



A Call To COMMUNITY

UMW District President

As we in the Richmond District UMW begin a new year, I wish to thank those gracious people in the United Methodist Women who have shown faith in me, have been kind to me, who are training me and who continue to hold my hand on this journey. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year and to meeting many more of you in person. Let us all rejoice in the Lord's New Year and do our best to utilize the talents he has bestowed upon us for his glory.

Scotty Doyle

Treasurer

Hi

I am praying for all of you to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am Rosa Lewis and I will be your treasurer for the next two years. I know we will enjoy working together.

May God Bless all of you.

As this is a time of transition for many, please don't forget your 4th Quarter AMD payments due Dec. 10th & of course just around the corner, your 2017 1st Quarter AMD.

Secretary

I am looking forward to serving another year as the Richmond District Secretary. It is said, and I totally agree, that the first year as an officer is spent learning and the second year is spent "doing".

I have learned much this first year from an incredible group of United Methodist Women who have freely shared their experiences and knowledge with me. I am very proud to be a UMW in the Richmond District.

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UMW District Vice President

Ruth Wilkinson, Vice. Pres. & UMUMR Rep

Yes, we are in the 2016 Advent Season, and so much has been happening throughout our District, VA. Conference and worldwide with the ladies of the UMW, as well as locally in your units. We give thanks for your dedication in fulfilling our purpose and mission in serving our sisters all over the world and those just down the block. Our theme has been '*Growing In Blessedness*' and we look ahead in 2017 with our theme '*A Call to Community*'. Yes, we are in "*Mission Together*", as a special hymn I like to sing and hear sung in reminding me of our commitment in missions. Most of all, to each of you I wish you and your families The Happiest of Holidays this Advent & Christmas Season.

Blessings one and all as we serve together!

Love, Ruth Wilkinson

Our Special 2017 Dates:

January 14th – Celebrate The 25th Anniversary of UM Day at General Assembly. The Celebration starts at Noon with luncheon at Centenary UMC. A special historical day for our UMW and our Annual Conference. Much is being planned, hope to see you. Check out our special deal by attending both the 25th Anniversary Celebration and 2017 Day at General Assembly on February 2nd. Registration flyer is attached!

Yes, we are proud to come together in remembering our beginnings in following what is going on within the doors of our General Assembly when in session, and following issues like social action, education, welfare, mental health etc., in relation to our Social Principles of our Church. We Give thanks for this history!

January 21st - "Day Apart" at Richmond Hill Retreat Center (9AM-4PM) is a personal unwind Day Retreat after the busy schedules of the holidays to re-center our focus for the New Year in study, reflections, and joining all Richmond Hill in cycle of prayer. Bring with you: your Bible, pen(s) and journal. We are very honored to have Margie Turbyfill, Duncan Memorial UMW, to lead us with the theme, '*Praying The Psalms*'. *Our Homework: Oh, Yes- read Psalms 1 & 2.*

The registration fee is \$25.00 (includes lunch). Please register early!

Deadline: Monday –Jan. 16th. We don't want you left out. **Please send your registration fee** (payable to Richmond District UMW with "Day Apart" written in the memo line) **to:**

Scotty Doyle 3202 Huntsbridge Ct., Midlothian, VA 23112

February 2nd- Day at General Assembly. We'll have the same schedule as previous with some special highlights at Bon Air UMC. We do need to have *greeters* at Bon Air UMC as our attendees arrive and we need *guides* to help with leading groups to aid where needed when we go to the capital grounds ' to direct certain highlights - to let them feel at home, not overwhelmed.

Interested in being either a greeter or guide, please contact me!

February 11th – Our Hearts for Justice Tea will be held at Mechanicsville UMC, 7156 Atlee Rd., Mechanicsville, 23111. Registration: 10:15-10:30AM with Tea and Program 10:30AM-12:30PM. Our focus is: **Children in Poverty** . We are so happy to have as our speaker - Beth Nolan, "KIDS COUNT", Director at VOICES for Virginia's Children. Hope to see you!!

