

# MISSION LINK ON

United Methodist Women, California Nevada Conference, El Camino Real District, Vol. 33, No. 1, March 2021

## **El Camino Real District United Methodist Women Spiritual Retreat**

***"It's A New Day: Transformative Hope"***  
**April 16 and 17, 2021**



We're living in a time of reckoning about how we've been treating each other, other species and the planet, our shared, sacred home. Women are leading the way, morally, scientifically, politically, with community building and activism. We are focused on solutions that not only mitigate but that can repair, restore, regenerate.

***That's transformative hope.***

### **Special Speaker: Rev. Charlotte London Bear**

Rev. Charlotte is a spiritual leader, healthcare chaplain, former broadcast journalist, community advocate and activist, wife, mother and US Veteran. She has been a pastor in our District. Her focus is guiding people to reconnect with the sacredness of God's earth, to have an impact through collective action and to build community resilience in response to a dramatically changing planet. She is a certified Eco-Chaplain and is currently the Co-Chair of the large Silicon Valley Chapter of the Climate Reality Project.



**Please join us on Friday and on Saturday:**

**April 16, 7:00pm-9:00pm for a Netflix Watch Party - featuring:**  
"A Life on Our Planet," a film by David Attenborough

**April 17, 10:00am-12:00pm for our Spiritual Retreat Zoom:**  
Finding transformative hope for the future of our plane

**Get more info and register:**

**<https://elcaminorealumw.org/april-2021-retreat>**



CALIFORNIA/NEVADA CONFERENCE UMW

**Mission u**

## *There's far more here Than Meets the Eye*

*So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without [God's] unfolding grace. [...] There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow.*

*But the things we can't see now will last forever.*

*2 Corinthians 4:16-18 The Message (MSG)*

BY MARTHA PARKER, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR MISSION U 2021

WE HAVE KNOWN and felt what it is like when “things are falling apart on us.” We have experienced a great unraveling that has shifted, quite literally, everything.

Could there be, as 2 Corinthians put it, “far more here than meets the eye?”

**Mission u**, like many activities in our lives, has moved online. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most. In a time when it looks like things are falling apart on us, God's grace is still unfolding and life is being made new.

Indeed: There's far more here than meets the eye.

Will you join us?

At our upcoming **Mission u**, we will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools, and how we as God's people can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully.

Our 2021 **Mission u** will offer the following studies:

- *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* edited by Erin James-Brown
- *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools* by Monique Morris
- *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship* by Darryl Stephens
- A Curriculum for Youth Leaders: *Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence* by Jay Godfrey
- A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators: *Responding to Violence* by Sue Raymond

Connect to the Calendar on the CA/NV Conference UMW website <<https://www.canvumw.org/>> to see dates and information for **Mission u** in May, July, and August.

### **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.

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Please direct items for publication in *Mission Link* to Wanda Garrett, Communications Coordinator. If you provide photos of recognizable individuals, please be sure you have obtained permission from those individuals to publish their picture. The next issue will be published in May, 2021. The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for this issue is Monday, May 17, 2021.

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<<https://elcaminorealumw.org/subscribe-to-quick-news/>>



## Who's a Leader? Each of us!

AT OUR CONNECT & LEARN EVENT in February, keynote speaker Rev. Linda Holbrook shared her thoughts on how listening relates to leadership and engaging with women:

**Listening** is a key component of Leadership.

...Develops engagement, nurture and trust, affecting the ways we communicate.

...Leads to empathy and support for the suffering, letting others know you care.

...Developing connections and creating a foundation of good relationships for a team.

By listening to their words, we learn what's in their hearts, their priorities.

In the National United Methodist Women Leadership event that I attended, some interesting questions were asked:

- ▷ How do we create a mindset of Leadership, Engagement, and Advocacy to meet the needs of women, children, and youth?
- ▷ How do we lead with Recruitment, Retention, and Renewal?
- ▷ What is our focus for new pathways?
  - Spiritual Nourishment (60 +)
  - Making an Impact (35 – 55)
  - Leadership to Influence (18 – 40)

On both websites, District UMW <<https://elcaminorealumw.org/>> and National UMW <<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/>>, several aids can be found for engaging with women of all generations:

- *Generations Handouts (2)* - tips, tools, and engagement insights on four generations
- *3R's Handouts (3)* - tips, tools, and engagement methods for Recruitment, Retention, and Renewal (Bonus: Conflict Resolution tips)

**Let's Lead Together!**

K Stone, President  
El Camino Real District UMW



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## Submit Unit/Local Group Survey by March 30

Over the past five years, the United Methodist Women census has moved beyond just a numbers-reporting tool to more of a survey about the health and vitality of United Methodist Women units. This year, we are asking unit/local group presidents to select the area(s) in which their members and units are thriving. This will help inform the national office and conference leadership on strengths and areas for their improvement.

