

IOWA MISSION TODAY REPORT FORM
Large and Small Units
2010-2011

Name of _____

Number of Circles _____ Number of Members _____ District _____

Name and Address of person completing Report _____

EVERY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S UNIT IS ENCOURAGED TO BE A MISSION TODAY UNIT

RECOGNITION OF UNITS WITH 16 OR MORE MEMBERS

- PLATINUM CERTIFICATE---Complete 16 items - Recognized at Conference Annual meeting
- GOLD CERTIFICATE---Complete 12-15 items - Recognized at District Annual meeting
- SILVER CERTIFICATE---Complete 8-11 items - Recognized at District Annual Meeting
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION---Complete 7 or less items - Recognition sent by District to local unit

RECOGNITION OF UNITS WITH 15 OR FEWER MEMBERS

- PLATINUM CERTIFICATE - Complete 12 or more items - Recognized at Conference Annual meeting
- GOLD CERTIFICATE---Complete 9-11 items - Recognized at District Annual meeting
- SILVER CERTIFICATE---Complete 7-8 items - Recognized as District Annual meeting
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION---Complete 6 or fewer items---Recognition sent by District to local unit.

2010-2011 YEAR STARTED JULY 1, 2010. Reports are to be sent by all units to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by June 30, 2011. This allows local units to be recognized for their achievements in the current year. Units are encouraged to complete a minimum of 10 of the following criteria, including five of those marked with an asterisk. The criteria are to be fulfilled each year.

CRITERIA FOR IOWA UNITS

- 1. *Use of PRAYER CALENDAR at each general unit meeting, or personal meditation praying for person in mission and mission work with women, children and youth.
- 2.*The unit made and met its pledge to mission.
- 3.*The unit added at least two members to its roll.
- 4.*The unit had at least two {2} members subscribing to RESPONSE magazine.
- 5.*The local unit used at least two {2} programs from the UMW Program Book during the year"
- 6.*The local unit, circle or sub-group participated in either a district MISSION STUDY, or conduct a study in their own unit.
- 7.*The unit implemented the CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES in a least 2 ways during the year.
- 8. *The unit implemented a practice to become environmentally friendly . Please describe.

To become a Mission Today Unit, the unit must meet eight of the following criteria, including four of those marked with an asterisk ()

Suggested plan of action. (Others may be approved.)

Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using program from Program Book.

Develop a bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia Group

Become an enabling group to help the local church, through the Administrative Board, Council on Ministries and work areas to become involved in the implementation of the Charter by

- Encouraging joint Vacation Bible School
- Encouraging pulpit exchanges
 - Sharing joint worship services on special occasions.
 - Encouraging the church to sponsor a refugee/new immigrant family
 - Helping to promote the Quadrennial Emphasis on the Ethnic Minority Local Church.

8. At least one (1) member other than District or Conference officers attended the School of Christian Mission or Mission Education Event.
9. At least two (2) members of the local unit, other than Conference or District officers, attended the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
10. The local unit had one person in the unit join the UMW ACTION NETWORK to receive and respond to Legislative information through the year. (To join, contact Iowa Advocacy Network, advocate@iaumc.org 2301 Rittenhouse St, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa 50321-3101 or contact Women's Division 202-488-5660 or write to UMW Network, 100 Maryland Ave. NE Suite 530, Washington, DC. 20002.)
11. At least two (2) members of the unit attended United Methodist Lobby Day or visited the Iowa Capitol. Contacted legislators to advocate for issues sanctioned by the United Methodist Church.
12. Members corresponded with five persons listed on the PRAYER CALENDER at least twice a year.
13. The local unit participated in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. Possibilities for action:
- Helped sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
 - Sponsored Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund.
 - Involved with children in mentoring, tutoring, "big sister" programs
 - Wrote letters, e-mails or called Congressional representative and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
 - Visited your local schools.
 - Attended a school board meeting.
 - Learned how our schools are funded.
14. The unit is a Five-Star Unit, contributed to all five channels of Mission Giving.
15. The unit selected a project from the Women's Division MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR MISSION and contributed the needed resources. (Shesler Hall, Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hill qualify for this criteria. Unit INGATHERING participation counts here; both quilts and kits!)
16. Each unit, sub-group, or circle included a RESPONSE moment during their meetings.
17. At least two (2) members of the unit completed one of the plans in our READING PROGRAM.
18. The unit invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the meetings during the year as part of the shepherdess program.

Complete this check list and mail it by June 30, 2011 to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator.