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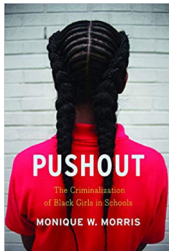
There's far more here than meets the eye

Around the United States, **Mission u** educates 20,000 United Methodists each year through the Mission Studies and local Mission u events, sponsored by United Methodist Women:

- Learn about mission opportunities
- Develop ideas for spiritual growth
- Bring social action to your home church

For 2021, Mission u will be online and will be jointly sponsored with the CA-NV United Methodist Church. 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. During this transitional time when so much seems to be unraveling, God's grace is still unfolding, and life is being made new.

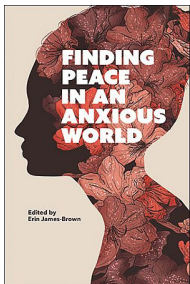
Three studies (with some variations) are available this year, all via Zoom online meetings. Adults and youth of all genders are welcome to participate. Get more info and register for individual studies at <https://www.canvumw.org/mission-u>.



Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

This study calls for critical examination of self and systems, mission engagement, advocacy, and action by the faith community. This study is offered twice:

1. Weekly from 10am PDT to noon, Wednesdays, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16
2. Weekends from 2-4pm PDT, July 31, August 1, August 7, August 8

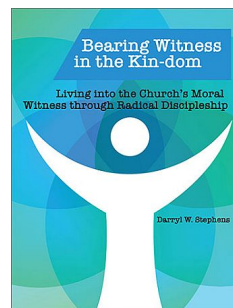


Finding Peace in an Anxious World

Using *The Serenity Prayer* as a scaffold, *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as

disciples of Christ. This study is offered as a weekend event:

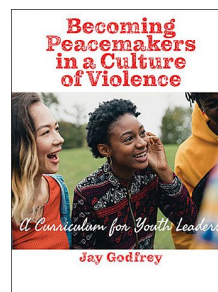
- August 12 (7-8pm PDT), August 13 (10am-noon, 1-3pm PDT), August 14 (10am-noon, 1-4pm PDT)



Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom

The focus of this study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world. This study is offered as a weekend event in three languages:

- English: July 22 (7-8pm PDT), July 23 (10am-noon, 1-3pm PDT), July 24 (10am-noon, 1-4pm PDT)
- Spanish: July 22 (7-8pm PDT), July 23 (10am-noon, 1-3pm PDT), July 24 (10am-noon, 1-4pm PDT)
- Korean: July 22 (7-8pm PDT in English), August 7



Youth study: Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence

The sessions feature interactive Bible studies designed to create space for youth participants to think theologically about the root causes of violence and "becoming peacemakers in a culture of violence." This study is held the same weekend as the adult study *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*.

- August 13 (6-8pm PDT), August 14 (10am-noon, 1-3pm PDT), August 15 (9:30-11:30am PDT)

Care First, Jails Last

Social Action Event

Hosted by El Camino Real District UMW

Join us on Zoom for a presentation by
SURJ - Showing Up for Racial Justice

Saturday, June 12
10:00 am - Noon

To get Zoom link
please register in advance at:
<<https://elcaminorealumw.org/>>



- * History of prisons in America
- * Today's Abolition Movement
- * Santa Clara County Jails and the **Care First, Jails Last** Campaign
- * An invitation to take action...



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 August, 2021. The deadline for articles and photos to be submitted for this issue is Saturday, August 7, 2021.

To subscribe to the District UMW *Quick News* emails, please go to
<<https://elcaminorealumw.org/subscribe-to-quick-news/>>

Happy Spring!

It is still spring. I feel a season of renewal, resurgence, and rebirth.

Although, we grieve for the many family, friends, colleagues we've lost during this time of the pandemic. We understand better the scope of this deadly virus, yet our hearts are broken. From health, we've been made to look at our politics, hate crimes, our diversity, communities and Justice for All. When thinking of the scope of injustices, for our environment, our climate, our earth that we pass on to our children. Oh my... so much hardship we've experienced.

Although our world is still not completely stable, nor back to "normal," we are starting to hear about coming together, a stepping back into socialization, a reopening of our churches, restaurants and schools. Unmasking, eating together... whaaat, really???

