

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**Living Into Our Purpose**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this form is to help local organizations be more intentional about carrying out the purpose of United Methodist Women, which is:

*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.*

**ACHIEVEMENTS FOR RECOGNITION:**

Living Into Our Purpose (Level I): Complete eight (8) items; must include at least four (4) items (\*) [four (4) items with two (2) \* items for organizations with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Silver (Level II): Complete thirteen (13) items; must include at least six (6) items with (\*) [six (6) items with three (3) \* items for organizations with less than 15 members]

Living Into Our Purpose Gold (Level III): Complete twenty (20) items including twelve (12) items with (\*) [ten (10) items with six (6) \* items for organizations with less than 15 members]

**REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:** The evaluation period is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. Mark the items you completed. Use these suggestions to **MAKE IT HAPPEN** in the world in which we live. Send your completed report no later than September 3, 2016, to Pat Piggee, 1709 Raines Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

**1. ORGANIZED**

\*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 (Pledge to Mission; Special Mission Recognition; Mission Giving Cards; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering; and Candle Burning).

\*1e. ( ) Have one (1) member become a Rainbow Giver.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*1f. ( ) Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th Legacy Fund.

\*1g. ( ) Have at least two (2) members complete Plan I or higher of the Reading Program.

\*1h. ( ) Use at least two (2) programs from the Program Book.

**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 to pray for mission workers and mission projects for women, children and youth.

\*2c. ( ) Have at least one (1) member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item)

2d. ( ) Host or participate in a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of the children. (Resources can be found at [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org))

### 3. EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS (HOPE)

\*3a. ( ) Choose one (1) District Social Action Priority to work on (Human Trafficking or Poverty). Priority is:\_\_\_\_\_.

3b. ( ) Present a Program or Initiate a Project based on a District or Conference Social Action Priority.

3c. ( ) Have at least one (1) member attend United Methodist Day at General Assembly in February. Member's name:\_\_\_\_\_.

\*3d. ( ) Have at least one (1) member sign-up to receive the UMW Action Network (<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action>) to learn more about justice issues.

3e. ( ) Have at least one (1) member sign-up for the action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society (<http://www.umc-gbcs.org>) and share information on justice Issues with the local organization.

3f. ( ) Have at least one (1) member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (<http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>) and use ideas to advocate for justice.

\*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. (There is a workshop planned for May 15-17, 2015 at Blackstone). Get resources from [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action).

3h. ( ) Have "green" meetings and participate in or develop an Environmental Justice Program. Describe what you did:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)

\*4a. ( ) Add at least two (2) new members to the roll (one (1) new member for local organizations with 15 or fewer members).

\*4b. ( ) Have at least two (2) members, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend a District or Conference Annual Meeting (if a small organization – 15 or fewer members – you may include one (1) District or Conference Officer).

4c. ( ) Sponsor a young woman (18 - 40) 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.

4e. ( ) Write to at least five (5) mission workers listed the *Prayer Calendar*.

4f. ( ) Have at least one (1) member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College.

4g. ( ) Submit names of deceased members to District MN & O Coordinators by the due date established by the district.

### 5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)

\*5a. ( ) Have at least one (1) subscription to **response Magazine** within the organization to help members stay informed of mission in the world 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.

\*5b. ( ) Have at least one (1) 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 blueprint.)

\*5c. ( ) Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the **United Methodist Women National Office** (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 \_\_\_\_\_.

\*5d. ( ) Have or participate in at least one (1) current mission study during the year.

Which one:\_\_\_\_\_.

## **6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)**

6a. ( ) Have one (1) or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working at a food pantry/clothes closet, Stop Hunger Now event, bagging potatoes, etc.

Describe:\_\_\_\_\_.

\*6b. ( ) Participate in the **Campaign for Children** (public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.) Describe what you did:

6c. ( ) Provide at least ten (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.

**Local Organization/Church**\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Members in your Local Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**President or Contact Person**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**\_\_\_\_\_

**Email**\_\_\_\_\_