



South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

CALLING u REGISTRATION IS OPEN

TWO MONTHS AWAY AND THE
COUNTDOWN IS ON!!!

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED:

Please take a few minutes to register for the SCJ Calling u Event to be held in Little Rock, AR, March 26-29, 2020. Registration is available online only at umwscj.org. To register, follow the orange **Registration Info** button to the [Registration Here](#) button. Pay by credit card or check.

In this newsletter you will find the slate of nominees for the 2020-2024 National Board of Directors for United Methodist Women. The 24 nominees represent all 12 conferences within South Central Jurisdiction. You will find their photos and bios within this issue. **Be sure and save this issue if you are a voting delegate to SCJUMW 2020.**

Please bring your Celebration dancing shoes because we plan to have a great time as we elect new leaders for our Jurisdiction. We start the Calling u event off with a party and we close it with the Holy celebration of communion. You will be surrounded by the Sisterhood of Grace as we grow together in our faith. Music will be



uplifting and several surprises await you during the event.

If you missed the last newsletter, just visit our website: umwscj.org.

May God bless you,

Charlotte Morrow, President

Items to pack for your trip to SCJUMW 2020:

1. Your SMILE
2. One tote bag for you and one to share
3. Items for Camp Aldersgate in gathering
4. Water bottle
5. Bible, pen, notebook or paper
6. Comfortable clothes and shoes
7. Your Great ATTITUDE for Learning and Sharing

2020 QUADRENNIAL

Statehouse Convention Center
Marriott Downtown, Little Rock, AR
March 26-29, 2020

REGISTRATION

- Register online in ends 2/25/20
umwscj.org
- Group hotel rate is \$139/night for 2 queen beds

CONFERENCE ELEMENTS

Ubuntu Service Projects \$40 (optional)

- Heifer International
- Little Rock Arkansas Food Bank
- In-Hotel Project (TBA)

Sunrise Yoga

3 Breakfasts and 2 Boxed lunches

Optional UMW Programs (see page 2)
Mission Fair & Film Festival

General Gatherings:

- **Welcoming u** – Thursday evening
- **Introducing u** – Friday am
- **Challenging u** – Keynote (Fri pm)
- **Calling u** - Bible Study (Sat am)
- **Celebrating u** – 150 Years (Sat pm)
- **Sending u** – Closing (Sun am)

Preliminary schedule available on our website at umwscj.org/schedule

See our list of things
to do in Little Rock at
umwscj.org/quadrennial



SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION CALLING u EVENT PARKING

Valet Parking is available at the hotel, but here are some other parking options nearby:

- Robinson Center Parking Garage, Markham & Center Street, \$12/day (under the Doubletree Hotel and 1 block from the Marriott)
- 2nd and Main Parking Garage, \$12/day
- Parking on the street is free after 5 pm each weekday and free all day on Saturday and Sunday

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Every Day Yoga 4 Every Body Workshop



Join Carolyn Celestine for Sunrise Yoga on Friday and Saturday morning during the Little Rock event at 6:30 AM. She teaches yoga for all bodies, whatever the shape, size, age, or mobility. If you are afraid to try yoga because you think you are too old, inflexible, weigh more than you would like, or don't know what yoga is, come discover and be surprised. If you can breathe, then you can do yoga. If you can open your arms, you can open your heart. If you can stand or sit, you can become stronger. Yoga can change and/or improve your way of thinking, breathing, moving and living. If you already practice yoga, please bring your **mat**, towel and water bottle.

If you have **never** done yoga before, bring a **towel, water bottle and an open mind**. Mats and chairs will be provided. Dress comfortably (**but no jeans**). **If you are considering coming, send Carolyn an email at celestineyoga@gmail.com so she can be better prepared.** Also, feel free to ask her any questions.

Start each day off feeling great and with a smile 😊!