Yet, we do have lessons learned. Technology, for sure, has given us a new way to connect families, friends, co-workers from across the globe! We've learned of our ownership to discriminations and injustices. We're learning how to connect across the

divides, with a renewed activism for Justice.

It starts with me (us), to be aware of our feelings, knowing where and what I can do to change my community. I learn when I've been given the chance to attend my granddaughter EmmaJames's high school graduation in Nixa, MO.

In the speech at my granddaughter's graduation, Raegan Thomason, a graduating senior, said, "one of life's great forward looking ceremony; continue to grow in the following days; as tomorrow is when we can be special... be special." In the same thought, continue to build on lessons learned, rely on our own intuitions, courage, and commitment to fight for justice, for our communities and women, youth, and children across the globe.

A prayer from *The Upper Room Disciplines*

Come Holy Spirit;

Illumine our minds with the light of faith.

Draw us past perplexity

So that we are led to ponder our personal calling

And be enkindled by your love.

Amen

K Stone, President

El Camino Real District UMW



K Stone and granddaughter
Emme at her high school
graduation

Care First, Jails Last



El Camino Real District UMW

Social Action

Saturday, June 12

BY DEBBIE OW

PLEASE JOIN US on June 12, 2021, at 10:00am for an informative event about the history of jails and policing in the United States, and information regarding the current status of the Santa Clara County jail. This event, sponsored by El Camino Real District UMW, will host the organization "Show Up for Racial Justice," part of Sacred Heart Community Services of Santa Clara County.

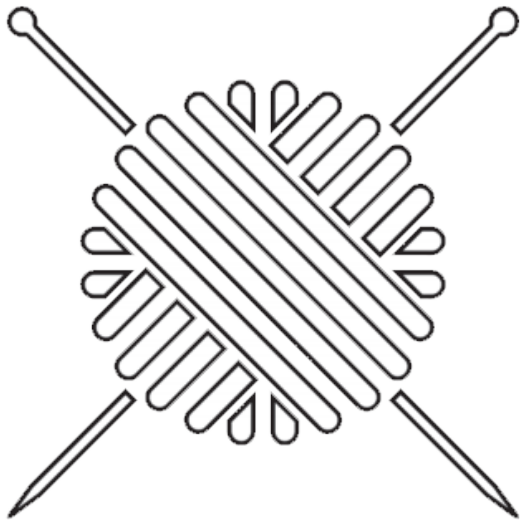
Please register in advance at

<<https://elcaminorealumw.org/care-first-jails-last/>>.



ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Knitted Together and Darning the Holes



October 23, 2021

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD

to gathering together to celebrate another year as United Methodist Women in mission and ministry together. Our theme, *Knitted Together and Darning the Holes*, represents the challenges we have had over the last year and a half remaining in community, and our anticipation of it getting a lot easier soon.

As the pandemic eases, we are planning to hold this event as a combination in-person/remote meeting. The specific arrangements will be determined by protocols expected to be in place at the time of the meeting. The location has not yet been set. Watch your email for “Quick News” about this event.

PLANNING AHEAD

1. Be part of the Celebration: By September 1, send stories and pictures on these topics to <communication@elcaminorealumw.org>:
 - How did your local UMW group remain connected through the pandemic?
 - Does your local UMW group have a knitting or needlework group?
2. Be ready to send reports: In August, each local group will receive requests for reports to be included in the event program.

REPORTS

These reports will be due September 1:

- Reading Program participation
- Mission Today participation
- Racial Justice program participation
- “5-Star” Mission Giving
- Members who have passed away since October 2020

Program Resources

CAROLYN BIRCHER

Changes to Reading Program

The UMW reading program is being administered a little differently this year. Instead of creating an all-new 2022 book list, the 2021 list is being expanded. The new expansion has just come out. From my perspective, it seems like a normal yearly list with lots of great books, except we get it in May instead of September!

The newly added books are included at the end of the online Reading Program catalog, or you can find a list of titles for both 2020 and 2021 at [<UnitedMethodistWomen.org/readingprogram>](https://UnitedMethodistWomen.org/readingprogram)

Look in the lower right-hand corner, under “Get lists by year,” click “2021 – Updated for 2021-2022.” The new titles are highlighted.

