

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MISSION TODAY 2010

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 – AUGUST 31, 2010 Report Form for Units

The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women by: energizing UMW to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action; increasing contacts between units and mission workers and projects; encouraging use of mission resources; and expanding concepts of mission including social justice as mission. **Mission Today is not a new program. It is putting increased emphasis on what UMW has been doing for more than a century.**

() 1. Make and meet unit PLEDGE TO MISSION.**

Your attendance is requested:

- (*) 2. At least two members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
- (*) 3. At least one member, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend District Spiritual Life Event or the Conference Spiritual Life Retreat.
- () 4. Have at least one member attend the United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly.
- () 5. Have at least one member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.
- (*) 6. Have at least one member other than a District or Conference Officer attend the Conference School of Christian Mission or a District Mission Celebration.
- (*) 7. Sponsor a young woman to attend the Conference or a District Young Women's Event. Name of event attendee: _____

Your participation in programs of the UMW:

- (*) 8. Use the Prayer Calendar at each Unit Meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children, and youth.
- (*) 9. Use at least two programs from the UMW Program Book during the year. Which ones _____
- (*) 10. Each Unit, Circle, or Subgroup include a "Response Moment" where an item from Response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.
- (*) 11. The Unit, Circle, Subgroup, have at least one Mission Study from the School of Christian Mission during the year. Which one _____

Your action in supporting the Purpose of the United Methodist Women:

- (*) 12. Include having the UMW Purpose at every meeting.
- (*) 13. Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star Unit by contributing to five or six Channels of Mission Giving.
- (*) 14. Increase the local unit Pledge to Mission for the coming year.
- (*) 15. Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than a unit member, to one of your Unit meetings during the year and/or United Methodist Women's Sunday.
- (*) 16. Select a mission project which is supported by funds from Women's Division or the Mission Project Grants of VA and visit and/or contribute needed resources. Name of project _____

- (*) 17. One or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working in a food pantry or clothes closet, bagging potatoes, etc.
- () 18. Provide at least ten UMCOR kits and funds for shipping for the VA Annual Conference.
- () 19. Members shall write at least once a year to five mission workers listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- (*) 20. Add at least two new members to the roll, or one new member for Units with 15 or fewer members.
- (*) 21. Have at least two members who subscribe to Response Magazine.
- (*) 22. At least two members participate in the Reading Program and complete Plan I.
- (*) 23. Have "Green Meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead of disposable cups, etc.) Describe what you did _____
- () 24. Have at least one person join the UMW's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information.
- (*) 25. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in one way during the year.
Describe what you did _____
- (*) 26. Participate in the Campaign for Children (Children's Sabbath Service, support public education, etc.) Describe what you did _____
- () **A MISSION TODAY UNIT:** Completed the first required item (**), PLUS eight additional items including four (*) items, or for Units with 15 or fewer members, completed the first required item (**) and a minimum of four of the other items including two of those marked with an (*).
- () **A MISSION TODAY SILVER UNIT:** Completed the first required item (**), PLUS thirteen additional items including at least six (*) items.
- () **A MISSION TODAY GOLD UNIT:** Completed the first required item (**), PLUS 20 additional items, including at least 12 (*) items.

UNIT/CHURCH _____

Number of members in your unit _____

President/Contact Person _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Period covered: September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010