CALLING u EVENT INGATHERING – CAMP ALDERSGATE

Camp Aldersgate National Mission Institution is Arkansas's only non-profit organization uniquely dedicated to serving children and youth with special needs and senior adults in a camp environment. It was formally dedicated in the summer of 1947. Located on 100+ acres in the city of Little Rock, the original purpose of Aldersgate was to serve as a place for interracial fellowship, meetings and Camp to work on community and church projects. Please consider supporting this local mission by bringing some of these items with you to Little Rock:

- Activity and coloring books
- Athletic knee pads
- Batteries-sizes AA, AAA, D, C and 9 volt
- Crepe-paper streamers
- Colored pencils, Markers, and Pens
- Copy paper
- Gift cards (Academy Sports, Home Depot, Office Depot, Wal-Mart)
- LED light bulbs
- Leaf rakes

- Masking Tape (white and blue)
- Men's tube socks
- Pillow covers (plastic)
- Sharpies
- Sidewalk chalk
- Small children's clothes
- Small socks
- Toiletries (especially travel-size)
- Wipes—hand and cleaning
- Yard & work gloves

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR



Lynn R. Baker, Arkansas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women:

Currently I serve as a Director on the national board of United Methodist Women and as President of my local unit. Experience includes service as Conference President, Secretary of Program Resources, Mission u study leader, Assembly workshop leader and volunteer coordinator at National Mission Institution Camp Aldersgate.

Most Meaningful Experience: As a United Methodist Woman, my most meaningful experience is the amazing relationships I have with bold, courageous women throughout our world. This includes a sense of

awe when I realize that we are blessed by the Legacy of those women before us and that we are part of something so much bigger than any of us.



Marleene Calvin, Arkansas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women:

LOCAL: President, Treasurer, and recently elected President for 2020-2022.

DISTRICT: Secretary, Social Action Coordinator, Committee on Nominations and Chair of Nominations.

CONFERENCE: Secretary, Social Action Coordinator and Committee on Nominations. Attended National Seminar, represented the Arkansas Conference accompanying six teens to the 2000 Teen and Young Women's Conference in Chicago, IL. In 2008, Marleene served as the Dean for the Arkansas School of Christian Mission and currently serves as Assistant Registrar for Mission u. She previously was a voting delegate to the South Central Quadrennial meeting and a Director Nominee. Currently she serves a

second quadrennial as the Arkansas Conference Secretary of Global Ministries.

Most Meaningful Experience: Marleene's first meaningful experience was after Ms. Elnora Campbell, now deceased, persistently invited her to a United Methodist Women's meeting at her local church. Her involvement took off from that point forward. Attending her first assembly excited her to the point of attending every event, thereafter, including participating at Mission u in every aspect of the studies and plenaries, serving on the planning team as Assistant Registrar, and representing the Board of Global Ministries.



Billie L. Ray - Central Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Billie became a United Methodist Woman to share her influence and improve quality of life for all women. On the local church level, she served at Grace UMC, Arlington, Texas, as UMW President for five years and was instrumental in increasing pledge to missions. Her work continued as an East District officer, serving on the Nomination committee. This led her to full tenure on the Central Texas Conference UMW leadership team, serving as secretary of program resources and membership, nurture and outreach, etc. She participated in Leadership Development Trainings, Regional Schools, Mission u Leadership Development, Mission u Dean for two years, increasing attendance and

involving more youth and children in our Mission u weekend camp. This, along with initiating one-day mission studies in each district in Central Texas Conference, increased Mission u participation by 30% during her tenure.

Most Meaningful Experience: Until quite recently, she would say her accomplishments as Mission u Dean have been her most meaningful experience, however, after retirement in 2012 from State Health Services and relocating to the Round Rock, Texas, she discovered that her local church did not have a UMW unit. She felt lost not having the warm fellowship of UMW and started a new unit at Journey of Faith in Central Texas Conference, South District, now her most meaningful experience!

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Darlene R. Alfred - Central Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Darlene is a member of the Program Advisory Group (PAG) representing the Central Texas Conference. Previously she served as Conference Social Action Coordinator, District Social Action Coordinator, District Vice President and local Social Action Coordinator. In addition, she served as Chair of the planning team for the annual Texas United Methodist Women's Legislative Event for two years. Darlene is active in the Deborah Circle at her local unit, a group formed to focus on Social Action/Racial Justice issues by engaging younger women and providing a platform for those areas that most concern and effect their daily lives.

Most Meaningful Experience: After hearing of the death of Atatiana Jefferson, a young, African American female, fatally shot in her own home, her conference and National UMW banded together to form a coalition of community leaders and spearheaded the What's Next Rally and Vigil. It was a powerful example of the United Methodist Women putting faith into action.