Also, we’ve added a list of the new books, including local public library availability, on our District UMW Reading Program page, <https://elcaminorealumw.org/educate/reading-program/>.

Some other Reading Program changes for this year are:

- Books going back as far as 2015 can be counted for 2021 and 2022.
- Listening to two *FaithTalk* podcasts can be counted as one Spiritual Growth book.
- Three *FaithTalk* podcasts count as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.
- Watching these movies/documentaries will count: (I’m not sure yet which category.)
 - *Just Mercy*
 - *The Hate U Give*
 - *Pushout*

Note: Some of these changes may not yet be reflected on the UMW Reading Program page. Please contact me if you have any questions.

For more info

<https://elcaminorealumw.org/educate/reading-program/>

Book Review

BY CAROLYN BIRCHER



THE LEAVERS BY LISA KO

I read this book a few months ago for my book club and was delighted to see it on the newly expanded Reading Program list.

In an act of desperation, Polly, who is pregnant, pays a smuggler to bring her from her rural village in China into the U.S. She sends the baby back

to China to be raised by her father because she can barely support herself in New York City. At age five, her son joins her in NYC, only to have his mom disappear when he is 11. Where did she go? Why did her boyfriend, the only parent the boy has left, also abandon him?

Finally, he is adopted by a loving American couple, but left with many questions about who he is and where he fits. Why do all of the adults in his life keep disappearing and where did they go? At age 21, he finally gets a hint that might help him find his birth mother. Should he follow up?

This novel touches on many topics that affect women and children: unintended pregnancies, undocumented immigration, single parenthood, adoption, racial integration, and personal identity. It is available (in print, large print, e-book and audio) from all of the public library systems.

Unit Report

SALINAS FUMC OFFERS PRAYER SHAWLS AND SCARVES

BY KAREN HALL, SALINAS FIRST UMC

The Salinas First United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry is offering prayer shawls and scarves to those who need to be wrapped with prayers and hope.

To request a shoulder-wrapping shawl or a smaller neck scarf, please fill out the form at the link below.

If you have a preference of color (see examples in the photo), we will try to match from those that are available. We do have a limited quantity. All shawls and scarves have been blessed by the congregation of Salinas FUMC.

If you would like to personally give a shawl or scarf to a family member or friend, please fill out the form at the link

<https://elcaminorealumw.org/salinas-fumc-prayer-shawls/>



Speaking Out Against Anti Asian-American Hate Crime



BY KATHERINE KIM

We are proud Asian Americans.

Anti Asian hate crime is not new. It has 150 years of discrimination history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 (repealed in 1943), and Japanese internment during WWII.

Hate crime against Asian Americans has gotten worse since the COVID-19 pandemic. President Trump didn't help by calling it terms such as "China Virus," "Kung Fu virus," etc. The California State University reported that hate crimes against Asians has increased by 150% in 2020, and Stop AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islanders) Hate has received reports of 3,795 hate crime incidents since the beginning of the pandemic. 58% of Asian Americans believed that racist views have increased during the pandemic.

In the recent gun violence in Atlanta against three spas where eight people were killed, six of them were Asian women. This is a wake-up call which we can't pass. It is a hate crime.

We hear of a Korean restaurant owner who was punched for no reason, and elderly Asian men and women being pushed on the street. Asians usually don't report incidents like this, and especially don't report them to the authority. They don't speak up even though they were treated unfairly, preferring to let it go. Asian Americans are afraid of going outside, and children are bullied at school.

Until recently, our government seemed to think there was no racism problem. On April 22, the United States Senate passed a bill to address anti-Asian hate crime. This bill was approved by the Legislature May 18, and is pending signature by the President as this article is being written.

Racism is our issue, but we don't recognize it and we are often in denial. Racism is thought of as a binary issue between the black and the white, so it doesn't matter to us. But racism of Asians makes them targets of scapegoating. It started in the late 1800's, when the stereotype of "yellow peril" promoted a

vague fear of the people of East Asia by the Western world, to justify Western imperialist expansion.

