



## UMW Appalachian District News 4th Quarter, 2021



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This is the end of my term as president of the Appalachian District UMW. It has proven to be two years in my life as no other with the challenges in my personal life and the loss I have experienced. I appreciate each of you so much. I have only been able to do what I have by the grace of our Lord. He has truly sustained me. He has used each of you to sustain me. May God's peace fill you to overflowing as we all continue to serve and be disciples. My husband passed to his eternal home on August 25, 2021. He is rejoicing with the angels but I am mourning the loss. I know the scripture well of Psalm 30: 5, and I will remember that my JOY comes in the morning.

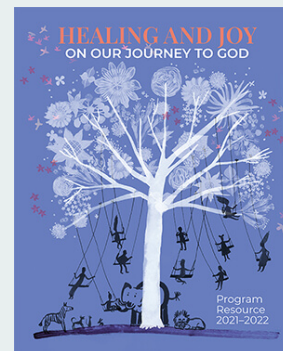
On November 20, we have the Leadership Development (LDD) training, virtually. We do this as a conference meeting with breakout sessions for all of the individual districts. We will have something for everyone, so join us. Register online prior to the event. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE LINK TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL EVENT.** Go to [wnccumw.org](http://wnccumw.org) to register and look for LDD events.

Accessible on line with the LDD handouts, we have the information for the EOY reports. Please let us know if you need a hard copy sent via Postal Service (mailed). These are very important documents for us to keep abreast of what we are doing as United Methodist Women on a District, Conference and National organization level. We especially need the census for each unit and the officers for 2022. Each mission coordinator needs the information pertaining to their area. Please take the time to complete these reports in a timely manner. We thank you in advance.



Now, as we welcome Linda Greer as the Appalachian District President, please know my prayers go with her and each of you.

Blessings and peace,  
Sherry Summerlin  
Appalachian District President 2020-2021



**United Methodist Women is 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.**

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## Spiritual Growth

Greetings.

Here we are already into September, where has the year gone? Who would have thought that after 18 months, we are still coping with this COVID pandemic. Many changes and challenges have come about, but through it all, we have survived. I have missed our in-person meetings but I have, I think, finally mastered ZOOM. I am so thankful for those people, like Lynn Gilbert, who have the ability to lead and guide us through the process of the ZOOM meetings. Hopefully it won't be much longer until we can meet in person again.

Speaking of meetings, in August, we had our Appalachian District Annual Celebration via ZOOM. We had the pleasure of hearing from Gretchen Griffith, author of "With God and My Mother's Prayers: I Have Become What I Am Today" as she interviewed Mrs. Ernestine Paschall Shade. The book and interview were about the life of Mrs. Shade, highlighting her accomplishments from birth until today, some 90 years and counting. This would be a very good addition to your personal library.

During this meeting, we also approved the 2022 budget and the district officers for 2022. I am honored to be your Spiritual Growth Coordinator for another year and I am hoping for good things to happen.

Now as I close, let us continue to strive in the mission work God has given us both locally and globally. Let us stay united in Faith, Love and be in Action as we look forward to a New Year. Let us knit our lives together to "Recover and Cast On" in 2022. Until we meet again, stay strong, stay safe, stay well and remember to put Faith over Fear for we know that God is in Control.

Many Blessings,

Judy Sipe, Spiritual Growth Coordinator



This book may be purchased on Amazon for \$24.95. Mrs. Shade is a most interesting lady, and this is a most interesting read!



United Methodist Women  
Assembly 2022  
May 20-22, 2022 ♦  
Orlando, Florida  
Turn It Up!  
Visit [wnccwmw.org](http://wnccwmw.org) for  
more information

2022 Executive Team  
Mark your calendars!

Saturday, January 8, 2022  
10:00  
Taylorsville First UMC

Please be sure to join us! We hope to meet in person but if we cannot, we will zoom! This will be our planning meeting for the year so we need ALL 2022 Executive Team Members casting on to help knit us together!

