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The Legacy Fund Trivia Game

1. The “M” in UMW stands for Men.
True
False
2. To what country did the first UMW predecessor organization send a female doctor and educator to assist women and children in need?
Africa
India
Russia
Asia
3. What year did the women of a Methodist Episcopal church in Boston first organize for mission?
1776
1895
1869
1902
4. Which are some of the names of UMW predecessor organizations? (circle all that apply)
Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society
Woman’s Home Missionary Society
Mom’s Club
WCCS (We Cook Church Suppers)
5. National Mission Institutions were started and are run by the church closest to them.
True
False
6. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are women and men in service, but they are not connected to United Methodist Women.
True
False
7. The Every Member Campaign is the only way to give to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.
True
False
8. It is necessary to have a large estate before making a planned gift.
True
False

9. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign gives the opportunity for donors to give in the following ways: (circle all that apply)
- Annual Gifts
 - Proceeds from Sale of Property
 - IRA Rollovers
 - Transfer of Stock Proceeds
 - Monthly Recurring Gifts
 - Mentioning Legacy Fund in Your Will
 - Bequests
 - Major Gifts
10. An endowment is permanently invested money that provides interest proceeds for years to come.
- True
 - False
11. The goal of the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is:
- 1 Million Dollars
 - 3 Million Dollars
 - \$1,869,000,000
 - 60 Million Dollars
12. It is possible to text directly from your smart phone and donate to the campaign.
- True
 - False
13. UMW local units and/or circles are not allowed to give directly to the campaign.
- True
 - False
14. Only United Methodist Women members in good standing can donate to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.
- True
 - False
15. UMW is celebrating nearly ____ years in mission to women, children and youth. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign will sustain this work for generations to come.
- 100
 - 10
 - 225
 - 150

United Methodist Women Mourns Lives Lost, Expresses Solidarity with Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

NEW YORK – *United Methodist Women, the largest denominational organization for women, today mourned the lives lost during a shooting rampage targeting Asian American women in the Atlanta area. Emily Jones, executive for racial justice, today released the following statement on behalf of the organization:*



“Today, United Methodist Women mourns with the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. We mourn with the victims’ families. We decry both the recent upsurge in attacks against Asian American communities and the racist myths upon which they’re built. We lament the long-standing and lethal tradition of sexualized violence targeting Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander women in the United States. Until the violence ends, we weep as Jesus weeps. We renew our commitment to fight for racial justice for all people while paying specific attention to the ways race and gender intersect to uniquely target women of color.

“We also see this situation for what it is: from the start of the global pandemic, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have been unfairly targeted. They have been the undeserving recipients of escalating intimidation, profiling and hate crimes. Unfortunately, this process is distressingly familiar, recycling centuries-old racist stereotypes with a 21st century twist. There is a long history of anti-Asian racism in the United States. It has been expressed through institutional policies including the Chinese Exclusion Act and the internment of Japanese people, and through interpersonal acts of violence, including the murder of Vincent Chin, the targeting of South Asian communities in the early 2000s and most recently the surge in hate crimes during this period of pandemic. Behind this violence lies a series of damning lies, including the perpetual foreigner myth and the model minority myth. AAPI individuals and communities have often become national scapegoats in periods of economic and social hardship. The sexualized targeting of Asian American women, specifically, in this most recent act of murderous violence – race+gender violence with a long and horrifying history – highlights the intersectional nature of oppression and makes clear the need for an anti-racist response that is also gender-sensitive.

“As we process this moment and the incredible grief it brings to so many United Methodist Women members and friends, we once again challenge ourselves and the broader community to confront and defeat racism in all its manifestations, including violence against AAPI communities.”



The PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women

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.

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Answers to Your Questions about the Reading Program 2020–2021

Reading Program participants have contacted us asking for some clarifications about how a two-year Reading Program plan will work. Since many of you have raised the same questions and concerns, we've decided to share our answers with the entire membership at once in the following update letter from Operations Officer Andris Salter.

Dear Members,

This is an unusual year, as we find ourselves living through a pandemic of a virus that has impacted millions of people; many have lost jobs, family members, friends, homes. We are working remotely, worshiping online; we've postponed or canceled many events. Annual Meetings and Conferences are virtual. General and Jurisdictional Conferences have been delayed.