April 15th - Our District Prayer Breakfast is at Providence UMC- 901 S. Providence Rd(Chesterfield). Registration: 8:30AM. Breakfast and Worship: 9-11AM. We are honored to have our new VA Conference UMW President, Mary Jane Rawley, Bridgewater, VA. to be our special speaker.
Cost: \$7.00

April 22nd - Our 1st 'On The Road Again In Mission' Express to Wesley Community Service Center, Portsmouth, VA. We'll be working on various needed projects per John Hatcher (flyer will be out shortly). On the way back home we will celebrate supper with our UMW sisters at Memorial UMC in Charles City.

June 2nd & 3rd - Our 2nd trip on Our Express will be heading to Roanoke & Rocky Mount for Mission work, *Community Outreach Program & Henry Fork Service Center*, & then overnight to Ferrum College for 'UMW Day at Ferrum College on Saturday. **This year, their new 11th President of Ferrum College, Dr. Jody Spooner, will be the speaker.** (flyer will be out by 1/1/17)

September 23rd - District Annual Meeting at Asbury (Church Hill) UMC.

November 11th - District Officer Training And Leadership Development Day at Chamberlayne Heights UMC

December 2nd - District Advent Service at Skipwith UMC

Your Unit President has the complete calendar in the District Yearbook to refer to for any details not included above.

"I Will"

If you have some time to give to help our District officers, you are needed for the "I WILL" committee. This is a way to make our officers more efficient with their jobs. Everyone has skills that vary and yours are needed. Some tasks may not be difficult, some may require a definite skill. Whatever you feel confident to handle is where your skill will fit and be needed. Get to know your UMW ladies, enjoy fellowship, feel blessed about helping, and contact **Juanita Campbell** at pianodr@verizon.net or call at 674-9655. Leave a message if I am not at home.

Membership Nurture and Outreach, MNO

We as women like to be informed. As United Methodist Women, information is vital. In order to stay active, avoid scheduling conflicts and make good decisions on the use of our time we need to be informed of what is happening in our District, in our Units and in our Circles.

The District uses the **Yearbook** and the quarterly **WORD** publication to give you access to vital information on all fronts. Within the two publications, you can find: Program dates/places for the year; Deadlines/forms for various functions; Names /Contact information for Unit UMW Presidents/Leaders in our District; Names /Contact Information for Richmond District and VA Conference officers’.

Please keep the **YEARBOOK** and the **quarterly WORD** at your side and become familiar with the formats. Share the information in the publications with the members of your unit and church. You never know where interest lies until you spread the word.

Membership 2016 Online Census Reporting is Due March 30, 2017. Your information can be entered as early as January 1, 2017. The website and the form are in the attachment with this edition of the WORD.

It has been my privilege to serve you for the past two years as MNO Mission Coordinator.

Welcome to our incoming MNO Mission Coordinator, **Kathy Dictor**.

Peace
Scotty Doyle

Greeting, ladies, from your new Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach. My previous term on the District Mission Team was as Secretary, so I look forward to working more directly with you all in this new role. I will be attempting to fill the shoes of Scotty Doyle, and I am so grateful that she will be our new president to keep me on track. My first duty of the new term will be shepherding you all through the on line UMW Membership Census for 2016. I look forward to us learning together!

Kathy Dictor

UMW Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Have you thought about your New Year’s Resolutions yet? Monica Sprague, our incoming Conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation for 2017, made a suggestion at the Conference Annual Meeting that I thought I would put on my list. She said that we should think about ways each week to “Live Into Our Purpose” as individuals, not just in our groups. Unit leaders, give a copy of the LIOP form to each of your members and ask them to pray about how they, as individuals, can fulfill one or more of the items in their personal lives, enriching themselves and those they touch. Each unit that had a representative at the District Annual Meeting or Leadership Training received an LIOP form, and it is in the 2017 District Yearbook, which was given out at the Advent Service. If you did not have a representative at those events, your packet and/or yearbook will be delivered to your church. Watch for it, and may the blessings of Christmas spill over and fill your new year!

