

Criteria for Becoming a Mission Today Unit

Units are encouraged to complete a minimum of 8 of the following criteria, including four of those marked with an asterisk (). The criteria are to be fulfilled EACH YEAR, based on the timeline of each conference.*

WHAT IS A PLATINUM UNIT? A unit that completes all 18 items and prepare a "Scrapbook" of Mission activities for the year.

WHAT IS A GOLD UNIT? A unit that complete all 18 items.

WHAT IS A SILVER UNIT? A unit that completes 10 out of the 18 items.

WHAT IS A BRONZE UNIT? A unit that completes 8 out of the 18 items.

Criteria for units with 15 or less members:

Platinum Unit: complete 9 items, including 4 with asterisk (*) and prepare a "Scrapbook" of Mission activities for the year.

Gold Unit: Complete 9 items, including 4 with asterisk (*).

Silver Unit: Complete 7 items, including 3 with asterisk (*).

Bronze Unit: (Mission Today Complete 5 items, including 2 with asterisk*).

GUIDELINES TO BECOME A MISSION TODAY UNIT

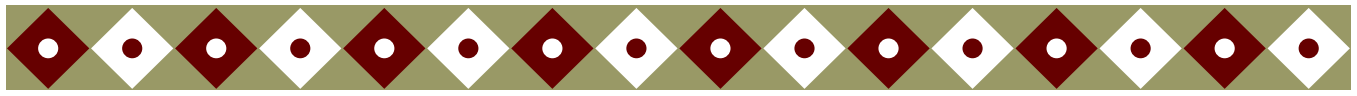
Use this form to analyze what you are doing and then where you need to work. Put a check mark beside the items as you implement them into your program.

- * 1. Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for mission workers and projects. The Prayer Calendar may be purchased from the Service Center.
- 2. At least one (1) member of the unit (other than conference or district officers), will attend the conference or district Christian Mission Education Event.
- 3. At least two (2) members, other than a district or conference officer, will attend the District or Conference Annual Meeting.
- * 4. The unit will use two (2) programs from the Program Books during the year. The Program Book May be obtained from the Service Center.
- 5. The unit will have at least (1) person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and response to Legislative information. (To join, contact Ann Rhee, 100 Maryland Ave., NE, Box 56, Washington, DC 20002).
- 6. Members will correspond with five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- * 7. The unit, circle or subgroup will conduct and/or attend at least one mission study each year.
- * 8. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways during the year. (Some suggested plans of action):
 - Plan a joint unit meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.
 - Develop bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia groups.
 - Hold a joint Vacation Bible School.
 - Hold pulpit exchanges
 - Share joint worship services for a special occasion.
 - Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family

- 9. The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least two ways. (Possibilities for Actions):
 - Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
 - Sponsor a Children’s Sabbath, promoted by the Children’s Defense Fund.
 - Get involved with children in mentoring, tutoring and big sisters programs.
 - Write letter’s, e-mail or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children’s.
 - Visit your local schools.
 - Attend a school board meeting.
 - Learn how our schools are funded.
- * ___ 10. The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.
- ___ 11. The unit will be a 6-Star unit, contributing to all six channels of Mission Giving (World Thanks Offering, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Pledge to Mission and Candle burning.)
- ___ 12. The unit will have at least two (2) members to subscribing to Response Magazine. *(One member for units with less than 15 members).*
- ___ 13. Each unit, circle or subgroup meeting will include a “Response Moment” where an item from the Response Magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- * ___ 14. The unit will add at least two (2) members to its roll. *(One (1) member for units with less than 15 members).*
- ___ 15. The unit will have at least two (2) members other than a district or conference officer to complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program. *One (1) member for units with less than 15 members.*
- ___ 16. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than that of a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year.
- ___ 17. Make a pledge to care for God’s creation and become a “Green” united Methodist Women unit. (Get information on how to become a Green Unit at <http://www.umwonline.org/enviroment> or contact Women’s Division Office of Community Action.
- ___ 18. Hold a mini Spiritual Growth Retreat. For additional information contact the Women’s Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology.

Did the Unit make a “Scrapbook”? Yes _____ No _____

The Education and interpretation Coordinator will report the information on this form to the District Coordinator by August 15th annually and the District Coordinator will report to the Conference Coordinator by August 30th annually.



Have you read any good books lately? Be sure to take part in the Reading Program! There are some great books waiting for you. Contact Kay Poyner for more details!