SISTERHOOD OF GRACE

United Methodist Women
Program Book 2018–2019

Celebrating 150 Years in Mission
United Methodist Women

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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Ellen Blue, author of United Methodist Women’s legacy book, notes, “When women discover their history and learn their connectedness to their past and to the human social enterprise, their consciousness is inevitably and dramatically transformed. This experience is for them transcendent, in that it enables them to perceive what they share and always have shared with other women.”

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 7. Generosity
2. Inclusion 8. New Life
5. Human Flourishing 11. Human Dignity
6. Investing 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
A SISTERHOOD OF GRACE

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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MONTHLY PROGRAMS
OBJECTIVE: To study the Book of Ruth as an example of how women provide community for each other in their struggle for survival, and then apply that knowledge to the work of the World Thank Offering.

November 2018

Build Your Program

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

Use the following lists to prepare for the program. Let women know ahead of time that there will be an offering taken at this program.

Resources

✱ Other United Methodist Women print resources such as: UMW News, response magazines, annual reports, etc.
✱ Summaries of United Methodist Women issue priorities, provided in the program below. Consider photocopying and laminating them so they can be used repeatedly, or post them on a church bulletin board or wall.
✱ The United Methodist Hymnal
✱ United Methodist Women advocacy resources, especially on the topics of economic inequality, criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration, climate justice and maternal and child health. (Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/service-advocacy for more about these issue priorities.)
✱ United Methodist Women Bible (NRSV)
✱ United Methodist Women maps from unitedmethodistwomen.org/maps/mission-maps
✱ World Thank Offering Boxes or labels for jars from unitedmethodistwomen.org/worldthank

Materials

✱ Copy of stick figures from Appendix B; cut out two more for this program
✱ Glue or tape
✱ Index cards (3” x 5”)
✱ Markers
✱ Question cards for each table; see instructions below
✱ Shalom Wheel from the previous sessions (hang it on a wall or place it on a large table)
✱ Sisterhood of Grace covenant posted on the wall
✱ Two-minute timer
Question Cards

Using index cards, create one set of question cards to be divided among small groups of three or four participants. Write the following question on every card: “What is your name, age and one fact that most people don’t know about you?” Then add one of the following questions to each card:

- How long have you been a United Methodist Women member?
- United Methodist Women members say they are a “supportive community of women.” How have you witnessed this?
- What is your favorite personal story from your time in United Methodist Women?
- What is a United Methodist Women story that has meaning for you? (It could be something you read, learned, heard or experienced yourself.)
- Why are you here today? Will you come again?
- Do you have a favorite United Methodist Women program or project? What is it?
- What are some ways you have been involved in United Methodist Women?
- What has been your favorite United Methodist Women social justice campaign? Have you seen a difference because of it?
- What is something you know about the organization that others may not?

Participants

Invite female members of the larger church body, youth fellowship and women’s circles to attend this program. If they have smartphones, tell them to bring them! Ask women ahead of time to volunteer for the following roles:

- Welcome people as they walk through the door.
- Lead the Bible study and prayers.
- Readers for A Piece of Our History.
- Lead the Shalom Wheel activities.

Bible Study: In Search of Sustenance and Community

Sing

“What Gift Can We Bring,” The United Methodist Hymnal, no. 87

Read

Ruth 1:1–22, 4:17
Reflect
Today we will look at how ordinary women provide supportive community to each other in the midst of life’s adversities. The story of Ruth is a story of the search for bread and security. Naomi and her husband, Elimelech, along with their two sons, flee from their famine-stricken hometown, Bethlehem, in search of bread in a foreign land. Naomi and Elimelech settle in Moab, and their sons eventually marry Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah. In a short while, the men, the breadwinners of the family, meet early deaths. The widows are left to fend for themselves. Naomi learns that Bethlehem has become a house of bread again, and she decides to go back to her native country, to her own people. Naomi encourages her daughters-in-law to go back to their own homes to settle for life. While Orpah goes back home at Naomi’s instruction, Ruth decides to stay with Naomi.

