

MISSION TODAY 2021

Criteria for Local Organizations of the Susquehanna Conference United Methodist Women

The purpose of Mission Today is to provide a planning tool to energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, action, and outreach.

A Local Organization is a unit or a subgroup such as entire church, circle/s.
Membership includes local unit membership, district membership or on-line membership.

****INSTRUCTIONS:** PLEASE *CIRCLE* COMPLETED ITEMS IN EACH of the 5 CATEGORIES

I. Mission Giving

1. The Organization made and met its pledge to mission.
2. The Organization participated in FIVE STAR GIVING
(more information also available at unitedmethodistwomen.org/give)
 - Pledge to Mission
 - Special Mission Recognition
 - Gift to Mission
 - Gift in Memory
 - World Thank Offering
3. The Organization supported financially or in-kind local/SUS Conference missions (school, meals on wheels, food pantry, homeless shelters, Mission Central, Children's Home, etc.)
4. The Organization supported financially or in-kind National Mission Institutions, such as, Neighborhood Center, Red Bird Mission and McCurdy School

II. Spiritual Growth

1. At least one member wrote or sent cards to 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
2. At least one member read a book from the Spiritual Growth category in the Reading Program.
3. Had a Call to Prayer and Self Denial Service/Program
4. Held a Spiritual Enrichment Day within their unit.
5. Used the Prayer Calendar in some way in a meeting.
6. The unit had a Bible study or a speaker on the subject of prayer or spirituality.

III. Education for Mission

1. The Organization used at least one program from the Program Book during the year
2. At least one member of the Organization subscribed to Response Magazine and used Response some way in at least one meeting, newsletter or other means of communication (for example, shared an article or based a program on one issue)
3. The Organization participated in one mission study from Mission U (studies from the current year or past 5 years) either in person or on any virtual platform (i.e., Zoom, etc.)
4. At least one person earned a Plan 1 certificate in the Reading Program.
5. At least one member read a book in the Education for Mission category of the Reading Program.

IV. Membership Nurture and Outreach

1. At least one member "attended" their District Annual Meeting
2. At least one member "attended" the Conference Annual Meeting

3. The unit welcomed at least one new member during the year.
4. Conducted or participated in a worship service to promote UMW.
5. At least one member read one book from the Nurturing for Community category of the Reading Program.
6. At least one member made face masks to donate to other members or the church or other agency.
7. At least one member called on other members on a regular basis to keep connected during the pandemic.
8. At least one member participated in COVID relief efforts such as volunteering in a food pantry, distributing clothing, food, health information, etc.

V. Social Action

1. The Organization had a program or event on at least one of the Priority Goals: Criminalization of Communities of Color, Maternal and Child Health, Climate Justice, Challenging Economic Inequality. See the Program Book for ideas.
2. Wrote to your elected officials on issues that relate to Women, Children and Youth or visited your elected official.
3. At least one member received information from the United Methodist Women Action Network at unitedmethodistwomen.org/action
4. The unit used the Social Principles in some way as a program, study, bulletin insert or newsletter article.
5. The unit used the Charter for Racial Justice as a program or study.
6. At least two members “attended” their virtual District Annual Meeting
7. At least one member read a book from the Social Action category of the Reading Program
8. At least one member participated in advocacy of one of the Priority Goals

MISSION TODAY RECOGNITION:

EMERALD organization - completing one item from each of the five categories
 RUBY organization - completing two items from each of the five categories
 DIAMOND organization - completing three items from each of the five categories

****Please make a copy of the completed form for your records****

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Name of Unit _____ District _____

Person submitting completed form _____ Title/Office _____

Date _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Return the completed form to _____

Date Due _____