As of the end of February, only about 25% of our District units/groups had submitted their survey. Have you been represented?

**The deadline is March 30, 2021**

After this date, the survey will not be accessible.

The 2020 Unit Survey link is

<[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2020)>.

**Tip:** Many people find it easiest to view the Survey, print it out, write the answers to the questions on the printout, then go back to the Survey and fill it in.

**Need help?** Please contact us at

<[communication@elcaminorealumw.org](mailto:communication@elcaminorealumw.org)> and we will have a District UMW team member work with you to get the survey submitted.

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## Treasurer

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GREETINGS! I hope that all of you are doing well. This is an update on the financial status of the District. Thanks to all of the units that have sent in their pledges. If 2020 was any indication, we should be in good shape this year.

Here is a summary of the current account balances. The Pledge account is for contributions from the local units/groups, which are passed on to the Conference (and then to National) UMW. The Administrative account is for operations expenses for District UMW activities and events.

### PLEDGE ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 01/31/2021:	\$5,557.60
Pledges Received	2,466.50
4th Qtr Pmts to Conference UMW	(5,494.50)
Interest	17
Ending Balance per bank:	\$2,529.77
(consists of \$2466.50 in pledges and \$63.27 Int)	

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 01/31/2021:	\$5,460.46
Refund from Mission Springs	1,718.00
Interest	27
Ending Balance per bank:	\$7,178.73

If you have questions, please email <treasurer@elcaminorealumw.org>.








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## Social Action

### RESOURCE CARD

#### DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED:

-  **GROCERIES OR MEALS**, call **2-1-1** or visit [www.211ca.org](http://www.211ca.org) to connect to local food assistance and more.
-  **MEDICINE OR MEDICAL ATTENTION**, call your health plan or doctor's office for help. **In an emergency call 911.**
-  **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**, reach out to 5 people for regular check-in calls, or call Friendship Line CA at **1-888-670-1360** for someone to listen 24/7.
-  **PROTECTION FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT:**
  - Call **1-800-231-4024**, if you are living in a care facility for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman CRISIS Line.
  - Call **1-833-401-0832**, if you are living at home to talk to Adult Protective Services.
-  **PROTECTION FROM FRAUD**, call **1-877-908-3360**, for AARP's Fraud Watch Network Helpline.
-  **SUPPORT WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR OTHER DEMENTIAS**, call **1-800-272-3900** for the Alzheimer's Association® 24/7 Helpline.
-  **GENERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION**, call the COVID Information Line at **1-833-422-4255 (4CA4all)** or visit [www.covid19.ca.gov](http://www.covid19.ca.gov)

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A MASK, PRACTICING PHYSICAL DISTANCING, WASHING YOUR HANDS, AND MINIMIZING MIXING WITH THOSE OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

**YOUR ACTIONS SAVE LIVES.**

For More Resources, visit [EngageCA.org](http://EngageCA.org) and [Aarp.org/coronavirus](http://Aarp.org/coronavirus) or [Aarp.org/elcoronavirus](http://Aarp.org/elcoronavirus)

For Information For All Older Adults Services, call California Aging & Adult Information Line **1-800-510-2020** or go to [www.aging.ca.gov](http://www.aging.ca.gov)

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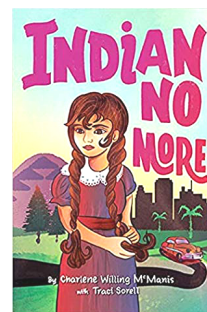
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## Program Resources

CAROLYN BIRCHER

### Book Review

By CAROLYN BIRCHER



#### INDIAN NO MORE

By Charlene Willing McManis

Regina had lived all of her ten years on the Grand Ronde reservation in Oregon when the government decreed that the Umpqua tribe no longer existed. At the same time, her father lost his job. This prompted the family to relocate to Los Angeles. After the move, they are torn between wanting to cling to their culture and wanting to fit into modern America. They settled on a diverse street where the kids quickly found a supportive group of friends. Regina had never had friends of other races and they had never met a real Indian. As they played together, they learned from each other about their commonalities and how to avoid inflicting hurt on each other.

