really enjoyed this Summer and I hope you all have as well. I am however, looking Forward to Fall. Since most of our units and circles don't meet in the Summer, Fall is a Good time to get everyone back together.

There is a lot to talk about this year with our new name and new opportunities. This is also a good time to invite new women to check out our units. There is a booklet that can be downloaded from the new website called "Excite New Women and InviteParticipation". I urge you to take a look at this and the new website. Let's spread the word about all that United Women in Faith has to offer.





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Most of us had pretty carefree childhoods. We would ride our bikes, play with friends, go on family vacations, go swimming, skate around the neighborhood and make sure we had our skate key with us (remember that?). For me, it was visiting my grandmother in Iowa on the farm. We did have to help with some chores, but it didn't seem like chores to me. Those were the days for sure. Then we grew up and had to take on (yes that big word) RESPONSIBILITIES. Most of the time we dealt with issues pretty well. But sometimes unexpected things happen and we wonder if we will be able to get through these times.

In today's world, we might be dealing with financial worries, loss of loved ones, covid, cancer, other illnesses and other issues too numerous to mention. We also worry about the state of our country, climate change, and many other things. Sometimes it seems overwhelming. But I believe that part of spiritual growth is turning these things over to God and also looking for positive things to be thankful for in our lives.

Matthew 11:28-30 says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Turning things over to God is not always easy, but if we pray about it every day, He will be there for us. We also need to thank Him every day for the blessings He has given us.

Some of you are thinking, "Wow, Jan, you sure are a Debbie Downer in this newsletter." But the Holy Spirit put this on my heart and I felt I needed to remind everyone of His love for us.

I pray that everyone is having an enjoyable and safe summer and I hope to see many of you at the District Annual Meeting in September either on zoom or in person.



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Dear All - Nature Calls Us!

Today is not so hot - a mere 88 degrees - and the calendar does say it is August 13 after all. It is supposed to be hot! It is also quiet in my backyard. Most of the blossoms are finished so I don't have many bees and the apples are not ripe enough yet to attract the raccoon family which lives over by the pond about 2 blocks away. I can hear some birds calling and chirping.

I let the grass grow up in my backyard again this year but kept the front yard more "tame" as it is in public view. Turns out the elder couple who lived here previously had planted a lot of God's beautiful things including daffodils, tulips, lots of orange poppies, wild mint and mini garlic on tall stalks. There are climbing rose bushes and honeysuckle plants, and sweet peas along the back fence. I have added a couple of cherry bushes and Cosmos. There is some Lavender too.

With the winds there have been some limbs down, in addition to the never-ceasing fallen twigs and sticks. (Nature has lots of ways to shed.) One of the bigger limbs from one of my trees apparently "fell" over into my neighbor's yard. One day I was out walking around and noticed that a big 'tree' with smooth silver bark had been dropped back over the fence between us and was lying horizontally over a few branches of the evergreen that had lost part of its upper half! (It must have taken 4-5 strong people to lift that 30' long tree part back over the 6' fence and return it to me.) My neighbor Jessica never said a thing! We both work and she has a high school age daughter and a big dog she walks daily, and so there is not much time to 'chat over the back fence'. I will try to 'grow' that relationship a bit this next year.

I have seen rabbits and myriad squirrels and birds out my window and a little red fox has lounged out there a few times. I get many moments of quiet joy "looking East" into this 'wild garden' which God and this land's previous stewards left for me. I give thanks for these precious gifts. I will plant more seeds next spring.

Today I am thinking about bees and butterflies. They are in danger! Bees pollinate 80% of U.S. crops and some 35% of crops around the world. There are currently 4,000 species of them. We humans need them and they need us! Read more on the man-made compounds which threaten them and click on this link:

Organophosphates target the nervous system of insects, inhibiting pollinators' capacity to function properly. **Exposure to organophosphates often disrupts bees' ability to find pollen and return to the hive, leaving the colony vulnerable to developing colony collapse disorder.** Nov 23, 2021

Take Action: [Ban these dangerous pesticides](#) -

[Earthjustice](https://earthjustice.org) <https://earthjustice.org> › action › ban-organophosphates



(AnnToll, Social Action Coordinator, continued)

**(Organophosphates** are a widely used class of **pesticides** commonly found in our drinking water and on our produce, including leafy greens, berries, and fruits.

