**2020/21 Mission Today\*\***

United Methodist Women

California/Nevada Conference

**To be recognized by Mission Today in the CA/NV Conference of UMW, the group must meet at least 10 of the following criteria including 5 of those marked with an asterisk (\*). Groups with less than 15 members can submit 5 criteria, 3 starred and 2 others. Acceptable expectations for these smaller units are in parentheses. (Write specific items on back of form).**

Mark the circle for those attained:

 \*1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for persons in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth. (Assign prayer calendar to a member to present at each meeting).

 \*2. Make and meet our Pledge to Mission. Suggest sharing progress with Goal Progress Chart.

 3. Add at least 2 (1) new members.

 \*4. Have at least 2 (1) members subscribing to Response magazine.

 \*5. Use 2 (1) programs from the Program Book for UMW meeting.

 \*6. Support one Local or one Conference Hands-On Mission project.

 \*7. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least 2 (1) ways.

* + Read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures.
	+ Sponsor a joint interethnic event between two or more groups.
	+ Develop bi-racial or multi-racial group.
	+ Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low income programs, civil rights, etc.

 8. At least 2 (1) members will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report on the event(s).

 9. Invite a district or conference officer, other than a group member, to a meeting or event. Encourage events to be sent for District & Conf. calendars.

 10. At least 1 member of the group attends the Mission u and reports back.

 11. Contact 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.

 12. At least 1 person signs up online for the Women’s Action Network. gbgm-umc.org/umw

 13. At least 2 (1) persons, complete 1 of the Reading Program Plans and report on 1 of the books read.

 14. Contribute to all 5 channels of Mission Giving. (Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory, and Gift to Mission).

 15. Get involved with children in at least 2 ways.

* Help sponsor a church or community program related to youth needs.
* Sponsor a children’s Sabbath.
* Mentor, tutor, or become a big sister.
* Learn how the government serves children.
* Get involved in local school issues.
* Partner with local church leaders to strengthen children’s ministries.

 16. Include a Response moment where an article from Response magazine will be “lifted up” to tell the mission story.

 17. Work toward becoming a “green” UMW group by initiating one choice:

* Purchase of Fair-Trade items,
* Eliminating Styrofoam/plastic,
* Use of chlorine-free paper,
* Recycling.
* Work for climate change or justice by,: Read and discuss book on climate change, invite speaker active in climate change, attend or organize a public demonstration for climate justice.
* Research reducing carbon footprint in your group or community.

 18. One person attends a spiritual growth /District retreat of at least 1 day.

 19. Plan 1 program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. umcsc.org/PDG/SocialPrinciples.pdf

 20. Create an article with photo illustrating your group’s support of the UMW Purpose and send to the Conf. Communications Coordinator: JoAnne Neish, **umwcomm@gmail.com**. Phone number is: 408-828-6303.

This form completed by (Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone

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**\*\* This certificate will cover from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.**

**Please return this form to your DISTRICT Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation by September 1, 2021:**

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