The road ahead
The three women become archetypes of the timeless story of returnees, immigrants and those who stay behind in their native lands during famine, natural disaster or war: Naomi, a returnee; Ruth, an immigrant; and Orpah, the one who decides to stay in her native land. Ruth pledges her loyalty to her mother-in-law and the God of her in-laws: “Your people shall be my people; and your God my God” (Ruth 1:16). Orpah follows her mother-in-law’s bidding and returns home to start her life again. The narrator of the story does not condemn Orpah for going back. Neither should we. There is grace enough for all those bereft women who return to familiar thresholds to find community and a fresh start. Meanwhile, Ruth and Naomi provide supportive community to each other on their long journey to Bethlehem.

In today’s global migrations, there are Ruths who are pushed and pulled to foreign lands for the sake of survival for themselves and their loved ones. There are Naomis who return to their native lands after some years away. There are Orpahs who make a decision to stay in their own poorer yet familiar lands.

Then there are the settled people of Bethlehem who are surprised by Naomi’s return with a Moabite daughter-in-law: the other in their midst. Immigrants, returnees, their relatives who stay at home, and the settled communities’ hospitality or inhospitality in the host country are a reality today, too.
Community and redemption
What is important in Ruth’s story is redemption. Boaz redeems Ruth by marrying her. Underlying this redemption story is the tale of Naomi and Ruth setting out to find a community and future with each other.

As for the neighborhood women of Bethlehem, they bless Ruth on the birth of her son, and even suggest the name for the child. No other neighborhood women in the Bible undertake the act of naming a baby! Ruth’s story is about belonging to God and belonging to her community. Ruth, the Moabite, becomes the foremother of Jesus (Matthew 1:5) in an ever-widening circle of the community-making grace of God.

It is Thanksgiving season; a time to remember those who seeded, watered and nurtured the fields for harvest. A time to thank God who gives sunlight, rain and the produce of the harvest as we fill our baskets with the blessings of the earth. It is also time to remember all those who seeded each of our lives, nurtured and watered them, and offered sunshine and moisture when we needed them most.

Discuss
How do the neighborhood women of Bethlehem provide community to Ruth? Who are the women who work for the rights of immigrants, migrants, refugees and others in our global community today? Name some.

Pray
God of grace, make us alive to the moving of your spirit, open us to your guidance this day and all the days of our lives. Amen.

Historic Work: Community and World Thank Offering
(25 minutes)

Get to Know Each Other
Form groups of three to four around small tables. Encourage participants to join groups with people they may not know well. Each group picks one of the question cards. Set a timer for two minutes per person (be strict) and invite participants to take turns answering the questions on their group’s card.
A Piece of Our History

**Reader 1:** Nobody can succinctly describe the role of United Methodist Women, but today we thought it important to try! United Methodist Women is more than the “older women in the church” or those who “make, bake, sew and sell.” We are part of an organization of women who have for more than 150 years begun schools, immigrant homes, programs for improving the economic status of struggling people, community centers and more. We’ve trained women to be bold prophetic voices in the community and the world to change systems that oppress God’s children. And we’ve undergirded it all with study and spiritual growth.

**Reader 2:** “ Probably nothing influenced the changing shape of women’s work in the church so much as the changing role of women in twentieth century America,” wrote Audrie Reber in her book *Women United for Mission.*

There are many examples of this, but one many people don’t know about happened in the 1960s. President Kennedy invited women’s leaders to the White House to brainstorm about the civil rights crisis. Representatives from United Methodist Women were part of this effort. Kennedy knew these women could get things done and together they agreed to:

- get boys and girls back in school,
- work cross-racially within communities,
- advocate for legislation to right the wrongs,
- establish leadership training to prepare women for the battle, and
- make sure the organization was open to all people.

This is just one example in United Methodist Women’s 150-year history of what women who believe God loves all people can achieve. Together, we respond to Christ’s call and work for racial justice, the elimination of poverty, educational equality, human rights and much more. The results of this work can take decades, but we must pursue these goals persistently as a community! The World Thank Offering is one way we can do that.

**Group Exercise: What About Today?**
The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women’s five channels of undesignated Mission Giving. This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity...
for individuals to respond to God’s abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the organization’s total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world.

The World Thank Offering, given freely and abundantly in response to God’s goodness, has been a way of life for United Methodist Women members for almost 150 years. Invite the group to take a few minutes to read some stories about what the World Thank Offering has achieved.

