

Beacon District



Finding Peace 2021-2024 Quadrennial Theme

Quadrennial Scripture: “And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”
Matthew 10:42 NRSV. This intimacy as a disciple of Christ deepens our capacity of peace.

Quadrennial Hymn: Heal Me Hands of Jesus #267 in The United Methodist Hymnal

Our theme for 2021

Color: blue

ACCEPTANCE – “Accepting the things we cannot change aligns us with God because we see all that needs to be done, all that we cannot do, and find rest in the one who holds it all.” **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.” Proverbs 3:5 NRSV

BEACON DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Cyndi Phelps

Welcome to 2022 and a new year for the Beacon District’s United Methodist Women! This year, our theme is Acceptance. “Accepting the things, we cannot change aligns us with God because we see all that needs to be done, all that we cannot do, and find rest in the one who holds it all.” Our color this year is Blue. Our scripture to remember comes from Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.” As we begin to work on projects to help women and children in our local communities and those people we will never meet, let us ground our work by the

**The 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

words of The Serenity Prayer and the verse from Proverbs. Let us find God in all we do.

We are starting the year off with three Mission Studies that will be presented on Zoom. I hope many of you will register for these studies and join us in these learning opportunities. We will also be preparing for Sub-District Meetings around the District. It is my prayer that these meetings will be well attended so that we can re-connect after being so isolated because of Covid. Some of these may also be held on Zoom due to a rise in Covid cases for the safety of all. Based on reports received from you, I know that the pandemic has not stopped you from carrying on the work of United Methodist Women. Another exciting event is the wonderful Spiritual Retreat the Conference is planning for this spring. Perhaps some of you would be interested in attending. We are going to be busy this year!

We still have openings on the District Leadership Team. Please call Jeanette Riggs or email me if anyone you know would be willing to serve on The Lighthouse Newsletter, as Historian, or as a member of the Nominations Committee.

Your time will be well spent and much appreciated. Come and help to support the Beacon District.

May peace be with you all,

Cyndi Phelps, President, Beacon District UMW

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SECRETARY: Jeanne Murray

Secretarial Thoughts

Generally speaking, a secretary's job is kind of boring--minutes, typing things up, directory preparation. But one perk of the job is that I get to talk with lots of people and keep up with many friends and acquaintances. Community is a wonderful thing.

One of the many downsides of the pandemic is that we have lost some key elements of community. I kind of long for those sometimes not-so-great in-person meetings after which we get to chat and hang out, maybe try out someone's new cake. But I have found that there are new and exciting ways to encourage community. I hope that you have as well. Phone calls, emails, zoom meetings, and small group meetings are keeping me going. So I celebrate the good things and am thankful for every opportunity to build community and support each other.

Now to the boring stuff. If you see any errors in the directory, please contact me at jeannemurray@gmail.com. Or call me at 252-423-0851. In a few months, I'll send out a corrected version through email. Thanks for your help in keeping our information up to date. God bless you all in your efforts to be encouragers for each other.

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TREASURER: Gayle Eason

Hello friends,

Another year has come and gone and it's time for us to begin a new year for United Methodist Women. Beacon District has done a phenomenal job of continuing to help women, children and youth around the world during two of the most difficult years of our lifetime. But even with COVID lurking in the background waiting to attack us and stop us from fulfilling our UMW purpose, Beacon District met its pledge in 2020 and we were the only District in the NC Conference UMW to do that. Even though we did not meet our pledge in 2021, I commend you on a job well done under difficult circumstances. In 2021 we remitted 86.7% of our \$30,000 pledge for a total of \$26,975.00. Our pledge goal for 2022 is \$30,000.

As treasurers, it is our job to promote the NC Conference UMW Seven areas of giving in our Units and congregations. Candle Burning and Gift to Mission Cards are two of the avenues that provide a way for us to include the congregation in helping the Local Unit collect funds and ultimately provide help to women, children and youth.

