

Mission Trees



United
Women
in Faith

New England Conference
United Women in Faith
March 2022

The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith 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.



We mail at least three issues of each Mission Trees to all Unit Presidents, Treasurers, District Officers, Conference Team members, District Team members and/or contact people. Our hope is that you copy it, print it and pass it around your church, post appropriate articles and use parts of it for your unit or church newsletter. Please see that we have the correct name and address or notify us ASAP. Contact Janice Galloway (akajaniceg@yahoo.com). Also please contact us if you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email and save paper. It is also available on the NEUMC website, www.neumc.org under Mission and Ministry.

Important NECUMW Dates

- April 2, 2022 Commonwealth West district meeting, Charlton City UMC
The theme is Living with Gratitude
- May 7th from 10am-12pm on Zoom. Commonwealth East Spring District Meeting
Program will be **Aging Graciously.**
- May 20-22, 2022 Assembly 2022 - Orlando Convention Center, Florida
- July 2022 Mission u. "Luke 13: One Transformative Biblical
Curriculum for Everyone"
- October 15th Commonwealth East Fall meeting at Living Faith
UMC in Beverly, Ma. Program topic: **Language of Prayer- How do we pray?**
- October 22, 2022 NECUMW Annual Meeting, Wilmington, MA

Greetings from Betty Shippee, President NEC

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March, 2022

Greetings, my awesome United Women in Faith!

It's official! United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith!

If you receive RESPONSE magazine, there is an article in the March/ April issue that tells you all about it, including an FAQ/Frequently Asked Questions about United Women in Faith.

Harriett Jane Olson, CEO of United Women in Faith writes: 'This is an exciting time for our organization! Looking back, we see the tag lines for our organization – faith in God and commitment to women, children and youth – and how this has been expressed in different ways at different times, always calling women into action that changed the world. This refreshment opens up new opportunities for us to continue to make that happen.'

The 'New Wineskins' campaign is based on the scripture Mark 2:21-22 (NIV) 'No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.' United Methodist Women is making new wineskins so that new generations of women can join in the joy of turning faith into action with a community of like-minded women. It's about exciting changes, new programming and membership opportunities, more tools and templates, and spreading this great news with members during this time of transition.

Yvette Moore, director of public relations and marketing, writes: 'This is indeed an exciting time for our organization, as we move forward into our future. Together, we can do more. Our strengths and steadfast Christian faith are needed now more than ever. Let's stand united as, together, we continue to put love in action. You are our future. Welcome to United Women in Faith!'

Betty Shippee, NEC United Women in Faith President

Greetings from your Vice President, Sherry Culver!

Greetings United Women in Faith!

This has been a tough few weeks to watch the news. The invasion of Ukraine stirs up many memories and events from the past. It seems that the world continues to be caught in cycles of oppression and greed for territory, power, and personal influence. I am reminded that we have to make things right in our own back yards for the world to be a better place for women, children and youth. And this begins with Lent and a serious reflection on who we are as ***United Women in Faith***.

Yes- we have changed our name – but our purpose and priorities remain the same. We are called to act on behalf of women, children and youth and to respond with faith, action and sisterhood.

As some of you know, I participate in the Reading Program – these books are varied and offer different viewpoints into the world from what I would otherwise get on Facebook, listening to the nightly news or conversations at work. But the most recent book I read was not from the reading program. It is by Jodi Picoult, titled "*Wish You Were Here*", and is a story about one woman's COVID experience over the last 2 years. Even though it is fiction, the book describes in detail all that we have gone through – acknowledging our uncertainty, fears, frustration and isolation.

But the point of the book is not to rehash what happened in the last 2 years but to go forward. As the book points out - It doesn't matter what happened or how we addressed it. It matters how we go on from here and what choices we make with our time and talents and money. The specific quote from the book that sticks with me is this:

"The truth is it doesn't matter how or why It never will. Trying to figure out what happened isn't important. It is what I do with what I learned that counts. All of us are grieving something. We are putting one foot in front of the other, we are waking up to see another day, we are pushing through uncertainly even if we can't yet see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are battered and broken, but we are all small miracles."

