



# Mission Tapestry

Arlington District United Methodist Women

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## PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women

The organized unit of 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.

The Mission Tapestry is a publication of the Arlington District United Methodist Women. Its goal is to keep units at the local/ congregation level informed about opportunities for living out our PURPOSE. It is published quarterly—January, April, July, and October.

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Check out our website at [www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org](http://www.ArlingtonDistrictUMW.org)

## District President's Message

Happy Summer Everyone,

As I write this, I am preparing to go on a mission trip to Guatemala, in mid-July. The trip is through UVMIM and in partnership with the Highland Support Project. Some of you may have picked up a flyer at the Birthday Bash in March.

**In the early "90s, the Highland Support Project or HSP,** brought Mayan Methodist widows who were survivors of political violence to visit with **United Methodist Women's circles** as part of a campaign to rebuild housing in Methodist communities that had been burned to the ground. During this visit the widows commented that the best thing HSP could do for them was to bring the programming they had witnessed in the circle meetings to Guatemala.

This really spoke to me as a United Methodist Women and as a widow. I find it hard to imagine what they have gone through physically and emotionally. Their programs are designed to empower women with the time, energy, capacity

and self-confidence to create lives of hope and dignity. They begin with the construction of improved cookstoves that eliminates the respiratory health risks of cooking over an open fire as well as giving them more time to participate in self-improvement and community programs.

I will be teaching a group of women how to knit using circular looms as well as working with children on the same project. The idea is that they will gain confidence and self-esteem, even maybe sell hats, at some point. What is important is that they develop a sense of community and can help each other. The Highland Support Project does so much more than what I have said here. You can find out more at [highlandsupportproject.org](http://highlandsupportproject.org).

Even though it is July and a hot **one at that, it's time to think** about getting those reports and such into the district. Presidents/Membership please send me a list of those women who have passed away this year, by August 31<sup>st</sup>. We will recognize their service at our District An-

nual Meeting, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Charles Wesley UMC, 6817 Dean Drive, in McLean. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Please remind your women to put the Conference UMW Annual meeting on their calendars. It is October 26<sup>th</sup> at Reveille UMC, Richmond. Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary **United Methodist Women, will be our speaker. We are so blessed, don't miss this chance to hear her speak.** Richmond is not a long drive and offering to carpool is a good way to reconnect and catch up. It would be a great way to introduce someone to UMW. As soon as I know more details, I will pass them on to you.

Many of you may know that the Advocate will no longer be published after December of this year. You will also remember that New World Outlook stopped publication last year. Response is the connection we have with the missions we support through United Methodist Women. Please encourage your women or your unit, to subscribe to Response so it does not have the same fate as these two magazines.

I hope you all have a pleasant summer and can stay cool. I look forward to seeing you at the District Annual meeting.

Thank you,  
Doris Douglass  
President  
Arlington District UMW

Bill Crowder tells of his best friend, Macauley Rivera.

Macauley had two great dreams in life: to marry his college sweetheart, Sharon, and to start an inner-city church in Washington, DC, in his old neighborhood. Everyone who knew Macauley knew about this dream. Tragically, just before graduation, Macauley and Sharon were killed in a car accident.

**At Macauley's memorial service, the pastor said, "Mac is gone." Then, in a bold move, he asked, "Who will serve in his place?" Here's what happened next. Over 200 students stood up and committed to spreading God's word in inner-city Washington, DC in Macauley Rivera's place. (2) Two hundred students!**

Our District UMW team has been without volunteers to fill all offices for several years. Some of the current officers have been serving for eight years and are scheduled to rotate off the team in December.

Who among you is willing to step up and help fill the vacancies? God has called each one of us to serve him. We can do this in various ways. One way is to help serve him at the District level of United Methodist Women.

**Please pray between now and our September annual meeting that God will touch someone's heart (maybe yours) to step up and serve Him on our District United Methodist Women team.**

Here I am, Lord. Send me.