**Monarch butterflies are officially endangered now.** This tears at my heartstrings because the first Monarch I ever knew was one that lived in all of its stages in my third grade classroom in Meeker. On our last day of school it was out of its chrysalis, sitting on a stick inside its big glass jar, slowly opening and moving its beautiful wings, getting ready. Mrs. Watt took the lid off the jar and opened our classroom window. It crawled up the stick, hesitated as if testing the air, and then OUT it flew just a minute or two before the bell rang and we, too, were FREE for the summer ....

Thank you God, for Mrs. Watt, a wonderful place to grow up, a beautiful butterfly, and memories .....

Known for its bright orange colors and its incredible annual migration, the migratory monarch butterfly is now classified as “Endangered” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Jul 27, 2022

[Migratory monarch butterfly now classified as Endangered](#)

<https://www.worldwildlife.org> › stories › migratory-mo...

The culprit? Toxic Glyphosate - a.k.a. Monsanto's (now Bayer's) Roundup(R). Consider writing to the EPA and/or Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment about the importance of assuring a healthy environment for ALL living things!

As we think about the upcoming harvest and students, educators, administrators, clerical workers and parent volunteers returning to schools, can we also think AHEAD to the next growing seasons (notice the plural?) and dedicate part of our church 'yards' to flowers friendly to bees? How about some church yard space dedicated to plants friendly to butterflies? How about some more church yard space shared with the communities surrounding our churches so more phosphate-free and glyphosate-free vegetables and fruits can be grown in our communities to nurture local people?

That seems like a good recipe for growing our UWF Units and our Sunday Schools and our Congregations and our Faith as we care for, nurture and give thanks for God's abundance in our lives!

I hope you will join us for Annual Gathering, whose theme is "Healing and Joy as We Grow" coming up on September 24. Bring something you have grown this year (or a picture of something or someone you helped to grow this year) on 9/24. It will be a FEAST for our eyes (and perhaps our tummies)! May God be with you until then and Always.

## Picturing Love in Action



### **Dress Your Sunday Best for Maternal Health**

Mountain View (Boulder) dressed in their Sunday best to raise awareness about maternal health. According to the CDC, 700 women die each year due to pregnancy/delivery complications. Black women are most at risk, with a maternal death rate 2.5 times the rate for White women.

Want to learn more? Watch Aftershock, a new documentary about Black maternal mortality rates—available on Hulu.

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### **Turn It Up**

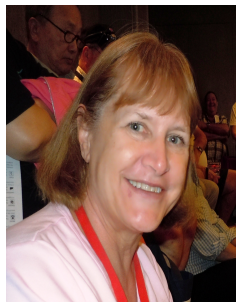
**Assembly**  
Orlando, Florida  
May 20-33, 2022

**Bishop Karen  
Captures the  
Excitement**

Mountain Sky Conference  
Attendees



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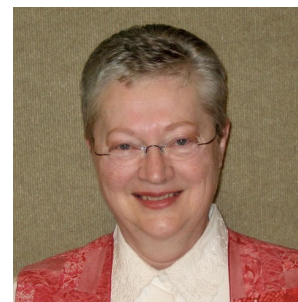


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### We Want You! We need you!

The nominating committee for Peaks Pikes Peak District has been considering positions for the leadership team for 2023. First, the committee would like to thank everyone who has served during the last year. Below this article is the list of names and their respective officers who will be presented by the nominating committee at the September meeting. At the time of this writing we are still looking for someone to serve for the Social Action position. If you have a interest in Social Action, please let me know.

Because we will not been able to meet in person during the past few years, we have been unable to get acquainted with many of you. Leadership in any organization makes the wheels of activity turn. If you have a special talent to share, think about sharing that talent and dedication for United Women in Faith.

Karen Waldron ([keakw@comcast.net](mailto:keakw@comcast.net)) or

Loeda Westphal ([loeda.w431@centurylink.net](mailto:loeda.w431@centurylink.net)),

co-chairs of the District Committee on Nominations.

