Our God is a gracious God, let us give praise and thanks for his Grace and the Joy of his presence in our lives. As Summer draws to an end and Fall is fast approaching, let me take a moment to catch up on things that have happened in the last couple of months and to highlight a few upcoming dates and projects for the fall.

On July 18, our friend and devoted District Leadership Team Member claimed the promise of resurrection. Hortense (Tensy) Macon, left a loving husband, Winston A. Macon and a large family of relatives and friends to cherish her memory. Tensy was an active person in all areas of her life. She contributed a great deal of her time serving the Richmond District UMW and Asbury UMW. Throughout her years of service she held many Leadership Roles in the District and her church. Tensy's presence will be greatly missed in the lives of many. May our memories of her dedication to the UMW purpose help lead us onward.

Fifteen of our units were represented at the Joint Fredericksburg-Richmond Cluster meeting held at Shady Grove UMC on June 10. The Conference UMW officers, Vice President, Karen McElfish; Treasurer, Linda Borrer and MNO Coordinator, Nancy Walsh gave us insights and direction on treasury matters, growing our units and understanding our mission purpose. They shared a short presentation with us, several ice breaking tools to introduce a number of topics and allowed time for a discussion among those attending. If you would like a copy of the notes made at the meeting and the presentations they shared please email me.

August is the month for sending your Unit yearly reports to the District area coordinators. Units are asked to submit their Living into Our Purpose Forms, Reading List totals for the Year, Deceased UMW Member Names, Candle Burning Forms and Rainbow Givers Forms so your Units can be recognized at the annual meeting. Please read each of the Area Coordinators messages and the Reporting Dates Calendar in this issue for specifics. Our VP, Ruth Wilkinson's article breaks out our remaining District Events for the year along with dates, times, presenters and details. Enjoy Ruth's special message.
Wenda Singer, our Social Action Coordinator, conducted a series of talks on Climate Justice for the Duncan Memorial UMC and will be a presenter discussing Climate Justice at our Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter on September 9, 2017 at River Rd UMC. Wenda is also preparing programs which your Unit can use to bring awareness to the Conference and District Social Action Priorities which are: Economic Inequality, Climate Justice, Maternal and Child Health and Criminalization of Persons of Color.

Since Blackstone closed, Richmond has had the opportunity to host several events previously held at Blackstone Conference Center. If you have not been able to attend a VA Conference UMW Annual Meeting recently, come to the 45th one this year. Bishop Sharma Lewis will be our guest speaker. The meeting will be held at Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., on Saturday, October 28th. The Registration Form and details are in this WORD. Come and meet the Bishop and your Conference Officers. They are an invaluable resource for your unit. Their contact information is listed in the Richmond District Yearbook and on vaumw.com.

Looking ahead to 2018, The United Methodist Women Assembly will be held May 18-20, 2018, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH. $295 EARLY REGISTRATION with a November 30, 2017 Deadline. Joyce Winston is organizing a bus trip from VA to attend this event. For the details call or email Joyce
Phone: 757-851-6897 Email: buchroweach@gmail.com

Hope to see you at the Annual District Conference in September!

Yours in Christ,
Scotty Doyle
804-640-5355
sdoyle22@verizon.net

Tribute to Hortense Macon - our beloved "Tensy"

The Richmond District UMW Officers would like to say what a valued member of our team Tensy was. She always did an outstanding job in every office she held & was dedicated prayer partner. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with her husband Winston & all her family. We will be donating to the candle burning at the District Annual meeting in her memory!
Scotty Doyle; Ruth Wilkinson; Rosa Lewis; Stuart Joerg; Marilyn Bell; Judy Gindhart; Jane Elbert; Barbara Tuttle; Kathy Dictor; Hilda Watson; Wenda Singer; Lloydette Diggs; Elizabeth Dickerson; Leona Salter
Nominations: Kay Smith, Juanita Campbell, Gay Caithorn, Denise Haden
VICE PRESIDENT

I hope each of you are having some special moments with your family this time of the year. As we continue with our theme "A Call To Community" this year in our UMW thoughts and studies, we must remind ourselves of the ones we have right around us. How much are we getting connected with those a mile, 5 miles from our home?? This can also relate to our local church. Communities are changing and how are we learning together? Yes, we as United Methodist Women of our District, had the opportunity in learning at our Mission Encounter. If you were not able to attend, please note September 9th at River Road UMC for our own District Mini-Mission Encounter. Please note - it's not an evening this year! The studies are special and our presenters are, as well.