Yes – you and I are small miracles – and what we do matters. What we do from here forward matters. We have a new name – ***United Women in Faith*** – and what we do with this new name and the spark it starts matters. I hope that each of you will reflect on the last 2 years – but not dwell in it – and choose to move forward. Be the spark needed for United Women in Faith. Invite women to participate. Make United Women in Faith a personal priority! Because we are all miracles – spreading our wings for women, children and youth.

Peace and blessings,

Sherry Culver, VP NECUWF

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Secretary's Report

A message from your secretary....

Over the past several months I have been fortunate to attend many Zoom Meetings with the National Office as well as other Conference Secretaries from around the country. I have learned a lot from these meetings. And wanted to pass along some tips that I found helpful, to other secretaries. These tips apply to Unit Secretaries, District Secretaries, or even if you're a secretary at one of your church boards.

This tip is on Proof Reading.

Definition of Proof reading is: **to read and mark corrections in** (something, such as a proof).

Proofread with Care

Secretaries you have been entrusted with a heavy responsibility and while accuracy of information is your primary goal, you also have the obligation of making that information understandable to others. It won't be if you don't proofread every word you typed. You will also blow your credibility as a reliable information provider if you produce minutes that are filled with misspell words, incomplete sentences, abbreviations and inaccurate punctuation. Take pride in your work, and keep in mind the expression: **"What's worth doing is worth doing well."**

Please contact me if you have any questions on taking minutes, storing minutes or what are minutes. I will be contacting you.

Pam Mavrelion

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NEUMW Nominations Form

NAME: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE:HOME _____ CELL _____ WORK _____

CHURCH _____ ADDRESS _____

AGE : 20 30 40 50 60 70 80

LANGUAGES:SPOKEN/UNDERSTOOD _____

ETHNICITY:ORIGIN/RACE:WHITE: _____ ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER: _____

AFRICAN AMERICAN: _____ CARIBBEAN _____

EMPLOYED: YES _____ NO _____ FULLTIME _____ PARTTIME _____

RETIRED _____ STUDENT _____

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/JOB:

EXPERIENCE: _____

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:

INTERESTS: _____ TALENTS: _____

GIFTS: _____

HAVE YOU DEFINED YOUR MINISTRY BY TAKING A SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY?

YES _____ NO _____

WHAT POSITIONS HAVE YOU SERVED IN YOUR LOCAL UNIT, YOUR DISTRICT OR CONFERENCE. _____

WHAT POSITION WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN THE CONFERENCE

Signature _____ DATE _____

- When completed return to: Pam Wall
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We have openings on the conference, and you can help to fill these positions
THANK YOU 3/2022



In the 150 years since we began, our organization has had more than 25 names, each reflecting varying states of the church, society, and women’s lived experiences. We’ve been “Ladies,” “Woman’s” and then “Women’s” societies, associations, guilds, and circles.

Now we are again taking a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling to faith and action today:

‘Ainise ‘Isama’u, current board president, said the changes express our core values open new pathways for women to put their faith and love in action.

“We are creating more opportunities for engagement through new programs and updates of long-standing programs that embody our core values,” she said. “Things change. People change. But God remains, and that continues to be the purpose behind everything that we do in this organization.”

Introductions to the new programs and innovations will be key of United Women in Faith’s upcoming **“Turn It Up!” Assembly, a hybrid event in Orlando, Florida, and via remote workshop and plenary offerings on Zoom.**

You’re invited to the first-ever Legacy Banquet! A special fundraising event to celebrate and grow The Legacy Endowment Fund

- A sit-down dinner during Assembly, on Saturday, May 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Single tickets must be purchased in advance, online, separately from your Assembly registration at the following link:** <http://umw.convio.net/site/Calendar?id=102083&view=Detail>

Communications Coordinator akajaniceg@yahoo.com

The logo features the words "TURN IT UP!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a circular background that is split into two colors: teal on the top-left and purple on the bottom-right. The circle is partially cut off by the top and right edges of the page.

ASSEMBLY 2022

MAY 20 – 22, 2022
ORLANDO CONVENTION CENTER

WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG

Come to Orlando to care for your spirit, worship with your sisters and celebrate the positive impact women create in the world.



WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER

In 2022 we will reflect on today's challenges and together find comfort and strength to move forward, building new ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in our communities and the world. We will recommit to our purpose, but also more. For such a time as this we will **TURN IT UP!**

At ASSEMBLY 2022 we will **TURN IT UP!** for spiritual healing and renewal. We will **TURN IT UP!** for rebirth in a new time. We will **TURN IT UP!** for women leaders. We will **TURN IT UP!** for justice for women, children and youth. And it all begins with you. Will you **TURN IT UP?**

PRICE

Assembly is a great value at the early registration fee of \$330. Few other faith-based conferences offer the following for such a low fee:

- Soul-stirring worship infused with music and performing arts
- Impactful workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders
- Action opportunities and an Experience Hall with interactive experiences

SAVE FOR ASSEMBLY

Start now! Calculate the costs as broken out below for your location, then divide by 12 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn't seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will make it worth every dollar.

Early Registration fee: \$330 (available Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2021, which includes lunch on Friday and Saturday)

Hotel expenses: \$158 – \$203 per night for up to four people (double / double room)

- Travel expenses
- Meal expenses:
 - Friday and Saturday — breakfast and dinner
 - Sunday — breakfast

WWW.ASSEMBLY2022.ORG





Program Committee

WORKING TOGETHER

All of us want to make a difference in others' lives. We can have a positive effect through what we do and say, how we live, and the issues we embrace. There are many problems and injustices in our world but there are also many ways that we, as United Women in Faith, can work together to help solve problems and eradicate injustice.

Each of us as "one individual United Woman in Faith" needs to remember that we do not "go it alone". We are part of a huge group of women, over 800,000 strong, who make a difference by dealing with key issues affecting women, children, and youth.

Working together we offer strength, opportunities and effectiveness. We study together at Mission U, choose books from the Reading Program and some of us read together in a book group, we learn together. We make pledges to mission, give to 5 Star Giving, and participate in programs that keep us connected, striving and thriving.

Stay connected as United Women in Faith. Come to our district gatherings and our annual Conference meeting so we can meet you and get to know you better. Working together we can make a difference!

Sherry Anne Bryant, Program Committee



Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Hello Ladies!

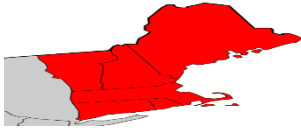
We're already into the third month of the new year; can you believe it? The problems of life continue making each day a challenge if we let it. However, we have a God that's still in charge and is available to us 24, 7, 365! During these hard times, we are to focus on Him.

One of my daily readings says we are to refuse to worry because in this world there will always be problems. The awareness of His presence in our lives fills us with peace. During these tumultuous days let's not let fear overtake us. Let us pour our energy into trusting and believing in His word.

During your meetings always invite Him in as a Guide. We need Him for our mission work that we do in His name. We are to love one another as He loves us. But we know that, huh?

Blessings to all,

Cynthia Norton



Hello from the Conference Treasurer



New England Conference United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women Assembly - May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, Florida

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NECUMW has set aside funds to help defray the cost of UMW members attending Assembly this year.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2022 or may be submitted via email to Leedam@aol.com

Depending on the number of applicants, scholarship amounts may be small. Please consider others that may not be able to attend without scholarship assistance. Also, consider other sources of assistance such as local churches and local UMWs.

Scholarship Amounts: The Scholarship funds will be divided among those who have applied.

Name _____ Email _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 District: _____
 Local Church: _____

Check Appropriate Box --

- First Time Attendee ()
- Conference Officer ()
- District Officer ()
- Local Member ()
- Young Woman (age 35 or under) ()
- Teen Member ()

I am attending (please check) on site () or virtually ()

If for some reason I am unable to attend, I will notify Leeda Marsh.

Signed _____ Date _____

Submit this scholarship application to: Leeda Marsh, PO Box 418, Leominster, MA 01453

OR Via Email to: LeedaM@aol.com



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Fall Gathering - Centering Our Hearts for Mission

What: Fall Gathering of NEC United Women in Faith

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022

Where: Wilmington UMC, Wilmington Massachusetts, Commonwealth East district

Why:

- Engaging Speaker: Edna Conyer-Douglas, educator, prayer consultant, author, one of the originators of Friends Forever/Forever Friends. Her topic is Soul-Care, prayer and how to remain centered in Christ.
- Critical Action and Education opportunity: School to Prison Pipeline
- Connections: It's been 3 years! Let's get together!