For those who prefer to use their smartphones:
Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/worldthank to access stories about the World Thank Offering at work.

For those who prefer print:
Look in the copies of response magazine, UMW News or an annual report provided by the leader to find a World Thank Offering story to share with the group.

Why is the World Thank Offering so important?

In 2017, United Methodist Women members raised $1,104,991.30 for mission with women, children and youth through this offering.

Call to Action: Engage and Mobilize
(25 minutes)

Refer to the Sisterhood of Grace covenant (on the wall and in the front of book) as you participate in the following discussions.

This time can be used to prepare additional jars or boxes for the World Thank Offering, talk about ways women have collected contributions, set a deadline for the collection of further offerings and discuss places where the women can make the offering jars/boxes available.

How Can We Get Involved?
Post each of the following initiatives with goals on the wall. Ask the women: Which goal can you take on? As a group, brainstorm steps to work on these initiatives locally. To learn more, visit the Web page for each priority.
Initiatives of United Methodist Women

✔ **Economic Inequality**
  We will push for legislation that builds the base for a living wage in at least 25 states and municipalities by 2022. Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality.

✔ **Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration**
  We will focus on interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline that places children on an adversarial path with law enforcement. With 2020 as the goal, we will work for a 25 percent decrease in school arrests in the most impacted areas and to redesigning school’s zero-tolerance policies to protect, rather than criminalize, children. Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice.

✔ **Climate Justice**
  We are working towards 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 reduce carbon emissions. Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice.

✔ **Maternal and Child Health**
  We want to decrease maternal mortality rates by 2020. The United States 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 Center for Disease Control. We will advocate for the establishment of Maternal Mortality Review Boards in all 50 states and develop networks of women’s health advocates to fight for comprehensive reproductive health care and education. Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org/mchealth.
Bring It All Together: The Sisterhood of Grace
Shalom Wheel

Take the two stick figures representing mission women that you prepared ahead of time and tape or glue them above the theme of community. Write about 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, consider the group’s discussion about this program’s Call to Action and ask yourselves: What is our commitment to action? How will we respond to Christ’s call for community? On the slice marked “community,” write your group’s commitment to continue the legacy of mission with women, children and youth through United Methodist Women.

Sing
“Christ for the World We Sing,” The United Methodist Hymnal, no. 568

During the singing of the hymn, the World Thank Offering boxes or jars may be collected.

Closing Litany
(5 minutes)
This is an adaption of the prayer led by Mrs. E.C. Schneider at the final meeting of the Women’s Division on March 23, 1968, in Dayton, Ohio.³

One: In these closing moments, we are mindful of our great missionary heritage.

All: We feel surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, many of whom have gone on before. In the midst of them we see Jesus, high and lifted up.

One: We thank you, God, for sending your son into the world to be our savior.

All: Thank you, God, for calling women as well as men to be your disciples.
One: We are grateful for the opportunity of sharing your work.

All: Forgive us when we have been weak like Peter and self-centered like Judas.

One: For our members, give them strength and compassion.

All: For all of us, may we bring our tasks to completion.

One: In the midst of life’s changing scenes, you are the Changeless One,

All: the same yesterday for our mothers,
the same today for us,
the same tomorrow for our children.
You are “the solid foundation that God has laid [which] cannot be shaken.”
Thank you that this is not the end of the road. May this be a broad new highway on which we can run faster with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Amen.4

Endnotes


2. Ibid., 98–99.

3. Ibid., 113.

4. Ibid.
APPENDIX
Shalom Wheel Sample

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Appendix A: Shalom Wheel Template
Appendix B: Stick Figures of Mission Women
Pledge to Mission Service Litany

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.

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.

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 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.

Appendix C
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? ______________

____________________________________________________________________

What are the important issues in your community? ______________

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Your Name: ______________

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This Program Book celebrates United Methodist Women’s 150 years of women organized for mission. Each of the monthly programs looks back to our legacy and connects it to where we are today.

We form a sisterhood of grace—a community of women organized for mission who foster the creative, supportive fellowship that is espoused in our Purpose.

Monthly Bible studies, reflections, program activities and a call to action will help your unit to not only connect with one another, but also to those who came before us, our worldwide mission and even extend to the next generation of leaders.