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Congratulations on your decision to join the organization of United Methodist Women!

What an exciting and challenging time to be a new member. May God move in and through you as you begin this exciting journey in mission.

United Methodist Women, through its predecessor groups, has been organized for and involved in mission on behalf of women, children and youth for more than 140 years. We engage in mission education and leadership development on a continuing basis. Our commitment to social justice is ongoing. We affirm institutions as a basis for mission. Mission giving undergirds all of our work. When you connect with United Methodist Women members, you join our foremothers as a part of this history.

United Methodist Women is a laywomen's organization. Our members are volunteers. We are a multicultural and multiracial organization committed to inclusiveness in all our activities. We are challenged to grow spiritually, intellectually and personally and to encourage others in their spiritual growth and personal development.

Included in this packet are resources that will nurture your growth, inform you and stimulate your understanding of the organization of United Methodist Women and the fulfillment of its PURPOSE:

1. **We are United Methodist Women** brochure provides information on what United Methodist Women is, what it does and how it does it. Also includes the pledge to mission card. Great for new and prospective members and friends!
2. **United Methodist Women: On a Path for Mission** booklet describes the history, PURPOSE and the work of the organization.
3. **response** magazine is the official magazine of United Methodist Women. It contains stories of women, children and youth whose lives have been changed through mission supported by mission giving. A subscription form is also included.
4. **Charter for Racial Justice**. This charter is the basis of much of our work for racial justice in this country and around the world.
5. **Mission Resources Catalog** lists resources for United Methodist Women, many of which are free for the price of postage.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU:

- Read the enclosed brochures.
- Sign the membership card after reviewing and committing to the PURPOSE.
- Make a financial pledge to enable mission through United Methodist Women.
- Order a subscription to **response**.
- Look through the Mission Resources Catalog and order other United Methodist Women-related resources that interest you.
- Subscribe to a free copy of *United Methodist Women News*, a quarterly paper written by and for United Methodist Women members sharing their stories in mission.
- Join a subgroup, circle or interest group in your unit. Join the UMWOnline.org community. Find United Methodist Women members on Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter.
- Check out **United Methodist Women website**: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org. On the website you will find the latest news and information about United Methodist Women members, programs and initiatives. The website also has promotional and educational items that may be downloaded as well as links to our other sites and Mission Resources e-store.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above if you have any further questions or clarifications.

We look forward to hearing stories of your mission journey.

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