

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Living Into Our Purpose (LIOP)

1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021

Our 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 for Achieving Goals in Our Purpose

Living into Purpose Level	Total Items to Complete for Units of >15 Members)	Total Items to Complete for Units of ≤15 members
I – Bronze	8 total items including 4 * items	4 total items including 2 * items
II – Silver	12 total items including 6 * items	6 total items including 3 * items
III – Gold	18 total items including 10 * items	9 total items including 5 * items

- The Living Into Our Purpose (LIOP) form gives us a “blueprint” for keeping on track to accomplishing our goals as United Methodist Women.
- 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, in-person or virtual.
		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 : https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/5channels <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 one member become a Rainbow Giver . Name:
*		1f. Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th Legacy Fund . https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/home
		1g. Observe “ A Call to Prayer and Self Denial ” with program and offering. https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/call-to-prayer

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2. KNOW GOD (FAITH)	
	2a. Encourage the practice of spiritual disciplines (i.e. Scripture, prayer, fasting)
*	2b. Have at least one Prayer Calendar , which can be used at each local organization meeting, in-person or virtual, to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.
	2c. Have at least one member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event , in-person or virtual. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item) Name(s):
	2d. Host or participate in a Children’s Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of the children. (Resource: www.childrensdefense.org .)
*	2e. Use at least two programs from the Program Book . https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_list.asp?catID=13937 1. _____ 2. _____
3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)	
*	3a. Choose one District or Conference Social Action Priority to work on. Priority chosen:
*	3b. Present a program or initiate a project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority . Program/Project:
	3c. Have at least one member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February, if held. Member name(s):
	3d. Have at least one member participate in a webinar addressing a District or Conference Social Action Priority and share the information with the local organization. Member name(s):
*	3e. Have at least one member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Alerts (https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Social Action Alerts.html) to learn more about justice issues and share the information with the local organization. Member name(s):
	3f. Have at least one member sign-up “What You Can Do” alerts from UMC Church and Society and share information on justice issues with the local organization. https://www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do Member name(s):

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		3g. Have at least one member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org) and use ideas to advocate for justice . Member name(s):
*		3h. Implement or continue 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, in-person or virtual. Resources include: https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice ; https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/advocating-for-justice/racial-justice ; https://vaumc.org/reconciliation ; Describe:
		3i. Participate in the United Methodist Women climate justice issues with “Be Just. Be Green. 13 Steps To Sustainability ” principles. (https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/sustainability) Describe what you did:
4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)		
		4a. Add at least two new members to the roll for local circles/units with more than 15 members), or one new member for local circles/units with 15 or fewer members. 1. _____ 2. _____
*		4b. Have at least two members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting , in-person or virtual. (If ≤ 15 members – you may include one District or Conference Officer). 1. _____ 2. _____
		4c. Sponsor a young woman (age 18 - 40) to attend a District or Conference Young Women’s Event , if held, in-person or virtual. Name of attendee(s): (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, in-person or virtual. Name/Date:
		4e. Write to at least five mission workers , active or retired, listed in the <i>Prayer Calendar</i> . Names:
		4f. Have at least one member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College , if held. Name(s):

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*		4g. Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinator or President by deadline set by the District.
*		4h. Submit member statistics/census online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org by March 30. Use membership numbers for the previous calendar year. Also, please advise District by August 31 of those same numbers (i.e. previous <u>calendar</u> year): Number of members at January 1 _____ (not required for online report to National UMW) Number of new members added _____ Number of members lost by death or other reasons _____ Number of members at December 31 _____
5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)		
*		5a. Have at least one 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. https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response
		5b. Have at least one member, other than a District or Conference officer, attend Mission Encounter or District Mission Celebration/Mission Encounter, if held, in -person or virtual. (If in-person event, District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item.) Name(s):
*		5c. Select a mission institution or project which is supported (1) by funds from United Methodist Women (https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-fund) (Note: Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth is the only National Institution in Virginia); or (2) by fund through the Ministry Grants of Virginia (listed in the Annual Report). Visit and/or contribute needed resources. Name of institution or project:
*		5d. Have or participate in at least one current mission study during the year, in-person or virtual. Which one:
*		5e. Have at least two members complete Plan I or higher of the Reading Program . https://www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_list.asp?catID=13849 1. _____ 2. _____

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6. PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)		
*		6a. Have one 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 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 .
Total * Items:	Total Items:	Qualify for a bronze, silver or gold recognition?

Submit this form to your DISTRICT LIOP Representative

Local Organization/Church; if District Member at Large, show name of District	
Number of Members in your Local Organization	
President or Contact Person	
Phone	
Email	

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