Asian Americans look "different," so we are treated as perpetual foreigners even if we are born in the USA. Calling Asian Americans a "Model Minority" is not a compliment, it is a means to divide us against black and other minorities. It is a way to divide people and promote a silencing rivalry.

Asian Americans work hard, supporting our families and tending our business. Education is our top priority. Trying to get away from poverty, there is a strong push for college graduation. We don't want help, as it's considered shameful. Especially during the COVID pandemic, many family members have needed to work hard to support their families. But with many parents unable to help with school work, the high school dropout rate has risen among Asian American students.

Speaking as a Korean-American woman, racism is an issue that we are still facing. We need to learn how to dismantle it, and we need to prepare for the event. Being silent encourages violence. We need to stand up and speak up. Ministers need to talk about racism at the pulpit. We need to have a voice, and are asked by the people and the world to transform the church and the world.

Following John Wesley's practice of Social Holiness, we need to learn to speak up and declare our faith. Racism is our issue, we do not wish to have another incidence like the gun violence in Atlanta. We need to stand up and speak up.

Actions you can take against AAPI hate

Report hate crimes and incidents at

[<www.stopaapihate.org>](http://www.stopaapihate.org)

- This site is a national reporting center for hate crimes and incidents of harassment and bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
- Reports can be made in 17 languages and include resources for those who have experienced hate and harassment.

Attend a free bystander-training course at

[<www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>](http://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/)

- Most of us have witnessed or experienced some type of discrimination or aggression in our lives. Bystander training gives you the tools to de-escalate or safely intervene on behalf of each other.

A Path Appears

Transforming Lives: Prison and School Reform

BY K STONE, PRESIDENT, EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A powerful Social Action virtual event was held by the CA/NV Conference United Methodist Women on Saturday morning, March 20, 2021.

Dr. Karen Gedney, retired prison physician and author, shared personal stories of her working in prison and within her own family. She described how vital it is to engage with, mentor and promote young people. She encouraged us:

- To have relationships and conversations with compassion, to truly understand, feel and be curious.
- To mentor children of parents in prisons, which can reduce future prison rate from 70% to 10%
- To be involved and be the voice to prevent thru the path of legislation, re-integration, and education

Matthew D. Ochs, Social Studies teacher at Reno High School, facilitated a session with students representing the organizations they founded:

- Hannah Branch, Isabel Peralta, Ericha Esguerra - "Students for Change", Washoe County School District, NV
- Marine Heath, Helen Pacheco, Amy Nguyen, Vanessa Medina - Organizers, Washoe County School District, "Diversify our Narrative"
- Aliza Davis, Founder, Reno High School "Black Student Union"



They shared the work of three organizations, not only promoting inclusion and work for change within the school district, but also strategies to end systemic racism and to interrupt the school to prison pipeline.

- **Adding diversity of textbooks**, including events from the histories of Black, indigenous, people of color, and LGBT people, such as the Tulsa Massacre, Juneteenth, and the Stonewall Riots.
- Teaching of **anti-racism skills**
- Change in **hiring practices** of the school district.
- **Support to schoolmates** with family in prisons
- Providing tutoring and after school and trade programs.
- **Empowering** students to be advocates, leaders and activists for positive change, and able to share their diverse stories.

My takeaways ... Amazing, Powerful, Mind setting, Insightful, Educational ...

To learn more and to support:

- Washoe County (NV) Students for Change: <https://www.wcsd4change.org/>
- Diversify Our Narrative petitions for anti-racist texts in high school: <https://www.diversifyournarrative.com/petitions>
- The Pulitzer Center has published curriculum for the 1619 Project, about the long-term effects of slavery on public health and racial justice: <https://pulitzercenter.org/projects/1619-project-pulitzer-center-education-programming>
- The Nevada Independent: Student group pushes educational reforms in Washoe County to dismantle systemic racism (9/4/2020). <https://bit.ly/3okxAlb>



We did it! UMW Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day is done!

BY ELIZABETH CHUN HYE LEE, EXECUTIVE FOR
ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND
CLIMATE JUSTICE LEAD, UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN

EDITED BY DEBBIE OW, EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thank you for prayerfully preparing for these meetings, and bringing your state context, local realities, and personal experiences into the meetings with Congressional Staffers.

