

## 2025 North Chili UWF Mission Today Unit - (criteria updated 2024)

### ***The purpose of the Mission Today Unit is to:***

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

### ***Criteria for a Mission Today Unit:***

**The unit must complete a minimum of 18 (gold), 14 (silver), 10 (bronze), 8 (supporting) and include (4) of the asterisked items. Certificates will be distributed each year at the District Annual Meeting.**

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*	1	Use the Prayer Calendar at each general meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission & their work.	Built into Agenda	done
*	2	The unit will make and meet its pledge to mission.	\$600 pledged for 2025 Rummage Sale will provide pledge funds	goal
*	3	The unit will add at least one new member.	2025: Carolyn Riggi	done
*	4	The unit will have at least one member subscribe to <i>Response Magazine</i> (suggest each unit purchase a copy to share).	Unit subscription - 2 yr subscription purchased in 2024.	done
*	5	The unit will use at least 1 program from the Program book during the year.(Possibilities - World Thank Offering and Call to Prayer and Self Denial, Officer's Installation), or use monthly program ideas, scripture litanies and/or prayers to develop a similarly themed program.	March: P&SD - Nancy Sue Oct: World Thank Offering - ????	done
*	6	The unit, circle, or subgroup will conduct at least one Mission Study each year.	Response Magazine Bible Study - May Meeting - ???	goal
*	7	<b>The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies</b> in at least one way during the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read books or articles about other races &amp; cultures</li> <li>- Hold a joint Vacation Bible School, worship, or event</li> <li>- Have a pulpit exchange or guest speaker</li> <li>- Encourage the church to sponsor a refugee family</li> <li>- Invite a guest/unit of a different race or ethnic group to join in a meeting or activity.</li> <li>- At least one member participates in a church or community</li> </ul>	Sonya - OCC Newsletter Article or Website Video highlighting cultures of where shoeboxes were sent	goal

		"diversity" study or advocacy group.		
	8	At least one member of the unit (other than a District or Conference officer) will attend Mission U (School of Mission).		
*	9	At least one member (other than a District or Conference officer) will attend a District or Conference event.	Communion Brunch - Sat, April 12 9:30am Annual Meeting - Sat, Oct 4 9:30am	goal
	10	The unit will have at least one person join the new Climatejustice@uwfaith.org updated from JustEnergy4All webinar (starting March 20, 2024).	2024: Lori McComb 2025: ???	goal
	11	Members will write to five missionaries providing encouragement (Ex. Prayer Calendar, UM Missionaries, Facebook UWF Daily Prayer Guide.)	Built into meeting agenda (6 meetings scheduled for 2025)	goal
*	12	<b>The unit will be a 5 Star Unit contributing to the 5 channels of mission giving:</b> Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition		goal
	13	The unit will support a mission project, such as Pink Bag Treatment, Gift Day, Kits (Health, School), Flood Bucket, Prayer Shawls, Food Bank or Soup Kitchen, etc.	ODM Grab & Go Lunches (3 times) - 1/29 OCC Shoebox packing or crafting sessions Cuddle Quilt sessions	goal
	14	Each general meeting will include a "Response Moment" where an article from <i>Response Magazine</i> will be lifted up as a way to share a mission story.	Built into agenda	done
	15	<b>The unit will participate in the Campaign for Children.</b> Possibilities for action include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Help sponsor a church/community program related to children/youth needs</li> <li>- Sponsor a Children's Sabbath (promoted by the Children's Defense fund)</li> <li>- Get involved with children by mentoring, tutoring, joining a "Big Sister" program</li> <li>- Visit or volunteer at your local school</li> <li>- Attend or watch (cable) a school board meeting</li> <li>- Write letters, email, or call government officials</li> <li>- Submit letters to editor or join a blog promoting children and youth</li> </ul>	Saints Place Collections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July - Backpacks and school supplies</li> <li>- Dec- children's underwear</li> </ul>	goal

	16	Have at least one person from the unit, circle, or subgroup complete one of the Reading Programs.		
*	17	Plan and participate in the United Women in Faith's Sunday	Planned for Feb 16, 2025	done
	18	The unit will invite a District or Conference Officer (other than a member of the unit) as a speaker.	June or Oct meeting - Lori	goal
*	19	Recite the Purpose of the United Women in Faith at all events.	Build into Agenda/Calendar	done
	20	Have at least one member participate or join Members & Leaders - United Women in Faith (uwfaith.org)	2024: Lori McComb joined 2025: Kathy Krisher ?	goal
	21	Make a pledge to care for God's creation by becoming a "Green" UWF unit and take steps toward that goal.	.1) Use UWF 13 Principles for Sustainable Meeting/Events as checklist for holding our activities .2) Added "Creation Care/Green Moment" to meeting agenda. .3) Creation Care project - provide crafting items, puzzles, etc from Rummage Sale to Crafting for Good  What should we do in 2025? Provide crafting items, etc from Rummage Sale to Crafting for Good, Rummage Sale is "repurposing/recycling"	goal
	22	One member will participate in a Spiritual Growth Retreat sponsored by any United Methodist group (including a unit or circle retreat) or participate in Faith Matters Bi-Monthly Podcasts.	2024: Sonya P - attended Truth Project retreat 2025: attend podcasts? Lori to investigate. May host special event to show podcast.	goal
	23	Have at least one member visit and/or volunteer at a United Women in Faith Mission Center (for example, Utica NY or Harrisburg, PA).		
	24	Host a District or Conference Event.		

**2023: 18 Goals planned (11 w/asterisks) - 10 completed as of 6/12//2023; 14 completed for YearEnd 2023.**

**2024: 21 Goals planned (11 w/asterisks) - 18 completed as of 9/3/2024**

**2025: 20 Goals planned (11 w/asterisks) -**