## Treasurer

**Treasurers:**

**Greetings to all!**

**We, the United Methodist Women (UMW), support programs in the United States and around the world that benefit women, children and youth - thereby impacting entire communities. The UMW is an agency of The United Methodist Church, which must abide by the Social Principles and Discipline as determined by General Conference, giving only to projects in accordance with those guidelines.**

**UMW's Mission Giving: Pledge to Missions, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering, are undesignated funds and support the total program of the organization. Each conference UMW keeps a portion of the Pledge to Mission for its own district and conference Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) expenses. A&MD can include such items as scholarships to Mission u and other events, assistance with child care expenses, postage and supplies, officer and committee expenses – amounts that enable districts and conferences to be in mission right where they are. A&MD line items are voted each year at conference and district Annual Meetings. The remainder of the Pledge to Mission and ALL income from the other four channels of Mission Giving are forwarded to the National Office, where Mission Giving becomes the largest portion of the annual undesignated income of the national organization.**

**UMW supports and empowers local women in Central Conferences of the United Methodist Church to be leaders in the church, community and the world. Whether in Peru, Mozambique, Lithuania, Nicaragua Lebanon or the Philippines, these are not just distant places for us. These are places where the gifts of UMW have supported skills and livelihood projects, founded schools, and provided leadership opportunities for women, youth, and children. The work focuses on impacting poverty through enhancing the capacities of local women leaders and supporting economic development programs by providing women with the tools required to succeed in finding local solutions and making positive, measurable change in their communities. Through your generosity, UMW members transform the lives of women, youth, and children in the United States and around the world.**

**UMW Does Not Fund:**

- **Projects and programs that don't benefit women, children or youth.**
- **Projects and programs that do not comply with the Social Principles and Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.**
- **Programs administered by organizations that discriminate based on faith, ethnicity, race or gender.**

**If you are a new or returning unit treasurer, I encourage you to attend the Leadership Development Day (LDD). More information is found in this newsletter concerning this important event.**

**If you have any question and/or concerns, or need more information about Mission Giving to share at your meetings, please let me know. You may e-mail, call (leave a message if I do not answer) or TXT.**

**In His Service,  
Nancy Johnson, District Treasurer  
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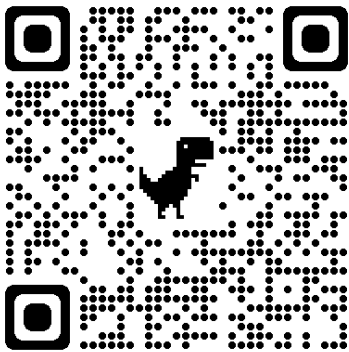


## WNCCUMW Leadership Development Day

In our efforts to care for the safety and well being of all of our members, we have planned a virtual All District Leader Development Day for Local Unit Officers, Circle Chairs, and other leaders for 2021. Go to [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org) under Conference events or District events to get complete information about Leader Development plans for ALL EIGHT districts. We all look forward to the day when we can again gather safely in person!

Using Zoom Meeting, there will be a brief gathering time with all eight districts together, and then everyone will divide into breakout Zoom Meeting rooms by District. Handouts by District should be available on the WNCC UMW site under District events by November 10th.

Registration is required for these free Zoom meetings, and registration is now open. Just click on the Zoom Registration button on the WNCCUMW website to Register TODAY!



Please scan this QR code to go directly to the web site!

How does this work??? Hold your smartphone camera over the code and automatically you will be directed to the correct page!



**Appalachian**

**Saturday**

**November 20, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Available Downloads**

**Training Handouts**

**2021 Reports [PDF][Word]**

**Treasurer Handouts**



## Ubuntu Day of Service 2021

As United Methodist Women who put faith, hope, and love into action, districts and/or local units are encouraged to focus on making a difference in your local communities anytime this fall. If one of our mission institutions is in your community, don't hesitate to reach out to them. Hopefully, having flexibility will increase participation and expand our outreach.

Let's take United Methodist Women's faith, hope, and love out into the streets. Please share photos with captions with district/conference communication coordinators!

Blessings,  
Renee Hayes, deaconess  
Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator  
WNCCUMW



Alliance centers for Education,  
Charlotte



Bethlehem Center,  
Winston-Salem



Brooks Howell Home,  
Asheville



8973 Greenwood Road, Terrell, NC 28682 (near Mooresville)  
**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

***Standing and Lifting are NOT Required!***

**Work Session 1: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch 11:00 – 12:00 noon**

(You may bring your lunch or go to a nearby restaurant.)

**Work Session 2: 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.**

(You may choose to work one session or both sessions.)

Due to COVID Protocol, only 20 folks  
will be able to work.

