

Mission Today Unit Criteria

Being a Mission Today unit is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.

How do we become a Mission Today Unit?

In order to be recognized as a Mission Today Unit, UMW units are encouraged to complete a minimum of eight items, including four of those marked with an asterisk (*). Activities conducted between August 1 of one year and August 1 of the next year will be recognized at the next District Annual Meeting. **Place a check by or circle the items your unit has completed and send to your District E & I Coordinator by August 1.**

Items for completion:

1. ** The unit used the **Prayer Calendar** at each general or circle meeting to pray for persons in mission work.
2. ** The unit had at least one member attend **Mission U** and report back to the unit.
3. ** The unit used at least two programs from the **Program Book** during the year.
4. ** The unit had at least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members), attend the District or Conference annual meetings and report back to the unit.
5. ** The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one **Local or District Mission Study** during the reporting year.
6. The unit had at least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) attend the **District Day Apart** or Conference **Spiritual Enrichment Retreat**.
7. The unit had or sponsored at least one person to a District or Conference **Membership, Nurture & Outreach Event**.
8. ** The unit had at least two members subscribing to *response* magazine (one member for units with less than 15 members).
9. The unit members corresponded with five persons listed in the **Prayer Calendar**.
10. The unit added a member to its role.
11. ** The unit was a **Six Star Unit**, contributing to six avenues of Mission Giving.
12. ** The unit met its **Pledge to Mission** for the current year.
13. Each unit or circle meeting included a "**Response Moment**" where an item from *response* or **New World Outlook** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
14. ** The unit implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year.

Check all that apply:

Members read books and articles about other races and cultures;
Sponsored an inter-ethnic event between two or more units;
Recruited women of other ethnicities to be members and officers of the unit;
Wrote elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as
immigration, affirmative action, low income programs, civil rights, etc.
Held pulpit exchanges or joint worship services.

15. The unit has at least one person who has joined the United Methodist Women's **Action Network**.
16. The unit invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of their unit/circle meetings during the year.
17. The unit had two different activities of their choice that benefited children.
18. The unit is a "Be Just. Be Green" unit, pledging to care for God's creation.
19. The unit had at least 2 members (one member for units with less than 15 members) participate in the **Reading Program**.
20. ** The unit provided at least 3 relief kits, buckets or money to **UMCOR** or other relief agency.
21. ** The unit will sponsor a UMW Sunday to celebrate the ministry of United Methodist Women.
22. The unit asked someone from the outside to be a speaker.
23. The unit had or sponsored at least one person to a District or Conference **Social Action Event**.