

**Mission Today Criteria  
2020-2021**

South Georgia Conference United Methodist Women

**Unit Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reported By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF MISSION TODAY RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

- **Energize United Methodist Women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action.**
- **Increase contacts between units and mission personnel and mission projects so that United Methodist women understand where their money goes.**
- **Encourage use of mission resources through United Methodist Women.**
- **Expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.**

**Please return this report to your District E & I Coordinator by August 1**

To become a **MISSION TODAY UNIT**, the unit must meet these criteria:

- **Twelve** of the following, including **four** marked with an asterisk (\*) and **three** Social Action Credits.

**The unit will:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Make and meet a Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting to pray for persons in mission work. If you don't have a hard-copy Prayer Calendar, it is also available on Facebook.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Open each meeting by reciting the **Purpose** of United Methodist Women.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Use at least two programs from the **Program Book** during the year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Conduct or attend at least one Conference or District mission study during the year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Be a Five Star unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Submit completed Mission Today and Mission Study reports to the District E & I Coordinator by August 1.
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a *Response* moment at each meeting, lifting up an item from the magazine as a way to tell the mission story. Online subscription to *Response Magazine* is also available and some articles are available online without subscription.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use an article about a social justice issue for the *Response* moment. **Social Action credit.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contribute beyond Five Star giving by participating in Candle Burning or Supplemental Giving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have at least one member attend **Mission u** and report back to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have at least one member attend the **Spiritual Growth Retreat** and report back to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have at least one member to attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Send cards to five individuals listed in the Prayer Calendar each year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have at least one person complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on one of the books read.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read and report on a book from the Reading Program on another culture and get **Social Action credit**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invite a District or Conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Celebrate UMW Sunday with a program/speaker who informs your congregation about UMW mission activities locally, nationally and/or globally.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contribute kits or make a donation to UMCOR. **Social Action credit**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invite someone from another culture to give a program at a unit meeting. **Social Action credit**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have at least one person attend Conference Social Issues Workshop. **Social Action credit**.

Participate in a local project directed toward women, children and/or youth. **Social Action credit**. (List several projects your local unit has supported or participated in during the year, i.e., food bank, clothing closet, Backpack Ministry, donation to one of SGA mission agencies, etc.)

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Complete other projects or mission activities.

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