Louise Niemann - Great Plains Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women:

Louise is a first generation UMW. She is the Chair of the Committee of Nominations for SCJ UMW and serves on the Board of Directors for the National Mission Institution, Epworth Village, York NE. She is the COSROW representative for the Great Plains Conference. Louise is a former PAG, chairing the Reading Program committee during her term. She served as president at both the district and conference levels and on the Mission u planning team. Addressing environmental justice, Louise Niemann met with the "Cowboy and Indian Alliance" in O'Neill, Nebraska to discuss the proposed crossing of the Keystone XL pipeline through the

Ogallala Aquifer. Louise also traveled to Standing Rock, North Dakota to "Stand in Solidarity" with the Dakota Sioux natives opposing the DAPL crossing of Lake Oahe and the Missouri River. She co-designed the workshop, "Thirsting for Justice-The Politics of Water", presented at 2018 Assembly in Columbus OH. Her home church is St. Luke's United Methodist Church, David City, where she serves as President of her local UMW group.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her most meaningful experience as a United Methodist Woman was her very first UMW meeting where she signed the Nestle Boycott. She had no idea these ordinary church women serving funeral dinners doubled as activists. At that time, UMW was the only organization in her small town, addressing women's rights and women's issues, speaking AND acting for justice. United Methodist Women changed my life and continues to change the world.



Rosemary Roberts - Great Plains Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: She has served on local, district, conference, and national levels. As a Program Advisory Group representative from the Great Plains Conference in the South Central Jurisdiction, she attended training events and conferences on current issues and programs. Communicating, distributing information, and representing UMW at all levels of service has been educational and challenging for her and inspirational to be a part of a creative, supportive fellowship of women in mission together, throughout the world. She joined in celebrating our history and looks forward to responding to future changes by serving with bold, creative leaders.

Most Meaningful Experience: Rosemary fondly remembers when the "Great Plains" was created by blending three "legacy" conferences into one. Though this change, we have learned that the UMW purpose transcends boundaries and borders. At the annual meeting, Joyce Sohl, former UMW Deputy General Secretary, reminded everyone that "women have stood long and hard for the inclusiveness of our organization." Then Lisa Maupin, a young UMW leader, spoke on "The League of Extraordinary, Unreasonable Women" who will lead us forward.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Marjorie S. Franklin - Louisiana Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Margorie has been involved in UMW since Jr. High, often chauffeuring her mother and friends to local and district events. As the years passed, she became more involved in UMW on all levels: Local Positions: Committee on Nominations Member, Secretary. District Positions: Committee on Nominations Member, Historian, Spiritual Growth Chair. Conference Positions: Committee on Nominations Member, Spiritual Growth Chair, Conference President.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her most meaningful experience as a United Methodist Women has been being able to serve as the Louisiana Conference President for 2 terms. This was a humbling experience for her knowing that so many of her sisters saw in her the ability to step out of her comfort zone and lead; growing in faith, growing in love, and certainly growing in spirit.



Julia S. Carnes - Louisiana Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Julia has been involved in the Baton Rouge UMW Unit for many years. She served as study group leader at St. Mark UMC, and has always been passionate about working with the UMW and supporting our purpose. Julia has served as president of her local and district units for the past four years. This is an exciting time for the Baton Rouge District since they will host the LA Annual Conference UMW Meeting in Baton Rouge in 2020.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her most meaningful experience as a UMW deals with attending the Mission U conferences and learning all about our legacy of 150 years of mission work.



Carolyn Celestine - Missouri Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Carolyn has been an active member of UMW for over 40 years. She is presently Treasurer of the SCJ team and her local UMW unit. She previously served as Coordinator of the Missouri Conference Green Team Task Force, President and Secretary of her local UMW unit, Secretary/Treasurer on the Board of St. James Place, reviewed books for the reading program for the Women's Division, Treasurer for the Missouri Conference and School of Missions, business manager for West Gulf Regional School, Treasurer for Heartland Central District; Secretary and Chair of Legislative Event for the Missouri West Conference, and member of the Pastor Pension Committee for the Missouri West

Conference.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her most meaningful experience as a United Methodist Woman was attending her first Assembly in Kansas City. She was totally awed by the whole experience—from registering people from all over the world, witnessing the spectacular performers and speakers, to being moved by listening to over 5,000 women sing *How Great Thou Art*. She knew then that she had to not only be a part of this organization but to work and put heart and soul into the mission of UMW.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Alexis Robinson - Missouri Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Alexis's involvement began as a child, observing her mother's involvement at St James UMC in Fulton, Missouri. As an adult she moved to the St. Louis area and joined North Park UMC and joined their UMW unit, attending district and conference events which lead to an appointment on the Missouri Conference UMW Legislation event Committee. She was later elected as her District MNO Coordinator, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, E&I Coordinator and now serves on the SCJ Nominating Team.