A Zoom Do-It Day training was held on January 8 and I thank those that participated in this Zoom training. One of the local treasurers shared a great idea with those in

attendance. She said that she displays the Gift to Mission Cards on a poster board so that people can actually see the cards. She said when she did this more people in the congregation began purchasing the cards. I suggest that each Unit try this and see if it makes a difference in your card sales.

I mailed the 2022 remittance forms to each treasurer, if you did not receive your packet, please let me know.

Every penny counts when we are trying to reach a specific goal. I encourage all of you to look at the Seven Areas of Giving, put on your thinking caps and be creative! We can reach our pledge goal in 2022!

May God bless each of you,

Gayle Eason

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SOCIAL ACTION: Betty Jo Raby

Happy New Year! I hope you all are ready for a great 2022.

The 2022 UMW Project Sheet is in the back of the Beacon District Directory. As you plan your mission projects for the year be aware that the two main priorities to support missions this year are *Climate Justice* and *Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline*. Units are being encouraged to become Green Units. The UMW Social Action is also planning a legislative event in the spring. You can sign up for Social Action Alerts at unitedmethodistwomen.org/actionalerts. We're looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

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Climate Justice

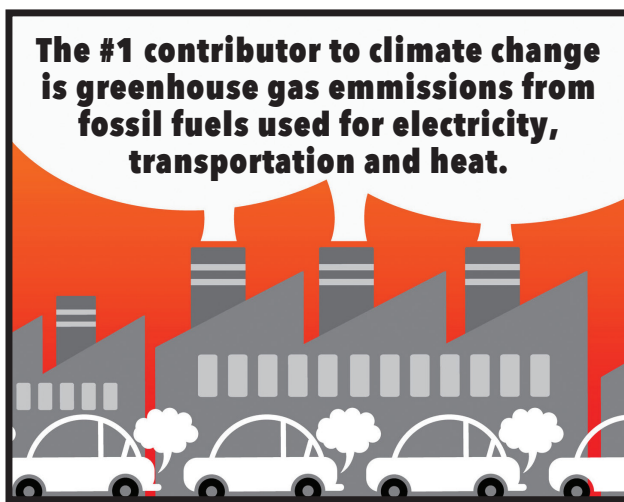
CAMPAIGN: JUST ENERGY FOR ALL



Be stewards of God's creation: Work with companies and governments for clean, renewable energy through a just and equitable transition.



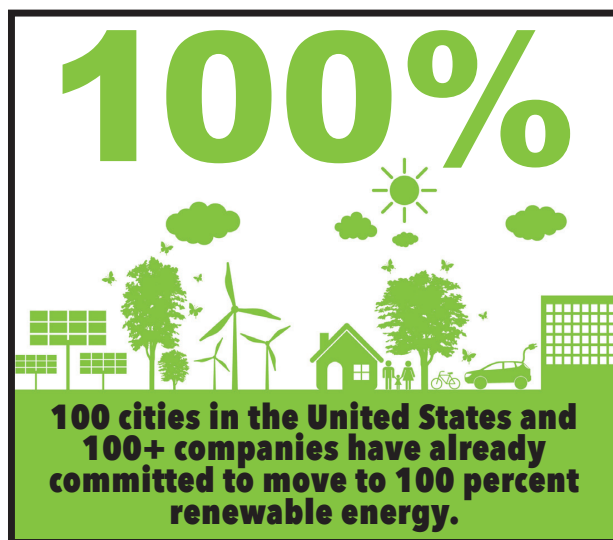
A major contributor to air pollution is the **BURNING of fossil fuels.**



* U.S. Stats



annually by U.S. children are due to ozone pollution from fossil fuels.



