Sisterhood of Grace

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Purpose
The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Vision
Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Living the Vision
We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.
We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.
We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.
We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.
We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.
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In 2019, United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years of women organized for mission. It is a long and detailed history, involving millions of committed women and their stories. Most of them are unknown. Though we cannot tell all the stories, this Program Book touches on pieces of our shared history, connects that history to today, then looks into the future as we continue Christ’s mission and ministry.

There are threads that connect us to the women of our history. The first thread is discernment. We try to be present to God’s presence, knowing that God is in the midst of us, in the least of these, in the silence, in the noise, and in the lessons we continually learn. Discernment leads to response. Second, all of these women, whether it’s those who came before us or those today, are part of Christ’s mission and ministry with women, children and youth. The commitment is both personal, as individuals, and collective, as an organization. Third, this work evolved as history and needs changed. Our own theological growth and education has undergirded all mission, and it continues to be dynamic (as the different missional priorities each quadrennium indicate). Parts of our history are shameful, but we are a resurrection people, so we acknowledge the sin, seek forgiveness and learn as we move forward in faith.

Finally, by adding your own stories and historical memories of United Methodist Women to these programs, history becomes more inclusive and diverse; this is essential as we all come together as God’s daughters, committed to mission. Unfortunately, just like our history books, stories are edited and exclusive. Together we can make additions and become more inclusive and expansive in
our narrative, ready to greet all women into the sisterhood of grace as we seek to live out our faith with love and justice.

The programs each feature a Bible study that relates to the sisterhood of grace theme. A variety of methods are used to make the programs interactive and exciting: food, art, historical vignettes, etc. The programs can be used individually, but if you use all the programs over the course of the year, your unit/circle will get a broader picture of our 150-year history and the diversity of our mission. They are formatted in different ways, but all will require preparation and communication with participants. Adjust them to meet the needs of the group.

Features
Below is an overview of how the monthly programs are formatted. Read through the programs well in advance and be sure to prepare the necessary resources and materials to make each gathering a valuable experience for all.

Month/Title
Each month’s program has a title that offers you a quick reference to the theme of the Bible study, which always centers on women in the Bible and relates to the topic of the program.

Objective
The objective summarizes what is inside the program and the goals for participants. What will they learn? Come away with? Do?

Preparation
This section helps the leader prepare for the program. Refer to this section for the resources and materials you will need to collect ahead of time, and a list of the volunteer leaders and readers you will need to call on. The programs are creative and flexible: You will have the opportunity to shape them to meet the needs of your own unit/circle. See the Build Your Program section below.

Bible Study and Reflection
Each program includes a Bible study that looks at the stories of women who were led by God’s spirit in their time and place. We will discover 12 women, or pairs or a sisterhood of women, from the Bible who opened themselves to God
and participated in God’s work in the world. Time for reflection and discussion are provided.

**Historical Work: Building Our Identity/Position**  
This section offers an opportunity to learn about the historic work of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations through the ages. It highlights specific missional focus areas that have shaped the organization’s identity over the years and continue to position us for mission with women, children and youth.

**Call to Action: Engage and Mobilize**  
This section invites you to engage in action and advocacy with United Methodist Women. You can use the opportunities and strategies suggested here, or develop your own strategies for ongoing work.

**Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel**  
The Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel activity is incorporated at the end of each program to help us connect United Methodist Women’s history with our present work. You will find a description of the activity following this Introduction, along with the Sisterhood of Grace covenant, ground rules that undergird all our work in these sessions. The Shalom Wheel template and stick figures of mission women, past and present, may be found in Appendix A and B, respectively.

The following words appear on different spokes of the wheel:

1. Persistence  
2. Inclusion  
3. Community  
4. Salvation  
5. Human Flourishing  
6. Investing  
7. Generosity  
8. New Life  
9. Service  
10. Belongingness  
11. Human Dignity  
12. Truth Leading to Action

The completed circle will represent these 12 specific traits of the female biblical characters in the Program Book that contribute to shalom or fullness of life (John 10:10). They also represent the characteristics of women in your unit/circle and United Methodist Women.
Prayers, Hymns and Closing Litanies
The programs include prayers to encourage us to be open to encounters with God and our sisters. The hymns are related to the current month’s Bible study topic and offer an opportunity for centering. The closing of each program is either a communal prayer or a litany.

Appendix
Templates for the Shalom Wheel and stick figures of missionary people for the monthly Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel activity are found here, along with the Pledge to Mission Service litany.