Most Meaningful Experience: She attended the UMW National Seminar in 2011 in Birmingham, Alabama. While there she worked in a blighted and recovering neighborhood with the Domestic Violence Center for women and children.



Daryl Junes Joe - New Mexico Conference

Involvement with United Methodist Women: Daryl has been with the UMW since the 80's in Shiprock, New Mexico. She served as UMW President at her local church. She also helped establish local UMW units in the Navajo Four Corners region, served on the Nominating Committee and the Navajo Language Coordinator for the New Mexico District. She currently serves as a National Director, working to raise awareness for her fellow Native American women. As a Director she served on the General Conference Act of Repentance Committee which addresses issues surrounding Native American communities such as racial injustice, supporting campaigns to end prejudice, and taking action to reparations. She was appointed to represent the National UMW on the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women which addresses clergy misconduct in the church relating to sexual assault and harassment.

Most Meaningful Experience: She is grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Director and raise awareness to other women and the world about her Native Sisters. Whatever she has learned from her travels, the meetings and conversations, she brought back to her people and taught them that they matter. First of all, many of her native sisters are unaware of what UMW is about, they attend church and tithe but are unaware of the in-house programs as well as international programs, others in the church also have questions. It is wonderful to share with them the wide array of services UMW performs nationally and internationally for women, children and youth. Their health and welfare for families is a priority concern and the efforts to make changes and improve member's surroundings is paramount for UMW to remain active with faith, love and ACTION.



Peggy Ann Arensdorf - New Mexico Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Peggy has been involved in UMW since 1983 at the local, district and conference level in the California-Pacific, Rocky Mountain and New Mexico conference. At the local level she was chairperson of local circles, treasurer, secretary and president. At the district level she was on the nominating committee and program resources. At the conference level she served as secretary, Chair of Nominations, Treasurer and point of contact for the Legacy Fund. She attended six Assemblies, Leadership Development Day events and numerous other UMW events to enhance her knowledge of the organization.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her most meaningful experiences as a United Methodist Women are the friendships that she made in multiple conferences and catching up with these women at events such as LDD and Assembly. These women have enhanced her life for nearly 40 years and will continue to do so.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Wendy Campbell - North Texas Conference

Involvement of United Methodist Women: Wendy joined UMW in 1990, and has served on local, district and conference leadership teams, attended Jurisdiction events, a seminar and six Assemblies. Positions held: Circle Leader, Local Membership Coordinator & Communications Coordinator, Marketplace committee (local fundraiser), Local President, District VP-Programming, Texas UMW Legislative Event for 7 years, Conference MNO officer, organized conference delegation to the National Gathering of Young Women, served on the School of Christian Mission Dean Team, Dean for 2003, Registrar for West Gulf School, and Standing Rules Chair. As Conference Communications officer she created and maintained a dynamic website, a member database and professional emails, direct to all members with online event registration.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her involvement in developing *Bold Conversations!* where members explore current issues and how faith influences their response to them. Her local group invites the church and community. She arranged three speakers, including one clergy, a moderator for the evening. Topics have included: Climate Justice, Refugees Among Us, Civic Engagement, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Reflections from the Border, Homeless Teens, and Food Insecurity. Rather than avoiding difficult issues, they bring experts to boldly guide the conversation.



Cynthia Rives - North Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Cynthia is currently a SCJ National Director.

Her current involvements include: Local unit VP and mentoring a new circle, District Leader for the Charter for Racial Justice Event, working with children and youth of the Clinton Indian Church/Community Center, on Planning Committee for the Texas Legislative Event, serving on the Texas Impact Board, Advisory Board for a new unit - Oasis Global Fellowship (Kenyan Americans) working with their leadership to strengthen and grow congregation and mission, mentoring conference Education & Interpretation Coordinators,

working at the Texas border with UMW for justice and mercy for all, attending Honduras mission with UMW regional missionary/ Latin America (Andrea Reily Rocha Soares) to begin conversations and share information about UMW with Honduran UMC women.