- Sept 23rd  Our Annual Meeting will be at Asbury UMC, 324 N 29th St. (Church Hill). Registration will be 9:30AM with our meeting from 10:15 - 11:45AM. Our guest speaker will be Nancy Walsh, Conference Coordinator of Membership & Nurture. Please Note: due to limited parking we recommend that everyone, who can, should carpool or come early. Marilyn and Jane will be having the 2017-2018 books available for sale. Our morning offering will be going to The Prescription Produce Plan sponsored through Shalom Farms. Analise Adams, Program Director, and Sara Higgins, Development Director, of Shalom Farms will be giving a short description of this special program that many families in the Asbury and surrounding communities benefit. Analise did share that "$50-$100 donations support 1 nutrition education or cooking class as a part of the program" and "$168 supports a weekly prescription of vegetables for a family of 5 for 3 months(12 weeks)."

- Nov. 11th Richmond District Officer & Leadership Development Day will be held at Chamberlayne Heights UMC, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd., Richmond, VA. Registration 9:00AM with Program & Training 9:30AM - 11:30AM. Our guest speakers will be Betsey Davis, our UMW Conference Technology Coordinator, and her husband, Rev. Mike Davis, our Conference 'Stamp Man' to share updated information in their fields. Betsey was one of those that was featured in the May Issue of the Advocate. Also, please bring your stamps that your unit has collected so far this year to hand in.

- Dec. 2nd Richmond District Advent Service will be at Skipwith UMC, 2211 Skipwith Rd. Henrico, VA. Registration 10:00AM with Program 10:30AM - 11:30AM. The Rev. Nancy Robinson, missionary w/ Global Ministries - now serving as Mission Advocate for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, will be our guest speaker. Our offering will be for 'All God's Children Camp'.

Blessings one and all as we learn and grow 'In Community' through study, service and love together for God's Creation. Let's enjoy His glorious creation that He has given us to share and cultivate through various means!! Call me if you have any questions, and we'll find the answer together. For all - Happy Programming!

God Bless Each of You as We Enjoy His Goodness-
Ruth Wilkinson
TREASURER

It is time to get ready for annual meeting. I am giving you the deadline for two things. The first one is candle burning. The deadline for all forms along with the money is September 1, 2017. Please type or print when filling out the form. The second deadline is becoming a rainbow giver. If you want to be recognized as a rainbow giver at annual meeting, the deadline for all forms and $60.00 is August 15, 2017. Please print or type when filing out the form. A copy of each form is attached.

Ladies keep up the good work. You are still sending in the money. Our second quarter report to the conference treasurer is $8,975.04.

Your district has mission cards for sale. They are $5.00 each. Here are a few of the cards we have for sale: Gift in Memory, The Birth of a New Life, Thank You, On Your Special Day, Congratulations, and a few more.

In Christ
Rosa Lewis

Mission Education and Interpretation

Mission Encounter 2017 at Bon Air UMC was another enriching experience for me. I thought I knew about our Missionary Conferences until I attended the class and learned there was so much more I didn't know! If you were unable to be there and want to get an overview, make plans to attend the Mini-Mission Encounter on Saturday, September 9, 12:30-5:00 p.m., at River Road UMC, 8800 River Road, Richmond, 23229. (Use the second entry onto church property to go directly to the parking lot.) Please note this is a Saturday afternoon, not a Friday evening as in the past. Snacks will be provided, but a meal will not be served. A reservation form is included in this issue, and the deadline is September 1.
Please remember that your Living Into Our Purpose forms are due to me by August 15, and you will find one in this issue. Thank you to the units who have already sent yours in! We’d like to see everyone get a certificate at our District Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 23, at Asbury UMC-Church Hill, 324 N. 29th St., Richmond, 23223. If you have any questions about filling out your form, please contact me at 271-2289 or btuttle48@verizon.net.

Blessings,
Barbara Tuttle
Membership Nurture and Outreach

Virginia Conference Young Women's Retreat
September 15-16, 2017, Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA 22832
"Encountering God in Everyday Life: Nurturing Your Relationship with God through Spiritual Practices"
Please recruit any young women ages 18-40 to attend. (18-year-olds must have completed high school.) The site is located northeast of Harrisonburg. Registration is now open and the registration form is included in this issue. The registration deadline is September 8, 2017. A scholarship to attend is offered by the Richmond District UMW.
UMW Deceased Members Form
This form, which has already been sent out electronically, has been included in this issue as well. Please be sure to complete it and return it to me no later than August 31, so that we can honor any deceased members at our District Annual Meeting September 23. A special thanks to the five units who have already responded. Please feel free to send in your form soon, and then call me at 804-932-3247 (home) or 804-389-2491 (cell) if you need to make any changes.
Kathy Dictor

