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Q & A

What is the Rainbow Giver Program?

The Rainbow Giver Program is an opportunity for you, as an individual, to personally give to the five (5) Channels of Mission Giving. Your gift of \$60.00 (see below) will make you a Rainbow Giver.

***\$40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin.**

***\$5 to give a Pledge to Mission (in addition to your regular pledge.**

***\$5 for a Gift to Mission Card.**

***\$5 For a Gift in Memory Card.**

***\$5 for a gift to World Thank Offering.**

To be recognized as a Rainbow Giver at our 2017 Annual Meeting, please complete and give the special form to your Unit Treasurer by September 1, 2017.

Happy New Year to all in our District! I am writing this just after a first snow of the season (and i hope the last). This is my first compass article as president of the UMW in the James River District. I would like to say Sally will be hard to follow. She has been a tremendous president and did a great job. We will continue to be hands of God as we go about doing His work and being true to our Purpose...helping women, children and youth in so many ways. Ladies, continue to learn, pray, act and give. I hope to have seen many of you at the leadership day on the 14th. There are many exciting things coming up this year so when you have the dates, put them on your calendar. Also, remember to invite people to these events who have never come...young or older...member or "not yet". Reach out! God Bless All of You!

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Diana

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Have you hugged your prayer partner today? Please continue to pray for her – but a card occasionally would be nice!

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Each time this year I think of how I might help secretaries with their duties as I fulfill mine. First and foremost I think we need to remember we are to keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the unit and its Executive Committee and give notice of these meetings. Page 23 in the 2017 Yearbook has an excellent description of duties for all unit officers. Please take a moment to read this information.

I am highlighting the duties of the Secretary – page 23 in the year book here:

The **Secretary** shall:

- a. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the unit and its Executive Committee and give notice of these meetings;
- b. Serve as custodian of all records and official papers;
- c. Sign, with the president, all orders on the treasury and all official and legal papers, making certain each is properly dated;
- d. Keep an accurate up-to-date roll of membership;
- e. Send the completed Officer Form for the next year to the district Secretary by Nov. 1st;
- f. Send the name of the newly elected President and Secretary of Program Resources to the Mission Resource Center;
- g. Serve on the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Membership, Nurture and Outreach Committee, if one exists.

When you record your minutes and then finalize your report, think of this as a calling from God. You were selected to record the workings of God's women. He has provided you the talents and gifts to do this important position. Worship Him in thought and deed as you serve.

I find encouragement with *Proverbs 16:3* 'Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.' I pray for each of you a very successful 2017.

Has your unit received the 2017 YEARBOOK? If not it is possible I still have it. Please contact me, Candee Speirs at candee.speirs@yahoo.com or (804)834-8905 to make arrangements to receive yours. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR UNITS INFORMATION pages 16-22 for errors. While I strive to publish only correct information, I do make errors. Should you find errors in your information please contact me at the above. Not only can apologize, I can see corrections are sent out to all the units.

Candee

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Happy New Year! The questions most asked by you for 2016 were by far concerning the Special Mission Recognition (SMR) pin. It seems there are many of you that need help understanding this process. Pin orders are sent to me with the SMR form completed and your check for \$40. Within a couple of days of receipt, I forward your order with OUR (JRD) check to the Virginia Conference UMW treasurer. She then forwards the form with a conference check to Mission Resources. As you can see there is quite a bit of time involved. THEN, I'm told it's another 4-6 week lapse before you actually receive the pin. To my knowledge, there is no shortcut to save time. I'm not allowed to order directly. Soooooo, please plan ahead to leave ample time between you sending me your order and the date you need your pin (looks like 6-8 weeks).

In a related matter, your \$40 check may be held by me for a week or two, BUT your pin order is forwarded within a day of receipt.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime you have any questions. Blessings to you all for a prosperous 2017.

Marie

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This article is my first official function in my new position as Social Action Coordinator and I am so excited about this new opportunity to serve the women of the James River District UMW! Our district social action priorities for 2017 are Poverty / Economic Justice and Environmental Justice / Being Green. The Virginia Conference UMW priority is poverty. This does not mean that your unit has to adopt and focus on poverty or environmental justice – they are what the district and conference have committed to and merely serve to act as an option for you if you chose to use either.

Don't forget that UM Day at the General Assembly is February 2. Forms were available at the Advent Retreat and were emailed to unit presidents in December. Please note that the deadline for registration is January 27; deadline for early bird registration was January 6 (hence the emailed flyer last month).