Most Meaningful Experience: Cynthia recently sponsored young women to Mission u and was encouraged when one started a new UMW circle! She is excited about these future leaders of UMW. United Methodist Women will be as different from what we are today, as we are from our predecessor organizations, but it'll be good! The future UMW will still be a community of women whose purpose is to know God... Seeing their joy is most meaningful to Cynthia!



Esther Moses - Northwest Texas Conference

Photo and bio unavailable at time of publishing

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Pam Zwickey - Northwest Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Pam has been very involved with UMW, currently serving as Conference President. She also was Communications Coordinator and Secretary of Program Resources. She represented her conference on the National Legacy Committee. She teaches at Mission u as often as possible, primarily for the Spiritual Growth Studies. She has filled almost every office in her local unit, including two sessions as president and many as circle leader. She also enjoys speaking at UMW Sunday services throughout the conference.

Most Meaningful Experience: Teaching at Mission u has provided Pam the most memorable experiences. She particularly remembers attitudes changing while teaching the Immigration and Bible study. Long held attitudes were set aside to consider another possibility.



Jerrie E. Lindsey - Oklahoma Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Jerrie, a lifelong UMC member, has been a UMW member since age 19 while attending Oklahoma University. The Goodrich UMW saw potential in her, a very young, new member and elected her Treasurer. Subsequently, she was a UMW member in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico serving in several offices including president, treasurer, and District President in Oklahoma. In 2010 Jerrie with help from Barnard Memorial UMW, started a Christian club in her town's high school. The Students With A Mission (SWAM) Club, emphasized students choosing "missionary" as their vocation and being missionaries in high school. Jerrie has attended Mission u many times in Oklahoma since 1997,

where she taught the "How is it With Your Soul" study in July 2014. Jerrie also attended many District and Annual Conference UMW conferences, Spiritual Growth weekends, SCJ Conference and Assembly.

Most Meaningful Experience: Jerrie's most meaningful experience was attending and being consecrated a Deaconess at Assembly 2014, in Louisville, Kentucky. All through the process of Deaconess Core classes and going to Assembly, she felt supported, encouraged, and prayed for by local, District and Conference UMW sisters. They blessed her by filling a charter bus to attend Assembly and came to the early morning Consecration in their green OKUMW shirts.



Marsha Lyons - Oklahoma Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Marsha's introduction to UMW began over 35 years ago when she joined Quayle UMC in Oklahoma City, and she's been an involved member ever since. In the beginning stages her participation was limited as a mother of two small children, working full time, but because of the mentoring she was shown, she is still involved in UMW today. Marsha has served as Co-Committee chair through MNO; Social Action, Nominations, Vice President and President of her local unit. She served on the Conference Committee on Racial Justice Committee and on the Conference Leadership Team as National Program Advisory Group (PAG) member. While attending District,

Conference and National events, God continues to enrich her life in numerous ways as she boldly looks towards the future of United Methodist Women in service to women, children and youth.

Most Meaningful Experience: One of Marsha's most meaningful experiences as a UMW was attending Assembly 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. She experienced "The Power Of BOLD" seeing Faith, Hope, Love in Action! It took her on an incredible personal faith journey through community building with women from all over the world. Talking with these women and hearing their personal testimonies of faith helped her become grateful every day and visioning a movement for the future of UMW to be all that God wants us to be!

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Pat Dye - Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women:

Pat's involvement in the UMW began at her local church. She has worked side-by-side with different generations of women on all levels of UMW, active in missions, finishing one project and immediately beginning another, learning much from each other. As Conference President, she strives to be an example and learn from past presidents and is inspired by the hard work the women in her conference have and are accomplishing. Pat says UMW has helped her gain knowledge and accept new challenges with confidence.

Most Meaningful Experience: Her work with UMW began very early in life, as Pat recalls going to functions with her mom, grandmothers, and aunt, not knowing at the time that it was the 'Women's Society of Christian Service.' She knows that the women in her life would be proud and happy that she has carried on their legacy in fulfilling the UMW purpose. They are her inspiration and role models as well as the women she works with today.



