



October 23, 2021

Knitted Together and Darning the Holes



2021 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

United Methodist Women
El Camino Real District
California-Nevada Annual Conference

October 23, 2021
UMC of Gilroy and
Streaming video

The Vision of United Methodist Women

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

PURPOSE

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.

Sisterhood of Grace

Listen in love and with respect;
Hear each voice with compassion;
Be patient, respectful and kind with one another;
Respect each person's experience, skill and talent;
Every person has a gift to offer;
Speak from your own perspective and experience;
Questions are needed and expected and will be addressed as able;
Speak into the space with gentleness;
Respect confidentiality;
Speaking out is courageous;
Silence is appropriate at times.



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El Camino Real District United Methodist Women

On the web: <https://elcaminorealumw.org>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElCaminoRealUMW/>

For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you, and for those at La-odice'a, and for all who have not seen my face, that their hearts may be encouraged as they are **knit together in love**, to have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with beguiling speech. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2:1-5, Revised Standard Version

WELCOME

Greetings to All,

The year started having the words of poet, Amanda Gorman in our hearts...

*For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
if only we're brave enough to be it*

Collectively, with our unique diversities, worshipping in different churches, from all walks of life, having joys and challenges, yet, **WE** have chosen to **BE the Light**. We have chosen to Live the Vision of **Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world**.

I applaud each of you for the many ways you have followed the path of the 5 pillars... to Educate, Grow Spiritually, Equip for Leadership, Advocate for Justice and Organize for Growth. You have chosen to take this year of 2021 as a pivotal time ... to be game changers!

Thank you for sharing your stories, working thru these challenging times with flexibility, evolving to better meet the needs of the marginalized, those living with injustices, and ministries to our local communities and global missions.

I am excited and eagerly wait to hear your new stories! Blessings on your continued journey.

In love & peace,
K Stone, President
El Camino Real District United Methodist Women



K Stone

TODAY'S OFFERING

The Offering for this event is designated for the [UMW Legacy Fund Endowment](#).

There are several options for giving:

- **Give by check:** Checks may be given by in-person attendees at the event. Make checks payable to "United Methodist Women," and note "Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign" in the memo line.
- **Text to Give:** Text "41444" on your cell phone and enter "Legacy 150" in the message area.
- **Give online:** At the [UMW website](#).



ANNUAL CELEBRATION—OCTOBER 23, 2021

AGENDA

- 9:55 **Welcoming music**.....Carolyn Lamcke, Pianist; Deo Agustin, Songleader
“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” (TFWS #2158); “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (UMH #404)
- 10:00 **Welcome** K Stone, President
Debbie Waller, President, Gilroy UMW
- Worship**..... Sandra Nesheim
Scripture Colossians 2:1-5
Opening prayer.....Rev. Hwapyoung Kang, UMC of Gilroy
- On Being “Knitted Together”** K Stone
Bishop’s Message Bishop Minerva Carcaño
Interlude..... “Together We Serve” TFWS #2175
District Superintendent’s Message Rev. Dr. Samuel Hong
Interlude..... “We Are Marching” TFWS #2235b
UMW President’s Message ‘Ainise Isama’U
- 10:45 **Celebration of Local Units**
Local stories: “Wesley UMW Mother’s Day / Earth Day Celebration”
5-Star Mission Giving Units (*page 11*).....Carolyn Bircher
Mission Today Units (*page 11*)..... Lynn Hermoso
Reading Program (*page 12*)Carolyn Bircher
Campaign for Racial Justice (*page 12*) Connie Hunter
Local stories: “Local Groups Stay Knitted Together”
In Remembrance of Saints (*page 8*)..... Betty Dickey
- 11:25 **Business Meeting**..... K Stone, President
Mission Giving 2019 to Date (*page 9*).....Carolyn Bircher
2022 Budget (*page 10*).....Carolyn Bircher
Adoption of Budget K Stone, President
Presentation of Slate (*page 5*)..... Betty Dickey, Chair, Committee on Nominations
Election of Slate..... Betty Dickey, Chair, Committee on Nominations
- Installation of District Officers (*page 4*) Rev. Dr. Linda Holbrook
Recognition of outgoing officersCarolyn Bircher
- Closing Thoughts**..... K Stone
Result of votes for Slate and Budget.....Carolyn Bircher
Acknowledgements (*page 9*) K Stone
- 12:00 **Sending Forth**
BenedictionSandra Nesheim, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth
Closing song..... “Pass it On” UMH #572
Offering (*page 2*)