We know our call to care for God's creation does not end, and one legislative visit will not bring about immediate change. Like the widow and the unjust judge, it will be through faithful and persistent actions that will bring about climate justice and healing of God's creation.

From the Northern California Bay Area, ECRD members Betty Dickey,

Leslie Fisk, Gwyne O'Dwyer, K Stone, and Debbie Ow met with Zoe Lofgren and staffers from the offices of Anna Eshoo and Diane Feinstein. Our message was well received. Good job team!

UMW is continuing to advocate through Social Media:

- Across the U.S. @UMWomen of faith are urging Congress to #ACTNow and enact legislation that prioritizes climate justice, provides economy-wide targets to reach 70% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050. #JustEnergy4All
- Our country's infrastructure is crumbling all around us. Congress, it's #TimeToAct. @UMWomen of faith are calling out: we need legislation that

modernizes our infrastructure AND supports environmental decarbonization efforts! #JustEnergy4All

- Communities across the country have been harmed by failing infrastructure and environmental injustice. As Congress enacts new policy, @UMWomen of faith have this message: We need just transition and the experiences + expertise of frontline communities must be centered each step of the way!

#ACTNow #JustEnergy4All

Finally, this event would not have happened without key work from so many of you. A huge thank-you goes to UMW leaders who organized, scheduled, and facilitated Congressional meetings. In addition, we had support from partners at NPRE and national UMW for development, scheduling, and implementation of the event.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



Legislative Day highlights

BY BETTY SPENCER
DICKEY

This year we started Earth Day early in United Methodist Women. Our National Climate Justice change-maker Elizabeth Lee, with help from her office, organized over 300 women from 40 plus states to prepare for and carry out zoom meetings with their Senators and Congress people. They presented Legislative Zoom webinars to talk about what we needed to do to create Climate Justice in this country.

They continued over months to encourage us through these webinars as to what were the most important issues to learn about. These three subjects, Renewable Energy, Transportation, and Just Transitions, were the basic ones but

we were encouraged to talk about any specific issues closer to our communities that were of concern.

The whole process gave us talking points, addresses to connect with our specific Congressmen or women or their staffers, examples of emails to get their attention. Once we had the appointments (which took about a week), we were given examples of what to say and not say: "Thank them for the chance to meet with them." "Do not be confrontational, but respectful."

We had to divide up parts of the meeting so everyone on our team had a chance to participate. Even the timekeeper was important! The meeting went so smoothly that we were jumping up and down and shouting, "we did it" after we finished the

zoom. They actually listened to us. I came away with confidence that this type of meeting that I had never attempted before was possible. I believe that the experience was such a game changer for me.

We did a debrief afterwards with National UMW Climate Justice so all could express their feelings and then were asked, "what can we do now?" I think that now I could call any Company or Congress person to express my views about what is needed to change this country and make it better. What I want to do now is share this information and processes to our local UMW members to help them feel empowered to change things too. If we get together we can make a difference for our children and grandchildren and not feel hopeless or stifled.

How about it? We can do this!

A Women's Retreat full of surprises

BY BONNIE HOME, ALMADEN HILLS UMW,
SAN JOSE

Last spring, those registering for the District United Methodist Women's annual retreat were packing for their weekend at Mission Springs Conference Center in the Santa Cruz mountains. Then, surprise! The pandemic cancelled the retreat.

This April, the women regrouped and planned for a two-day District Retreat held on Zoom, with no registration fees

required this time. Last year's keynote speaker, Rev. Charlotte Bear, agreed to lead the Retreat again, under the title *It's A New Day: Transformative Hope*. Then, surprise! Pastor Charlotte had to have surgery. No worries... she recorded her entire Saturday presentation in advance, and when the women saw it on their Zoom screens, it was as if she was right there with them.