Pearl Thomas - Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Pearl is an active lifelong member of the Honey Creek United Methodist Indian Church of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Her activities and involvement include being a local church Sunday school teacher and superintendent, administrative council chairperson, lay leader, lay delegate to OIMC Annual Conference and United Methodist Women local president; OIMC Conference lay delegate to the General Conference; representative to the United Methodist National Seminar; board member on the United Methodist Church General Council on Ministry; co-choir director for

the All Indian Children's Choir at the United Methodist General Conference; UMW Mission Education teacher on Native American studies; alternate delegate to South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Conference where new Bishops were elected; board member on the United Methodist Church – Church and Society; OIMC United Methodist Women language coordinator to Voices: A Transformative Leadership Event; plus many other local, conference and national offices of the UMC and UMW. Also, she was featured on the Response Magazine cover April 2014.

Most Meaningful Experience: Teaching at the UMW Mission U on Native Americans, *Giving our Hearts Away* and *Missionary Conferences in the United Methodist Church*, at the Regional School and at other Conference schools. She was able to share her story as a Native American and incorporate it into the studies. Good lifelong friendships were made during this journey.



Minerva Briones - Rio Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Minerva was born in Nuevo Laredo Tamaulipas, Mexico, and came to this country in 1983, with her husband as a Pastor of the former Rio Grande Conference. Her first experience with UMW was when Rio Grande had their 50th Anniversary in October 1983, and she fell in love with the mission work. Since then she has worked in different UMW levels. In Local she served as Vice-President, President, Social Action, Education & Interpretation. District as Treasurer, Membership, Communications, and District President 4 years plus one in the transition of the Conference merger. At

the Conference level she served in Membership and Communications. At the Jurisdictional level, she was member of the CON. Currently she is the Language Coordinator for her Conference.

Most Meaningful Experience: Minerva attended Assembly 2014 in Kentucky for the first time and participated in the Ubuntu days, the march through the streets with signs. She helped with the Communion Service and enjoyed their keynote Speaker, Hillary Clinton! Because of her involvement with UMW, she fights for justice and volunteers with immigrants (Moms and children) as translator with the Attorneys in the Dilley Detention Center.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR continued...



Deaconess Cindy Andrade Johnson, Rio Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Cindy has been involved in UMW since age 18. Her mom and grandmother were United Methodist Women. Her mother encouraged her to read lots of UMW books which helped her as the Units and District resource person. Her love for studying and reading has been reinforced by powerful, bold United Methodist Women. She has served on local, district, conference, jurisdiction mission teams and on the program advisory group of UMW learning leadership skills all along the way. In 2009 she was commissioned a Deaconess. In 2010, Cindy served as UMW Kyung Za Yim public witness intern for immigration and civil rights.

Most Meaningful Experience: Serving as a United Methodist Women Kyung Za Yim public witness intern for immigration and civil rights has been her most meaningful experience. Education and strong United Methodist women taught her to love and see the world through another lens, to work with youth, women and children in the margins, and advocate for just systems as a Deaconess.



Margarett Jane Goodson - Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: When born, Margarett was given a lifetime membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service and thus considers herself a United Methodist woman her whole life even though she didn't become active for forty years. She has been the Texas Conference Treasurer for three years. Before that, she represented the Central North District as President for two years, Treasurer for six years, Social Action Coordinator for two years, and Secretary of Program Resources for two and a half years. She also served four years as Conference Secretary of Program Resources. As a member of her local unit, she

was President for four years. While serving the Conference as Secretary of Program Resources, she served on the Nominating Committee for the SCJ Regional School of Missions.

Most Meaningful Experience: Growing up in a military family, she heard her Mother often tell about "School of Missions." She finally got her first opportunity to attend the summer of 2000 and helped the Secretary of Program Resources for several years. Then she was elected to that position. Margarett always finds it fun and challenging to "decorate" the book room to match the different study themes.



Paulette Moore-Hall - Texas Conference

Involvement in United Methodist Women: Paulette's first experience with UMW was several years ago when she was awarded a scholarship to attend the School of Christian Mission, now Mission u. It was a life changing experience and gave her the courage to join a community of women and actively participate in fulfilling the mission of UMW's Purpose. She is currently serving as President of the Texas Conference UMW, which has given her opportunities to prayerfully encourage women to share their UMW mission ministry stories, promote the concepts of mission, and extend invitations to other women to join our community. She is also serving as Legacy Fund Liaison, facilitating workshops encouraging women to make

an impact by helping to build a legacy for another 150 years through their financial generosity which will help to grow the Legacy Endowment Fund. Other leadership responsibilities include faithfully serving as Conference and District Treasurer and Mission u study leader.