Blessings,
Barbara Tuttle
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Richmond District UMW
Checklist of Due Dates for 2016
ONLY 1more deadline

Check	Due Date	Subject	To Whom
	March 30, 2017	2016 Unit Membership Census Form from 1/1/2016-12/31/2016	See attached directions

UMW District Communication Coordinator & Other District News

Hello again ladies! I look forward to bringing you the news for another year – guess I did ok last year as they asked me to return! And of course I couldn't have done it with out the help of the entire District Officer Team. Thank you all! I know it seems like you just received an issue of the Word, but we wanted to get the new year information out as early as possible so we have changed out issue dates to be earlier with our registration forms, etc. It is a privilege to serve helping to get the "WORD" out to everyone on the many events and mission opportunities available in our district. Communication is a 2 way street so please be sure to shoot me information or questions about upcoming events or registrations at my new email address lloydteddigs@gmail.com. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

What a blessing to have our younger ladies participating in our events. Here is a picture of 3 generations who attended the Advent Service at Huguenot UMC on Dec. 3rd. This must mean we are "Growing in Blessedness" and our sisters are hearing "A Call to Community". Thanks ladies for sharing your family with us!



(photo courtesy of Brenda NeSmith)

So far I have only one correction for the 2017 District Yearbook –
 Judith Rew – email michael.rew@verizon.net

Don't forget your other resources on the Virginia Conference website – vaumw.com ; vaumc.org ; virginiainterfaithcenter.org ; and order books & other resources from the conference at umwmissionresources.org

Word Distribution Dates for 2017

(This info can also be found in the District Yearbook on page 14)

SPRING ISSUE 2017- February 10

SUMMER ISSUE 2017 - April 7

FALL ISSUE 2017 - August 11

WINTER ISSUE 17/18 - October 6

We invite you to the
United Methodist Day at the General Assembly
25th Anniversary
(1992-2017)

Saturday, January 14, 2017
Centenary United Methodist Church
411 E. Grace Street, Richmond, VA

Registration 11 am Lunch at 12 Noon

Pre-Registration required.

Cost for day only \$15. For both events \$35.

Program will feature:

Key Note by **Jim Winkler** former GBCS CEO, and
President & General Secretary, the National
Council of Churches. Mr. Winkler is also a
member of Farlington UMC.

Special Music

Video highlighting the history of UM Day at the
General Assembly.

Child Care Available by request (see registration form).

We invite you to the 25th Annual United
Methodist Day 2017 at the General Assembly!

This is our opportunity to help faith communities become
empowered to serve as missionaries of justice, as well as the
more traditional missionaries of mercy.

United Methodist Day and other avenues of faithful advocacy
help us to look beyond mercy ministry to ask: "What caused this
problem? What causes hunger? Global warming?" By joining
together and establishing relationships with our elected

officials, we empower members of our congregations to
wonder: "How can I make a difference? How can I be a Good
Samaritan in our world to its fullest sense?"

This event gives congregations a vehicle for reaching beyond
themselves and introduces them to the Social Principles of The
United Methodist Church in a meaningful way.

Important Information

- We strongly recommend using Online Registration!
(<http://www.yaumc.org/UMDay>) to register and pay online
- Early bird registration and payment of \$25 per person must be
received by **Friday, January 15, 2016**. (Early registrants will be
entered into a drawing for two one-year subscriptions to the
Virginia Advocate). Final registration date will be Friday,
January 29, 2016 and will cost \$35 per person. No refunds will
be available. Space is limited to 300; **every person MUST
register and pay by January 27!**

- When registering, please provide an e-mail address. We will e-
mail links to maps and directions as well as information about
the Virginia General Assembly and faithful advocacy. We will
be e-mailing registration confirmation again this year to reduce
costs and save paper.

- As in the past, your registration includes a delicious Boxed
Lunch. You will select your lunch at the UM Day, and the
selections will be very similar to those in the past – sandwich
or salad.

