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January 2020



Calendar of Events

LEAF, First United Methodist Church, Topeka Registration postmarked by Feb. 1	February 16-17, 2020
South Central Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting Little Rock, Arkansas; Registration Deadline	March 26-29, 2020 February 25, 2020
Registration Deadline for METour	April 1, 2020
Hutchinson/Salina District Spiritual Retreat	April (TBD)
Great Plains Annual Conference Meeting, Topeka	May 28-30
METour, Red Bird Mission, The Upper Room and Cookson Hills	May 30-June 7
Great Plains UMW Annual Meeting Garden City First UMC, Garden City	September 18-19
Hutchinson District UMW Annual Meeting	TBD
National UMW Assembly Orlando, FL	May 20-22, 2022



Thank you to all UMW members. We are now at 100.167% of our pledge for 2019!!!

Karen Dunlap, President
Great Plains United Methodist Women

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Anita Jost, President, Hutchinson District UMW

Welcome to a new year of ministry with United Methodist Women! It is a great honor and pleasure to be your Hutchinson District President for the next two years. Many conflicting emotions will be confronting us as we and our denomination strive to discern God's will and direction for the future. However, as we struggle to do the "right thing" we can still serve those in need and provide an example of God's love. Be not discouraged, for "lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). Welcome to those returning to the Leadership team and to our new members. We have an awesome Leadership team and I foresee a great year ahead of us.

Upcoming events include the annual "Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith" (LEAF) in February, South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting in March, the District Spiritual Retreat, METour, Mission u and a host of activities and services in our local units.

I want to recognize and encourage our local units for the missions they are doing. Some are concerned about the size of their membership or the amount of money they are able to offer, but I want you to know that the missions you do in your local units are invaluable. Giving to those in need--food, companionship, a smile, conversation, diapers, clothes, warm blankets, visiting the sick, comforting the grieving, encouragement, funeral dinners, a shoulder to cry on, inspiration, the Word, an example of a godly life--all these things help lighten the burden someone may be carrying. You are valuable, your work is blessed by God and may be lifesaving to someone. Remember the story of the widow's mite, God considers even the smallest gift given in love a great treasure.

I am finishing Max Lucado's book, *Unshakeable Hope*, in which he quotes James 5:16: "When a believing person prays, great things happen." We are United Methodist Women. We believe we are BOLD, and together with God's blessing we will put 'Faith, Hope and Love into Action'.

Lola Wall, Vice-president, Hutchinson District UMW

I will be serving as your Vice President for next year. After Morgan Harrower gave me a thick notebook that outlined all my duties, I decided that all the members of the board will have to help me!

As most women, I have had several chapters to my career. I taught 3rd and 4th grades for several years and then quit to be a stay at home mom. Then I returned to the classroom for two years, and quit again for the same reason! We now had two daughters and I loved being their 'mommie'. During this chapter of my life, I operated Jack and Jill Preschool in our home. That era was such a blessing. The Lord filled the roster with wonderful 3- and 4-year olds and it was truly a wonderful adventure. I returned to Wichita State University to earn my Gifted Education Certificate which allowed me to coordinate the Gifted Education program for Rice County for 24 years. After retiring from that, I had the privilege of teaching in a charter school 3/4 time and was given the opportunity/challenge to work with all kinds of unique students. I am very grateful for that experience as the Lord opened my eyes to all kinds of situations which changed my heart forever.

In our retirement years my husband, John, and I have had the privilege to be very active in our grandchildren's lives. Our oldest daughter, Stephanie, and her husband and son live in Arkansas City where she is the pastor of First United Methodist Church and St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Their daughter graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in May and is attending graduate school at Lewis and Clark University, Portland, Oregon pursuing an art/therapist degree. Our youngest daughter, Carissa, and her family have always lived within hours of driving time until her husband accepted a job working for NATO in Geilenkirchen, Germany. We are very grateful for WhatsApp as it keeps us in touch with them.

Being Vice-president for the Hutchinson District will be another new experience for me. I am looking forward to this opportunity because UMW has been one of my main interests in retirement. I believe our women do a tremendous ministry to reach people for God's love and care.

Karen Mclean-Ehrlich, Social Action

A reminder for any questions concerning your unit's social action programs, or if you are in need of ideas or even a speaker, I'm just a phone call away at 620-680-9267 or kmclean1947k@gmail.com.

2020 KS LEAF and NE Ecumenical Legislative Days

Breaking of Chains: February 16th-February 17th, 2020, Topeka First United Methodist Church

The 2020 Legislative Event for Advocacy In Faith, (LEAF) will be held Feb. 16-17, First UMC, Topeka, KS. Theme for the event is *"Breaking Chains of Oppression"* based on Psalm 107:14. The Sunday evening program begins at 6:20 P.M. with a legislative update presented by Senator Carolyn McGinn, (R) 31st. Dist. and Congressman, Tim Hodge (D) 72nd Dist. Keynote speaker for the evening is Ernestine Krehbiel, teacher and school board member, who will speak on *"Childhood Abuse to Prison Pipeline."* Admission is free.