Most Native American literature is based in the 18th century. This story takes place in 1957. The author helps us understand, through Regina's eyes, how many of the stereotypes about native cultures, that we grew up with, are hurtful and wrong. Regina had her grandmother to help her feel proud of her heritage and connected to her ancestry. Her father, in an effort to earn a living for the family, was anxious to adapt to their new lifestyle. The process left Regina asking a lot of questions about what it means to be both Umpqua and American.

Although this book is written on a middle school level, it provides thought-provoking situations that open our eyes to some of the misconceptions we may have. It is available from many public libraries and may be counted in the Nurturing for Community category for the UMW Reading Program. Bonnie Home, of Almaden Hills UMC, will host a Zoom discussion of this book on Monday, March 29 at 7:00pm. To get the Zoom link, contact Bonnie by sending an email to <communication@elcaminorealumw.org> and including "Almaden Hills book study" on the subject line.





# Local groups/units remain connected and in mission & ministry

## BASKETS OF LOVE

BY CHARLOTTE DIMAYA, VALLEY FAITH UMW

"Not all superheroes wear capes." We've heard of this caption multiple times, seen on billboards, printed on shirts, and even used in hashtags for social media. I have been contemplating and asked myself, who are the real superheroes at this time of pandemic?

I was excited when Valley Faith UMW participated in the church's outreach ministry, The Basket of Love project. Teachers and firefighters in the community were the recipients of these baskets. We filled the baskets,

following health and safety protocols, with sanitizers, chocolates, coffee, and so much more. These baskets filled their hearts during the pandemic.

I almost broke into tears when one of the staff said "I have never felt so appreciated especially at this time of pandemic." I wish I could have hugged her but couldn't due to protocols that we have to follow. The Basket of Love project made them feel that their services to the community are appreciated and not forgotten. Teachers and firefighters are not working with direct patient care, but they are indispensable during this unprecedented time. And yes, they are superheroes too!



## SUNNYVALE FIRST UMW

BY MARGARET MASON

Our Unit is using the Zoom program for a monthly Circle Meeting. We have an agenda – "Thought for the day" followed by various reports... Pledge update and thank yous... # of cards sent to members for Birthdays, Illnesses, Thinking of You, etc.... Program by designated person... Joys and Concerns... Closing Prayer... Date of next meeting.

We are working on Holiday Faire projects at home in hopes that we will be able to have this annual fundraiser in the fall. We have done this for 50 years. Some send pictures on the computer of completed projects. Many respond to that and are encouraged.

We have an active Prayer Chain to keep in touch with church members. Telephone calls are also done to check on everyone, as well as email notes or snail mail correspondence.

We cannot meet at church, so everything is done at a distance. It does show, however, that we love and care for each other.

## WILLOW GLEN UMW

BY MICHELLE UNGER

It's all Zoom! I've been part of one of our circles, "Heart and Hand," for several years. We've been meeting primarily by Zoom. A couple times over the summer, we met socially distanced in someone's backyard (I believe - I wasn't able to attend). We have also informally met in pairs or small groups for church projects.

Our most recent project: Every year, Heart and Hand hosts a Christmas dinner for all of the UMW at our church. We didn't want to miss that tradition, but we also couldn't safely get together. Our solution - several women put together jars of layered dried bean soup/spices. We put those together with bread and Christmas ornaments into "New Year's Eve" gift bags for the women of UMW plus some older women in our church. It was fantastic! It gave a few of us a chance to briefly see each other in passing when dropping off soup kits and bread. It also gave us a chance to make a safe, contact-free delivery to some members who are not able to leave their homes at all, and some who also don't have access to computers or phones to join our Zoom meetings. It was really wonderful and we are hoping to repeat it for Valentine's Day!

## CAMBRIAN PARK UMW



This United Methodist Women group offered a Racial Justice Zoom book study using *So You Want to Talk About Race*, by Ijeoma Oluo as a guide. The group ran for five weeks, meeting once a week for an hour. Betty Spencer Dickey, the host, noted the group got a lot out of the book, and says it would be a great topic for other groups to do.

# Unit Reports

## PROMOTING HEALTH FOR THOSE IN NEED



BY KATHY KIM, KOREAN UMC OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY

THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF, or UMCOR, receives and then distributes supply kits and donations of relief supplies around the world. I have been sending UMCOR kits every year to UMCOR for the last ten years. This year, with help from my local UMW, I sent 100 hygiene kits.