***The Committee on Nominations would like to thank the members of the Leadership Team who have completed their terms of office and will be leaving the team:***

***Cheryl Runyon***

***Jan Dillie***

***Nancy Gulley***

## 2023 Nominees

District Standing Rules state that Vice President, Treasurer, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, Mission Coordinator for Social Action and Communications Coordinator will be elected in even years. The nominees for these positions are:

Vice President – Ann Toll

Treasurer – Laurel Kubin

Spiritual Growth – Jan Spittler

Membership Nurture and Outreach – Lorrie Toni

Social Action –

Communications Coordinator – Myrna Prentice

### ***Newly Nominated to be part of the Mission Team: Lorrie Toni***

Membership Nurture and Outreach



I have always been a career woman. My family moved to Greeley, CO in 1962 and I have mostly lived in Weld County ever since. I earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Home Economics. I was married and had one son. I am grateful I was able to be home with him until he told me he didn't want to play with me anymore. I updated my credentials so I could return to teaching, but then I was divorced. I was told that no school would ever hire a a divorced Home Economics teacher.

So, I changed to a male oriented career and obtained an Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology. I was the first woman in the United States to be a Master Certified Volkswagen technician. I soon learned that there was a strong demand for automotive technology trainers who had both a background in education and a background in Automotive Technology. I taught Automotive Technology for a proprietary school; I was the first woman to be a Colorado Motor Vehicle Emissions Compliance Officer; I worked for an EPA funded organization at Colorado State University and trained both technical and non-technical personnel across the United States. I taught Automotive Technology for the Boulder Technical Center. Then I was hired to be the Colorado Assistant Program Manager for Trades, Industrial and Technical Education. After a few years I became the Colorado Perkins Director. In other words, I became a state bureaucrat and supervised the distribution and use of federal funds allocated to high schools and community colleges throughout Colorado for their Career and Technical Education programs. I was able to be a statewide advocate for women in non-traditional careers and for men in non-traditional careers. I obtained a Master's of Adult Education from Colorado State University when I was 60 years old and I still continue to study, read and learn. I was raised a Methodist and since relocating to Johnstown after yet another divorce I have attended the Johnstown United Methodist Church. I was welcomed with open arms and found the United Methodist Women organization to be delightful and healing. I also participate in church Bible Studies and book studies. My son, daughter-in-law and 2 granddaughters live in Highlands Ranch, CO. I currently work part-time for the Boys and Girls Club of Weld County. I enjoy watching football, baseball, and basketball; rooting for my granddaughters in volleyball and basketball; exercise classes at the Y; and volunteering for my church. I have built a lovely xeriscape garden and just harvested my first batch of apricots this week. God is good, all the time!

## Peaks Pikes Peak District United Methodist Women Slate of Officers for 2023

Office	Name	Term/Year
President	Margaret Wiatrowski	Second term/Second year
Vice President	Ann Toll	First term/First year
Secretary	Nancy Friday	First term/Second year
Treasurer	Laurel Kubin	Second term/First year
Spiritual Growth	Jan Spitler	Second term/ First year
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Lorrie Toni	First term/First year
Social Action		First term/ First year
Education & Interpretation	Megan Wieck	Second term/ Second year
Program Resources	Betty Edney-Milner	Second term/Second year
Communications	Myrna Prentice	Second term/First year
Nominations Co-Chair	Karen Waldron	Third year of 4 year term – Third year as Co-Chair
Nominations Co-Chair	Loeda Westphal	Fourth year of 4 year term – Third year as Co-Chair
Nominations	Cheryl Runyon	First year of 4 year term
Nominations	Pat Chase	Fourth year of 4 year term
Nominations	Margaret Hotze	Third year of 4 year term

## Documents To Be Voted on at the District Annual Meeting

### Proposed Standing Rules — posted at

<https://www.mtnskyumw.org/district-news/peaks-plains/>

### Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting:

Peaks Pikes Peak (PPP) District United Methodist Women (UMW)  
Annual Gathering  
September 25, 2021  
Meeting on Zoom

Gathering and Connecting: The Zoom Meeting came on line about 8:30 am and allowed time for connecting with each other as ladies joined the meeting.