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKERS

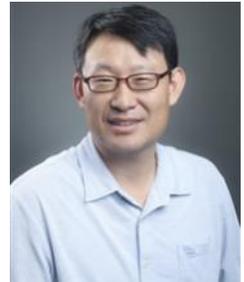
Bishop Minerva Garza Carcaño was appointed Bishop of the California-Nevada Conference in the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church in 2016. She was the first Hispanic woman elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church. She also serves as leader of The United Methodist Church's Immigration Task Force.



'Ainise 'Isama'u was elected President of the 2020-2024 Board of Directors of United Methodist Women. Born in Tonga, she is the first native Pacific islander to hold that position. She connected with United Methodist Women at a Limitless event and found like-minded young women working to make this world better for women, youth, and children.



Rev. Dr. Samuel Hong is Superintendent of El Camino Real District of The United Methodist Church since July 2020. He was previously appointed to serve Korean United Methodist Church of Santa Clara Valley. He is also on the Western Jurisdiction Korean Ministry Council, serving as primary leader.



2022 DISTRICT TEAM

*** President**

Debbie Ow

*** Treasurer**

Carolyn Bircher

treasurer@elcaminorealumw.org

*** Secretary**

Karen Hall

*** Nominations Chairperson**

Saniata Melchor

*** Communications Coordinator**

Laurie Lindsey

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Leadership Team members

* Leslie Fisk

Katherine Kim

Angelica Martinez

Sandra Nesheim

* Esther Ribeiro

* Joyce Wilkinson

*Members of the team being presented for election are denoted by * (new in office).*

2022 EVENTS

February 5, 2022: ECRD UMW Connect & Learn

March 26, 2022: ECRD UMW Virtual Spiritual Retreat

May 20-22, 2022: Assembly 2022 (Orlando, FL) - get info at assembly2022.org

October TBA: ECRD UMW Annual Celebration



COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS REPORT NOMINATIONS SLATE FOR 2022



SLATE

- President**, 1st Two-Year Term* Debbie Ow (Cambrian Park)
- Treasurer**, 1st Two-Year Term* Carolyn Bircher (Good Samaritan)
- Secretary**, 1st Two-Year Term* Karen Hall (Salinas)
- Communications Coordinator**, 1st Two-Year Term* Laurie Lindsey (Cambrian Park)
- Nominations Chairperson**, 1st Two-Year Term* Saniata Melchor (Valley Faith)
- Leadership Team**, new team member* Joyce Wilkinson (Marina)
- Leadership Team**, new team member* Leslie Fisk (Willow Glen)
- Leadership Team**, new team member* Esther Ribeiro (Hollister)

*The above slate, in its entirety, was developed by the El Camino Real District UMW Committee on Nominations: Betty Spencer Dickey (Chair) and District UMW team (members). * See biography on next pages.*

We are grateful to offer you these names for our slate of officers for 2022. In the months to come we believe that God will bring us additional women who want to learn, to share of themselves, to grow in faith and to act for Justice. We hope that you will be one of those women. It is a commitment of love and joy to be an officer in the District team and we need you to experience that with us. Be in prayer about how you can Live the Vision of UMW.

CONTINUING TEAM MEMBERS

- Leadership Team** Katherine Kim (Korean UMC of SC Valley)
- Leadership Team** Angelica Martinez (Watsonville)
- Leadership Team** Sandra Nesheim (Salinas)

LEADERSHIP TEAM DESCRIPTION

El Camino Real District United Methodist Women Leadership Team is designed to be flexible to encourage participation in more avenues of ministry as the spirit leads.

