

MISSION TODAY REPORT 2017

Please complete this form with the help of your Local Organization of UMW officers, and send it directly to your District Secretary by August 15, 2017.

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Your local organization of UMW will receive a one (1) "Flame" certificate if you complete 6 of the listed items...three of those marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Your local organization of UMW will receive a two (2) "Flames" certificate if you complete 7-10 of the listed items...five of those marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Your local organization of UMW will receive a three (3) "Flames" certificate if you complete 11 or more of the listed items...seven of those marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

If your local organization of UMW has less than 10 members you may complete half of the criteria and receive a certificate.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF UMW / CHURCH _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF UMW: _____

Membership

- * 1. Added two (2) new members to your roll either through a local organization of UMW meeting designated as a "Membership Team Building" event or retreat, or by other means of recruitment.
- * 2. Reported your 2016 Membership to your Pastor as part of the Charge Conference Annual Report.
- * 3. At least two (2) members (other than officers of district, conference, NC Jurisdiction, or UMW National) attended Mission u.
- * 4. At least two (2) members (other than officers of district, conference, NC Jurisdiction, or UMW National) attended a District or Conference Event (Spring Focus, District or Conference Fall Meeting).
- * 5. Members participated in Reading Program I, II, III, or IV.
- 6. Local organization of UMW has members who are officers of the district, conference, NC Jurisdiction, Program Advisor Group or UMW National.
- * 7. Submitted two (2) names of potential leaders to district and conference nominations chairpersons.
- * 8. Observed an increase in attendance at local organization/circle meetings of UMW with guests. (You may wish to note what worked for you).
- * 9. Members attended Bible study regularly (church or community).
- 10. Nominated a young woman for the New Opportunities Grant.
- 11. Sent a list of your college students to a United Methodist church located in their college community.
- 12. Sent or will have sent the 2017 Shepherdess Report to the proper person in your District .

Giving / Financial / Material Resources

- * 13. Paid or will have paid the 2017 "Pledge to Mission" in full.
- * 14. Will be a 5-Star local organization of UMW in 2017 by contributing to all five (5) Channels of Undesignated Giving.

- ____ 15. If local organization of UMW will not be a 5-Star local organization of UMW in 2017, contributions were made to areas circled:
 Pledge to Mission Special Mission Recognition Gift in Mission Gift in Memory World Thank Offering
- ____ 16. Purchased at least one Reading Program book.
- ____ 17. Was recognized as a 5-Star local organization of UMW in 2016.
- * ____ 18. Participated in one or more mission projects of the Dakotas Conference UMW:
 pop tabs (weight ____) ____ love ribbons box tops (count ____) labels (count ____)
- * ____ 19. Supported at least one local mission project. Which project(s)? _____
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Local organization of UMW Programming

- * ____ 20. Recited or sang the PURPOSE at local organization of UMW/circle meetings.
- ____ 21. Used Dakotas Conference Devotional Booklet in local organization of UMW/circle meetings.
- * ____ 22. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year.
 Possibilities include: Members read books and articles about races and cultures; sponsored an Inter-ethnic event; recruited women of color to be members and officers of the local organization of UMW; viewed the video on the Charter, "In Search of Racial Justice"; wrote to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low income programs, civil rights, etc.
- * ____ 23. Used this "Mission Today Report" as a basis for program planning.
- * ____ 24. Purchased and used the "Prayer Calendar" as a basis for prayers for missionaries at the local organization of UMW/circle meetings and corresponded with five (5) missionaries listed.
- * ____ 25. Supported the Conference 2017 Prayer Vigil with prayers from members during at least three (3) of the scheduled time slots. Which Vigils? _____.
- ____ 26. Developed and used a Prayer Chain for the concerns of the local organization.
- * ____ 27. Subscribed to, read and gave a "response moment" where an item from **response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- * ____ 28. Extended an invitation to your Shepherdess to attend the local organization of UMW meeting or a combined local organization of UMW meeting.
- ____ 29. Tried at least one (1) new idea or change in programming this year.
- * ____ 30. Participated in Church Women United (please circle):
 World Day of Prayer May Friendship Day World Community Day.
- * ____ 31. Observed UMW Sunday and sent service bulletin to Dakotas Conference Vice-President.
- * ____ 32. Offered at least one (1) of the three (3) 2016 Mission Studies: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift*; *Latin America: People and Faith*; and/or *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action*.
- * ____ 33. Presented at least two (2) programs from the current Program Book.
- * ____ 34. At least one (1) person from your local organization of UMW will receive the "United Methodist Women's Action Network". Go online to see these action networks or to join. Include here what issues you have responded to: _____

Other

- * ____ 35. Sent in this report even though this local organization of UMW may not qualify for an award.
- ____ 36. Making plans to attend Dakotas Conference Annual Meeting in Aberdeen SD, October 6 & 7, 2017.
- ____ 37. The local organization of UMW will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
- ____ 38. *Going Green* – used real dishes, recycled items for crafts, reused food containers, other _____
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Please share any other mission accomplishments or new ideas that worked for your UMW.