Please wear a mask.

Contact Linda Greer if you plan to participate  
or have questions:

828-244-2251 or

[jacklindagreer@bellsouth.net](mailto:jacklindagreer@bellsouth.net)



### Mission Response Center

The Western North Carolina Conference responds to human needs all over the world, answering God's call to provide food, medicine, shelter, clothing and other resources to help alleviate human suffering. In order to meet WNCC disaster response and human assistance ministries, the centrally-located Mission Response Center, a permanent and secure facility, is owned and operated by our conference to store equipment when not deployed; sort, repack and ship resources overseas; warehouse building materials and supplies; and offer a hands-on mission project for volunteers in the conference.





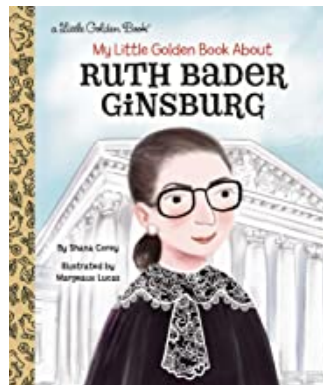
# Reading Program

Since this is my last report as you District Secretary of Program Resources, I want to encourage all to keep reading. The 2021 list has had some new books added, so be sure to download a new list. Even before the list came out, I had read a few of them. For the first time quite a few novels are included. Please check out *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. It's a wonderful story set in the past about adoption and the cruelty of some adoption orphanages. Another book, *Small Great Things* gives light to the racial bias that an African American nurse faces while working with white patients.

I'm looking forward to ordering and reading two books. The first one is by Michelle Obama; *Becoming*. Since I have read *The Great RBG*, I also want to read the children's book, *My Little Golden Book About Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.

After looking over the complete list for 2021, I have to say my favorite read was *Dangling: I May Have Cancer, but Cancer Doesn't Have Me* by Amy Carr. Please check it out.

Happy reading and encourage others to read. I will leave you with an anonymous quote that I live by. "It is better to take a book with you and not have time to read, than to have time to read and have no book."



## Membership - Nurture - Outreach:

To all my sisters in Christ,

I am stepping into the program area of Membership, Nurture and Outreach. I look forward to hearing from each and every unit. I know that Covid has changed the way we meet in person, but let us all use technology to keep in touch and reach out to others. I encourage all District members to reach out to their assigned units and let them know that "We CAN do all things through Christ".

Micki Earp  
Appalachian District MNO



## Mission Education and Interpretation:

This has been a fast year! I have been honored to serve as your MEI Mission Coordinator this past year and am looking forward to serving as your Vice-President in 2022. I probably sound like a broken record, but I want to remind all units again of our Hands on Mission projects: **we are still** collecting school supplies (#2 pencils, colored pencils, washable markers, jumbo pencils, jumbo crayons, construction paper, glue sticks, craft sticks, gift cards or checks) for the Bethlehem Center, Winston Salem (I plan to deliver these supplies in late September/early October) and school supplies for the students served by Project AGAPE (supplies needed are #2 pencils, colored pencils, hand-held pencil sharpeners, erasers, and school scissors. All items should be removed from packaging and packed in plastic shoeboxes.) Additional Project Agape items being collected for Hand on Mission at our Conference UMW Annual Celebration include new children's clothing sizes 2 to 14, all items, especially clothing for boys; children's shoes in all sizes; and blankets. I know many units have not been able to meet throughout this pandemic, but mission needs have not taken a break. If individuals or units can help with these needs and have collected any hands on mission items, please contact Sherry Summerlin or me.

The theme for the September/October 2021 *response* magazine is "Being Good Neighbors". How are UMW good neighbors? We give financially – in 2020, the grand total of giving for our five jurisdictions was \$10,998,225.80. One area this giving supports is UMW-related national mission institutions, such as the Neighborhood Center in Utica, New York mentioned in this *response* issue. Another article talks about Climate Justice Aid in Nicaragua – how UMW emergency funds offer post-hurricane support for rural Nicaraguan communities. We give of ourselves by putting faith, hope and love into action – we volunteer. We give of ourselves and educate ourselves by nurturing, educating and equipping women to make positive change – we attend Mission u, district mission studies, and this *response* issue talks about educational opportunities at Assembly 2022 in Orlando, Florida. As our UMW President put it in her message, "Just as the members, leaders, missionaries, and deaconesses who came before us, we are building relationships not just among ourselves but with women and children across all kinds of differences in committing to the work that makes mission possible." We are good neighbors - I encourage you to read *response* magazine and learn about our 'mission dollars' and mission actions at work. I also hope that many of you attended our WNCC UMW Annual Celebration and heard how we "Light up our Spirits with Faith & Hope so Love is Action."