Build Your Program
You are encouraged to do the full program so your group learns and gains a good understanding of each topic. The full program will take 45 minutes to an hour: The approximate time allotted for key segments is indicated after the titles. However, if you have less than an hour, use the Build Your Own Program feature underneath the Objective in each program to note the segments you want to utilize, those that would be most helpful for your group.

Special Programs
A Pledge to Mission and A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial programs are included in the Program Book. They are also available for download from the United Methodist Women website: unitedmethodistwomen.org.

We pray that you are impacted by the Bible studies and moved by the programs. We hope you learn new and exciting pieces of United Methodist Women’s history that move you to action in Christ’s mission with women, children and youth. You are part of a great cloud of witnesses—and though we may know only a smattering of stories about the mission and ministry of the women who came before us, our narrative is just as important to fulfilling God’s call. God has worked through each woman in our history and will work through us personally and as an organization so God’s will “will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Peace and blessings as you continue in this journey with Christ.

Endnote
We are a sisterhood of grace. As a community of women organized for mission it is important that we be the creative, supportive fellowship espoused in our Purpose. In that spirit, we offer this covenant as a guideline for interactions in our programs. These ground rules provide us with a framework to ensure that dialogue and participation is open, respectful and brave as we share, pray, learn and listen together.

**Sisterhood of Grace Covenant**

- Listen actively—with head and heart.
- Speak from your own experience.
- Be aware of body language.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Respect personal space.
- Own your intentions and your impact.
- Practice sustainability.
- Expect unfinished business—both discomfort and joy.

For a special program on the covenant, check the United Methodist Women website: unitedmethodistwomen.org.

**Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel**

As we live into this sisterhood during the program year we will also be connecting our present to our past through the monthly Shalom Wheel activity as we continuously work towards God’s shalom.

Let us bring to our minds the image from Luke 4:16–21 of Jesus standing and reading a passage aloud—Isaiah 61:1–4—in his congregation in Nazareth. This event in Jesus’ hometown is the inaugural message of his ministry. He announces that his mission is with the marginalized: the “poor,” “captives,” “blind,” and “oppressed.” Jesus says in John 10:10 that he has come to offer fullness of life. The Bible abounds in these shalom passages. Isaiah 61:1–4 and John 10:10 are two key examples.
(Luke 4:16–24)

When he [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.”

Shalom allows all people to thrive; it is living abundantly and free from oppression. Shalom is wholeness and well-being; living at peace with ourselves, with each other and with the entire creation. There can be no shalom in the world unless all people experience this fullness of life.

Monthly Shalom Wheel Activity

To represent the concept of shalom visually, and to help us grow in our understanding of how United Methodist Women is working towards shalom, we have developed a Sisterhood of Grace Shalom Wheel. The template for the wheel is found in Appendix A. Every program will include the Shalom Wheel. This is a visual reminder that our history connects us as we move forward. There is no beginning or end to our timeline. This is God’s time and we
respond as God calls us. We learn from history, adjust and persevere, like the biblical women and our foremothers have done.

Prior to the September program, please photocopy the template, enlarging it by four to eight times so it is poster size. Also photocopy and cut out the stick figures representing mission women found in Appendix B. You will need two per program. Alternatively, instead of using poster-size paper, you may want to create a 12-piece Shalom Wheel quilt made by the members of your group. You could also construct the stick figures out of pipe cleaners and felt, if you choose. We invite you to get creative!

Each spoke on the wheel features a theme that is pulled from that month’s Bible study. The themes include persistence, generosity and community, among others, all of which represent attributes that are helpful in bringing about shalom. Which of these attributes do you see in yourself? You may see yourself in all or some of these traits. All spokes lead to a circle in the middle of the wheel where your unit/circle will be invited to write your names during the first program.

In the Bring It All Together portion of each program the group will attach two of the stick figures representing mission women, past and present, to the Shalom Wheel above the slice representing the appropriate monthly theme. Then the group will brainstorm examples of the following and write their answers in the current month’s slice of the Shalom Wheel: 1) the history of women, programs or projects that are important to remember and 2) the women, programs or projects today that have evolved from that history. These form the connection between past and present.

Next, the group will consider the program’s Call to Action and ask themselves: What is our commitment to action this month? How will we respond to Christ’s call to embody the attribute represented by this month’s theme? Within the slice of the appropriate spoke, you will write the unit’s commitment to continue the legacy of mission with women, children and youth through United Methodist Women.

At the end of the 2018–2019 program year, you will be able to not only celebrate the historic and present mission of United Methodist Women, but you also will see how you and your unit/circle have met your commitments through God’s grace and your sisterhood to bring God’s kin-dom to earth so all can thrive!
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Special Programs
OBJECTIVE: To provide United Methodist Women members an occasion to appreciate and celebrate their heritage as they anticipate and commit to women, children and youth through their giving.