United Methodist Women has developed new ways to continue the work remotely while COVID-19 keeps all of us social-distanced and so many quarantined. Delayed elections meant naming committees were delayed, including the Assembly, Editorial and Reading Program Committees. With the National Office closed, potential Reading Program books could not be sent to evaluators in the usual manner. We determined that enlarging the 2021 list and combining the 2021 and 2022 Reading Lists would be a better way to handle the situation for now.

The 2020 Reading Program Committee selected new offerings to encourage more reading during these challenging times. We realize this is a lot of change, but changes are needed to continue the work remotely.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, more persons have participated in the Reading Program, many books have been recommended, and we are determining ways to involve evaluators differently. Publishers have also suggested books and ways to help send books to evaluators.

Many of you have asked how a two-year Reading Program plan will work. This is new for us as well so I would like to offer the following recommendations. But I also encourage you to be creative in your work: Think of new ways to enjoy the books, such as Zoom book clubs or by sharing book reports. Invite book authors to join you for discussions time, programs, etc.

A. Reading Book List: The reading forms should be sent to your Conference or District Secretary of Program Resources, in alignment with their schedule.

B. Participation: Anyone can participate in the Reading Program and all can receive a certificate for participating. See unitedmethodistwomen.org/download-resources/reading-program-2021-reporting-form.

C. Recognitions: Be creative in recognizing persons who are not UMW/UM.

D. Another list of books will be shared by April 2021 to serve as an addition to the books featured here in the 2021–2022 catalog.

1. Award certificates as you would yearly recognitions. Or you can add another award for books read in 2021 and 2022.

2. Mix it up by recognizing books in 2021 and the Faith Talks podcasts, movies and books in 2022. Think of other creative ways to promote the Reading Program—and share what works by posting about it on your personal social media accounts and tagging UMW's.

3. For 2021–2022, participants can read books from the 2015 through reading lists.

E. Faith Talks: Faith Talk podcasts can now be counted in the category of Spiritual Growth. You must participate or listen to two Faith Talks podcasts. If you participate/listen to three, it will be counted as a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category.

F. Movies: Watching these movies and documentaries will also count toward the Reading Program:

1. *Just Mercy*
2. *The Hate U Give*
3. *Pushout*

G. Children and youth books can be found within each of the categories.

H. Bonus books: These count as two books in different categories.

I. The Mission u studies also count as Bonus Books.

We hope this information answers your most pressing questions about the Reading Program in this unique time. Most of the information provided here can also be found on the Reading Program website, but this update addresses some additional concerns that have been called to our attention.

God Bless
Andris Salter
Operations Officer
United Methodist Women



Update on Contact Ladies

Franklin First UMW
Kerry Blackwood

Nolensville First UMW
Penny Belden

Thank you.



Christ United Methodist Women Update

We're trying to focus on some of the key initiatives of UMW – interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline, maternal and child health, creation care.

In January, we met virtually and shared a conversation with Garlinda Burton, Deaconess and Interim Director of the General Commission on Religion and Race. We also shared some ways our members could learn more in the efforts to end racism in their churches, communities and the world. We're partnering with TSU's Wesley Foundation on a project too.

In March, we were virtual again and had a program from Nurses for Newborns, who shared statistics about maternal and child health in Middle Tennessee. We organized a diaper drive at our church for the month of April...we plan to donate the diapers to GraceWorks Ministries and Mercy Children's Clinic here in Franklin and also to Nurses for Newborns.

For our May meeting, we'll have an interview with Rev. Paul Slenz, who heads up creation care for the Tennessee Conference. More on that soon. We hope to host this meeting at church, with a Zoom option for those who aren't quite comfortable with in-person gatherings.

In addition, we're collecting UMW pledges and organizing our newly formed group further.

Thanks for all you do to keep us up on all the good work of United Methodist Women.

Stacey Killian Hagewood



*A secret to Happiness is
letting every situation be what it is,
instead of what you think it should be.*

Loubis and Champagne

The Legacy Fund Trivia Answers

1. False
 2. India
 3. 1869
 4. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Woman's Home Missionary Society
 5. False
 6. False
 7. False
 8. False
 9. All 8 ways.
 10. True
 11. 60 Million Dollars
 12. True
 13. False
 14. False
 15. 150
- So... How did you do?