2018 Richmond District Slate of Officers

Scotty Doyle - President
Ruth Wilkinson - Vice President
Rosa Lewis - Treasurer
Stuart Joerg - Secretary
Marilyn Bell - Co-Secretary for Program Resources
Jane Elbert - Co-Secretary for Program Resources
Barbara Tuttle - Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation
Kathy Dictor - Mission Coordinator for Membership & Nurture
Hilda Watson - Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Wenda Singer - Mission Coordinator for Social Action
Lloydette Diggs - Communication Coordinators
Social Action

United Methodist Women has selected four priorities for 2016-2020. Local units may continue with a previous priority or select a new one. To help you decide, get an overview of the priorities and list of resources by Googling "Virginia UMW," then "conference," then "social action" (in the list on the left). Click on "Issue Priorities 2016-20.pdf."

Are you looking for unit program ideas? The just released UMW 2017-2018 Program Book has a lovely program, for September, about God the Creator. In addition, below are programs from recent UMW Program Books and the titles of related UMW Reading Program books. If you don't have a book at your church, you can borrow it from the conference; many also are available from local public libraries.

Climate Justice - 2016-17 Program Book, June, page 99
Finding Higher Ground - Adaptation in the Age of Warming by Amy Seidl

Criminalization of Communities of Color - 2016-17 Program Book, April, page 79
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
The New Jim Crow - Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

2016-17 Program Book, January, page 49
A Place at the Table - 40 Days of Solidarity with the Poor by Chris Seay

Maternal and Child Health - 2016-17 Program Book, May, page 89 and Special Program, page 137.

In Addition - As the introduction in the above-mentioned website explains, these priorities are not separate. Each points to a larger web of systems that oppress. Our district president's message illustrates this by highlighting the issue of racial justice, which includes the priority "criminalization of communities of color." Refer to her comments about additional resources.

Wenda Singer, Mission Coordinator for Social Action
BECOME A RAINBOW GIVER

The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women started the Rainbow Giver Program in 2010. This is an opportunity for you, as an individual, to personally give to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving, whether or not you are a member of United Methodist Women:

Your gift of $60.00 will make you a Rainbow Giver:

☐ $40.00 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
☐ $5.00 to give a Pledge to Mission (in addition to your regular pledge)
☐ $5.00 for a Gift to Mission Card
☐ $5.00 for a Gift in Memory Card
☐ $5.00 for a gift to World Thank Offering (this can be in addition to your change box)

It is so easy to become a Rainbow Giver, just fill out the form and turn in to your unit treasurer with a check for $60.00. On the form please specify which Gift to Mission Card you want and the name of the recipient of the Special Mission Recognition pin.

The form and the $60.00 should be given to your treasurer at one time, not spread out over the year. Anyone can become a Rainbow Giver; this is an opportunity for church members, spouses, or friends to participate in UMW Mission Giving. This award is not to replace your Pledge and World Thank Offering, but is giving you, as an individual, an opportunity to contribute to all the areas of Mission Giving.

RAINBOW GIVER FORM

A gift of $60.00 is given to your Unit Treasurer by August 15th:

RAINBOW GIVER'S NAME: ____________________________________________

RAINBOW GIVER'S ADDRESS: _________________________________________

RAINBOW GIVER'S PHONE: ___________________________________________

RAINBOW GIVER'S CHURCH: _________________________________________

Special Mission Recognition Pin in Honor of:

Name of Recipient (Please Print): ________________________________________

Please send the pin to: _________________________________________________

Which Gift to Mission Card? ________________________________________

All components must be submitted to your Unit Treasurer at one time. We suggest that the Rainbow Giver gift be in addition to your regular Pledge and World Thank Offering.

All Rainbow Givers will be recognized at your District's Annual Meeting and will receive a Rainbow Giver pin. If you have any questions, please contact Richmond District Treasurer Rosa Lewis or the Virginia Conference Treasurer.
CANDLE BURNING INFORMATION FORM

Candle Burning
$ .60 for one second
$ 3.00 for five second
$ 36.00 for one minute
$ 180.00 for five minutes
$2160.00 for one hour

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Richmond District Board of Missions
and
United Methodist Women
Jointly sponsored by the Richmond District

(804) 740-7061
Richmond, VA 23229
8800 River Road
River Road UMC
12:30-5:00 pm
Saturday, September 9

2017
Mini-Mission Encounter
Richmond District

A Call to Mission
A Call to Community
A Call to Mission
Richmond District
Mini-Mission Encounter 2017

Richmond District
Virginia Conference
The United Methodist Church
10330 Staples Mill Road
P.O. Box 9596
Glen Allen, Virginia 23058

Directions to River Road UMC:

Richmond VA 23229
Church Location: 8800 River Road,

From Richmond: Take I-64 to Parham Road, follow Parham Road south to River Road. Turn left towards River Road and then right on Old River Road. Church will be on your right.

