

MISSION U 2019

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION & BIBLIOGRAPHY

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Mission u establishes certification requirements to prepare study leaders to lead this study with knowledge and wisdom. There are two or three major components of these requirements, depending on whether you have previously led a mission study at a conference Mission u.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Complete Reading Requirements and the Online Reading Checklist:** Study leaders for this study will be required to read a minimum of six books drawn from the bibliography beginning on page 3. Two of the titles are preselected for you and four you will choose yourself. Fill in your choices below:

A. **Preselected Title:** *Fellowship of Love: Methodist Women Changing American Racial Attitudes, 1920-1968*, Alice G. Knotts. Kingswood, 1996.

B. **Preselected Title:** *Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, A Mission Study for 2010 and 2011*, Dana L. Robert with Study Guide by Toby Gould. Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, 2010.

OR

American Women in Mission: A Social History of Their Thought and Practice, Dana L. Robert. Mercer University Press, 1997.

Note: This work is comprehensive; we recommend that you read the introduction, chapters three ("The Missionary Teacher"), four ("Woman's Work for Woman' and the Methodist Episcopal Church") and six ("The Ecumenical Woman's Missionary Movement"), along with the concluding note ("The Shape of American Women's Mission Thought").

C. **Your Choice 1:** _____

D. **Your Choice 2:** _____

E. **Your Choice 3:** _____

F. **Your Choice 4:** _____



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Online Reading Checklist: Tracking of the completion of the reading requirements above will be through an online reading checklist: umwomen.wufoo.com/forms/k1aos31j18hecrc/

All readings and the reading checklist must be completed before Mission u training (by April 30 for the May 1-4 training and by May 13 for May 16-19 training).

2. **“Orientation to Mission u” Online Course: Only for first-time Mission u study leaders** (those who have not previously led a study at a conference Mission u). First-time study leaders will receive notice on how to access the course after registering for the Mission u training. Registration for Mission u training is scheduled to open the latter part of January 2019.
3. **Attendance at One Mission u Training Event:** Your Mission u dean will notify you when registration for training is available in late January 2019.
 - May 1-4, 2019, in Tempe, Ariz.
 - May 16-19, 2019, in St. Louis, Mo.

AVAILABILITY OF THE MISSION STUDY TEXT: The target for the release of this mission study, *Women United for Change*, is January 2019. On the next page, you will find the description and chapter titles of the book to help you prepare in advance of having the study text. We ask leaders to study deeply and broadly in the topics explored in the mission study.

OVERVIEW AND CHAPTER TITLES

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Overview:

Women United for Change by Ellen Blue is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women’s 150th anniversary in 2019. It will provide a historical survey of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations, and amplify the voices that shaped the work through an overarching story of United Methodist Women changing the fact of mission.

This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission. First organized in the United States, those societies sent missionaries overseas and later engaged in mission at home. Each was a heroine who was willing to stand over and against what her culture—and sometimes even her church—expected of her. Learning about the early female

leaders who created what would become today's United Methodist Women can help us understand who they truly were, beyond who we expected them to have been.

Every woman who "stepped out of her place" to participate in mission societies at the turn of the 20th century was part of a movement that brought women into the forefront of Christian ministry. Ever since the Roman Empire co-opted the faith in the fourth century and women were pushed out of leadership roles, female leadership had almost always been subtle, behind the scenes and accomplished through quietly influencing men who had power. Through the new mission societies, large numbers of women learned leadership skills and found the courage to use them. They were empowered in large part by knowing that many of their sisters near and far were also answering God's call to be in mission.

The women who have chosen to devote themselves to United Methodist Women and its predecessors have contributed mightily to God's work in the world. They have been responsible for positive change within the church itself, in their own communities and all around the world. To know a little about the stories of even a few of them is to enrich our lives and our understanding of who we are as an organization. When women dared to change the world for the better, they discovered that they too were changed.

Blue is the Mouzon Biggs Jr. Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies at Phillips Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is also the coordinator for the D.Min. degree in Transformational Leadership for Women. Blue is an ordained elder in the Louisiana Annual Conference. The Leader's Guide is authored by Julia Tulloch.

Chapter Titles

Chapter 1: Stepping Out of Their Places

Chapter 2: The Formational Years: Women's Work for Women

Chapter 3: Mission Abroad

Chapter 4: Mission at Home

Chapter 5: Women's Voices, Women's Lives

Chapter 6: United Methodist Women – Better Together!

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

This bibliography is compiled to assist you in knowing the field of study and in making selections to enhance your background knowledge. The listed books and resources are drawn from a wide spectrum of authors reflecting a variety of past and current perspectives.

United Methodist Women Resources published by the Women's Division

There are several valuable United Methodist Women "history books" published by the Women's Division that are worth reading. While most are no longer in print, copies of Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Women's Society of World Service, Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Otterbein Press published books can often be found in church libraries, personal libraries of United Methodist Women leaders, or purchased online through used book stores. See especially:

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The listed books and resources reflect a variety of past and current perspectives. The viewpoints expressed do not necessarily imply an official position endorsed by United Methodist Women or The United Methodist Church.

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OTHER RESOURCES

Browse the General Commission on Archives and History working bibliography posted on the United Methodist Women's website for items that will educate you in areas where you need more information. The section on Regional, State and Annual Conference, pp. 12-17, may provide useful information to contextualize the study to your Mission u participants.

unitedmethodistwomen.org/history/bibliography

Look on this webpage for National Mission Institutions you know about and see how United Methodist Women has been involved: unitedmethodistwomen.org/nmilist

This webpage gives a listing of predecessor organizations that formed United Methodist Women and a timeline of important dates in its organization and mission.

unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/history/timeline#roots:

Legacy Stories. Scroll down the right side column of the webpage for other legacy stories.

unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/belle-harris-bennett

The General Commission of Archives and History resource packet "Telling Their Stories: The History of Women in the Local Church" offers useful tips on how to recover women's history in the local church. s3.amazonaws.com/gcah.org/Telling_Their_Stories.pdf

HOW TO OBTAIN RESOURCES

Order your mission study text and download the Leader's Guide (adult studies only) from the **United Methodist Women Store**: umwmissionresources.org/ (1-800-305-9857).

Search Cokesbury: cokesbury.com for other texts, particularly those recently published by Abingdon (1-800-672-1789).

Internet Search: A quick way to locate a book for purchase is to enter the title of the book in an internet search; locations where you can purchase the book will appear. Amazon.com often lists used copies of the title and alternative formats such as kindle, which can be significantly less expensive than a new copy.

Libraries and bookstores are also places for obtaining these resources. A useful search engine on the internet is worldcat.org/ where you can find books in libraries closest to you as well as vendors selling the book. Other resources can be obtained by contacting the toll-free order number of the publisher, which can be located through an internet search.

Digital Resources: Several resources are available digitally for free and the web addresses where they can be located are listed on the internet. For example, for Hathi Trust Digital Library go to hathitrust.org and enter the title you seek in the catalog search.