Responsibility - The Leadership Team develops programs to meet the needs and interests of women and the concerns and responsibilities of the global Church; to encourage and support spiritual growth, missionary outreach and Christian social action, and to promote the plans and responsibilities of the conference and national organizations of United Methodist Women.

Mission Emphasis – The organizational form of the leadership team develops its program to support the Purpose that encourages women to be in mission by growing spiritually, engaging in service and advocacy, educating for change, developing leaders, expanding and nurturing its membership and supporting the organization through Mission Giving.

The Leadership team - Functioning together, the team involves women in mission and coordinates all mission emphases and other activities toward the fulfillment of the Purpose. The president serves as the chairperson (*from UMW Handbook*). In addition to the elected roles of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairperson of Committee on Nominations, the Leadership Team includes members on these committees:

- Spiritual Growth
- Nominations
- Reading Program
- Social Action
- Membership
- Communications
- Education
- Programs
- And others as needed

NOMINEES

Carolyn Bircher

Carolyn grew up on a farm near Selma, California and attended the Caruthers UMC. She has been a member of Good Samaritan UMC in Cupertino for 41 years. She worked as a programmer for Hewlett-Packard for 7 years but decided not to continue after becoming a mom. She has spent most of her adult life doing volunteer work, mostly in church finance and teaching ESL. Her adult daughter and son live and work in the Bay Area. She enjoys seeing more of her husband, Paul, now that he has retired. She also loves to read and participates in three different book discussion groups. She is excited about being the new Treasurer for the El Camino Real District UMW.



Debbie Ow

Debbie says: I am sorry that I could not be with you today in person. As many of you know I am undergoing (or enduring) chemotherapy for breast cancer. I expect to be through the worst of it by January or February. So many of you have reached out to me to support me through this tough time. I really appreciate the talks we have had!



Debbie has been a member of UMW for about 9 years. The Reading Program initially introduced her to the issues that are important to UMW members. She was asked to be the Treasurer for our District UMW 3 years ago and did that gladly since her background is in accounting. She enjoyed being the Treasurer, becoming more familiar with the financial workings of UMW and meeting a lot of nice unit treasurers. Now it seems that the challenge is even greater, taking

on the role of President. She looks forward to working with all the units to achieve our goals and take on Racial and Climate Justice issues. Debbie hopes you will join her in this journey as we “Knit Together.”

Esther Ribeiro

Esther was born in San Antonio, Texas and moved to Hollister, California at a young age. She has been an active member of the Hollister UMC since the 1970’s and got married in that church. She has also been very involved with the Hollister UMW activities; especially the annual boutique. She worked most of her life in the non-profit sector as an administrator. She is now enjoying her retirement with her husband. On the personal side, she is so fortunate to have her daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandsons (ages 15 and 7) live right next door! She enjoys spending much of her time in her “She Shed” sewing, wreath making, cross-stitching, card making or just listening to the oldies and dancing with her husband, Al! She’s so excited about being part of the El Camino Real District UMW dynamic group.



Laurie Lindsey

Laurie has been attending Cambrian Park UMC for about 7 years now and has been active in the CPUMC UMW. On the brink of retirement, she is excited to start a new phase in life and finally do something that might actually matter. Having survived 46+ years in the high-tech industry she’s hoping she can put a few of those skills to a better use. Laurie enjoys playing the piano (especially duets), quilting, gardening, woodworking, and too many other hobbies. She is also active in the local AAUW chapter.