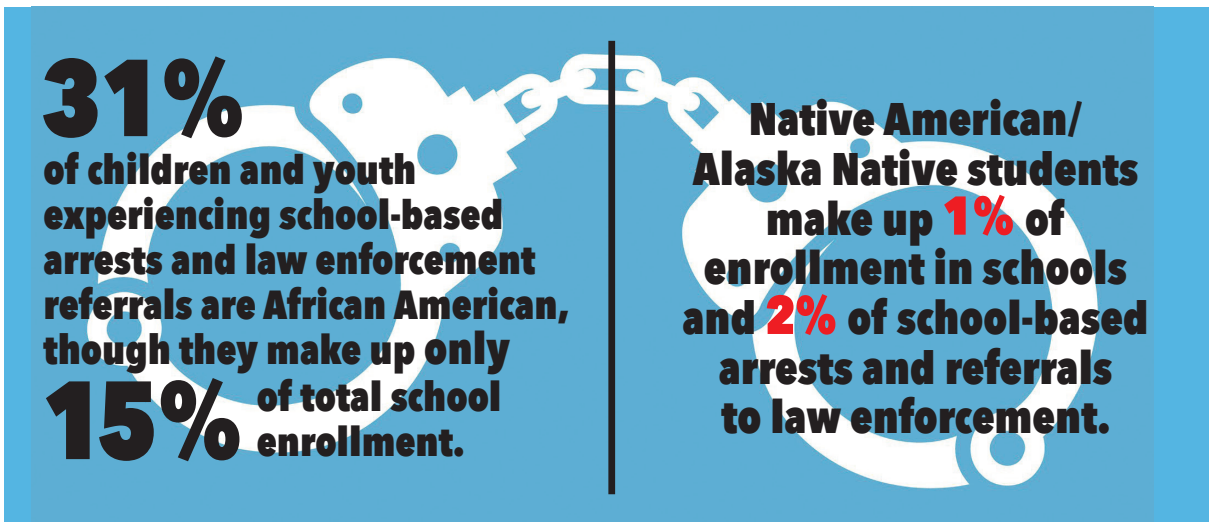
TAKE ACTION:
unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice

Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration



CAMPAIGN: INTERRUPT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Move local decision makers to address the criminalization of children and youth of color and reduce racial disparities in school discipline.



TAKE ACTION:
unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION: Carol Kuhn

We have a very interesting year coming up for Mission Studies. I wish to report that we have three Mission Studies scheduled for 2022. The studies are listed with a little bit about each study.

1. **February 5th "Finding Peace in an Anxious World"** led by Carolyn Roy. This study is based on The Serenity Prayer and how Christians deal with anxiety.
2. **March 5th "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools"** led by Lynn Rouse and Adele Brewster and Lois Johnson. This study is based on the experience of black girls whose lives are misunderstood and how they are treated by teachers, administrators, and the justice system.
3. **March 26th "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship"** led by Cyndi Phelps. This study is how er, all together, can bear witness to God's gracious presence in ways that make a material difference to all of creation.

All Mission Studies will be held via Zoom beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a lunch break at 12:00 beginning again at 12:30 and ending no later than 2:30. There will be breaks during each session.

In order to attend any or all studies you need to register in advance. The registration form is located at [Mission Study Registration](#)

I look forward to seeing you via Zoom if not in person sooner.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Juanita Staples

The theme for this year is ACCEPTANCE. We are to accept the things we cannot change and pray for the wisdom to know the difference. That is usually hard for each of us to do.

It is something we have to work at constantly. We can do this with God's help.

This is the year of the North Carolina Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat. It will be held on April 22-23 at Ocean View UMC, 8400 E. Oak Island Drive, Oak Island, NC. A Registration Form is posted on the conference website. The form must be postmarked by **April 15, 2022.** I hope each of you will be able to attend. As of now it is planned as an in person event.

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CONFERENCE BOOK CLUB



We are meeting now from **7-8** pm the second Monday of each month. Here's the updated list of books for the future.

- February 14 - *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Ivan Smith
- March 14 - *When Others Shuddered* by Jamie Janoz
- April 11 - *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry
- May 9 - *The House on Lowell Street* by Linda A. Keane
- June 13 - *Girl Gone Missing* by Marcie R. Rendon
- Contact Jeanne Murray (jeannemmurray@gmail.com or 252-423-0851) if you are interested.



Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action.

I have enjoyed listening to the conversations on Faith Talks. The talks were very interesting and informative.

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Response, an award-winning publication, is the official magazine of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Each issue will touch your heart, stir your soul and challenge your mind. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach and reports on our local, national and international work. The response podcast features audio versions of some of the articles from each issue.



