

# VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Living Into Our Purpose 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020

## 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pledge to Mission <input type="checkbox"/> Special Mission Recognition <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Giving Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Gift in Memory <input type="checkbox"/> World Thank Offering <input type="checkbox"/> Candle burning
*		1e. Have <b>one (1)</b> 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)
*		2b. Have at least one <b>Prayer Calendar</b> which can be used at each local organization meeting to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.

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*		2c. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> member attend a District <b>or</b> 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 <a href="http://www.childrensdefense.org">www.childrensdefense.org</a> )
*		2e. Use at least <b>two (2)</b> programs from the Program Book. 1. _____ 2. _____
<b>3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)</b>		
*		3a. Choose <b>one (1)</b> District Social Action Priority to work on. <b>Priority is:</b>
*		3b. Present a program or initiate a project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority. Program/Project:
*		3c. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February. Members name:
*		3d. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Network ( <a href="http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org">http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org</a> ) to learn more about justice issues Members Name:
		3e. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> member sign-up for the action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society ( <a href="http://www.umc-gbcs.org/">http://www.umc-gbcs.org/</a> ) and share information on justice issues with the local organization. Members Name:
		3f. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts ( <a href="http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org">http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org</a> ) 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: <a href="http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/media/files/Racial%20Justice%20Manual.pdf">http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/media/files/Racial%20Justice%20Manual.pdf</a> Describe:
		3h. Participate in the United Methodist Women National 13 Steps To Sustainability Policies ( <a href="https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability">https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability</a> ). Describe what you did:

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4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)		
		4a. Add at least <b>two (2)</b> new members to the roll ( <b>one (1)</b> new member for local circles/units with <b>15 or fewer</b> members). 1. _____ 2. _____
*		4b. Have at least <b>two (2)</b> members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting (if ≤ 15 members – you may include <b>one (1)</b> District or Conference Officer). 1. _____ 2. _____
*		4c. Sponsor a young woman ( <b>18 - 40</b> ) 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 <b>five (5)</b> mission workers listed the <i>Prayer Calendar</i> . <i>Names:</i> _____
		4f. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> 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 <b>one (1)</b> subscription to <b>response Magazine</b> within the organization to help members stay informed of world missions and for help in planning programs. Include a <b>“response Moment”</b> where an item from <b>response Magazine</b> is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.
*		5b. Have at least <b>one (1)</b> 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: _____
*		5c. Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the <b>United Methodist Women National Office</b> (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: _____

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*		5d. Have or participate in at least <b>one (1) current</b> mission study during the year. Which one:
*		5e. Have at least <b>two (2)</b> members <b>complete Plan I or higher</b> of the Reading Program. + 1. _____ 2. _____
<b>6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)</b>		
*		6a. Have <b>one (1)</b> 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 <b>Campaign for Children</b> (Children’s Sabbath Sunday, public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.) Describe what you did:
		6c. Provide at least <b>ten (10)</b> 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.
*	Total Items	
		Place totals on this line.

\* Submit this form to your DISTRICT LIOP Representative \*

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

+ **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.