

## Criteria for a Mission Today Unit:

To be recognized:

as a SILVER *Mission Today Unit* - complete a minimum of eight of the following criteria, including four of those marked with an asterisk (\*).

as a GOLD *Mission Today Unit* - complete a minimum of twelve of the following criteria, including four of those marked with an asterisk (\*).

\* 1. The unit will use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission work with women, children and youth.

2. Members will write to five persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least once a year.

\* 3. The unit, circle or subgroup will conduct at least one mission study per year. Contact your district conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what studies are current for each year.

4. At least one member of the unit (other than a conference or district officer) will attend Louisiana School of Christian Mission.

5. Celebrate UMW Sunday.

6. A unit, circle or subgroup will have a program about the history of United Methodist Women. (New)

7. At least two members (other than conference district officers) will attend the district or conference annual meeting.

\* 8. The unit will add at least two members to its roll.

\* 9. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *Response* magazine.

10. Each unit, circle or subgroup will include a Response Moment where an item from the *Response* magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell our mission story. New World Outlook magazine provides another way to tell our mission story.

\* 11. The unit will use two programs from the Program Book during the year.

12. At least two members will complete any level of the Reading Program.

13. The unit will co-sponsor with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children. The Women's Division and Council of Bishops support this effort. For materials, contact the Service Center.

14. The unit will participate in a local project that supports children & youth. (New)

\* 15. The unit will select a project from the Women's Division Material Resources Catalog and will contribute the needed materials to the mission project.

\* 16. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least one way during the year. (see Charter brochure)

17. The unit will have at least one person join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information. To join, contact the Women's Division Washington Office, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Box 56, Washington, DC 20002.

18. One or more members will become involved in one of the following Social Action issues: Environmental, Disability Awareness, Legislative Event, Prison Ministry. (New)

\* 19. The unit will make and meet its pledge to missions.

20. The unit will be a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of undesignated giving.

21. The unit will participate in the "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" offering.

Report must be received by District Coordinator for Education for Mission on or before August 1. Mission Today Units will be honored at District and Conference UMW Annual Meetings.
Name of Local Unit
Contact Person for Local Unit
Address & Phone Number of contact person
Comments or suggestions: _____