# Secretary

Janet Keener

Dear *Sisters*,

It's August and Summer! Where has the time gone?



In June I had the privilege and joy to be part of two major opportunities to witness *Christians working together*. The first was at Annual Conference. We participated in the traditional worship services, Honoring of Retirees, Memorial Service, and the Ordination Service. The working together was twofold: We passed several resolutions to amend the Discipline to delete the negative language regarding the LGBTQIA concerns of the United Methodist Church in general. *Christians working together!* Additionally, we accomplished voting for delegates and alternates to the 2020 General Conference and Southeast Jurisdictional Conference using electronic handheld voting devices. Yes, there were some glitches, but folks remained calm and patient. *Christians working together!*



The second was our church held Vacation Bible School the week of June 24th. Wesley UMC (Vienna) now shares our facility with the Salt and Light Church, a Korean Baptist congregation. When we thought we needed to stop accepting registrations because we needed more volunteers, Salt and Light Church members offered to *teach and lead* - adults and youth - with us! What a joy to see the children and adults and youth interact together and experience a wonderful week of **God's Love!** Again, *Christians working together!* The Sunday morning VBS celebration on June 30th was so heartwarming with the children singing and leading the readings. Their smiling faces spoke volumes! Everyone was celebrating **"God is good!"**

God Bless,  
Janet  
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# Treasurer

Beth Meserve

We are now deep into the summer months. I hope you are making the most of this time. I know I am personally looking forward to Beach Week with my family!

**It's important that we remember that our Annual Meeting is coming up in September. This year our annual meeting will be held on September 28 at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Dr, McLean, VA 22101. Put this date on your calendars now and plan to attend.**

In preparation for the annual meeting, certain reports are due. Rainbow Giver forms and Candle Burning information is due to me by August 31, so we can recognize our 5- and 6-star units at our annual meeting. Other 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter contributions are due no later than September 15 so that I can send them to the Conference on time.

A few reminders:

To be recognized as a 5-star unit, you must give to the 5 channels of Mission Giving which are: Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, and World Thank Offering. An easy way to become a 5-star unit is to have at least one Rainbow Giver. Being a Rainbow Giver qualifies your unit as a 5-star unit. Rainbow Giver forms are included in this publication.

Once you have met the requirements for a 5-star unit, you can become a 6-star unit by also contributing through Candle Burning. The cost per second for Candle Burning is \$.60. We will recognize those who contribute to Candle Burning at the annual meeting in September.

Please remember that the Arlington District depends on your annual contribution of \$2.50 per member **to put on the District events that we sponsor each year. If you haven't already sent in your dues,** please take care of that as soon as possible.

The United Methodist Women organization is depending on us for our support to carry out our **mission of supporting women, children, and youth around the world. Let's help spread the word far and wide!**

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Treasurer

Beth Meserve

## VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UMW RAINBOW WOMAN

Yes, YOU can become a RAINBOW WOMAN! Have you thought about you personally giving to all five channels of giving?

A Rainbow Women gives to all five channels of giving:  
 \$40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin  
 \$ 5 Pledge to Mission  
 \$ 5 Gift to Mission  
 \$ 5 Special Recognition in Memory  
 \$ 5 World Thank Offering  
 \$60 Total



Your \$60 RAINBOW WOMAN offering must specify that you are giving to the above five channels and designate who you want your pin to go to, who your Gift in Memory is for and that you are giving that \$60 for a Rainbow Woman. If you simply give \$60 to your unit treasurer, you will not be a Rainbow Woman. You must designate that it is for Rainbow Woman giving.

1. Special Mission Recognition Pin in \_\_\_Honor or \_\_\_Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please check appropriate box) (Name of person being honored or memorialized)

Send pin to: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pledge to Mission

3. Gift to Mission Card – Which card to send?

\_\_\_\_\_

(Thank You, Baby, Birthday, In the Service of Christ, etc.)