Build Your Program

Use this space to list the segments that you want to utilize in your program this month.
PREPARATION

Prayerfully read through the program and consider which women in your unit, district, or conference you will invite to participate. If your conference or district has a specific mission outreach that is special to your unit, feel free to substitute that story for one of the historical sketches below.

Resources

✱ Common English Bible (CEB)
✱ The United Methodist Hymnal

Materials

✱ Four pieces of colored paper with the years 1869, 1919, 1969 and 2019 written at the top; use a different color of paper for each year
✱ Copies of the corresponding historical sketches attached to the back of the colored sheets of paper, so the reader can see the text and participants can see the year
✱ Copies of the Pledge to Mission Service Litany (see Appendix C)
Participants
*Invite women ahead of time to volunteer for the following roles:*
- Welcome people as they walk through the door.
- Lead the Bible study and prayers.
- Read the first three historical sketches (one reader for each sketch).

Worship Center
*Set up the worship table as described below:*
- Cover one half of a small table with an old lace tablecloth, the other half with a plastic tablecloth. Set a cross in the center, touching both sides.
- Place items that bring a past time to mind (such as an old hymnal, a rotary or push-button telephone, vintage china) on the lace tablecloth side.
- Place items that are current or futuristic (such as a small speaker, iPhone, plastic serving pieces) on the plastic tablecloth side.
- Lay out 3” x 5” index cards on the table.
- Put a stack of pledge cards on the table.
- Place a basket to collect the pledge cards in front of the cross, so it sits on both tablecloths.

Before the Program
- Pray for the women who will attend the Pledge to Mission service, and for those you would like to reach out to.
- Enlist help in making personal invitations to new members of the church, recently retired women, college students who might be home on break and nonmembers who might have a special interest in history or a special talent that might be used in our quadrennial foci.
- Arrange chairs in a semicircle in concentric rows, so all the chairs face the worship center.
Opening Worship
We come together to appreciate and celebrate our foremothers who left us a rich heritage in United Methodist Women. We follow in the footsteps of women who transformed the world around them because of their commitment to women, children and youth. When they saw a need, an injustice or an opportunity to speak out on behalf of those who had been silenced, they took action. We also take time to anticipate what the future holds for United Methodist Women, the role that our financial commitments will play in shaping that future and new ways to put our faith, hope and love into action.

Scripture
Leader reads Matthew 26:7–13 (CEB) aloud:

A woman came to [Jesus] with a vase made of alabaster containing very expensive perfume. She poured it on Jesus' head while he was sitting at dinner. Now when the disciples saw it they were angry and said, “Why this waste? This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, “Why do you make trouble for the woman? She’s done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you, but you won’t always have me. By pouring this perfume over my body she’s prepared me to be buried. I tell you the truth that wherever in the whole world this good news is announced, what she’s done will also be told in memory of her.”

Ask the participants:
• What do you think prompted the woman to make such an extravagant gift?
• What unique gifts do you and your unit possess that can be used for service and advocacy?
Call to Worship

**Leader:** We come as women who have received a rich heritage from our foremothers.

**ALL:** We give thanks for those who were faithful to their call.

**Leader:** We come as women who use our combined weaknesses and strengths to serve women, children and youth.

**ALL:** We are thankful for those with whom we serve.

**Leader:** We come as women who look to a bright future of boldness and leadership.

**ALL:** We give thanks for those who are being prepared to lead us into this future.

Pray

Gracious and giving God, we look back at those who established, strengthened, and nurtured this organization and left it in our hands. We ask you to guide us and our commitment, that we may leave it even stronger and a more faithful witness to future generations of Methodist women. In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

Appreciate and Celebrate Our Heritage through Historical Sketches

We are currently celebrating 150 years of Methodist women in mission. Though the names of the successive organizations and the makeup of the membership has changed, the commitment to being in mission with women, children and youth around the world has persisted. We will travel through time, stopping every 50 years or so, to hear the stories of women who were transformative in their day. We take time to give thanks to those who came before us and consider how our actions will affect those who will follow us.
In May, 1868, twenty-four-year-old Elizabeth Bingham Young and her new husband, Egerton Ryerson Young, an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church of Canada then serving a prestigious church in Hamilton, Ontario, were unexpectedly sent by the Methodist Missions Committee to the far Northwest Territories of Canada as missionaries to the Cree people.

