



March 2021

# Dodge City District UMW Newsletter

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It is an honor and great privilege to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior as your Dodge City District President.

Oh my, welcome Springtime!! The weather is turning so nice, and I can feel refreshed and renewed as I anticipate green grass and lovely flowers and trees blossoming in the next few weeks. Thank you, Jesus. I am sure all of you are enjoying the warmer weather and being able to go outside without your winter coat and scarf. We live with the anticipation our God will bless us with better days ahead. We look forward to meeting together in person and hugging each other. Don't think for a minute that God isn't with us in this pandemic, political unrest, division, and anger ...He is there in our prayers and service to others thru all of this. So now is the time for us to begin working hard to strengthen our UMW units and members with creative ways to meet and celebrate each other. Our Unit has met with masks and social distancing and bagged goodies to be in service and prayer for those less fortunate. We've done our budget for 2021, installed our new officers and paid our pledge to the Conference as well as many missions we support. Our District UMW Board has met monthly by zoom and hopefully you will receive this Bulletin Board with all that we have done in your name and all that is planned for the remainder of the year. Separation does not have to mean no communication. I would encourage you to use zoom or conference calls ...whatever helps you make an opportunity to reach out to your members. We need each other and we need a purpose. The UMW Purpose is the best way I know to continue in God's work and follow His calling.

I have included in this Bulletin Board the Great Plains Conference 2021 Calendar; the Dodge City District UMW Calendar; and a copy of the Minutes from our Great Plains Leadership Meeting giving you important information. Please share with your members.

You received a Lenten Devotional Booklet recently since the Prayer Retreat was cancelled. Please copy and share and know that we are with you in prayer if not in person.

Our District Meeting will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> by Zoom so everyone will have an opportunity to be a part of our meeting and fellowship. We are encouraging you all to meet in person within your UNIT if possible, to make it more meaningful. Jodi, our new Vice President for Dodge City District will be telling you more about this.

March 20<sup>th</sup> the Great Plains UMW is planning a Summit meeting by Zoom. Please look up the registration information on <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/umc>. Use this link for all your information and contact. Their website is very informative.

I encourage you all to remain faithful and prayerful while serving the Lord. I'm sending you my prayers and love that God will continue working thru you to bless others. May your endeavors be in God's name. As we transition from the hard times and days of last year may we always present others with the love of Jesus and more than that demonstrate our eternal hope in the Lord of All.

Love in Christ,  
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Greeting's sisters in Christ!

I pray that God has kept you and your loved ones safe and sound in this challenging and unusual time. Every day seems to bring more serious circumstances to pray about. I am so glad we have an Advocate with the Father Who walks with us daily...sometimes minute by minute...working out His plan for our lives. The tricky part is that we have to learn to trust and wait on Him...:) The restricted face to face fellowship has been especially trying for me. We know we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. There is strength in numbers. Wearing a mask seems tiresome but I am learning to judge a person's countenance by their eyes! I found a great Lent devotion booklet that is called Not by Bread Alone by Mary DeTurris Poust. Each day has Scripture readings, Reflections, Meditations and Prayer. I am really trying with great determination to set a few moments apart from my day to find a sacred place in the storms of life. I hope you can too.

Father, In Jesus name, please bless each one of these who read this Bulletin Board. I ask that you touch them with Your favor and grace. I ask that we are filled with peace and confidence in Your ability to meet our every need. Help us to find people to speak encouragement to. Please help us with resources to share with the world. We love you, Lord...  
In Jesus name...Amen

Annual  
District  
Meeting  
(Via Zoom)  
Oct. 9

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In spite of these trying times I have already received one quarter of our District pledge to the Conference. Thank you so much for your dedication to our mission work. I am also pleased with the number of units that achieved their 5 and 7-Star ratings in 2020. Keep up the good work ladies!

5 Star Units:

Copeland  
Jetmore  
Kismet  
Larned  
Liberal  
Scott City

7 Star Units:

Johnson  
Lewis  
Manter  
Satanta  
Sublette  
Ulysses

The annual district meeting for 2021 will be virtual on October 9, 2021. We will have to be creative again with the special offerings that we usually collect at this meeting.