- Since we have limited time at the General Assembly, we want
you to be prepared to make the most of your morning there. Be
sure to view this video on how to advocate:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2EULlHh9w>

- **On Monday, January 30 at 7 p.m.**, please join other UM Day
participants and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
for a policy briefing. Together, we will learn about some of the
issues and bills pending before the General Assembly and
answer any questions you may have. To join, dial: (712) 432-
1500 and when directed, enter 743648# as the passcode.

Hotel Reservations

Rooms for February 2 are available at the Hyatt Place, 201
Arboretum Place, Richmond, 23236, near Bon Air UMC. Call
(804) 560-1566 to make your reservation and mention "United
Methodist Day" to receive a special room rate of \$89/night
(single or double). Hotel reservation deadline is Wednesday,
January 11, 2017.

How to Register

Registration for both events is required and can be done at the
same time!

Both events, register by January 6 and pay **\$35**. January 14
Celebration only, \$15 with January 6 deadline. February 2 UM
Day only, \$25 early bird price is available until Friday, January 6,
2017; the registration price increases to \$35 on January 7.
Registration closes January 27. Registration includes information
packet, hot breakfast, box lunch, parking, transportation to the
Capitol grounds, and afternoon speakers.

Online: We strongly encourage you to register online at
<http://www.yaumc.org/UMDay2017>. Credit Card will be required
at time of registration unless you are a guide. You can register
for both the Anniversary Celebration and the General Assembly
Day together.

By Mail: Complete this registration form and mail it to the
address below. Make checks or money order payable to "Virginia
United Methodist Conference". Payment must be included with
registration.

Rev. Barbara Lewis
Greenwood UMC
10040 Greenwood Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Groups: This year, groups up to 20 may register online with one
credit card. If the group is registering by check, mail one check
with a completed registration for each person. Please include
contact information for each person being registered. We want to
be able to let you know of any weather-related changes.

Registration questions may be directed to the Rev. Barbara
Lewis at (447) 594-6241 or email at BarbaraLewis@yaumc.org.

General questions may be directed to the Rev. Pat Shipley at
(804) 353-1387 or email at ptshipdc@aol.com or to the Rev.
Randy Harlow at (434) 941-4092 or chndcby@aol.com

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, January 14, 2017
Richmond, VA

and UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017
Richmond, VA

Presented by

The Board of Church & Society and
The United Methodist Women
of the Virginia Conference

Pre-event Briefing Offering

Pre-event briefing for CLN members, guides, and how YOU! Travel **Wednesday February 1**, check into your spacious hotel room, and then join your planning team at Bon Air UMC from 7:30-8:30 p.m. to hear updates of the issues we are following, presented by the VICPP.

Schedule of Events for UM Day at the G A

Wednesday, February 1

7:30 p.m. - Briefing at Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd North Chesterfield, VA 23235-4274

Thursday, February 2

7:00 am - Gather at Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd. Richmond, for registration & breakfast

8:00 am - Travel together to the General Assembly & Capitol Square

8:30 am - Attend committee hearings and meet with legislators
An effort will be made to arrange meetings with legislators for large groups of registrants. Please contact your legislator in advance if you wish a private meeting.

(Capitol tours available at 10:00 & 11:30)

11:00 am - Gathering in Senate Room A with staff members of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

Noon - Joint sessions of House & Senate

12:30 pm - Return to Bon Air for lunch

2:00 pm - Gathering in sanctuary for Keynote by Bishop Charlene Kammerer, music and 25th Anniversary video presentation

3:30 pm - Adjourn

2017 United Methodist Day Registration

Please type or print clearly. List your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____
Church: _____
District: _____
I am (check all that apply)
() UMW () UMM () Clergy
() Laity () BCS Member () Other
Is this your first time attending? Y/N
I am registering for both Legislative Day and the Anniversary Celebration: \$35 _____
Day Care needed for January 14? Y/N
I am registering for the Anniversary Celebration only: \$15 _____
I am registering for the Legislative Day on February 2 only: before Jan 7 \$25 _____ after \$35 _____



“The Church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.”