A few other notes

- Meeting is planned for in-person
- Cost remains the same - \$15. Registration form will be in Summer Mission Trees
- There will be hotel suggestions and more details in the summer Mission Trees.

I am excited about this Gathering – Having organized 3 Gatherings so far with 2 on Zoom I can tell you that the online gatherings are just as difficult and in some way harder to organize. So I am looking forward to planning this in-person gathering with my wonderful Program Committee members Sherry Anne Bryant and Carol Stidger and the women of Wilmington UMW and the Commonwealth East District.

We hope you all will make plans to join us on Saturday, October 22, 2022– it's a beautiful time to travel and will be the first time in 3 years that we will gather in-person. So let's make this a meeting to remember.

Sherry Culver, your Vice President



Education and Interpretation



I hope this finds you all well and happy. Spring is almost here!

How many of you have joined in virtually to Voices from the Field or Faith Talks?

These are wonderful mission programs that would be great for programs with you District or with your local units. Voices from the Field focus on national and international initiatives supporting mission giving. How our monies are being used in the mission field. Voices from the Field are offered quarterly. Faith Talks are monthly discussions/conversations that explore themes and resources to empower us to put Faith, Hope and Love into action. Faith Talk podcasts can now be counted in the category of Spiritual Growth. You must participate or listen to two Faith Talks podcasts. If you participate/listen to three, it will be counted as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.

Reading Program: It was determined that enlarging the 2021 list and combining the 2021 and 2022, Reading Lists, would be a better way to handle the situation for now due to Covid. The new list will be out in July 2022. Think of new ways to enjoy the books, such as Zoom book clubs or by sharing book reports. Invite book authors to join you for discussions time, programs, etc. Mix it up by recognizing books in 2021 and the Faith Talks podcasts, movies, and books in 2022. Movies and documentaries will also count toward the Reading Program. Here are the movies selected: "Just Mercy, "The Hate U Give" and "Pushout". Think of other creative ways to promote the Reading Program.

If you are interested in serving as a Reading Program evaluator for 2022 please fill out this form before March 30th: <http://forms.gle/gwfcSPSX3Futu9>. It will take about 15 minutes.

The Annual Sampler is not available for 2022, possibly in the future but it's on hold for now. Most of the material is online. New material is on hold due to Covid.

Daily Prayer Guide (Prayer Calendar) now has emails for missionaries. They're no longer printing addresses. It is also by month with their birthday not by date anymore. Daily Prayer Guide can be found on [Facebook.com/UMWprayercalendar](https://www.facebook.com/UMWprayercalendar)

Response Magazine...How many of you read this wonderful resource magazine for the Mission stories? They can be used as programs in you district or local units. You have it available to you in print or online and it is also one of the requirements on the Mission Today forms. "Two bird with one stone!"

Speaking of Mission Today. The 2021 forms are due to your E&I coordinator so they will send them along to me for you recognition at our Fall meeting

I hope this has been helpful to you with information on Reading Program, Mission Today Forms, etc. If you have any questions send them along to me. If I don't have the answer, I will do my best to get it! My email and phone number are at the bottom. Call or email me anytime.

Your sister in Christ,

Heather M. Busa

E&I Coordinator

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2021 Requirements for a Mission Today Organization

- Gold Group**----- Complete 8 of the top 13 and another 8 from those numbered 14-25.
Silver Group----- Complete 6 of the top 13 and another 6 from those numbered 14-25
Bronze Group----- Complete 4 of the top 13 and another 4 from those numbered 14-25