Folowing Parham Road south to River Road, follow Parham Road towards River Road and then right on Old River Road. Church will be on your right.
Study Leader: Rev. C. M. Kip Robinson

Mission Emphasis:
An offering for Evangelism: RKA. Please bring binding.

Living as a Covenant Community
Spiritual Growth:
Mission Studies:

Who Should Attend:
Any United Methodist with a passion for missions.

Why Should Attend:
Growing in the understanding of how God works with us in bringing about the fulfillment of the love of God. Passed through the rites of the church, and revealed to us. The study will examine, through the Bible, who they are, what they mean, and how they are like us.

Focus: This study examines major covenantants

Study Leader: Mrs. Wenda Singer

Schedule
5:00-6:00 Departs for Home
2:00-6:00 Study Groups
1:15-1:45 Program, Displays, Refreshments
12:30-1:15 Registration, Refreshments

Geographic Study: Climate Justice
Study Leader: Rev. Glenn Rowley

The United Methodist Women in the process of the United Methodist Women in Global Mission. Women and youth are the missions. The mission of United Methodist Women is to provide a forum for women to share their experiences and challenges. This study, held in the Virginia Conference, will help us understand climate change.

Focus: This study builds the story of three missions.

Name: 
Child Care
Number & Ages: 
Street Address: 
City, State Zip: 
Phone #:
E-Mail: 

Handicapped accessible

Registration:
8:30 Registration for each session
$3 used to purchase lunch, or bring your own.
Registration form for each session

Richmond, VA 23229
River Road UMC
123-50-200.00
Saturday September 9, 2017
Mini-Mission Encounter
A Call to Mission -
Rev. Devon Earle

Currently serving as Associate Pastor at Fairlington UMC in Arlington, she is a graduate of Randolph Macon College and received her master’s of Divinity from Duke Divinity School. She has also served internships in various churches, a hospital, the Virginia Conference Office and a United Methodist Children’s Home.

Married to Robert, a 2nd grade special education teacher, they have a Cairn Terrier named Myra. She enjoys new places, new people, and time outdoors hiking, sailing and walking.

Directions

From I 81N or I 81S, I 81 to Exit 257, left on Mayland Rd, (Rt 259) 370 ft, right on North Valley Pike (Rt 11) 2.1 mi, left on Merta Rd (Rt 806) 3.4 mi, right on Mountain Valley Rd (Rt 620) 1.8 mi, left on Amentstout Path (Rt 722).

Details

Hosted by The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women for young women ages 18 (out of high school) to 40, attendance is not predicated on membership. Bring a friend. Bring Bible, pen/pencil, alarm clock, favorite snack to share. Drinks provided.

Scholarships

Scholarships may be available. Contact your District UM Women President or email walshpm@visuallink.com or buckrowbeach@gmail.com.

September 15-16 Young Women’s Event Schedule (tentative)

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Check choice of:

- Friday evening lodging, dinner and Saturday breakfast & lunch, $75
- Day retreater breakfast, lunch, $25

Total remitted:

Checks payable to Virginia Conference United Methodist Women.

Registration form and check for total to:

Joyce Winston
2411 E Pembroke Ave.
Hampton, VA 23664-1243
Phone: 757-851-6897
Email: buckrowbeach@gmail.com

Registration deadline: September 8, 2017
He says, "The United Methodist Church is on the cutting edge of social justice and human rights issues." Bishop Sharma D. Lewis was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She served as a pastor in churches and community centers before becoming a bishop in 1998. She has served on numerous boards and committees, including the United Methodist Council of Bishops and the United Methodist Judicial Council. She has been a leader in the United Methodist Women's movement and has been recognized for her work in promoting women's leadership in the church. Bishop Lewis has been an advocate for social justice issues, including healthcare, education, and the environment. She has also been a leader in the fight against AIDS and has worked to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS. She is currently serving as the bishop of the Northwest District of the United Methodist Church. She holds a doctorate in religious education from Duke University. Bishop Lewis is married and has two children.
October 15, 2017
Registration Deadline

Hampton VA 23666
P.O. Box 716
Maryaylor
To the Registrar:

Women
Virginia Conference United Methodist Church for $15.00 made payable to
Registration Form and
District Office: Office Held: Conference/Executive Committee:
Zone Local Unit Member:
Local Unit Delegate:

Name
Phone ( )

Room Rate is $89 + tax
Attending Annual Meeting
Membership that you are a UMW

9933 Maryland Drive, Richmmond 23233
Holiday Inn Express
By calling: (804) 934-3300
Make your own hotel registration

Need a Room?