Her talk included brief stories of sixteen women from all over the world who have stood strong for some aspect of climate justice. They ranged from highly educated

women with PhD degrees to women with no formal education. Most had not intended to be "climate warriors" or "Earth defenders," but found their families and communities to be at risk from climate threats and felt they had to do something! A Silicon Valley woman has developed an energy-efficient linear generator that seamlessly switches between fuels while meeting the community's sustainability goals. Another woman lives in Ecuador where three environmental activists are killed each week, but she continues to fight to protect her homeland from exploitation. Their inspiring stories showed us how they managed to be successful, and how changes can be made to repair, restore, and re-generate our planet's health.

Before Rev. Char's profiles, we watched National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman read her poem *Earthrise*. Following the profiles, we stood up and got moving with the music video *You're the Voice*. Both videos, plus a video

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I can adjust my electricity usage so that it's reduced during times when the rates are the highest.

PG&E offers several rate plans; after choosing one, I then opt to use higher-power appliances during the off-peak times. Not only does this reduce my bill, but it reduces stress on our electricity grid.

I can contact my state and federal representatives and ask them to support climate legislation.

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UMW members from our District participated in the UMW Climate Justice Federal Legislative Day on April 14. (See article on page 8.)

One Thing I can do to slow climate change



I promise to get involved as an advocate of climate change through my local UMW group.

Santa Clara UMW met on April 26 to learn of opportunities they may want to work on as a group.

A Women's Retreat full of surprises

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of the Saturday program, are available from the Retreat web page, <<https://elcaminorealum-w.org/april-2021-retreat/>>.

The Friday evening program included a video titled *A Life On Our Planet*, made by 93-year-old David Attenborough, which showed his experiences in our shrinking wildlife areas, decade by decade. He took us to successful and do-able ventures in such countries as The Netherlands, Costa Rica, and Palau which have adopted clever ideas that could be applicable

everywhere and would help to save the Earth. At the end of the video, he walked among the ruins of Chernobyl now overrun by trees and plants. Nature will take care of itself, he told us – It is we who will disappear. The trailer for the video is available here:

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64R2MYUt394>>

Another surprise – The women attending our previous Mission Springs Retreats usually lived within the District, but on “Zoom,” such boundaries don’t matter. This time participants signed in from Santa Barbara, Pasadena, and Indio. A few men joined in. The whole state was covered!

I can run errands more thoughtfully.

I can lessen the number of trips to the store(s) by going every week or two instead when the urge strikes me. Fewer trips, less fuel used, less pollution in the air, and less wear and tear on my car.

I can reduce my consumption of meat.

I will eat vegetarian at least one day a week. Plant-based foods use less water and fossil fuels to produce.

I put straw mulch on my garden beds.

This reduces evaporation, reduces the amount of water needed for the plants, and keeps the plants healthier.

I will shop for produce in stores where I can use my own produce bags.

This allows me to reduce my use of single-use plastic containers and bags. Using less plastic is better than trying to recycle it, which is expensive when even possible. A lot of plastic ends up in landfills or the ocean, which is bad for our water and our environment

I put my coffee grounds in my compost bin.

Coffee grounds (with the filters) compost into lovely dirt that amends my garden. Friends without a garden put their compost in the green yard-waste bin provided by our local recycling company, which gets emptied weekly and turned into compost for farmers, gardeners, and landscapers to use.

Treasurer

DEBBIE OW

REPORT FOR 1ST QUARTER, 2021

PLEDGE ACCOUNT

A big THANK YOU to all the units who sent in pledges during the first quarter. The Pledge account is for contributions from the local units/groups, which are passed on to the Conference (and then to National) UMW. The following was remitted to the Conference Treasurer:

Mission Giving	\$3,554.00
Gift to Mission.....	115.00
Gift in Memory	295.00
World Thank Offering	495.00
Total	\$4,459.00

Supplementary Gifts:

Brighter Future of Children	108.00
Gum Moon Residence.....	250.00
Mary Elizabeth Inn.....	650.00
Total	\$1,008.00

Grand Total \$5,467.00

Balance in the Pledge Account at of April 30th is \$2,023.29 consisting of \$2,000 in 2nd quarter Mission Giving and \$23.29 in accumulated interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT

The Administrative account is for operations expenses for District UMW activities and events. Balance as of April 30th is \$5,159.84. The year-to-date cash flow is below.