Please call or email me if you have any questions. I pray your units will be able to resume your meetings and activities soon.

## **United Methodist Women Leadership Touchpoints**

February 2021

### **Celebrating new leaders**

The first ever virtual Leadership Development Days was a great success! Six hundred and thirty-six leaders joined us this year for worship and learning. Thank you to all of you who were a part of the event and for your faithfulness and passion for your work and United Methodist Women.

### **Join in Day of Giving!**

On March 23, United Methodist Women celebrates its 152nd anniversary with the annual Day of Giving. This year's theme is "Our Year of Hope" and, for the first time, we will have a very special six-hour live Day of Giving Facebook event! Viewers will be able to watch panelist discussions, specialists on justice issues, uplifting speakers, meaningful worship, live music and much, much more! Tune into the United Methodist Women Facebook page on March 23 to hear from our general secretary and national president, regional missionaries, national mission institutions, deaconesses and home missionaries, and panels racial and climate justice. You'll also hear how your Day of Giving promotions are going throughout your conferences, have a chance to ask questions, hear from fellow members and check in live with those who are taking giving calls.

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Join us and help spread the word: March 23 on Facebook at beginning at 9:30 a.m. (EST). Be a part of looking toward the future with hope by contributing to the Legacy Endowment Fund. Any amount is welcome before, during and after Day of Giving March 23, 2021, Our Year of Hope! Visit [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund) for ways to give.

<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=F98ZO6GbQaxHpPUKpkUKhQ>

Bread for the journey: What is your name? adapted from a reflection by Ligaya Marasigan, spiritual growth coordinator for the Northern Illinois Conference

I was once told that a person's name is the sweetest word for that person. A couple of names that I remember are Simon becoming Peter, Saul becoming Paul. The Lord gave Abram the new name Abraham (ancestor of multiple nations) and Sarai to Sarah (mother of nations). That was the intended meaning of their names and both lived it. In this pandemic, over 500,000 people died, and the number is still increasing. They all have names. ... There is One who knows all.

Who assures us that our name is not missed. What is your name? I am a Christian, a follower of Christ. I am a United Methodist Women member with a purpose and I pray to God my name shows Jesus Christ in the life I live. Read Genesis 17:1-7, 15, 16 and reflect on this

story of Abraham and Sarah and the name you live into. Read more Lent reflections at [unitedmethodistwomen.org/lent](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/lent).

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### **Question: How can I send Gift to Mission cards?**

Do you know about Gift to Mission cards? Gift to Mission is one of the five channels of Mission Giving to support United Methodist Women. The cards-with the categories "a baby," "in the service of Christ," "a special day," "happy birthday," "congratulations," "thinking of you," "thank you," and "Merry Christmas"-are available through your district or conference treasurer for a minimum

donation of \$5. Send support to loved ones and support United Methodist Women at the same time. You can also send e-cards at [unitedmethodistwome.org/give](http://unitedmethodistwome.org/give). Stay tuned, even, for some new e-card designs!  
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## Important information

- \* Want to lead a workshop at Assembly? The deadline to submit a workshop proposal is this Wednesday, March 3  
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- \* Do you have conference or district leaders you want to make sure get this newsletter? Let your staff liaison know!  
<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=75XGZJ6AU-SbHMRLgW13XA>
- \* Don't forget about the 2020 unit survey!  
<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=vTUZI31mgrGJrqnxINJiQ>
- \* Be sure to join in Faith Talks. There's one this Thursday at 2 p.m. (EST).  
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Thank you for all you do to put faith, hope and love into action.

## United Methodist Women March E-News

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## **March Is Women's History Month**

March is Women's History Month, a time to learn about, uplift and celebrate the vital role of women throughout history. It's a great month to read or re-read Women United for Change and learn about the women in United Methodist Women's history who shaped our church and world. Tune in today for a Faith Talk with your new national officers leading you into the future. Explore the Racial Justice Timeline. Add your story to the Prayer Calendar Facebook page. And be sure to visit United Methodist Women's website throughout the month for more stories.

