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

Living Into Our Purpose (Level I) : Complete eight (8) items; must include at least four (4) items (*) [four (4) items with two (2) * items for circles/units with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Silver (Level II) : Complete thirteen (13) items; must include at least six (6) items with (*) [six (6) items with three (3) * items for circles/units with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Gold (Level III) : Complete twenty (20) items including twelve (12) items 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)
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](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/](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](http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org)) and use ideas to advocate for justice.


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. +
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. +

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.

* Submit this form to you DISTRICT LIOP Representative *

Local Organization/Church___________________________________________________

Number of Members in your Local Organization ________________________________

President or Contact Person_________________________________________________

Phone___________________________________________________________________

Email____________________________________________________________________

+ No Change in reporting of Membership or Reading Program Books. Please have your local organization mission coordinators of Membership Nurture & Outreach (MN&O) and Secretary of Program Resources (SPR) mail reports to the District MN&O and SPR.