Send card to: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Gift in Memory: In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Name of person in whose memory the gift is made)

Send card to: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

5. World Thank Offering

**Given by (Rainbow Woman's Name)** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. We suggest that this Rainbow Woman gift be given in addition to your regular pledge to mission.

If you have any questions about becoming a Rainbow Woman, please contact District Treasurer Beth Meserve.

# Social Action

Lisa George

## News from the Social Action Desk

The following article is from the UMW Website. It is a meaningful article concerned with Economic Justice – a National and Virginia Conference priority for 2016-2019.

### **United Methodist Women Joins Poor People's Campaign's D.C. Congress** *by Richard Lord*

United Methodist Women joined with the Poor People's Campaign Congress as it released a "Moral Budget" for the United States during its national gathering June 16-18 at Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C.

"United Methodist Women came to the Congress because we have to be here to help," said Carol Barton, United Methodist Women's executive for Community Action for Economic Inequality Priority. "The issues that United Methodist Women confront interlink with Poor People's Campaign issues.

"This Congress was a critical moment because the Poor People's Campaign's Moral Budget shows how we can solve these problems through specific policy proposals, and where we can get the resources to do this," Barton said.

The Poor People's Moral Budget identified policies and investments needed to address problems faced by low-income families.

For example, the Poor People's Campaign's Moral Budget proposed using the \$25 billion currently allotted for Pentagon contracts with Boeing to instead cover healthcare for low-income families by expanding Medicaid in the 14 states that have refused the Affordable Care Act subsidies.

The Campaign's Moral Budget also proposed creation of 2.5 million public works jobs by funding infrastructure improvement projects. The infrastructure improvement projects would be funded by an annual wealth tax on the 75,000 richest U.S. households to generate \$275 billion per year, Campaign leaders said.

*Richard Lord is a freelance writer based in Ivy, Virginia, and a frequent contributor to response, that magazine of United Methodist Women.*

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For more information on the Poor People's Campaign, go to <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org>

If you have any questions, please let me know. If I don't know the answer, I'll do everything I can to find it.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# Education and Interpretation

Dana Connor

As of the writing of this article, I'm reminded about those that have so little. There but for the grace of God, I'm writing this in an airconditioned kitchen – it's 97 degrees outside. I've been struggling for a topic for this quarter. I went on a hunt to research what has been done before, to see if I could glean ideas.

I keep coming back to Mission and the hundreds of missionaries that are working on behalf of United Methodist Women. Among them are missionaries, again at the border, and people helping in their own churches to offer asylum to the very desperate migrants looking for hope.

I was elated to see that we have been given a call to action from the United Methodist Immigration Task Force:

A Call to Action for United Methodists in Response to the Plight of Migrants—July 8, 2019

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus. On behalf of the United Methodist Immigration Task Force we share with you a deep concern for migrants. You have seen the deplorable conditions under which migrant children and families are being detained in the US right now. We cannot be silent in this hour. The voice and actions of The United Methodist Church must be heard and experienced in this moment.

We give God thanks for United Methodists who are providing compassionate care to migrants at the border. Border Conferences have established relief centers for migrants. United Methodists from other regions of the country continue to support migrants seeking asylum with their time, talent and treasures. United Methodist congregations across the country have opened their doors to provide sanctuary for those immigrants whose lives would be endangered if they were to be deported to their home countries. UMCOR has been a partner in assisting this connectional work. The General Board of Church and Society has led us faithfully in our advocacy work in support of justice for the migrant and the immigrant. United Methodist Women have also been a strong voice in advocating for the rights of immigrant children and families.

**Let's continue to do this good and faithful work. Join us in these actions:**

- Give to the Advance #3022144 for Migration. Go to UMCOR – Global Migration for further information.
- Join the General Board of Church and Society in our United Methodist advocacy work alongside of immigrants.
- Check in online at [UMCJustice.org](http://UMCJustice.org) and to send letters to your Congressional representatives and the White House.
- Encourage your UMW unit to join the action plan set forth at the [United Methodist Women website](#).