<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=jBgMdmXSK05Xpa3rnd2ew>

## **Knitting for a Better Future**

Women in Bolivia find support, joy and independence through workshops offered by the Women's Methodist Federation, supported by United Methodist Women. Read more about your Mission Giving at work, from the March/April 2021 issue of response.

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## **Conversation: Voices from the Field**

Voices from the Field events feature community and faith leaders sharing their work, stories, challenges, and hopes. This quarterly conversation series highlights United Methodist Women initiatives supported by Mission Giving, initiatives that significantly improve

the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. On Thursday March 9 at 6 p.m. (EST), hear from the Wesley Community and Health Centers in Phoenix, Arizona, and the Bethlehem Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, about the ways these two national mission institutions have responded to their communities' needs and addressed the COVID-19 crisis this past year. Register today!

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## **Reflections for Lent**

This month, we are in the season of Lent as we prepare for the coming Easter. This Lenten season we reflect on United Methodist Women's legacy of and call to our faith, hope and love into action. Join us in prayer and meditation as we seek and practice forgiveness and grace.

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## **Quick Links:**

Celebrate United Methodist Women's history comic book style!

<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=aqKh46FzF3N3dTdydtiB3dw>

Get your copies of this year's mission studies.

<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=FQkSP-IdnHMpMN8EhbUZ2g>

Join the Thursdays in Black Campaign.

<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=xEOyG0SZrl5nHBGr6u4qqg>

Unit presidents: Don't forget to fill out your 2020 unit survey!

<http://umw.convio.net/site/R?i=hRDDu-yH75hoAZ72UkTDnQ>

Response magazine is the official magazine of United Methodist Women, telling the stories of women in mission and educating on the causes they care about. Get your own 48-page magazine filled with photos, inspiration and stories of faith-filled women in mission delivered six times a year by subscribing today! Subscriptions also make great gifts!

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### **2021 UMW Dodge City District Leadership Team**

<b>President</b>	<b>Peggy Alford</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Jodi Patton</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Winona Gebauer</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Nancy Anton</b>
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<b>Giving Chair</b>	<b>Kim Stevens</b>
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<b>Learning Chair</b>	<b>Kristal Patton</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Patsy Wise</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>Geneva Persinger</b>

## UMW CONFERENCE WINTER LEADERSHIP MEETING

Welcome from Janice Elmore, GP Conference President

Called meeting to order. 34 participants.

Devotions were given by Rose Hamilton GP Conference Journey Team Chair, Faith

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report by Barbara Smith GP Conference Treasurer – Giving is down

### **Journey Team Reports:**

#### Social Action – Gwen Sharpe

She is creating a form with specific activities for the Districts. 2020-2021 Priorities are: Climate Justice (Energy for all), School to Prison Pipeline. Recommends monthly communication.

#### Faith – Rose Hamilton

Spiritual Retreat in May possibly a webinar

#### Giving – Margaret Thomas

Getting memory and honor cards out. Suggested we mail Mission Ribbons to our shut ins. Utilize Book of Prayer for UMW Sunday. Blog she recommends by Val Isenhower BeADisciple

#### Growth – Vicki Leach

Deadline for 2020 Census is March 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Learning – Ann Cerventy

Promote opportunities for education. Mission U, Spiritual Retreats, Website Trainings, Response Magazine World Vision.

***Training on Mission U will be on UMW website Study: "Finding Peace in An Anxious World" 4 sessions with videos available.***

#### National – Lisa Maupin

To update Mission U Form

#### Nominations chair – Peg Walters

2022 Officers needed for Conference: VP, Treas, Nom. Chair, Action,

Nominating Team: Barbara Kruger, Barbara Wright, Patsy Gomez,

Communication Coordinator – Pat McGill pmcgillumw@gmail.com

Ks Leaf Day online February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Register Now. Webinar "In It Together" Psalm 24:1 Keynote speaker Lynn Rogers Sec,

of State. Panel: Crises Mgmt. for the Average Kansan. 10 workshops

Conference Directories will be mailed due to not meeting in person

#### Mission U – Barbara Wright

All training will be online at this point

#### Metour – Mary Ellen Killmer

Working on possible webinar thru Conference – online immersion on mission

#### National UMW Director – Louise Niemann

Assembly to be May20-22, 2022 in Florida – Make plans to attend

#### GP Conference Layleader – Lisa Maupin

SCJ Nomination Chair also. Asked us all what should be offered in leadership development.