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Joyce Wilkinson

Joyce joined UMW in the Marina UMC 3 years ago. She served as secretary, and is now serving as President. She taught high school biology and chemistry science for 30 years. She also served as the district science curriculum specialist for 7 years, before retiring in 2019. She enjoys many forms of crafting and is currently working on an ecology themed friendship quilt, "Caring for the Earth" for our chapter. The completed quilt will be available for a drawing at our Holiday Faire in December. She has 2 children and is adjusting to retirement by actively working at the Marina UMC on the Trustees and Finance committees, participating in the church book club and participating in the UMW Faith Talks and Just Energy webinars. Joyce enjoys working on teams and helping to organize and implement events. She is looking forward to working with the El Camino Real District UMW.



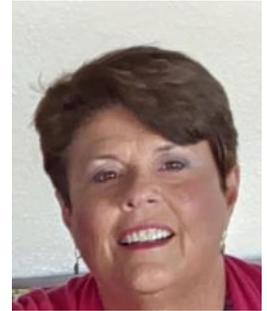
Karen Hall

Karen Hall has been a member of First United Methodist Church in Salinas, California for 28 years. She has served as a church trustee and trustee secretary. Karen is an active member of FUMC UMW and has served as vice president and is currently treasurer of the unit. She has been a member of the El Camino Real District team this past year and is looking forward to continuing work with the team as secretary. In her spare time Karen enjoys Facetiming with her two granddaughters (Madison, age 7 and Alaina, age 4), walking her two dogs (Yoda and Buddy), and getting together with family and friends. She is also a member of AAUW, Monterey Peninsula Branch.



Leslie Fisk

Leslie is a working mom and optimist. She enjoys water aerobics and learning new things, talking easily to people about themselves and observing nature with a smile. She has been a member of Willow Glen UMC since age 16. After attending Cal Poly, she returned to San Jose, and began attending WGUMC with her husband. She taught Sunday school for kids and adults, played handbells, assisted with Joint Youth Group, chaired Finance and Trustees committees. UMW has been an important element of her church life, and must contribute it to her Mom. Leslie is excited to join the 2022 team and be part of their UMW ministries.



Saniata Melchor

Valley Faith United Methodist Church (Sunnyvale) has been her home church for 24 years. After several years of just attending with her family, she got involved in the Young Adult Single Couples Ministry and became Co-President. She has been involved in many other positions in the Council - SPPRC Committee, BOT Committee, Lay Servant, President of the UMW and Executive Member of our Senior Ministry. She enjoys being a part of our UMW & Senior Ministry, currently serving as Secretary for both groups. She finds joy in offering her gifts and talents to church ministries such as United Methodist Women. She especially thanks Evangelina Albano for her encouragement to always join the annual gathering of the UMW and to take on leadership roles in the local church. She looks forward in working with the women of El Camino Real District as well as learning more in how to make a difference in our community.





SAINTS~ *Those who have passed since we met last year*

Cupertino, Good Samaritan

Violet Kakaio

Fremont, St. Paul

Judy Huff

Gilroy

Madri

Palo Alto, First

Alice Jensen

Barbara Finley

Suzanne Williams

Palo Alto, St. Andrew's

Geri Stewart

Salinas First

Dorothy Abeloe

Doris Bragdon

Lila Walters

Lois Deaner

San Jose, Almaden Hills

Beryl Wilson

Lynn Silva

Pastor Jane Schlager

San Jose, Wesley

Ayako Hosokawa

Barbara Bayler

Dorothy Hiura

Florence Takeda

Karen Sasaki

Kikuko Ashizawa

Mary Hasuike

Roses Watanabe

Tei Dacus

San Jose, Willow Glen

Jeanette Beavers

Joyce Osborn

Mary Pierson

Santa Clara

Donna West

Sunnyvale, First

Opal Hern

Pat Whitcomb

ONLINE RESOURCES



El Camino Real District UMW:

elcaminorealumw.org

E.C.R. District UMW (Facebook):

www.facebook.com/ElCaminoRealUMW

CA-NV Conference UMW:

www.canvumw.org

National UMW:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

National UMW (Facebook)

www.facebook.com/UMWomen

National UMW (Twitter):

www.twitter.com/UMWomen

National UMW (Pinterest):