Two Bible verses helped me to do the work.

*1 Timothy 6:18. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

*Luke 3:16 The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.*

In addition to hygiene kits, the pandemic of this last year brought attention to other needs – cloth masks for personal health, and scarves for comforting warmth. I have made over 700 masks and over 350 scarves, and continue to make more. I've distributed them to different organizations around the United States:

- Navajo Indians (150 masks)
- Homeless shelter in Sonora, CA (105 masks)
- Children's day care school (25 masks)
- New York homeless shelter for adult & children (100 masks)
- Watsonville UMC (115 masks and 115 scarves for adults and children)
- Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference (74 masks, 300 scarves)

I am still making masks and scarves. Please let me know if you need any.

*For more info:*

About UMCOR:

[<https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>](https://umcmmission.org/umcor/)

About Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference:

[<http://www.umc-oimc.org/>](http://www.umc-oimc.org/)



JULIETA MARQUEEZ MALIKSI

31 July 1950 - 18 January 2021

Julieta (Juliet) Marquez Maliksi, age 70, of Fresno, California, entered into rest on Monday, January 18, 2021. Juliet was born July 31, 1950 in Bacoar Cavite, Philippines.

Juliet was a member of the National Board of Directors of UMW, a past officer of the CA/NV Conference UMW, and very active in her local unit at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Fresno, CA. In the Western Jurisdiction UMW, she was recently Treasurer and Chair of the Beulah Grant Committee. As a member of Church Women United, she served in various positions including president of the Northern CA/NV state unit, the national Committee on Nominations, and her local Fresno unit of Church Women United. Juliet is survived by her spouse, Emelito Maliksi, five siblings, her daughter and son, and three grandchildren.

Above: In 2018, Juliet (at right) connected with national UMW president Shannon Priddy at the CA/NV UMW annual celebration



## POEM CONTINUE OFFERS A MODEL OF MINISTRY

BY K STONE

The poem *continue* by Maya Angelou was read in my National UMW leadership workshop by Harriett Olsen,

CEO/General Secretary, United Methodist Women. It struck me as powerfully encouraging, and I would like to share it with the United Methodist Women of our District. Following is an excerpt of the poem. You may read the entire work at

[<https://english.duke.edu/news/poem-day-continue>](https://english.duke.edu/news/poem-day-continue).

by Maya Angelou, May 6, 2020

*Into a world which needed you*

*My wish for you*

*Is that you continue*

***Continue***

*To be who and how you are*

*To astonish a mean world*

*With your acts of kindness*

...

***Continue***

*And by doing so*

*You and your work*

*Will be able to continue*

***Eternally***

# Soul Care

BY BONNIE HOME, ALMADEN HILLS UMW

**O**n Saturday, March 6, 2021, 124 attendees from all over the California-Nevada Conference gathered on Zoom for the *Soul Care* Lenten retreat hosted by our CA-NV Conference United Methodist Women, and led by Rosie Kumar.



Dr. Glory  
Dharmaraj

The keynote speaker was Dr. Glory Dharmaraj, speaking to us from New York. Dr. Glory is the President of the World Association for Christian Communication-North America. She is the retired director of spiritual formation and mission theology for the United Methodist Women, and served as the Administrator

of the United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs at the Church Center for the United Nations, New York.

Calling the pandemic as our "Babylonian exile," like those long ago people in the Bible who lived between 597 BCE and 537 BCE, our temples of worship are no longer available to us. When the Hebrews were finally able to return to their previous lives, they had to struggle to rebuild. It was a time of chaos. The "old normal" was no more and they had to find a "new normal." We have read their laments in the Psalms.

Dr. Glory brought us some modern day Lamentations. "We are between two moments, the pandemic and the post-pandemic periods -- abandoned malls, folded windows, shuttered stores, locked down schools, meeting without embracing, goodbyes without hugs. It's time to put a landmark between where we have been and where we are heading. We are at the threshold between our exile and homecoming." Various audience volunteers spoke for those who are going through hard times now – a mother supervising a child's distance learning, a woman who has lost her



job, an essential worker who cannot afford child care, a battered woman, a disabled woman, a member of the working poor right in our midst.