Balance 01/01/2021:\$5,472.43

Income:

Interest61
Deposit Refund (Mission Springs).....	1718.00

Expenses:

Program Books.....	62.20
Legacy Fund (per audit)	1,394.00
Audit Fees	500.00
Spiritual Retreat.....	125.00
Void ck#263 (Safe Haven event 2020).....	(50.00)
Deposit Refund (Mission Springs).....	1718.00

Ending Balance:\$5,159.84

If you have questions, please email
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Unit Report

KOREAN UMW SERVE VACCINE VOLUNTEERS



By KATHERINE KIM, KOREAN UMC OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY

ON A CLEAR AND BEAUTIFUL DAY of May 14, 2021, KUMW (the Korean United Methodist Church of Santa Clara Valley, United Methodist Women) served a tasty lunch of In-N-Out hamburgers for about one hundred Santa Clara County workers and volunteers at the Coronavirus Vaccine Inoculation site in Mountain View.

As of May 13, 2021, children from 12 to 15 years old can receive the vaccine. The site at the Mountain View Community Center was crowded. Children and parents were lined up for the process with excitement, and the volunteers worked hard to serve the people.

We of the Korean Church were proud to serve the community at this time. This is one way to show our appreciation. We hope we can have another occasion like this soon.

The president of the Korean UMW and I shared the expenses, and we made homemade brownies wrapped in cellophane to give Santa Clara County workers and volunteers energy and show our appreciation.

Praise God!

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El Camino Real District UMW:

<Elcaminorealumw.org>

CA-NV Conference UMW: <canvumw.org>

National UMW: <unitedmethodistwomen.org>

Mission Resources: <umwmissionresources.org>

Climate Justice: <unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability>

myUMW: <unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW>

UMW on Facebook: <facebook.com/UMWomen>

ECRD UMW on Facebook: <facebook.com/ElCaminoRealUMW>

Current events on Twitter: <twitter.com/UMWomen>

Creative ideas on Pinterest: <pinterest.com/UMWomen>

Photos of mission and events on Flickr: <flickr.com/UMWomen>

United Methodist Church: <umc.org>

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the UMC: <cnumc.org>

United Methodist Committee on Relief: <umcor.org>

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MAY 26, JUNE 2, 9, 16
Mission u
Study: *Pushout* #1

**JUNE 16 & FOLLOWING 3rd
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Just Energy for All
Strategy and Capacity
Building monthly sessions

JUNE 12 *Care First, Jails Last*

JULY 22, 23, 24 Mission u
Study: *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom*

JULY 31, AUGUST 1, 7, 8
Mission u
Study: *Pushout* #2

AUGUST 7 Mission Link articles & photos due

AUGUST 12, 13, 14 Mission u
Study: *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*

AUGUST 13, 14, 15 Mission u
Youth Study: *Becoming Peacemakers in a Culture of Violence*

OCTOBER 16 CA/NV Conference UMW Annual Celebration

OCTOBER 23 District UMW Annual Celebration (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.

CALIFORNIA/NEVADA CONFERENCE UMW

Mission u

Change the Culture of Violence with "Pushout" study

By CONNIE HUNTER, CA/NV
CONFERENCE UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN

Mission u is a life changing educational event – and it's free. This year Mission u in the CA-NV Conference is hosted by the Conference United Methodist Women in partnership with the CA-NV Conference

UMC. Everyone is welcome!! (See related article on page 1)

One of our featured studies is *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*. This study uncovers a shocking reality of which many of us are oblivious. Black girls are arrested and suspended from schools far more frequently than white girls. It starts in preschool where black girls are 20% of the female enrollment and account for 54% girls receiving one or more out-of-preschool suspensions. *Pushout* does not only reveal how schools are criminalizing black girls, but also what we can do to ensure that schools are places where everyone, including black girls, can be safe and learn.

The first session of *Pushout* began Wednesday, May 26th, from 10 am - noon, for 4 weeks, concluding on Wednesday, June 16th.

There will be a second session of *Pushout* with study sessions held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 pm beginning on Saturday, July 31st. The registration deadline for this session is Friday, July 16.

Don't wait! Download the flyer and register for *Pushout*, and learn more about all the Mission u studies at <<https://www.canvumw.org/mission-u>>.



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