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2022 Beacon District UMW Calendar of Events

- January** 1 New officers assume duties
 8 10:00 am ZOOM Treasurer's DO IT Day--Gayle Eason, Facilitator
 29 10:00 am District Leadership Team Meeting--Trinity UMC, South Mills, NC
- February** 5 10:00 am ZOOM Mission Study--Finding Peace in an Anxious World Carolyn Roy, Facilitator
 19 10:00 am East Sub-District Meeting--Colington UMC, Kill Devil Hills, NC
- March** 5 10:00 am ZOOM Mission Study--*Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* Facilitators: Lynne Rouse, Adele Brewster and Lois Johnson
 12 10:00 am South Sub-district meeting--Mt. Hermon UMC, Creswell, N
 26 10:00 am ZOOM Mission Study--Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom; Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship — Cyndi Phelps, Facilitator
- April** 9 10:00 am North Sub-district meeting--Newland UMC, Elizabeth City, NC
 22-23 Conference Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Oak Island, NC
- May** 6 Church Women United -- Friendship Day
 22-23 UMW Assembly, Orlando, FL (Virtual and in-person; registration required)
- June** 15-18 NC Annual Conference, Location TBA
 TBA Beacon District Mission Encounter, TBA
- July** 9 District Finance Committee Meeting--Trinity UMC, South Mills, NC Committee includes Treasurer, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Mission Coordinators for Social Action, Membership-Nurture, Education & Interpretation
 21-23 Mission u, location TBA
- August** 1 All reports due except Candleburning and New officers
 20 Conference Finance Meeting, TBA (District Treasurer, President, and E&I)
 29-Sept.-6 UMC General Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- September** TBA Mother/Child retreat
 10 Candleburning reports due
 17 10:00 am District Leadership team meet--Trinity, South Mills, NC
 TBA NC Conference Annual Meeting
 29 Beacon District Annual Meeting, City Road, Elizabeth City, NC
- November** 5 Church Women United World Community Day
- December** 1 Local unit officer reports due to secretary
 5 Fourth Quarter remittance due to district treasurer

2022 NC CONFERENCE UMW CALENDAR

January	01	New Officers assume duties
	08	Leadership Team Meeting 10:00 am via Zoom
	29	District Mailing List for KEDE due to KEDE Editor
February	05	KEDE Deadline (Women in Mission) Methodist Home for Church (Sunday in February)
March	04	World Day of Prayer
April	01	Assembly registration deadline
	09	Conference Leadership Team Meeting
	10	KEDE Deadline (Mission u & Mother-Child Retreat)
	15	Final Deadline - Book of Reports due to Secretary
	22-23	Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, Ocean View UMC, Oak Island, NC
May	05	National Day of Prayer
	TBD	Scholarship Committee, Teleconference Meeting
	TBD	Church Women United - Friendship Day
	20-22	UMW National Assembly, Orlando, Florida
June	15-18	Annual Conference for the NC Conference United Methodist Church
	TBD	Standing Rules Committee
July	21-23	Mission u - Methodist University, location TBA
	TBD	Mission u Committee Meeting
	TBD	Mission u Nominating Committee Meeting - Luncheon - Meeting
August	12	KEDE Deadline (Annual Meeting Issue)
	15	Mother/Child registration deadline
	20	9:30 am Finance Committee Meeting
	29-Sep 6	General Conference of the United Methodist Church
September	01	All reports due to Coordinators & President
	10	9:30 am Conference Leadership Team Mtg - Virtual
	TBD	Mother-Child Retreat, Camp Do Lee, Arapahoe, NC
October	TBD	4:00 pm Mission u Committee Meeting
	TBD	Conference UMW Annual Meeting
	15	2023 District Officers Slate of Officers due to Conference Secretary
November	04	Church Women United World Community Day
	TBD	9:30 - 12:30 pm Conference UMW DO-IT Day Virtual
	12	KEDE Deadline (Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Issue, District Mission Studies, 2023 Calendar)
	TBD	Partners in Ministry Community Day