Dr. Glory's presentation also included a simulation of what many women are enduring. A stack of dish towels was brought out, each labeled with a kind of oppression – sexism, racism, classism, and ageism, as well as scorn for those with disabilities, or who speak a second language, or who follow another religion. In a dramatization by Amanda Bulls and Diana Bulls, of the Central Valley District team, one dish towel after the other was laid over the head of a woman seated in a chair, making that woman feel trapped, buried, and invisible. God's *shalom* will remove these layers of oppression, one by one.

Then our speaker gave us a mental picture of the empty chairs around a table where we were to invite the various aspects of our own selves to sit for a reunion. In one of the chairs would be the "child" inside ourselves, and we were asked to bring a gift to the "child." We were to open our arms in welcome to those fragmented pieces of ourselves, knowing that being in God's household is more than good enough.

We heard wonderful songs brought by musician Jo Neish. We remembered our saints who passed away during 2020 and lit candles for them. We met in small breakout groups, which are one of the highlights of our UMW gatherings. We participated in a Love Feast, much like those that John Wesley experienced with the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, in 1737.

The two hours flew by, and we came away glad for that time together.






## Environmental Updates

BY BETTY SPENCER DICKEY, ADVOCATE, *BE JUST.BE GREEN* (BJBG)

## National government appointees, programs focused on climate justice



I'm sure you've been paying attention to the news that our new President Joe Biden is very concerned about the Climate Crisis and has been appointing people to work with him to help save our planet. John Kerry is the special presidential envoy for Climate, a new position underscoring the President's commitment to tackling the crisis we are in. He has also appointed Gina McCarthy, who led the Environmental Protection Agency under President Obama, as his National Climate Adviser.

Remember when The Environmental Protection Agency actually tried to protect the environment? It appears they will be doing so again, as well as rejoining

## Jurisdiction Climate Justice Guide role, promoting environmental justice, moves to Conferences, Districts

For the past three years, I have been working on Climate Justice with the National UMW Office of Economic and Environmental Justice as a Western Jurisdiction Climate Justice Guide and *Be Just. Be Green* (BJBG) advocate. At the end of 2020, we decided as a group that change was needed.

During our monthly Zoom meetings with Environmental Justice leader Elizabeth Lee, the Jurisdiction Guides discussed how the program was working. We noted that there were challenges with so few of us trying to connect with so many Conferences in our Jurisdictions.

The consensus was that it would be better if each

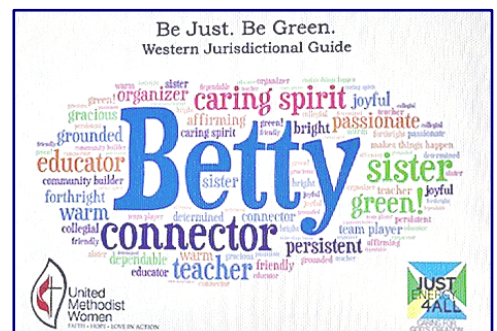
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- 2 National UMW “Be Just. Be Green: 13 Steps to Sustainability”  
<[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability)>
- 3 National UMW “Climate Justice: Just Energy For All”  
<[www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice)>

**Congratulations Betty!**

*Right:* For her work as a Western Jurisdiction *Be Just. Be Green* Guide, Betty was honored with a Special Mission Recognition.

*Far right:* The Economic and Environmental Justice Office (EEJO) gave Betty the gift of a “word cloud” poster for her work as a Western Jurisdiction Guide.





# ECRD endorses SB 30, SB 31, SB 32 and SB 37

BY DEBBIE OW



The El Camino Real District has endorsed the above California Senate bills introduced by State Senator Dave Cortese. Three of the environmentally-oriented bills are known as the California Building Decarbonization Package, while the fourth relates to hazardous waste and substances. A brief summary of the bills is below:

SB 30 will mandate that state buildings and facilities achieve carbon-neutrality by 2035, that the state divest from projects that are not zero emission by 2023, and that all newly designed and constructed state buildings be zero emission beginning in 2022.

SB 31 will require the California Energy Commission to award funds for projects that will benefit electricity ratepayers and lead to the development and deployment of commercial and residential building decarbonization technologies and

investments that reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas generation in those buildings.

SB 32 will require all cities and counties to incorporate building decarbonization requirements into the appropriate section of their General Plan by January 1, 2023.

SB 37 updates and revitalizes the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List or “Cortese List” to confirm that all types of exemptions, explicitly including “common sense” objections, cannot be granted to projects on Cortese List sites.

The complete contents of the bills are available for review on Senator Cortese’s website  
<<https://sd15.senate.ca.gov/>>.