Welcome/Announcements/Zoom Etiquette: At 8:45 am, President Margaret Wiatrowski welcomed all, especially Teresa Rivera, Utah Western Colorado District, Mountain Sky Conference UMW Nominations Committee, and Emma Cantor, East Asia/Pacific UMW Regional Missionary, who joined us from the Philippines. Margaret read a comment from our UMW National President about expanding concepts of mission, which with our program, today, we were doing. She reviewed Zoom etiquette and explained that voting, later in the meeting, would use the Zoom Thumbs-up Reaction Button.

Devotion: Jan Spitler, PPP Spiritual Growth, gave the devotion, “Caring for Community,” which was based on Romans 12:6. Jan said that as the body of Christ, we must use our gifts to help each other.

Communion: The Communion Service was led by Rev. Ramon Robledo, retired pastor, Mountain Sky Conference. The Service was followed by a break.

District Business Meeting: At 9:05 am, President Wiatrowski called the Business Meeting to order and gave the instructions for voting.

1. Minutes of 2020 Annual Gathering Meeting and Vote to Approve – President Wiatrowski asked if there were any additions or correction to the minutes. Being none, Betty Ann Edney-Milner made the motion to approve the minutes as published in the Mary Martha Link. Cheryl Runyon seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the minutes were approved. (These minutes are on file.)

2. Treasurer’s Report

Laurel Kubin, Treasurer, showed on screen and reviewed the Year-to-Date Report showing Mission Giving of “\$45,476.01, and Designated Giving of \$44,75.50, for a total income of \$50,280.01. Expenses totaled the same as these funds had been distributed as required. District Expenses were \$1,027.04; the main expense being postage to mail the 2021 Directories. The expenses were paid from Administrative and Membership Development (AMD) funds received from the Conference UMW. Receiving no question on the report, Treasurer Kubin moved that the Year-to-Date Treasurer’s Report be approved. Ann Toll seconded the motion. The motion was passed, and the report was approved. (A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.)

Laurel reviewed the 2022 Proposed Budget, which is similar to the 2021 Budget, and was shown on the screen and published in the Mary Martha Link. (A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.) The Total Budget/AMD Request is \$4,640, the same as in 2021, with the Mission Giving Budget of \$65,000, the same as in 2021. In answer to one question, Laurel stated that the District Events line items included any honorariums. In answer to a second question, Laurel stated that the 2022 Proposed Budget does not contain funds for Assembly, but that the Conference UMW does have funds for Presidents with any remainder divided for other UMW members. Ann Heard stated there were also scholarships available. Treasurer Kubin made the motion to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget. Cheryl Runyon seconded the motion. The motion was passed, and the 2022 Proposed Budget was approved.

1. Nominations Committee Report – Karen Waldron, Co-Chair of Nominations, reviewed the 2022 Slate of Officers and the Nominations Committee Notes, which were shown on the screen. (Copies are attached to these minutes.) The nominees for election this year were President – Margaret Wiatrowski, Secretary – Nancy Friday, Education and Interpretation – Megan Wieck, Program Resources – Betty Ann Edney-Milner and Co-Chairs of Nominations – Karen Waldron and Leoda Westphal. Also shown on the screen was the full 2022 Slate of Officers. (A copy is attached to these minutes.) President Wiatrowski explained that voting would take place later in the meeting, which would allow for nominations from the floor with the potential nominee’s approval, as required.
2. Standing Rules Committee Report – President Wiatrowski reported that there were no changes to the Standing Rules this year, but because of proposed changes to the Conference UMW Standing Rules, which will be voted on during their Gathering in October, there will likely be changes to ours in 2022.
3. Social Action Moment – Ann Toll, Social Action, led a discussion of the Mission u Study, “Pushout.” Thoughts were that bias has been institutionalized, counseling is inadequate, reasons for non-appropriate behaviors need to be understood with acceptable behaviors taught, and punishments need to be appropriate. Three national bills were highlighted in the chat section of Zoom, and all present were encouraged to support these through contact with legislators. A Black Culture display at a museum in Denver was mentioned with the suggestion that UMW groups tour the display. It was announced that the Pushout Study recordings were available on the Mountain Sky Conference website.
4. Offering – Treasurer Kubin explained that the day’s offering would be divided equally between our Pledge to Mission and Emma Cantor, East Asia/Pacific UMW Regional Missionary. Laurel also explained how to use the Conference “Pay it Forward” site or how to send a check directly to her. This information was also shown on the screen during the break that followed.