Tentative Schedule

Reminders
Annual-Meeting

Get Directions:

Henrico, VA 23229
903 Forest Ave
All Events are Held

As keynote speaker
In support of Bishop Lewis
Business Meeting
1:00 pm
Lunch
12 noon
Focus Groups
10:00 am
Opening Remarks
9:30 am
Registration will open
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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 Initiative 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.unitedmethodistswomen.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.umo-gpcs.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) 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 women (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 Episcopal 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, begging potatoes, etc. Describe:

6b. (*) Participate in the Campaign for Children/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 your DISTRICT UIOP 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, Outreach (MN&O) and Secretary of Program Resources (SPR) mail reports to the District MN&O and SPR.

Please return this form by August 15, 2017 to:
Barbara Tuttle, 3623 Lucky Lee Crescent, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234-5709

October 22, 2016
Richmond District UMW Reading Report

September 2016 through August 30, 2017
Due August 30, 2017

Unit Name

Name of person completing report:

Telephone & email:

We did not participate

Total number of books read (with or without completing a plan)
Number completing Plan 1
Number completing Plan 2
Number completing Plan 3
Number completing Plan 4

Please list names of persons completing each plan on back of this form

Total number completing a plan

Total number of adult & your readers (count even those who have read only one book)

Total number of children readers

Total number of children receiving certificates

Please list their names on back of this form under Children Readers

Total number of children books read

Total number of subscriptions to RESPONSE magazine (count total number of individual and UMW subscriptions)

Total number of subscriptions to NEW WORLD OUTLOOK (count total number of individual and UMW subscriptions)

Please return by August 30 (earlier if possible) to:

Marilyn Bell 2501 St. Regis Dr., North Chesterfield, VA 23236
fwmjbell@verizon.net (804) 276-3115
Dear UMW President/MNO,

Please list the names of your UMW members who have passed away during the year September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. To honor these women, their names will be read during the Memorial Service at our Richmond District Annual Meeting, September 23, 2017 and at the Conference Annual Meeting, October 28, 2017. These names will also be listed in our program and on a memorial board at both meetings.

Name of Church: ________________________________________

Name and Address of Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach or President:
(Please Print)

________________________________________________________________________

List Deceased UMW Members only: (PLEASE PRINT)

1. _________________________________________________________________

2. _________________________________________________________________

3. _________________________________________________________________

4. _________________________________________________________________

5. _________________________________________________________________

If none, check here and return.

In order for your members to be honored, please return this form by September 1, 2017.

The completed form may be returned by email or regular mail to the address below. Please only provide the names of UMW Members and not all church women.

Thank you for your help in this process.

Kathy Dictor
7538 S. Franklins Way
Quinton, VA 23141

Phone: (804) 932-3247
Email: kbdictor@gmail.com
# Richmond District UMW

Checklist of Due Dates for 2017

*Save for Future reference*

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|                                   | August 15, 2017 | Living Into Our Purpose (LIOP) | Barbara Tuttle  
3623 Luckylee Crescent  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234-5709 |
|                                   | August 30, 2017 | Reading Program Unit Report | Marilyn Bell  
2501 St. Regis Dr.,  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23236 |
|                                   | September 1, 2017 | Candleburning | Money & Report to:  
Rosa Lewis  
829 Old Denny St.,  
Richmond, VA 23231 |
|                                   | September 1, 2017 | Report of Deceased UMW Members from 9/1/2016 - 8/31/2017 | Names only to:  
Kathy Dictor  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
|                                   | November 30, 2017 | Unit Officer List | Scotty Doyle  
3202 Huntsbridge Ct.,  
Midlothian, VA 23112 |
|                                   | December 5, 2017 | Unit Pledge to Mission | Bring to Advent Service to put in plate during Pledge Service |
|                                   | TBA | 2017 Unit Membership Online Census from 1/1/2017-12/31/2017 | Kathy Dictor  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
Sept. 9th - Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter  
River Road UMC 8800 River Road, 23229  
12:30 - 5 p.m.  
$3 pre registration - Deadline Sept. 1st  

Sept. 15 - 16th - Conference Young Women's Event  
Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook Keezeltown, VA 22832  
$100 Scholarship available from Richmond District  

Sept. 23rd  Richmond District Annual Meeting  
- Asbury UMC (Church Hill)  

Nov. 11th  Richmond District Officer & Leadership Development Day  
- Chamberlayne Heights UMC  

Dec. 2nd  Richmond District Advent Service  
- Skipwith UMC