- ___1. Conduct a program that addresses one of the two 2021-2024 Social Justice Priorities: Climate Justice with particular focus on Just Energy 4 All campaign or Mass Incarceration/Criminalization of communities of Color, with a particular focus on the interrupting School to Prison Pipeline campaign.
- ___2. Conduct a Mission U study or have at least one member attend Mission U.
- ___3. Promote Mission U and offer scholarships for attendees.
- ___4. Contribute funds to be a 5 Star Group (give to all five areas of Mission Giving).
- ___5. Add at least two new members to your membership rolls.
- ___6. Plan a Spiritual Retreat or Day Apart for the local women or participate in such event.
- ___7. Conduct a program or implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year.
- ___8 Promote our history and support the Legacy Fund.
- ___9. Support financially/in-kind to Hattie B. Cooper Community Center
- ___10. Use the Prayer Calendar at each meeting and pray for those in mission .
- ___11. Include a "Response Moment" at each meeting, or an article from Response used to "tell the mission story" .
- ___12. Read or sing the United Methodist Women's Purpose at each meeting.
- ___13. The group will make and contribute a pledge to mission.

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- ___14. Have at least 2 members (other than a dist. or conf. officer) attend the NECUMW Annual Mtg.
 - ___15. Plan and participate in a United Methodist Women's Sunday.
 - ___16. Have at least 1 member join the UM Women's Action Network and respond to 3 legislative issues .
 - ___17. Correspond with five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
 - ___18. Co-sponsor with the local church a Children's Sabbath (information at Children's Defense Fund)
 - ___19. Have at least three women participate in the Reading Program .
 - ___20. Have at least two members subscribe to Response Magazine.
 - ___21. Have at least two people attend a District meeting (not including District or Conference officers).
 - ___22. Have at least 2 women volunteer at a local Food Bank, Feeding program, Women's shelter etc. that support women and children.
 - ___23. Use at least two programs or themes from the Program Book for your group meetings .
 - ___24. Make available scholarships to Mission U for young women ages 12-25
 - ___25. Conduct a meeting in which two books from the Reading Plan are reviewed and/or discussed by a group.

Throughout the year check off completed requirements and send this completed form to:
by December 31.

Signed _____ (Your District E&I Coordinator)

Church name _____ Local group President's name _____

Location of Church _____ Submitted by _____
(District E&I Coordinator)



Luke 13: One Transformative Biblical Curriculum for Everyone

For more than a century we've been gathering annually to better understand how to live our faith in the world by studying for spiritual growth and learning about contemporary issues and neighbors in different geographic areas.

Beginning in 2022, we are taking an exciting new approach to Mission u curricula!

Mission u will now introduce three new curricula each year—one for adults, one for youth and one for children—all focusing on a shared biblical theme. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented and biblically centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to learning together for the transformation of the world.

These inspiring curricula include opportunities for intergenerational learning and are designed to be easy to use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats and other settings.

Developed by diverse teams, each study was tested in different church settings and adapted and optimized based on feedback. And now they are ready for you!

Dates coming up are:

- April 7-9- NNKUNW Officials retreat (LA, CA.)
- May 20-22-UMW Assembly (Florida)
- May 1-30-Individual Mission Walk for “Rise to Hunger” fundraiser
- June 4th-Mission Walk together for “Rise to Hunger” mission project.
- July-September Environment issues Seminar: Green Church” & Practice with local church.
- July 22-23 Mission u
- October 9 Praise Night
- November -Short Term Mission Trip to Hatti (TBD)

Shalom!

First, we thank God for productive mission fruits in the last year in the Lord’s guidance. We gathered virtually as many during the pre-pandemic period to be learning, worshiping, and praising God together, and to act for the mission.

The sewing ministry team made masks to distribute to the hospital, homeless people, and well dressed out pillow covers for little girls in Africa. The COVID pandemic and growing climate crisis made us pay attention to an environmental mission project called "Making Green Churches" in order to preserve and revive God’s creation.

We also actively raised funds through Bazar and the marketing team and could support 16 different places. We will keep continuing to write the history of the great women's mission for women, children, and youth with the same heart, passion, and vision.

We expect new things that will be done by God through us in 2022!

Best,
Camie Lee
Korean language coordinator



News from Granite District

Spring is around the corner. It's time for "back to normal" after our past two years full of uncertainty. I hope this finds you well. With God's blessings, Nancy

Let the nations turn from war and encourage one another as good neighbors.

