

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Living Into Our Purpose 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019

Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Recognition Achievements

Living into Purpose Level	Total Items to Complete (>15 Members)	Total Items to Complete (≤15 members)
I Bronze	10 (ten) total items / 6 * items (six)	5 (five) / 3 * items (three)
II Silver	14 (fourteen) / 8 * items (eight)	7 (seven) / 4 * items (four)
III Gold	20 (twenty) / 12 * items (twelve)	10 total items (ten) / 6 * items (six)

- Use these suggestions to **MAKE IT HAPPEN** in the world in which we live.
- Mark the items you completed

1. Purpose (Mission Giving)		
*		1a. Make and meet a Pledge to Mission Giving.
*		1b. Include the UMW Purpose at every meeting.
		1c. Increase the local organization's Pledge to Mission this year.
*		1d. Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star organization by contributing to Five or Six Channels of Mission Giving <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Pledge to Mission Special Mission Recognition Mission Giving Cards; </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Gift in Memory World Thank Offering; Candle burning </div>
*		1e. Have one (1) member become a Rainbow Giver. Name:
*		1f. Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th Legacy Fund.
2. KNOW GOD (FAITH)		
		2a. Encourage the practice of Spiritual Disciplines (i.e. scripture, prayer, fasting)

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*		2b. Have at least one Prayer Calendar which can be used at each local organization meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.
*		2c. Have at least one (1) member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item) Name:
		2d. Host or participate in a Children’s Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of the children. (Resources can be found at www.childrensdefense.org)
*		2e. Use at least two (2) programs from the Program Book. 1. _____ 2. _____
3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)		
*		3a. Choose one (1) District Social Action Priority to work on. Priority is:
*		3b. Present a program or initiate a project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority. Program/Project:
*		3c. Have at least one (1) member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February. Members name:
*		3d. Have at least one (1) member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Network (http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) to learn more about justice issues Members Name:
		3e. Have at least one (1) member sign-up for the action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society (http://www.umc-gbcs.org/) and share information on Justice Issues with the local organization. Members Name:
		3f. Have at least one (1) member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org) and use ideas to advocate for justice. Members Name:
*		3g. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies by having a Racial Justice Program, participating in a District Racial Justice Program or attending a Conference Racial Justice event. Get resources from: http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/media/files/Racial%20Justice%20Manual.pdf Describe:

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		3h. Participate in the United Methodist Women National 13 Steps To Sustainability Policies (https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability). Describe what you did:
4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)		
		4a. Add at least two (2) new members to the roll (one (1) new member for local circles/units with 15 or fewer members). 1. _____ 2. _____
*		4b. Have at least two (2) members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting (if ≤ 15 members – you may include one (1) District or Conference Officer). 1. _____ 2. _____
*		4c. Sponsor a young woman (18 - 40) to attend a District or Conference Young Women’s Event. Name of attendee: (for your archives)
*		4d. Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than one of your own members, to one of your local organization meetings during the year and/or your United Methodist Women’s Sunday. Name: _____ Date: _____
		4e. Write to at least five (5) mission workers listed the <i>Prayer Calendar</i> . Names: _____
		4f. Have at least one (1) member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College. Name(s): _____
*		4g. Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinators by August 31st. +
5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)		
*		5a. Have at least one (1) subscription to response Magazine within the organization to help members stay informed of world missions and for help in planning programs. Include a “response Moment” where an item from response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.
*		5b. Have at least one (1) member, other than a District or Conference officer; attend Mission Encounter or a District Mission Celebration/Mission Encounter event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item.) Name: _____

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*		5c. Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the United Methodist Women National Office (Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA is the only National Institution in Virginia), or the Ministry Grants of Virginia (listed in the Annual Report) and visit and/or contribute needed resources. Name of Project:
*		5d. Have or participate in at least one (1) current mission study during the year. Which one:
*		5e. Have at least two (2) members complete Plan I or higher of the Reading Program. + 1. _____ 2. _____
6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)		
*		6a. Have one (1) or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working at a food pantry or clothes closet, Rise Against Hunger event, bagging potatoes, etc. Describe:
*		6b. Participate in the Campaign for Children (Children’s Sabbath Sunday, public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.) Describe what you did:
		6c. Provide at least ten (10) UMCOR Mission Kits and funds for shipping for the Virginia Annual Conference (Kits for Conference)
		6d. Make a donation of goods (stamps for inmates, etc.), money (to support a Prison Chaplain) or service (Bible study, bell choir) to Prison Ministries.
*	All Items Total	
		Place totals on this line.

* Submit this form to your DISTRICT LIOP Representative *

Local Organization/Church	
Number of Members in your Local Organization	
President or Contact Person	
Phone	
Email	

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+ **No Change** in reporting of Reading Program Books. Secretary of Program Resources (SPR), mail reports to the District SPR. Membership reporting is done online, please ensure all members of your organization are counted.