

IS YOUR UNIT A MISSION TODAY UNIT?

THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION TODAY UNIT IS TO:

- Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that United Methodist Women understand where their money goes;
- Encourage use of mission resources through United Methodist Women; and
- Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

CRITERIA FOR A MISSION TODAY UNIT:

Units are encouraged to complete a minimum of 8 of the following criteria, including 4 of those marked with an asterisk (*).

- *1. Use the **Prayer Calendar** at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth. Order from the **Mission Resource Center, PO Box 6260275, Dallas, TX 75266-0275; Phone: 1-800-305-9857**
2. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the conference or district School of Christian Mission.
3. At least two members (other than a conference or district officer) will attend the district or conference annual meeting.
- *4. The unit will use two programs from the **Program Book** during the year. Order from the Mission Resource Center.
5. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. To join, contact **The Women's Division Washington Office, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Box 56, Washington, DC 20002.**
6. Members shall write to five persons listed in the **Prayer Calendar** at least once a year.
- *7. The unit, circle or subgroup will conduct or participate in at least one mission study a year. The studies for three years are listed on the back cover of this brochure.
8. The unit will implement the **Charter for Racial Justice Policies** in at least one way during the year. Possibilities are:
 - Have members read books and articles about other races and cultures.

- Sponsor an Inter-ethnic event between two or more Units.
 - View the video on the charter, **In Search of Racial Justice**. Check with the Conference Resources Center (1-888-873-3127) or order from The Mission Resource Center.
 - Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, programs for low income persons, etc.
9. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath celebration. For materials contact **Children's Defense Fund, 23 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20001**. There are suggestions for various activities in this material.
 - *10. The unit will make and meet its pledge to missions.
 - *11. The unit will be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of mission giving.
 12. The unit will select a project from the Women's Division's **Material Resources for Mission Catalog** and will contribute the needed material to the mission project. Order from the Mission Resource Center or go to the following website for this catalog: ([http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/material resources/](http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/material%20resources/))
 13. Each unit, circle or subgroup will include a **Response** Moment where an item from **Response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story. **New World Outlook** magazine provides another good way to tell the mission story.
 - *14. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to **Response** magazine. Order from Mission Resource Center. A joint subscription of **Response** and **New World Outlook** can be ordered at a reduced rate.
 - *15. The unit will add at least two members to its roll.
 16. At least one person from the unit will participate in the Reading Program.
 17. At least one member from the unit will attend the district or conference Spiritual Growth event.
 18. The unit will complete a project for one of the conference mission agencies supported by UMW or UMCOR each year.

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BRONZE AWARD

Complete 8 items; must include at least 4 four with (*).

SILVER AWARD

Complete 10 items; must include at least 4 with (*).

GOLD AWARD

Complete 15 items including all of the (*) items.

Activities completed from September 1st thru August 31st the following year will be recognized at annual meeting each year. This is an ongoing program, so strive to become a **MISSION TODAY UNIT!**

MISSION STUDIES

2007-2008

Spiritual Growth: Music and Mission
Geographic: Israel and Palestine
General Issue: Globalization: Its
Impact on Our Lives

2008-2009

I Believe in Jesus
Israel and Palestine
American Indian:
A Culture of "Giveaway"

2009-2010

Spiritual Growth: Food and Faith
Geographic: Sudan
General Issue: American Indian: A Culture of "Giveaway"

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PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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