Our NH District is delighted to invite you to the upcoming May 14 Spring outdoor social UMW meeting to be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord, NH. We have planned a "bring your own lunch" with water and a light dessert served by the board members. Our agenda is to have a brief business meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving and a song or two. The Family Promise Program will provide information, and our guest speaker Ruth will offer a tour of the church. Also, you can browse the (under a tent) church annual plant sale to buy a "touch of spring". Our Granite District newsletter will be sent out in early April with more details. If you have any questions, you may contact me via nof42@comcast.net.

With mixed emotions, we share the news that Sharon Parker, our longtime board secretary who provided tireless support to all aspects of UMW for the past 11+ years, has announced her retirement from this position. With her winning personality, she has always had a smile and warm greetings for anyone who crosses her path. Her presence will be sorely missed. Over the years Sharon has been able to build on new ideas while sustaining what already existed as the base of what was to come. Her commitment to UMW and its growth in serving others has been unwavering. She has always had a strong desire to unite women of faith to build a sense of community, promote women's rights, and walk with the marginalized.

Sharon's decision to retire as secretary comes at a time when she and her husband plan extensive traveling. We will all miss her leadership but, rest assured, we know she will be an active part of the Granite District UMW when they return from their travels. We give our deepest thanks to Sharon for her many years as our secretary and send her on her way with our blessings and love. It's not goodbye, just an extended farewell until she returns from their travels.

In closing, the Granite District UMW board is in need of a treasurer effective June 30. If you feel the calling to join our board as treasurer, please contact Mary Jane (MJ) Anderson, (current treasurer) via maryjanean@comcast.net. MJ will provide you with training for this role.

Granite District UMW Nancy Fransen, President

News From Commonwealth West District (Mass. West of Rte 495)



**Commonwealth West
District UMW Spring Meeting**

Saturday, April 2, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Graciously hosted by the women of Charlton City UMC
74 Stafford St, Charlton, MA 01507
(Directions on reverse for those attending in-person)

Program: Living with Gratitude

Guest Speaker: Nora Asedillo Cunningham (she/her) is the Spiritual Growth and Formation Specialist at United Methodist Women national office. She seeks to facilitate opportunities for spiritual growth and nourishment for the UMW membership at the intersection of a personal, inward relationship with God and connection to an outward journey of transformative action. Prior to her work with United Methodist Women, she was a Global Mission Fellow of the United Methodist Church, serving 2 years in her motherland of the Philippines. She received her Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where she studied Christian social ethics and postcolonial and liberation theologies. She also received her BA in Sociology from Mount Holyoke College. She currently resides in occupied Lenape territory in the Bronx, NY with her spouse and two cats (who occasionally like to make an appearance on screen)

Agenda

- 9:30 - 9:45 Registration and Social Action Opportunities
- 9:30 - 10:15 Welcome, Intros, Opening Worship & Business
- 10:15 - 11:30 Program & Questions
- 11:30 - 12:15 Lunch & Activities
- 12:15 - 1:30 Closing Worship & Ingathering Presentation

Ingathering Items to Benefit Abby's House in Worcester: female incontinence underwear size L or XL, sanitary pads-larger for moderate/ heavy flow, hand soap refills or pump bottles, liquid laundry soap in 96 oz or smaller, paper towels, word puzzle books and journals.

Reservations including the fee are required for all participants whether attending in-person or Virtually. To make reservations, mail this form by March 23, 2022 with a \$10.00 check to Jamie Filteau at 16 Litchfield St., Fitchburg, MA 01420 – OR – email Jamie at jrfileau@gmail.com. Make checks payable to CW District UMW.

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MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

UMW _____ Church/Town _____

Email address _____

I am attending: In-person Virtually (link will be emailed separately)

I / we need special accommodations: _____

I / we have special dietary needs: _____

I / we need child care * yes no Name/Ages of children: _____

***PLEASE NOTE: Children must be pre-registered by the deadline (March 23rd). If there are no registrations requesting childcare at that time, the assigned caretakers will be released from responsibility.**

Directions to Charlton City United Methodist Church

74 Stafford St
Charlton, MA 01507, USA



- Stafford Street is off of Route 20 and the church is about $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of a mile up the road. The church will be on the Right and is set back off of the road. Signage is clear and visible.
- From the West: Either access Route 20E and follow it through Sturbridge to Charlton or take the Mass Pike, Route 90E, to the Sturbridge Exit (old #9, new #78). Take Route I-84W to Exit 6A which will connect you to Route 20E. Stafford Street will be on the Left after about 5.2 miles and the church will be up the road $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of a mile on the Right.
- From the North: Stafford Street is a very long street that goes all the way into Worcester. Depending on where you are, GPS recommends different routes, not necessarily via Route 20.
- From the East: Again, depending on your starting point, GPS may not suggest using Route 20W. If you are directed to use Route 20W, Stafford Street will be on the Right and the church will be up the road $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of a mile on the Right.