In her memoirs, *Mission Life in Cree-Ojibwe Country*, Elizabeth presents a rarely seen and fascinating view into the Methodist mission field, writing about her experiences not as an appointed missionary, but as the wife of the missionary. Left alone at the main mission houses for weeks and sometimes even months at a time while her husband was out in the field evangelizing various Native American tribes, she developed relationships with the Cree.

In a review of Elizabeth’s memoirs, Patricia Thompson writes: “Ojibwe men and women lived nearer the mission house. She learned their language, generously shared whatever she had to improve the lives of impoverished locals, and provided medical care to the families—often stretching her own family’s scarce provisions to their very limits. She also played her little melodion, singing Methodist hymns in the Cree language.”¹ Unlike many missionary families whose primary purpose seemed to have been to encourage native peoples to give up many of their traditions as they became “Christianized,” these memoirs provide a portrait of a family who respected many of those traditions.²

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Do you consider Elizabeth a missionary in her own right?

What skills did she possess that equipped her for her calling?
Around 1919

Reader 2 reads the following historical sketch:

“In 1914, Ethel Harpst was appointed by the Woman’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to a poor mill village in Cedartown, Georgia. She taught adults as well as children to read and write, conducted worship services and cared for the sick. Severe outbreaks of typhoid fever, tuberculosis and influenza left many children orphaned and in her care. In 1924, she established the Harpst Home with the permission of the Mission Society. The home continued to grow and expand during the Great Depression and World War II.”

“Harpst traveled to raise funds for a new home, and in 1927 the first modern building, James Hall, was completed. And just in time for children who were displaced and orphaned during the Great Depression. An answer to prayer was the interest and attention shown by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York. Through the Pfeiffers and several other friends, money was raised to allow more buildings to be constructed on the campus over the next 20 years. Hundreds of acres of land were contributed to the cause. All this is thanks to the dedication and tenacity of Harpst to continue fundraising.

“Today, the site houses the Murphy-Harpst residential program, where Georgia’s severely abused children can go for healing and therapy. In 2010–11, the program served nearly 300 children, which included 97 children in residential treatment.”

- How did Ethel’s ministry grow over the years?
- What skills did she possess that equipped her for her calling?
Around 1969

*Reader 3 reads the following historical sketch:*

Here is a legacy story by Dorothy Ravenhorst about women in the Virginia Conference taking a stand for the Charter for Racial Justice:

“It was during this turbulent time in May 1965 that our conference president, Margaret (Peg) Tyrrell, decided to bring the Charter for Racial Justice forward to our Virginia annual meeting. She took a great risk trying to get it adopted at this time when so many were divided about segregation and integrated schools in Virginia. . . . Knowing that the presiding officer could not speak for or against an issue on the floor, Peg stepped down, handing her duties to the vice president in order to present the charter herself.

“There were over 1,300 present at the meeting, including guests and visitors, but only 439 voting delegates. Peg made a persuasive and passionate presentation using her best theology. . . . After much discussion, the vote was taken and it carried by more than two-thirds.

“As a white woman with three children in public schools and two in college at the time, I remember being so proud to be a member of the Women’s Society of Christian Service. And I was so proud of our conference president Peg Tyrrell who led us on the right side of history.’’

• How did Peg put faith, hope and love into action?
• What skills did she possess that equipped her for her calling?
Anticipate and Commit to the Future
Through Our Support

Around 2019 and Beyond

The leader reads the following sketch about United Methodist Women’s recent history—and its future—and facilitates the discussions:

We are the next chapter in the continuing history of United Methodist Women, preparing to thrive in our local circles and units, our districts and conferences. From the very beginning, in 1869, our strength and commitment was centered in the local unit and its passion for mission. Like the unnamed woman with the alabaster jar who anointed Jesus in Matthew 26:7–13, we come to the table offering what we have to support mission with women, children and youth throughout the world. We follow in a long line of forward-looking women who have made a difference.

In 2012 United Methodist Women structurally separated from Global Ministries, launching into a future that will allow us to give greater visibility to the needs of women, children and youth.

United Methodist Women is continuing to help women prepare for informed mission action through spiritual growth and transformative educational experiences, leadership development training and opportunities for service and advocacy. The goal is for United Methodist Women to be recognized as a leading organization, and a trusted source of leadership and inspiration (POSITION); cultivate and increase engagements, membership and giving (ENGAGE); and move women to new levels of leadership and action to build a thriving organization and change the world (MOBILIZE).

This is already taking place within our organization around the country:

• “Early on a brisk morning . . . a group of hardworking ladies [Berlin Center United Methodist Women, Berlin, Ohio] gathered together to make beef vegetable soup and artisan bread to share with area shut-ins.”6

What is your unit’s strongest mission outreach?
• In October 2016, “Grace United Methodist Women in Cheyenne, Wyoming, invited church and community women to come and find out more about women’s rights and voting importance. . . . A challenge was unanimously adopted by the participants: Women need to spread the word that more women need to vote to ensure our voices are heard.”