Monday's session begins with registration, continental breakfast and displays. The gathering is at 8:45 with the program beginning at 9:00 A.M. The *"Talking Points Panel"* will feature Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education; Delia Garcia, Secretary of Labor; and Lee A. Norman, MD, Secretary of Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment.

Keynote speaker is Rev. Darryl Burton, who will speak on *"Mercy and Justice"*. Pastor Burton was wrongly convicted of murder in St. Louis in 1984 and proven innocent and exonerated Aug. 29, 2008. After 24 years in prison, Burton became a United Methodist minister now serving at Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS.

At 12:15 PM. the Legislator/Constituent Luncheon will be held in the church basement and attendees will have the opportunity to lunch with their respective state legislators and discuss issues with them. From 1:15--3:15 P.M., workshops will be available and attendees may select two to attend.

LEAF is an ecumenical event with the purpose of informing and educating attendees about current issues before the Kansas Legislature. Members from many different denominations serve on the Planning Committee. LEAF is currently sponsored by Great Plains United Methodist Women's Conference and Church Women United of Kansas. Everyone-- women, men and students--is welcome to attend the meeting to become more familiar with Kansas government.

For more information and paper registration forms currently available go to: <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/umw>. On-line registration will be available mid-January (PayPal/credit card). Child care provided: (must be registered by Feb. 1)

LEAF WORKSHOPS 2020

1. “ You CAN Make a Difference in How Legislators Vote! Faith In Action!” Donna Schneweis Chair of the KCADP Board 2 hours (limited to 15)

This Capitol based workshop begins with fundamental, practical information on advocacy that makes a difference with public policy makers. Following that input, participants will be able to attend committee hearings, the Senate session, and/or visit their own legislators’ offices. Workshop leader, Donna Schneweis has been a registered lobbyist focusing on opposition to the death penalty in Kansas for over 20 years. She has seen how legislators are impacted by those cards, letters, emails and visits from constituents! This is a 2 hour workshop limited to the first 15 registrants. Do not request this workshop if you took it the last year.

2. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment: Learning from the Past, Imagining the Future Martha Pitt and Jacqueline Whitney Lightcap

Women across the United States won the right to vote in 1920, but did you know that women in Kansas were able to vote in national elections beginning in 1912 and have been voting in school elections since 1861. Kansas was at the forefront of the suffrage movement but we don't always hear about the women and men who devoted their lives to the cause. The League of Women Voters of Kansas and its Centennial Celebration Committee are sharing these stories as part of their year-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the League. By hearing about the people who made the 19th Amendment possible, as well as listening to some of the voices we didn't include 100 years ago, you will be inspired to continue their tradition of civic engagement, involvement, and inclusion.

3. “What Does the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Actually Do?” Don Woodard, Speaker, Kansas Silver Haired Legislature

The history, purpose, mission, and goals of the Silver Haired Legislature. How to become a Silver Haired Legislator and what are the proposed Bills and Resolutions for 2020?”

4. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America Amanda Winch- Volunteer Kansas Chapter Leader

Moms Demand Action is a non-partisan, grassroots organization which promotes gun safety and seeks to prevent gun violence. To do this, we advocate for sensible gun laws at a state and federal level and we raise awareness about gun safety topics. We will discuss our legislative priorities and how we raise awareness for gun safety throughout the state.

5. National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness, working every day to save every life by offering our educational programs and resources at no cost to recipients. NAMI FaithNet is an information resource and network for NAMI members, clergy and people of faith from all faith traditions, encouraging the development of welcoming and spiritually nourishing environments in every place of worship. In this workshop, we will share about NAMI FaithNet as well as NAMI Kansas’s 2020 Legislative Issues that impact the lives of those we serve.

6. *Topeka Independent Living Resource Center*
Jennifer McPhail & Ami Hyten

“Get involved in politics as if your life depends on it, because it does.” - Justin Dart, Jr. This rallying cry for the Disability community is a truism, and points to the pathway to our liberation. Join this discussion on how legislative advocacy, policy work, and direct action work together to advance the rights of people with disabilities.

7. *School to Prison Pipeline*
Kirsten Zerger, Senior Associate at KIPCOR

With the rise of metal detectors, surveillance cameras, and “school resource officers,” schools are becoming the “new frontier” of the old “broken-windows” policing policy: focused on social control and punishment of children instead of education and growth. Learn more about how this has created a “school to prison pipeline,” and what local communicates can do to dismantle it.

8. *Friends of the Kaw - Kansas Riverkeeper*
Dawn Buehler

Did you know that 800,000 Kansans get their drinking water from the Kansas River? Come and learn about what is being done to protect this valuable resource and what you can do to help. Join us for an open discussion about water in Kansas!

9. *Equality Kansas*
Brett Hoedl - Chair, KC Metro Chapter

Kansas is one of twenty-nine states where it is completely legal to be fired, denied housing or denied service for the simple fact of being a member of the LGBTQ community. Equality Kansas was formed in 2005 in response to the Kansas Marriage amendment that banned same-sex marriage and since then we have been present in Topeka and in our local communities to fight back against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Come learn about how you can get involved and help make Kansas a more accepting community for all of its' citizens!

