

Mission Today 2018

District:

Church Name & Town:

UMW Membership:

Reporter:

Phone / EMAIL Contact:



Let us know how you are doing Mission Today! Use this form to report what sorts of Mission related activities were/are part of your UMW experience in **2017**. If you have a membership of 15 or less and have completed at least 4 actions, 2 of which are marked with an asterisk*, your unit will be recognized as a Mission Today Unit. Units with 16 or more members will be recognized when they report completion of at least 8 actions, 4 of which are marked with an asterisk*. All of you are doing missions so we want to hear from everyone! Return completed reports to your district Education & Interpretation coordinator by **December 15**.

Write "YES!" beside each mission action that your UMW unit is sharing in your congregation, community, country or world.

- ___1. * Used the **Prayer Calendar** regularly at circle, unit, executive, or church council meetings to learn about and pray for persons in mission and their ministries.
- ___2. * Incorporated at least 2 programs from the **Program Book** into circle, unit, or congregational meetings or programs during the year.
- ___3. * Incorporated at least one of **the Mission Studies from Mission U** into programs for your circle, unit, or congregation during the year.
- ___4. * **Made a Pledge to Mission and reach that goal for Mission Giving.**
- ___5. * At least 2 members subscribe to **Response Magazine**.
- ___6. * Added at least 2 new members to UMW.
- ___7. * Implemented the **Charter for Racial Justice** through at least 1 of the actions described below:
 - ___Sponsored or participated in event that welcomes groups from 2 or more ethnic or cultural backgrounds
 - ___Recruited women of diversity to be members and officers
 - ___Read books that provide insight into a variety of cultural, racial, and socio-economic experiences. Created an event or opportunity to share new understandings or ideas, etc.
 - ___Wrote to elected officials in support of issues such as immigration/civil rights, solutions to poverty, healthcare, education, etc.
 - ___Had at least 1 member (not a district or conference officer) participate in the UMW Online Community for the Charter on Racial Justice Policies.
- ___8. * At least 1 member (not a district or conference officer) attended a **Mission U** event.
- ___9. * At least one woman from your congregation participated in the United Methodist Women **Action Network**
- ___10. * Wrote to five or more persons in mission listed in the **Prayer Calendar** at least once during the year.

- ____11. At least 1 woman from your congregation serves as a district, conference or national officer.
- ____12. Brought your pastor to a **Mission U** event.
- ____13. At least 2 members (not district or conference officers) attended/participated in one or more of the following events:
 - ____ **Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting**
 - ____ **District Annual Meeting**
 - ____ District Intro to **Mission U** Studies
 - ____ A Conference **Mission U** event
- ____14. Planned and offered a **Children's' Sabbath** at your church or in a community setting. Used materials from the Children's Defense Fund.
- ____15. Celebrated **UMW Sunday** using materials provided by the Membership Nurture & Outreach team and distributed on the Conference UMW website.
- ____16. Contacted the district officer serving as district liaison (formerly shepherd) for your unit.
- ____17. At least 1 member completed one of the **Reading Program** plans and reported on at least one of the books read.
- ____18. Had a book review event or book club that shared 2 or more books from the Reading Program in the year.
- ____19. **Contributed to ALL 5 channels of Mission Giving to become a 5-STAR UNIT.**
- ____20. A district or conference officer (not a member of your congregation) attended at least one meeting or presented a program at your church.
- ____21. Shared information from **Response Magazine** at each meeting.
- ____22. Learned about national mission institutions (like Emma Norton Services) and involved your congregation in providing support through material donations.
- ____23. Reviewed a book from the Reading Program for your congregation's newsletter and posted it on Facebook.
- ____24. Shared photos from a district or conference event on Facebook.
- ____25. Planned an **UBUNTU Mission Opportunity** for members of your congregation to learn about a need for ministry and provide service at a soup kitchen, food shelf, children's program. Created/implemented a new ministry in cooperation WITH your neighbors in need.
- ____26. Published the website information for UMW Online (www.umwonline.net) AND the MN Conference UMW website (<http://mnconfumw.com>) regularly in your church newsletter or bulletin.
- ____27. 1 or more women from your congregation participated in an online community at the UMW website.
- ____28. **Exceeded your UMW pledge for Mission Giving**

Use this form to plan your unit's program for 2018. Keep track of what you are doing and report it to your district executive team at the end of 2018.