• What issue is your unit so passionate about that you are willing to involve your community? With whom in your community will your unit engage?

• Three members of Church Street United Methodist Women in Knoxville, Tennessee, joined the thousands who marched across the Edmund Petrus Bridge and “experienced firsthand the 50th anniversary of the voting rights march in Selma, Alabama.”

• With whom will you mobilize to speak out for social justice?

We are already engaging the new mission priorities for the current quadrennium and beyond: Climate Justice; Economic Inequality; Mass Incarceration and the Criminalization of Communities of Color; and Maternal and Child Health.

• **Economic Inequality:** United Methodist Women will push for the adoption of legislation that builds the base for a living wage in at least 25 states and municipalities by 2022.

• **Ending Mass Incarceration and the Criminalization of Communities of Color:** United Methodist Women will focus on interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline that places too many children on an adversarial path with law enforcement. To accomplish this, we will work for a 25 percent decrease in school arrests in the most impacted areas by 2020. We will also push for zero-tolerance policies in schools to be redesigned to protect rather than criminalize children by 2020.

• **Climate Justice:** United Methodist Women will advocate for a 25 percent reduction of carbon emissions by the top two contributing sectors by 2024. We will do this by engaging in shareholder campaigns urging corporations to comply with, rather than fight, standards that will reduce their carbon emissions.
• **Maternal and Child Health:** United Methodist Women will focus on decreasing maternal mortality. Did you know that in the United States, the maternal mortality rate has steadily increased from 7.2 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1987 to a high of 17.8 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2009 and 2011, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control? As a result, United Methodist Women will advocate for the establishment of Maternal Mortality Review Boards in all 50 states by 2020. We will also develop networks of women’s health advocates to fight for comprehensive reproductive health care and education by 2020.

Leadership at all levels of United Methodist Women will be essential to meet these ambitious goals. It is not about achieving these goals alone, but rather creating a thriving organization. How are we preparing to thrive in our local units and circles, districts and conferences? When women, children and youth thrive, we all thrive.

**Closing Worship**

**Pledging Your Commitment**

• What young women, recently retired women or new members of your church might share your passion for this mission and want to be part of supporting it? Write their names on an index card and keep it with you as a reminder to invite them to a meeting that focuses on this topic that is important to them. This will help ensure that new members will continue to bring fresh talents and commitment to the tasks at hand.

• What financial commitment are you personally willing to make for the coming year to ensure that your unit will continue to make a difference for women, children and youth around the world? Prayerfully consider your pledge for the following year and fill out our pledge card.
As you complete your pledge card, come forward and place it in the basket on the table. The basket touches both the past and the future. It is the bridge between the two, just as we are the bridge between those who have come before and prepared us for this time, and for those who will lead the organization into the future.

Pray in Unison
God of the past, the present and the future,

We are grateful for those who came before and seek to be faithful to their example.

We appreciate those who serve and commit themselves today; we strengthen each other.

We look forward to the generations of women you will raise up to continue the journey.

In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

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Endnotes


2. Ibid., 220–21.

3. History of Murphy-Harpst. murphyharpst.org/history.


APPENDIX
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Appendix A: Shalom Wheel Template

INCLUSION
COMMUNITY
SALVATION
GENEROSITY
NEW LIFE
BELONGINGNESS
SERVICE
HUMAN DIGNITY
HUMAN FLOURISHING
TRUTH LEADING TO ACTION
INVESTING
PERSISTENCE
Appendix B: Stick Figures of Mission Women
Opening Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: We come as women who have received a rich heritage from our foremothers. ALL: We give thanks for those who were faithful to their call.

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Leader: We come as women who look to a bright future of boldness and leadership. ALL: We give thanks for those who are being prepared to lead us into this future.

Closing Worship

Pledging Your Commitment

Pray in unison

God of the past, present, and future,
We are grateful for those who came before us and we seek to be faithful to their example.
We appreciate those who are now serving and committing themselves to serve the church.
We look forward to the generations of women you will raise up to continue the journey.
In Christ's name we pray, amen.
Evaluation
Please complete and mail this evaluation form to help us continue to create effective and meaningful programs.

Which sections of the Program Book worked best for you?____________________
____________________________________________________________________

Which sections did not work well?_______________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

What specific actions or projects grew out of these programs? ______________
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What are the important issues in your community?________________________
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