We ask that you also speak up in support of persons in Sanctuary and the churches supporting them. In **the past week, we have become aware of the Trump Administration's most recent attack on immigrants** who are living in Sanctuary in congregations, among them United Methodist congregations, as they

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seek to fight for justice in their deportation cases. The federal government is issuing fines of up to \$500,000 to these immigrants in Sanctuary. This is an egregiously punitive tactic causing great fear and anxiety to immigrant brothers and sisters who are already deeply burdened by the stress of their circumstances.

Support United Methodist Sanctuary congregations and the immigrants in Sanctuary by praying for them and by sending them a postcard expressing such support. At the end of this letter (at the website below) is the list of multiple United Methodist Sanctuary churches and those immigrant friends whom they are hosting. <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/a-call-to-action-for-united-methodists-in-response-to-plight-of-migrants>

Take this moment to act. It will make a difference in these challenging times in the lives of suffering immigrants and the brave churches who are ministering to them. May the words of Paul to Timothy strengthen us all

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

II Timothy 2:7

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, Chair

Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary UM Immigration Task Force General Board of Church and Society

Thomas Kemper, General Secretary

Harriett J. Olson, General Secretary/CEO General Board of Global Ministries United Methodist Women

Thank you for your help in mission.

Dana Connor

Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator

## Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Arlington District UMWREADING PROGRAM REPORT 2019

(Sept 2018 through Aug 2019)

Unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of books read \_\_\_\_\_ (with or without completion of a plan)

Number completing Plan I \* \_\_\_\_\_

Number completing Plan II \* \_\_\_\_\_

Number completing Plan III\* \_\_\_\_\_

Number completing Plan IV \* \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL number completing a plan \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL number of adult &amp; youth readers \_\_\_\_\_ (count even those who have read only one book)

TOTAL number of children readers \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL number of children receiving certificates \* \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL number of children's books read \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL number of Subscriptions to RESPONSE \_\_\_\_\_ (count total number of individual and UMW unit subscriptions)

**\*List names of those who completed plan on the next page**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO ME NO LATER THAN **Sept 1, 2019.**

Phyllis Kirkman

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# Program Resources

Phyllis Kirkman

Unit Name: _____	Total number of readers: _____
Total number of Books read (Adults): _____	Total Number of Books read by children: _____
List names of Children Reading 5 books:	
List Names completing plan I:	List Names completing plan II:
List Names completing plan III:	List names completing plan IV:
Person in your Unit who has read the most books: _____	Number of books read: _____

Please complete form and send by Sept. 1, 2019 to:

Phyllis Kirkman, Secretary of Program Resources, 8234 Winder St., Vienna, VA 22180.

***Please note: If I do not receive a form from a Unit, that unit will be counted as "not participating in the reading program"***

Books that qualify for the Reading Program Report are taken from the Years 2014-2019. Only books read from September 2018 through report date (September 1, 2019) can count on this report. (Any books read after this date can be counted toward next year).



# Arlington District United Methodist Women 2019 Calendar

**PURPOSE**  
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Event	Date
<b>Young Women’s Retreat @ Camp Overlook</b>  Registration form can be found on the VA UMW Conference website at <a href="https://www.vaumw.com/events/young-women-s-retreat/">https://www.vaumw.com/events/young-women-s-retreat/</a>	September 13-14
<b>Arlington District Annual Meeting @ Charles Wesley UMC</b>	September 28 at 9 am
<b>47th Conference Annual Meeting @ Reveille UMC, Richmond</b>  Registration form can be found on the VA UMW Conference website at <a href="https://www.vaumw.com/events/annual-meeting/">https://www.vaumw.com/events/annual-meeting/</a>	October 26
<b>Arlington District Mini Mission @ Oakton UMC</b>	November 9 at 9 am

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