Doing a GP ladies summit March 20<sup>th</sup> online. Bonnie McCord keynote presenter

<https://www/greatplainsumc.org/laity-summit>

#### Other Discussions

Racial Justice – 1/18/2021 Martin Luther King virtual (kingday.org)

Black History Month is February

#### Standing Rules Chair – Carolyn May

Waiting for handbooks

#### Calendar

Leadership Need updated one sent out

Leadership Meeting – 6/26/21 10 to noon by zoom

Spring Training – 3/13/2021 10 to noon by Zoom

Leadership Development – 1/28-30/2021 by Zoom

**GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2021 CALENDAR**

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|-----------------|---|
| January 16      | Winter Leadership Team Meeting -Online  |
| January 18      | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day   |
| January 28-30   | Leadership Development Days – Online  |
| February 5      | Registration Due for Nebraska Legislative Briefing Day                              |
| February 13     | Nebraska Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day  |
| February 22     | Kansas Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith (LEAF) - Online 6 pm                 |
| March 13        | Spring Leadership Team Meeting - Online   |
| March 23        | National Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund  |
| March 30        | Local Unit Membership Census due to National UMW                                    |
| April 1         | METour Registration Deadline  |
| May 26-29       | Great Plains UMC Conference - Grand Island, NE<br>UMW Luncheon at Annual Conference |
| May             | METour USA  |
| June 26         | Summer Leadership Team Meeting - Online   |
| July 1          | Eunice Harrington Award Nominee Deadline  |
| July            | Mission u – Kearney, NE   |
| July            | Mission u – Salina, KS  |
| July            | Mission u – Topeka, KS  |
| September 18    | Great Plains UMW Annual Meeting - Online  |
| October 4-8     | Midwest Mission Distribution Trip   |
| October         | District Annual Meetings  |
| May 20-22, 2022 | National UMW Assembly - Orlando, FL   |

# Dodge City District

## 2021 Calendar

TBA	<b>GPC UMW Executive Committee Meeting</b>
TBA	<b>District Leadership Team Meeting--TBA</b>
TBA	Ecumenical Legislative Day, Christ UMC, Lincoln, NE
TBA	LEAF (Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith), First UMC, Topeka, KS
March 1	Bulletin Board articles due to Communications Coordinator
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Bulletin Board sent</b>
March 23	National Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Census due to National Office</b>
TBA	Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip
<b>April 9</b>	<b>District Leadership Team Meeting, Camp Lakeside</b>
<b>April 9-10</b>	<b>Spiritual Retreat, Camp Lakeside with Dodge City District as host</b>
TBA	Great Plains Spiritual Growth Retreat, Camp Comeca
TBA	Great Plains Annual Conference, Topeka, KS
TBA	<b>METour SE USA (Redbird Mission, Upper Room, Cookson Hills Center)</b>
TBA	<b>Summer GPC UMW Executive Meeting--TBA</b>
TBA	<b>Mission u--Weekday Event, Salina, KS</b>
TBA	<b>Mission u—Weekend Event, Kearney, NE</b>
TBA	<b>Mini Mission u—Topeka, KS</b>
August 1	Bulletin Board articles due to Communications Coordinator
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Bulletin Board sent</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Election of officers in local units and list of officers sent to District Secretary</b>
TBA	<b>Great Plains UMW Conference Annual Meeting, First UMC, Garden City, KS</b>
October 8	District Leadership Team Meeting, Dodge City
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Dodge City District Annual Meeting, Dodge City</b>
November 1	Bulletin Board articles due to Communications Coordinator
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Bulletin Board sent</b>

*Please watch the Bulletin Board for additional dates and events, or if dates need to be changed.*