

## 2019/20 Mission Today\*\*

United Methodist Women  
California/Nevada Conference

To be **recognized by Mission Today** in the CA/NV Conference of UMW, the group must meet at least 10 of the following criteria including 5 of those marked with an asterisk (\*). **Groups with less than 15 members can submit 5 criteria, 3 starred and 2 others. Acceptable expectations for these smaller units are in parentheses. (Write specific items on back of form).**

Mark the circle for those attained:

- o \*1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for persons in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth. (Assign prayer calendar to a member to present at each meeting).
- o \*2. Make and meet our Pledge to Mission. Suggest sharing progress with Goal Progress Chart.
- o \*3. Add at least 2 (1) new members.
- o \*4. Have at least 2 (1) members subscribing to Response magazine.
- o \*5. Use 2 (1) programs from the Program Book for UMW meeting.
- o \*6. Support one Local or one Conference Hands-On Mission project.
- o \*7. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least 2 (1) ways.
  - Read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures.
- Sponsor a joint interethnic event between two or more groups.
- Develop bi-racial or multi-racial group.
- Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low income programs, civil rights, etc.
- o 8. At least 2 (1) members will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report on the event(s).
- o 9. Invite a district or conference officer, other than a group member, to a meeting or event. Encourage events to be sent for District & Conf. calendars.
- o 10. At least 1 member of the group attends the Mission u and reports back.
- o 11. Contact 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- o 12. At least 1 person signs up online for the Women's Action Network. [gbgm-umc.org/umw](http://gbgm-umc.org/umw)
- o 13. At least 2 (1) persons, complete 1 of the Reading Program Plans and report on 1 of the books read.
- o 14. Contribute to all 5 channels of Mission Giving. (Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory, and Gift to Mission).
- o 15. Get involved with children in at least 2 ways.
  - Help sponsor a church or community program related to youth needs.
  - Sponsor a children's Sabbath.
  - Mentor, tutor, or become a big sister.
- Learn how the government serves children.
- Get involved in local school issues.
- Partner with local church leaders to strengthen children's ministries.
- o 16. Include a Response moment where an article from Response magazine will be lifted up to tell the mission story.
- o 17. Work toward becoming a "green" UMW group by initiating one choice:
  - Purchase of Fair-Trade items,
  - Eliminating Styrofoam/plastic,
  - Use of chlorine-free paper,
  - Recycling.
  - Work for climate change or justice by: Read and discuss book on climate change, invite speaker active in climate change, attend or organize a public demonstration for climate justice.
- o 18. One person attends a spiritual growth /District retreat of at least 1 day.
- o 19. Plan 1 program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. [umcsc.org/PDG/SocialPrinciples.pdf](http://umcsc.org/PDG/SocialPrinciples.pdf)
- o 20. Create an article with photo illustrating your group's support of the UMW Purpose and send to the Conf. Communications Coordinator: JoAnne Neish, [umwcomm@gmail.com](mailto:umwcomm@gmail.com). Phone number is: 408-828-6303.
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This form completed by (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* This certificate will cover from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.**

**Please return this form to your DISTRICT Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by September 1, 2020:**

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