www.pinterest.com/UMWomen

National UMW (YouTube):

www.youtube.com/UMWomen

National UMW (Flickr):

www.flickr.com/photos/umwomen

UMW Mission Resources:

www.umwmissionresources.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief:

www.umcor.org

Mary Elizabeth Inn:

meinn.org

Gum Moon:

gummoon.org

United Methodist Church:

www.umc.org

CA-NV Conference of the UMC:

www.cnumc.org

Assembly 2022 (May 20-22, 2022)

assembly2022.org

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Rev. Hwapyoung Kang, Pastor, United Methodist Church of Gilroy
 Rev. Dr. Linda Holbrook, Pastor, Morgan Hill United Methodist Church
 Connie Hunter, CA/NV Conference United Methodist Women
 Debbie Waller, President, Gilroy United Methodist Women
 Gilroy United Methodist Women
 Steve Teraji, Gilroy UMC, Audio/Visual/Technology
 Carolyn Lamcke, Pianist
 Deo Agustin, Songleader
 El Camino Real District United Methodist Women Leadership Team



TREASURER'S REPORT

REMITTANCE TO CONFERENCE: 2020, 2021 MISSION GIVING AND SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS RECEIVED

	<u>2020 Jan-Dec</u>	<u>2021 Jan-Sep</u>
<i>Undesignated Gifts</i>		
Pledge to Mission	\$ 33,475.00	\$ 14,304.50
Gift in Memory	1000.00	700.00
Gift to Mission	925.00	430.00
Special Mission Recognition (pins).....	200.00	200.00
World Thank Offering.....	3,283.90	1,497.00
Total Undesignated.....	38,883.90	17,131.50
<i>Designated Gifts</i>		
Call to Prayer and Self Denial	920.21	530.00
<i>Supplementary Gifts</i>		
A Brighter Future for Children and Youth	535.00	187.50
Gum Moon Women's Residence.....	1,170.00	415.00
Mary Elizabeth Inn.....	3,480.00	815.00
Women's Carbon Fund.....	100.00	
Total Designated, Supplementary.....	6,205.21	1,947.50
<i>Forwarded directly to national organization</i>		
Legacy Fund.....	0.00	1,296.00
UMCOR (undesignated).....	15.00	295.44
TOTAL GIVING.....	\$45,104.11	\$20,670.44

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET: 2022

District Spiritual Retreat.....	\$ 5,000	(all officers + scholarships)
Mission u/Assembly.....	4,000	(all officers + scholarships)
District Executive Team Expense	2,000	
Annual Celebration	1,050	
Connect and Learn	750	
Audit.....	500	
Newsletter/Website.....	240	
Gifts: Mary Elizabeth Inn, Gum Moon	200	
TOTAL.....	\$ 13,740	

Budget vs. Actual: 2020

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual '20</i>	<i>Variance</i>
District Spiritual Retreat	\$ 5,000	\$ 13.00	\$ 4,987.00
Mission u.....	3,500	0.00	3,500.00
Annual Celebration	1,050	185.00	865.00 from 2019
District Executive Team Expense	1,000	613.00	387.00
Connect and Learn	750	323.00	427.00
Membership event.....	500	0.00	500.00
Social Action event.....	500	233.00	267.00
Newsletter.....	500	190.00	310.00
Audit.....	500	0.00	500.00
Mary Elizabeth Inn & Gum Moon	200	75.00	125.00 paid in 2021
TOTAL.....	\$ 13,500	\$1,632.00	\$11,868.00

Budget vs. Actual: 2021 through September

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD '21</i>	<i>Variance</i>
District Spiritual Retreat	\$ 5,000	\$ 125.00	\$ 4,875.00
Mission u.....	3,500	0.00	3,500.00
Annual Celebration	1,050	0.00	1,050.00
District Executive Team Expense	1,000	458.24	541.76
Connect and Learn.....	750	0.00	750.00
Newsletter/Website	550	18.89	481.11
Membership event	500	0.00	500.00
Social Action event	500	125.00	500.00
Audit	500	500.00	0.00
Mary Elizabeth Inn & Gum Moon.....	200	200.00*	0.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 13,500	\$1,427.13	

*Note: In the original version of the program, this amount was not included.