Program: A video about Harris Memorial College in the Philippines was shown and a presentation made by retired Deaconess Liwliwa Robledo, Colorado Springs. Liwliwa graduated from Harris Memorial, was a professor there and also served as President of the College. Emma Cantor also attended Harris and was one of Liwliwa's students. The college's predecessor school was founded

in 1903 by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and is still one of the institutions supported by UMW today. Harris is a four-year, residential, women's college. Liwliwa talked about life at the college, her studies, and her appointments and experiences following graduation. President Wiatrowski thanked Liwliwa and recognized Emma Cantor. Per Emma, what Harris needs most right now are scholarships for students and prayers. Cheryl Runyon made the suggestion that our Least Coin offerings go toward scholarships to Harris Memorial College.

Continue District Business Meeting:

1. Pledge Service – Treasurer Kubin opened the Pledge Service, based on Luke 6:38, with prayer followed by a litany lead by Barbara Williams. Laurel showed, on the screen, a list of UMW Units which have already sent her a statement of their pledge for 2022. Barbara Bailey, Connie Takamine and Lauri Kiel also assisted in the Service.
2. Memorial Service – Jan Dillie, Membership Nurture & Outreach, was assisted by Jan Spitler. The Service was opened with prayer. The names of the UMW women who had passed away during the years of 2020 to August 2021, were read. This was followed by a litany and closing prayer.
3. Elections for Leadership Team  
Karen Waldron, Co-Chair Nominations, announced the office and nominee's name for each office to be voted on. President Wiatrowski called for nominations from the floor for each office. With no nominees from the floor for each office, the nominations for each office were closed. The nominees to be elected were President – Margaret Wiatrowski, Secretary – Nancy Friday, Education and Interpretation - Megan Wieck, Program Resources – Betty Ann Edney-Milner; and Co-Chairs of Nominations – Karen Waldron and Loeda Westphal.  
The full Slate of 2022 Officers, including those to be elected and those not up for election this year was shown on the screen (A copy is attached to these minutes). Laurel Kubin made the motion to accept the full Slate of 2022 Officers. Cheryl Runyon seconded the motion. The motion passed. President Wiatrowski declared the 2022 Leadership Team elected.
4. Installation of 2020 Leadership Team – Mountain Sky UMW Conference Nominations Committee member, Mary Ann Watson, conducted the Installation Service and declared the Leadership Team installed.
5. Retirement of PPP Officer and Recognition of Service – President Wiatrowski recognized out-going Secretary Barbara Canavan after two years of service as secretary for Mile High/Pikes Peak District UMW and two years with Peaks Pikes Peak District UMW. She was presented with a Special Mission Recognition Pin.



Announcements:

President Wiatrowski made the following announcements:

1. The Legacy Endowment Fund, established in 2014, is now at \$38 million, 54% of the goal. Our Conference, including the former Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences, has given \$198 thousand.
2. The Mountain Sky UMW Conference Virtual Annual Gathering is October 8-9, 2021. Registrations should be made by October 1 and can be made on line.
3. The UMW Assembly, "Turn It Up," is May 20-22, 2022, in Orlando, FL, and will be a hybrid gathering. Information about the Assembly and registration is on the National website with early registration due by November 30.
4. Others – Judy McGoogan asked those present to support Climate Change legislation.

Closing: Jan Spitler, Spiritual Growth, gave the closing prayer, which was followed by a video of "A Clare Benediction" sung by young women from Harris Memorial College. The gathering ended at 11:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Canavan

2021 Secretary of Peaks Pikes Peak District UMW

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