Most Meaningful Experience: Paulette's most meaningful experience as a United Methodist Woman is sharing the love and light of Jesus Christ, putting faith hope love into action doing mission ministry making a difference in the lives of women children and youth. She says fellowship with her sisters has enriched their lives as they boldly use opportunities transcending boundaries to fulfill God's mission. She is grateful for the foundation and examples set by her foremothers, humbled to do her part by making a commitment to continue a heritage sharing a vision beyond 150 years.

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR SCJ UMW 2020-24



Ellen Lipsey for President

Ellen Lipsey is a retired Texas public-school teacher, transitioning from the classroom to advocating for children and their families through United Methodist Women. She has served as Mission study leader and in various UMW leadership positions on local, district, and conference levels. On the national level, she served on the board of directors of Women's Division and as the New Mexico Conference Program Advisory Group representative.

She is currently part of the team of Jurisdiction Guides for UMW's *be just. be green.* program, promoting wholeness and justice in coordinating meetings and events, as well as resourcing Conference UMW teams in reaching climate justice goals. She is a board member for McCurdy Ministries Community Center, a UMW National Mission Institution. Ellen co-authored the leaders' guide for the text used in the 2018 Spiritual Growth Study, *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*.



Cynthia Alfred Logan-Vice President

Cynthia Alfred Logan is an active member of Hartzell Mt Zion United Methodist Church in Slidell, Louisiana. Prior to living in Slidell, she was a member of Grace UMC in Los Angeles serving as Administrative Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and member of the Voices of Grace choir. At Hartzell Mt Zion, she is president of Jubilant Voices choir, Chairperson of Worship Committee and a member of the Lay Shepherd ministry.

She serves as Vice President of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, previously serving as Chairperson for Committee on Nominations. Locally she has been the Social Action Coordinator and is currently the president. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Safe Harbor, providing service to survivors of domestic and family abuse. She is very passionate about serving women and children.



Lynne Grandstaff - Secretary

Lynne Grandstaff has been a member of UMW for about 30 years. She joined Red Oak UMW as a young mother looking for grown up friends, free childcare and lunch. Since joining UMW, she has served at the local level as Circle Chair, Treasurer, and President. At the District level Lynne has served as a member of the Committee on Nominations, Secretary, and President. And at the Conference level, she has been a member of the Committee on Nominations, Coordinator for Education & Interpretation and is currently serving her fourth year as President of Central Texas Conference UMW. Lynne and her husband Hugh have been married for 47 years. They live in Red Oak, Texas and have 2 grown sons, 2 daughters in love and are looking forward to

welcoming their first grandchild.



Carroll Constant - Treasurer

Carroll Constant has been a proud United Methodist Woman of Keystone United Methodist Church in Kansas City Missouri for 20+ years and she is very excited to be part of the South Central Jurisdictional UMW Leadership Team. Carroll is an accountant by profession and well prepared to assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer. She has served in numerous roles in the Heartland Central District UMW and with the Missouri Conference UMW. She has also attended numerous Jurisdictional Meetings and UMW Assemblies.

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**Lisa Maupin - Chair Committee on Nominations**

Lisa Maupin brings a strong United Methodist Women background to the jurisdiction. She has been involved in the Conference and District levels in Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women. Lisa has participated in the young women's programming provided through National UMW. Her church involvement includes voting delegate at General Conference, retired General Board of Global Ministries Church and Community Worker, Conference Lay Leader, and Jurisdiction Lay Delegate. Lisa is passionate about UMW and the United Methodist Church and believes in the history of doing ministries and missions on a local, national and global level.

**Terry Gregory - Committee on Nominations**

Terry Gregory is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Augusta, Arkansas where she has been a member of UMW for 46 years, serving as President, Vice President and secretary of her local unit. She has also served as Spiritual Growth Coordinator and on the Committee on Nominations of the Arkansas Conference UMW. Terry served as the North Arkansas conference youth coordinator and served on the General Board of Discipleship for eight years. Terry is a Past State President of the Arkansas Chapter PEO sisterhood. She is a wildlife rehabilitator for Arkansas Game and Fish and a raptor and songbird rehabber for the US Fish and Wildlife Commission. Terry and husband Bill Gregory, a retired farmer, have three children and two grandchildren.