I want to let you know about an opportunity to deepen your devotional life and strengthen your spiritual journey. Wesley UMC in Colonial Heights has a Kindred Group that meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. This is a time for laity as well as clergy to come together in contemplative prayer, partake of Holy Communion and rest in God's presence. No need to 'make a reservation' – just come!

Sally

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REMINDER: Our slate of officers for the year 2017 is as follows:

President	Diane Harbarger
Vice President	Pam Crandol
Treasurer	Marie Hawks
Secretary	Candee Speirs
Spiritual Growth	Carolyn Beale
Secretary of Program Resources	Linda Callis
Social Action	Sally McGrath
Membership , Nurture & Outreach	Mary Ellen Renney
Communications	Debbie Baugham
Nominations Chairperson:	Betty Finklea
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Betty

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Happy New Year. I have met so many of you and I still have many of you to meet. It seems the weather was really against us last weekend, and our meeting at Courtland UMC had to be cancelled.

Here's my story. When no one volunteered to be the Communications Coordinator I felt a nudge from God; I also saw the look in Dolly Porter's eyes of sadness because no one had volunteered. At that time, I was the Director of Development at VUMAC and I knew from experience and numerous UMW meetings I would go guest speak at that many times when I would speak of upcoming UMW events at VUMAC no one knew of them. I began taking brochures with me, copies of newsletters with me and distributing them to the ladies I encountered. I couldn't believe that we had that much lack of communication between ourselves – but it was true. I saw numbers on the decline and it truly broke my heart. I kept wondering what could "I" do. Well, here was the opportunity, here was a chance to try to make a difference – at least where the ladies of the James River District were concerned. So here I am, I've done newsletters in the

past, but never YOUR newsletter, I'm open for your opinions and I hope that you will share with me. Text me, email me or call. Let's stay connected!

In His Service,

Debbie

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Debbie Elder**

I hope you are enjoying the New Year. As your UMW unit is making plans for this year, please remember that each of us should be sharing faith, hope and love with those around us. If you have a mission project that you think other units might be interested in doing, please let me know. I will try to share mission opportunities with you as I receive them.

Debbie Elder
Education and Interpretation

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Place	Time
January 14 th	District UMW Leadership Development	Wakefield UMC	10:00 AM
February	United Methodist Day at the General Assembly	Richmond	TBA
March 10 th	First Quarter Treasurer's Report DUE Send to Marie Hawks. Remember \$2 for each year book and \$2 for each member for A&MD Fund.		
March 11 th	District UMW Spring Retreat	TBA	TBA
March 31 st – April 2 nd	Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat	Smith Mountain Lake	
April 1 st	Deadline for <i>The Compass</i> articles to Debbie Baugham		
April 28 th – 30 th	Spiritual Life Retreat	Northern VA 4H Center, Front Royal	
June	UMW Day at Ferrum College		TBA
June 10 th	Second Quarter Treasurer's Report DUE Send to Marie Hawks.		
June 16 th – 18 th	Virginia Annual Conference	Hampton, VA	
June 17 th	UMW Breakfast at Conference	TBA	TBA
July 28 th – 30 th	Mission Encounter	Randolph Macon	
August 5 th	District Mission Team	TBA	TBA
August 6 th	Deadline for <i>The Compass</i> articles to Debbie Baugham		
September 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Candle Burning to Sally McGrath • Deadline for Living Into Our Purpose to Debbie Elder • Deadline for reading achievements to Linda Callis • Deadline for names of deceased members for Sally McGrath • Deadline for 5 & 6 Star Info & Rainbow Giver into to Marie Hawks • Elect officers in local units for next year 		
September 10 th	Third Quarter Treasurer's Report DUE Send to Marie Hawks.		
September	Young Women's Event	TBA	TBA
September 24 th	District UMW Annual Meeting	TBA	3:00 PM
October 1 st	Deadline for <i>The Compass</i> articles to Debbie Baugham		
October 27 th – 28 th	Conference UMW Annual Meeting	TBA	TBA
November 1 st	Deadline for submitting 2018 Unit Officer List to Candee Speirs		
November 5 th	District UMW "Fall Day Apart"	TBA	3:00 PM
December 2 nd	Advent Retreat	TBA	TBA
December 10 th	Fourth Quarter Treasurer's Report DUE Send to Marie Hawks		