New and exciting opportunity to serve on a Board of Directors

Clergy, laity, or a friend with interest and skills

Hattie B. Cooper Community Center

1891 Washington Street Boston MA 02118

Cooper is a mission site with a 100+ year history and constant connection to the United Methodist denomination.

The Hattie B. Cooper Community Center in Boston MA is looking for new Board members. Is this something that interests you? Do you know someone who might be interested? A friend? A co-worker? This is a great opportunity to become involved and serve those needing quality child care and supporting the community in other ways.

Cooper is in a very good place currently. Our building is paid for and has been nearly renovated to better serve the activities. Programming is on-going and progressing into new areas. During this COVID time enrollment is challenging, but we are anticipating a full enrollment as time goes forward. We do have a Wish List for the future.

The Board meets about 10 times a year either in-person or on Zoom. Currently we are meeting on the first Monday of each month at 12:00noon for 60 - 90 minutes. We are looking for individuals with a commitment for a period of time and with some skills that might be helpful to the center. Current needs include: Website design, building and grounds experience and human resource experience.

Cooper is a mission site with a long history and constant connection to the United Methodist denomination. Our Board members represent all people interested in this outreach to the children growing up in this urban area of Roxbury, regardless of their religious affiliation.

Cooper also has a few openings for employment. Administrative as well as teaching and support staff.

Submitted by Marcia Hoyt marciahoyt@aol.com

Hattie B. Cooper Community Center
1891 Washington Street Boston MA 02118
Cooper seeks new Board Members

Who we are:

For more than 100 years, The Hattie B. Cooper Community Center (Cooper) has provided quality education and care to 100 children daily through the Infant and Toddler, Preschool and After-School programs. Cooper also offers community Computer classes and public access hours at its Timothy Smith Computer Center. Currently, we are also managing a PRE-K class connected to the Boston Public Schools. Cooper has a long history with the United Methodist Church, although the application for a Board position are open to all regardless of their religious affiliation.

Cooper's programs address the needs of children and their families living in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Jamaica Plain and surrounding areas. Most of the children come from low-income and/or single parent households. Cooper is located in the heart of the highest concentration of public housing in Massachusetts, with fewer resources available than in other parts of the city.

Cooper is seeking new Board Members with a commitment to these children, their families, and the local community as well as capacity to advance Cooper's mission. If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the lives of children, Cooper is the place to be.

Candidates must:

- Be enthusiastic about helping the children and families we serve.
- Have an interest in our programs and support our mission.
- Support and encourage growth and involvement to build a productive community.

The current Board members include business professionals, educators, and those representing the community.

Board members' primary responsibilities include:

- Strategic planning and overseeing the property
- Approving and monitoring the organizations programs and services
- Fundraising, ensuring effective fiscal management including allocating funding
- Attending monthly Board meetings. (as well as occasional interim committee meetings)

What can you bring to Cooper: For example--we are looking for support in any of the following areas.

- **Financial background**
- **Legal advice and/or Human Resource experience**
- **Community representatives or activists**
- **Buildings, grounds and construction experience etc.**

Members serve without pay and are eligible to serve one three-year term, which is renewable. A copy of the nominee's resume and letter of expressing interest should be submitted to Jay Fleming, President, Board of Directors, either by email to jay@flemingpartners.com or by mail to Hattie B. Cooper Community Center, 1891 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02118. Should candidates be interested in learning more about Cooper or in setting up a tour of the center before applying please feel free to contact Jay Fleming by email or at 617-510-8657.

MISSION STATEMENT

Cooper Community Center is committed to providing children and youth with the strongest developmental foundation to ensure lifelong excitement for learning and the skills to become caring and responsible citizens.

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