– Social Principles of
the United Methodist Church, 2012-2016

Instructions for Completing the UMW Membership Census 2016

The UMW Membership Census 2016 is due **March 30, 2017!**

Access the online form for the UMW Membership Census 2016 at:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2016

If you would like to see instructions go to:

<https://youtu.be/ZAZncrnL6t4?list=PL2VGSkIV9zE6g7baxZF0mHIR-JwE4JPKY>

1. At the top of the page, you will be asked to provide your church's name. Click on the dropdown menu in the **CHURCH, DISTRICT, CONFERENCE** box. Then, enter three (3) or more letters of your church's name. As you type, options for your church appear below. Choose the option that has your church, district, and conference.
2. By selecting your church from the list, the boxes for **CHURCH NAME, DISTRICT NAME, and CONFERENCE NAME** will automatically populate. Verify the information is correct. Then, enter the name of your UMW unit in the **UNIT NAME** box, as this may be different from your church's name.
3. Click on the **JURISDICTION** box. Your jurisdiction should automatically appear. Verify that it is accurate.
4. Enter the street address for your church in the **CHURCH ADDRESS** box. Enter the city where your church is located in the **CITY** box. Choose the state where your church is located using the dropdown menu in the **STATE** box. Enter the zip code for your church in the **ZIP CODE** box.
5. Choose the type of UMW unit from the dropdown menu in the **UNIT TYPE** box. The most common response will be 'Local'.
6. Select the primary language spoken within your UMW unit from the dropdown menu in the **PRIMARY LANGUAGE** box.
7. Enter the first and last name of the current unit president in the **UNIT PRESIDENT** box. Enter the preferred phone number and email address for UMW communication for the unit president in the **PRESIDENT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER** and **PRESIDENT'S EMAIL** boxes.
8. Enter the total number of UMW members in your unit as of January 1, 2016 in the **NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016** box. Do not include members who joined during the year. This will be entered later.
9. Enter the number of new members who joined your UMW unit in 2016 in the **NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS ADDED** box. This is not a total number of members. Only include the number of new members. Do not include members counted in the previous box.
10. Enter the number of members lost during 2016 in the **MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH OR OTHER REASONS** box. Reasons members may be lost include, but are not limited to, death, relocation, or change in church membership.
11. As the person completing the census, enter your first and last name in the **REPORTED BY (NAME OF PERSON WHO IS REPORTING THIS DATA)** box. Select your position in the UMW unit from the dropdown menu in the **POSITION OF THE PERSON REPORTING THIS DATA** box. If your position is not listed, select 'Other' and enter your position in the box below. An example of a position that may be categorized as 'Other' is 'Member'. Enter the telephone number and email address you use for UMW communication in the **TELEPHONE NUMBER** and **EMAIL ADDRESS** boxes. If you do not have an email address, you can easily sign up for a free account using a variety of services, such as Gmail with Google. If you do not plan to check your email regularly, please do not enter an email address.

Instructions for Completing the UMW Membership Census 2016

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12. Select the types of social media your UMW unit uses from the options. Choose all that apply.
13. When your unit is involved in events, identify if social media is used to promote the event. Select 'Yes' or 'No' from the dropdown menu. If you selected 'Yes', select which social media applications your UMW unit uses to promote events.
14. Some social media sites use various identifiers for individuals or groups, such as the hashtag (#) or handle (@). If your UMW unit has used any hashtags, handles, text marketing tools, or any other unique identifiers online, list them in the box. Please only write one identifier per line.
15. Check all your information, then click **SUBMIT**. Be careful not to click **RESET ANSWERS** unless you need the form to be cleared to reenter all the information for your unit.
16. After you click 'Submit', you will be taken to another screen thanking you for completing the census. On this page, you will also find the link for the my UMW page, which allows you to enter your personal information and obtain your UMW membership card.

For Questions or Assistance with the UMW Membership Census:

Maria Rodriguez

212-870-3725

MRodriguez@unitedmethodistwomen.org

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (EST)

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