**Cynthia R. Harry - Committee on Nominations**

Cynthia is a member of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. She is a Certified Lay Servant. Cynthia has been active in United Methodist Women, holding local offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Spiritual Growth, and at the District serving as a member of the Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Committee. In addition, Cynthia has served on the North Texas Conference UMW Committee on Nominations for 4 years, 2 as chairwoman. Cynthia has served her local church as Age Level Coordinator, Food Pantry volunteer, Vacation Bible School, and Children's Ministry. Cynthia actively attends Sunday School, the Mature Adults Ministry, and serves as an elementary school mentor. She also serves as a delegate to the North Texas Annual Conference.

**Marcia Butcher - Committee on Nominations**

Marcia Butcher is a member of First United Methodist Church in Missouri City, Texas. She is an active United Methodist Women, holding multiple offices including Committee on Nominations on the Southwest District and Texas Conference leadership teams. She has been involved in street ministry and prison ministry for both men and women. Marcia is a retired teacher, having taught school from preschool to junior college. Marcia's grandmother was Creek Indian, raised on the Poteet Indian Reservation.

**Maria Heredia- Committee on Nominations**

Maria Heredia has been an active member of the United Methodist Church since she was 18 years old. She has participated in multiple positions in United Methodist Women at the local, district and conference levels. She has been married to her husband for 32 wonderful years. She has 7 children, 3 grandkids, and a dog. She enjoys crafting and decorating. She currently lives in Mesquite, NM and continues to serve the Lord in any way that she can. Her favorite scripture is Joshua 1:9.

LITTLE ROCK EVENT SCHEDULE:

UMW SCJ 2020 Calling u Event Schedule, Little Rock, Arkansas

(subject to change)

Thursday, March 26

- 07:00 am - 07:00 pm Check-In
- 09:00 am - 12:00 pm **Ubuntu** Service Activity at Heifer, Food Bank or On-Site (pre-register)
- 12:00 pm - 01:30 pm Lunch on your own
- 02:00 pm - 04:00 pm Action [TBD]
- 03:00 pm - 04:00 pm *UMW 101* and *Standing Rules* Options (Caraway 1 & 2)
- 05:00 pm - 07:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 07:30 pm - 09:00 pm **Welcoming u** Casual Gathering - Meet & Greet, Games, etc. (Governor I)

Friday, March 27

- 06:30 am - 07:15 am Sunrise Yoga
- 07:00 am - 09:00 am Late Arrival Check-In
- 07:00 am - 08:30 am Continental Breakfast (provided by SCJ)
- 09:00 am - 10:30 am **Introducing u** Gathering (Governor I)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mission Fair (Governor I) and Film Festival (TBD)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am *UMW 101* and *Standing Rules* Options (Caraway 1 & 2)
- 12:00 pm - 01:30 pm **Box Lunch Workshops** (5 rooms)
- 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm Election Orientations (TBD)
- 03:00 pm - 04:00 pm Mission Fair (Governor I)
- 05:00 pm - 07:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 07:00 pm - 09:30 PM **Challenging u** Gathering (Governor I) - Keynote Speakers

Saturday, March 28

- 06:30 am - 07:15 am Sunrise Yoga
- 07:00 am - 08:30 am Continental Breakfast (provided by SCJ)
- 09:00 am - 10:00 am **Calling u** Gathering - Bible Study (Governor I)
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Elections begin for delegates and interested observes (Arkansas)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am Mission Fair (Governor I) and Film Festival (Fulton or TBD)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am *UMW 101* and *Standing Rules* Options (Caraway 1 & 2)
- 12:00 pm - 02:00 pm **Box Lunch Town Hall** (Governor I)
- 02:30 pm - 04:00 pm Workshops (5 rooms)
- 02:30 pm - 04:00 pm Elections continue as needed (Arkansas)
- 05:00 pm - 07:00 pm 1869 Society Reception (Society members only)
- 05:00 pm - 07:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 07:30 pm - 09:30 pm **Celebrating u** Birthday Party (Governor I) - entertainment, cake

Sunday, March 29

- 07:00 am - 08:30 am Continental Breakfast (provided by SCJ)
- 09:00 am - 11:00 am **Sending u** Gathering - Closing Worship (Governor I)
- 11:00 am Hotel checkout