I encourage you to keep abreast of issues involving climate and racial justice and make sure that your voice is heard. Your representatives are eager to hear from you and gain your support.

## Comfort Women article draws protest

BY KATHERINE KIM, DEACONESS



Above: Protesters at the Comfort Women Memorial in San Francisco, CA

On March 1, 2021, there was a gathering for Korean Americans at St. Mary’s Square, where Comfort Women statues stand in Chinatown, San Francisco. It was to commemorate a Korean Independence movement on March 1, 1919. In addition, we wanted to condemn the remarks of a Harvard professor, J. Mark Ramseyer, about Comfort Women.

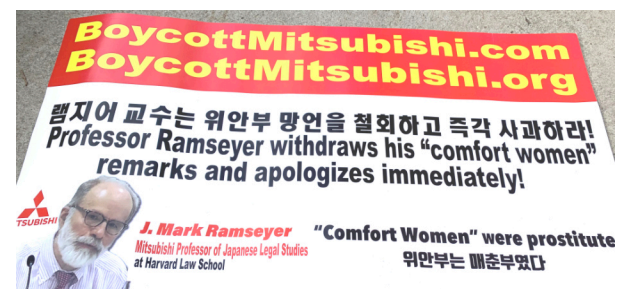
The professor was widely criticized for his recent article on Comfort Women. He said that Comfort Women were prostitutes; the women served Japanese troops willingly during World War II. This is not a true statement, and there is no evidence for this.

Prof. Ramseyer is a Mitsubishi professor of Japanese legal studies at Harvard Law School. We want him to withdraw and apologize for his article. In addition, we want to boycott Mitsubishi Corporation’s products such as cars, television, electronic parts, etc. (Note: As of March 8, 2021, the article’s publication by International Review of Law and Economics has

been suspended and is under investigation by the journal. It had been previously published in January 2021 in a Japanese online newspaper.)

After I came home from the above event, I talked to a grandmother (Mrs. Han) at my local church who is 94 years old. She said she was a victim of the Comfort Women practice, because her younger sister died of this. At that time, all the young girls either got married or were drafted. Some got married in a hurry, even as a second wife. Mrs. Han got married when she was 17 years old. Her younger sister died of starvation and sickness few days before the Korean independence day on August 15, 1945.

We hope this Comfort Women issue will be resolved soon.



Right: Protest banner stating the objectives of the protesters in Korean and English.

## EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT UMW CALENDAR 2021

**APRIL 16** District UMW Virtual Spiritual  
Retreat Watch Party  
*A Life on Our Planet*  
7:30pm-9:00pm  
online

**APRIL 17** District UMW Virtual Spiritual  
Retreat  
*It's A New Day: Transformative  
Hope*  
10:00am-Noon  
online

**APRIL 21** CA/NV Conference  
and UMW Social Action  
following 3rd Event  
Wednesdays *Just Energy for All Strategy  
and Capacity Building monthly  
sessions*  
Online

**MAY 5, 12, 19, 26** Mission u  
*Study: Pushout*  
online

**MAY 17** Mission Link articles &  
photos due

**JULY 22, 23, 24** Mission u  
(to be confirmed) online

**AUGUST 7** Mission Link articles &  
photos due

**AUGUST 12, 13, 14** Mission u  
online

**OCTOBER 16** CA/NV Conference UMW  
Annual Celebration month

**OCTOBER 23** District UMW Annual  
Celebration month  
(to be confirmed)

**NOVEMBER 18** Mission Link articles &  
photos due

**Note:** Members of UMW across our  
District are encouraged to  
participate in all these events.



## ECRD UMW Virtual Spiritual Retreat

# It's a New Day: Transformative Hope

BY BETTY SPENCER DICKEY, EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT UMW

OUR SPIRITS NEED UPLIFTING! Like many of us, you are probably tired of COVID-19 and worrying about so many climate issues because you don't see how you can help.

Come and join our two-part Spiritual Retreat on April 16 and 17 to see how we, with others around the world, can take a small amount of hope and transform it into action to save our planet. First we will see an inspirational video witness, then we will work with our speaker, Rev. Charlotte Bear, who will help us find more inspiration and actions we can take to further the goal of climate restoration and climate justice.

The one-page flyer for this event is included on the first page of this issue of Mission Link. Please share it with other women, even those outside our district, and invite them to attend. You can also get information and register for the event at <https://elcaminorealumw.org/april-2021-retreat>.

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