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

5-STAR MISSION GIVING UNITS FOR 2021



These units have participated in all five channels of Mission Giving, which support mission projects for women, children and youth in over 120 countries.

- Unit Pledge to Mission;
- Gifts to Mission honoring special events in church members' lives;
- Gift in Memory honoring those who have died;
- Special Mission Recognition to outstanding servants of the Lord in their congregations;
- World Thank Offering out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life.

5-Star units

Campbell	San Jose, Cambrian Park
Fremont First	Sunnyvale First
Salinas First	Valley Faith
Santa Clara	Watsonville First
San Jose, Almaden Hills	

Learn more about Mission Giving: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/5channels/>

MISSION COORDINATOR REPORTS

MISSION TODAY UNITS FOR 2021

These UMW units have met eight of 17 criteria that:

- encourage the use of the mission resources available through United Methodist Women;
- increase contact between the local unit and mission projects and personnel to gain an understanding of how our Mission Giving through United Methodist Women is used;
- expand concepts of mission, including social justice as mission;
- energize United Methodist women to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action.

Mission Today units

Salinas First
San Jose, Almaden Hills
San Jose, Willow Glen
Sunnyvale Trinity



Learn more about Mission Today: <https://elcaminorealumw.org/leadership/>

MISSION COORDINATOR REPORTS (continued)



2021 READING PROGRAM

Reading Program participants read books from each of 5 categories, and regularly read the *response* magazine.

- Plan 1: 5 books per year
- Plan 2: 10 books per year
- Plan 3: 15 books per year
- Plan 4: 20 books per year

Learn more:

<https://elcaminorealumw.org/educate/reading-program/>

Reading Program Participants

Campbell

Plan 1: Patty Henderson, Melinda Knepp

Cupertino, Good Samaritan

Plan 4: Carolyn Bircher

Livermore, Asbury

Plan 1: Edie Lamb, Diane Larder

Plan 3: Martha Fields, Lorraine Magee

Marina

Plan 4: Mary H. Adams

San Jose, Almaden Hills

Plan 1: Julie Asada, Doris Warren

Plan 2: Bonnie Home

Santa Clara

Plan 2: Selma Chung

Sunnyvale First

Plan 2: Ruth Riley

Plan 4: Eleanor Barskey, Linda Morse

Sunnyvale Valley Faith

Plan 1: Charlotte Dimaya

CAMPAIGN FOR RACIAL JUSTICE



United Methodist Women is deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice. We seek to be in right relationship with one another. We work together for the transformation of church and world, following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. Using the framework of the [Charter for Racial Justice](#), adopted by the 1980 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, we encourage local groups/units to work toward racial justice. Here is what groups in our district did in 2021.

- **“Care First, Jails Last”:** El Camino Real District UMW hosted an online meeting in May 2021 with SURJ (Showing Up For Racial Justice), focused on the decarceration movement and the Care First, Jails Last campaign directed toward Santa Clara County jails. We learned what we can do to help!
- **Racial Justice with Cambrian Park:** UMW members participated in a 5-session weekly online book study of “So You Want to Talk About Race,” learning how much they still needed to learn about racial justice.
- **Racial Justice with Almaden Hills:** UMW members worked on service projects in a nearby neighborhood, participated in a weekly online “Racist Anonymous” 12-step program, discussed “So You Want to Talk About Race,” and watched & discussed three UMW Office of Racial Justice movies.
- **Racial Justice books in the Reading Program:** 55 UMW members from 8 churches read 24 UMW Reading Program books related to racial justice. These units had at least two members who read one of these books: Livermore, Asbury; San Jose, Almaden Hills; and Sunnyvale First.