

IOWA MISSION TODAY REPORT FORM
Large and Small Units
2013-2014

Name of Unit _____

Number of Circles _____ Number of Members _____ District _____

Name and Address of person completing Report Form _____

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.

2013-2014 YEAR STARTED JULY 1, 2013. Reports are to be sent to your to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator by June 30, 2014. 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.

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.* Meet its pledge to mission.
- ____ 3.* Added at least two members to its roll.
- ____ 4.* Had at least one {1} members subscribing to *RESPONSE* magazine.
- ____ 5.* Used at least two {2} programs from the UMW Program Book during the year.
- ____ 6.* Participated in either a district MISSION STUDY, or conducted a local study
- ____ 7.* Implement the CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES in a least 2 ways during the year or attended one (1) RACIAL JUSTICE event during the past year. Other suggestions that would be approved for the implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice would be any of the following:
 - a. Plan a joint meeting with those of a different racial/ethnic background, using program from Program Book and/or ethnic speaker.
 - b. Develop a bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Group
 - c. Become an enabling group to help the local church, through the Church Council, and/or 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

- _____ 8. * At least one {1} member other than District or Conference officers will attend **Mission u**
- _____ 9. * At least two {2} members of the local unit, other than Conference or District officers, will attend the **District or Conference Annual Meeting**
- _____ 10. * Had one (1) member use the **UMW ACTION NETWORK** to receive and respond
- _____ 11. * To respond to legislative information throughout the year by contacting legislators and to advocate Issues sanctioned by the United Methodist Church
- _____ 12. * Participate in support of children in at least two ways
Suggestions that would be approved for participation would be any of the following:
- Help sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth
 - Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's Defense Fund.
 - Involvement with children in mentoring, tutoring, "big sister" programs
 - Write letters, e-mails or call Congressional representative and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
 - Visited your local school
 - Attend a school board meeting.
 - Learn how our schools are funded.
- _____ 13. * Contributed to Shesler Hall, Bidwell Riverside and Hawthorn Hill, or In Gathering participation with Quilts and/or kits
- _____ 14. * Correspond with at least five (5) missionaries in the Prayer Calendar twice a year
- _____ 15. * Was a **Five-Star Group**, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving.

- _____ 16. * Had at least two {2} members I complete one of the plans in our READING PROGRAM

Each unit, sub-group, or circle will include a *RESPONSE* moment during their meetings.

- _____ 17. * Will correspond with their shepherdess at least twice a year
- _____ 18. * Participate in "**Being Green**" by doing two (2) of the following:
- Avoid using paper, plastic or Styrofoam
 - Encouraged the use of fair-trade products
 - Turned off lights when not in use
 - Using non-toxic dish detergent and cleaning products
 - Recycled glass, tin, plastic, newsprint and cardboard
 - Two (2) members took 10 minutes a day to enjoy and cherish nature
 - Two (2) members used devotional materials that enhance love and nature
- _____ 19. * There was a **Response Moment** at each meeting
- _____ 20. * Will continue to study current issues such as Human Trafficking and Immigration