10. *The Crescent Peace Society*
Ahsan Latif

Have you heard a lot about Muslims? Here's a chance to sit down face to face and actually meet Kansas Muslims! These events are a collaborative opportunity for people of different faiths to come together and get to know one another in small groups. Join us for friendly conversation and mutual understanding!

11. *Alliance for a Healthy Kansas*
April Holman

Today, more than 150,000 Kansans currently fall into a health coverage gap. This is completely by choice of the Kansas Government and entirely preventable. Find out how it happened and what you can do about it. Expand Medicaid!

Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith (LEAF)

2020 Registration Form
“Breaking Chains of Oppression”
Feb. 16-17, 2020

First UMC, Topeka Blvd. & 6th St., Topeka Kansas

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

___ I plan to attend Sunday, February 16 (6:20 PM). (No fee on Sunday, walk-ins welcome)

___ I plan to attend Monday, February 17 (9:00 AM—3:15 pm). (\$30 registration by Feb. 1)

___ I am a student age 15-22. (reduced fee \$15, due by Feb. 1)

___ I will need child care (Children must be registered in advance with Registrar, Rose Roberts, by Feb 1, 2020.) More information is available at 316-772-6811.

Home Church _____ First-Time Attendee: Yes ___ No ___

Member of: ___ United Methodist Women District: _____
___ Church Women United Other _____

State Senator or Senate District Number: _____

State Representative or House District Number: _____

Send personal notes inviting your legislators to lunch.

Workshops are listed online at www.greatplainsumc.org/umw or from Registrar ros Roberts@att.net

List your preferences for workshops by name or number.

Workshop preference: 1 # _____ 2 # _____ 3 # _____ 4 # _____

Registration Fee: \$30.00 _____ must be postmarked by February 1, 2020

Students age 15-22 Reduced Fee: \$15.00 _____ must be postmarked by February 1, 2020

Registration fee covers continental breakfast, lunch, program, and workshop materials. Late Registration Fee: \$35.00 _____ no guarantees

Make registration checks payable to LEAF

Mail to: Rose Roberts
Attn: LEAF
712 W.5th
Newton, KS 67114 (Cell: 316-772-6811)

On-Line Registration at www.greatplainsumc.org/umw (PayPal /credit card)



South Central Jurisdiction UMW Meeting - March 26-29, 2020

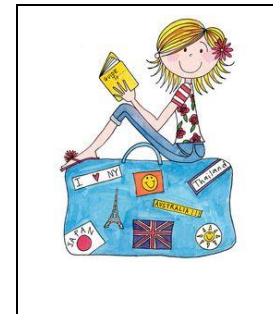
Little Rock, Arkansas - Downtown Marriott & Little Rock Convention Center

Register Now! Registration Deadline: February 25, 2020

For more information and to register, go to the South Central Jurisdiction webpage:

<https://www.umwscj.org>

METOUR
Mission Education Tour



Dates are set! Put **May 30 - June 7, 2020** on your calendar and travel with us to **Red Bird Mission**, Beverly, KY, **Upper Room**, and **Cookson Hills Center**, Cookson, OK. We will be leaving from and returning to Topeka, KS, again in 2020. The registration form is included in this letter. Further registration information as well as medical forms are available on the Great Plains United Methodist Women website--www.greatplainsumc.org/umw. **For more information**, please contact the METour director, **Venedith Vargas**, metourdirector@yahoo.com, or via phone at 308-3352-8085. The registration deadline is April 1.

PRINT LEGIBLY

THIS ENTIRE FORM
MUST BE COMPLETED.

2020 METour REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: Postmarked on or before APRIL 1, 2020



PARTICIPANT

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name For Name Tag: _____ Mailing Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Cell Number _____

Age on May 30, 2020 _____ Birth Date _____ School Grade (2019-2020) _____

Email Address (Primary method of communication) _____

*This doesn't have to be the METour participant's email address.
It must be one that's checked every day by someone who will get messages to participant.*

First & Last Name of This Email Address Owner _____

Participant's T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

Participant's Church Name, Town & State _____

Are you receiving a METour scholarship? YES NO (circle one) If YES, the amount is: _____

If YES, from whom are you receiving a scholarship? (This may be your church, UMW, or another group or an individual)

_____ Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Phone (circle one) _____ Text OK? Yes No (circle one)

Please answer these two questions in a paragraph or two:
• Why are you going on the METour?
• What are your interests, activities and organizations?
Use the back of this form or a separate piece of paper (write your first and last names at the top of the page).

#1 PARENT or GUARDIAN CIRCLE ONE

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Cell Number _____

Email Address _____

#2 PARENT or GUARDIAN CIRCLE ONE

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Cell Number _____

Email Address _____

FOR OFFICE USE:
DATE RECEIVED _____ AMT. ENCLOSED _____ CHK NO. _____

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Hutch District 2020 Shepherdess List

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Phyllis Stoppel	Moundridge, Newton Trinity Heights, Newton Salem
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Carol Ek	McPherson, Hesston, Hutchinson First
Sharon Anglemyer	Nickerson, Fairview, Sterling
Marvis Doering	Newton First, Halstead
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