Love and Blessings to all....



Jan Taylor,

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## Social Action

### Criminalization Of Communities of Colorization and Mass Incarceration

Over the past several years we have continued to hear the phrase Systematic Racism. What does that phrase mean? The definition is a form of racism that is embedded through laws and regulations within society or an organization. It can lead to such issues as discrimination in criminal justice, employment, housing, health care, political power and education among other issues.

For instance, a prime example is over the course of a man or woman's lifetime the likelihood of serving time in prisons are:

- 1 in every 9 men (all races) will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 17 White men will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 3 Black men will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 6 Latino men will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 56 women (all races) will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 111 White women will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 18 Black women will serve time incarcerated.
- 1 in every 45 Latino women will serve time incarcerated.

The United States locks up more people per capita than any other nation in the world.

In the early 80's the United States began a War on Drugs and the people imprisoned skyrocketed. An example of those numbers are as follows:

Place of Incarceration	1980	2013
State Prisons	19,000	210,200
Federal Prisons	4,700	98,200
Local Jails	17,200	180,060

\*\*14% of the imprisoned are drug users. \*\*37% are incarcerated for other drug offenses.

A black man's sentence for drug offenses usually equals a white man's sentence for violent offenses.

The families and minor children are affected in many ways and the repercussions are astronomical.

Mass incarceration is also showing itself in the Juvenile Justice system. In 2015 a chart of about 10 countries showed that the lowest number of youth being incarcerated was 1 per 100,000 youth. The highest on the chart was South Africa with 69 per 100,000 youth. There is one exception which is the United States and we average 336 per 100,000. These numbers astonish me and breaks my heart. We need to make some changes and be proactive instead of being reactive.

The cost per year for a youth to be in publicly funded schools runs anywhere between \$6,000 to \$8,000 in contrast to housing a youth in Juvenile Detention which runs \$66,000 to \$88,000 per year. Which is the best way to invest our money for the sake of our country and mankind?

Mass incarceration is largely an intentional system of racialized control. Mass Incarceration is largely correlated to poverty in the U.S. Mass Incarceration has a dismal affect on family life in black and brown communities. It causes a plethora of collateral consequences which prove to be devastating and annihilating for young people, seriously hampering their life opportunities. Mass Incarceration feeds directly into the "school to prison pipeline." It dehumanizes and demonizes people of color in general, and specifically the formerly incarcerated. Mass Incarceration is becoming more and more unjust as it becomes a significant part of the movement to privatize public services and make prisons a profit driven industry. The owners of privatized prisons are raking in the money. The Mass Incarceration issue is negatively impacting America's overall human potential. **See this site for more information: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice/mass-incarceration>**

Sherry Mabry

Appalachian District Social Action Coordinator



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# ASSEMBLY 2022: **Turn It UP!**

## May 20 - 22, 2022 - Orlando, Florida

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

# ORLANDO...**TURN IT UP!**

## BUS TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Bus Departure Date: **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

Bus Return Date: **Monday, May 23, 2022**

### BUS TRIP ITINERARY: (Deluxe Chartered Bus Transportation by HOLIDAY TOURS)

<b>Tues., May 17</b>	Morning departures from pick-up points across the conference; Lunch on the road; Dinner and overnight in Savannah, Georgia.
<b>Wed., May 18</b>	Early afternoon arrival at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL. Lunch on the road; Dinner on your own.
<b>Thurs., May 19</b>	On your own in Orlando. You might choose to pre-register & participate in the Ubuntu Day of Service (See Assembly registration information). Check in at the Assembly Registration desks.
<b>Fri., May 20</b>	Opening Community Gathering is expected to be at 9:00am. Workshops and the Experience Hall will fill your day, with another Community Gathering in the evening.
<b>Sun., May 22</b>	Meeting ends around 12:00 Noon; Departure immediately following meeting conclusion; Lunch on the road; Dinner & overnight in Savannah, Georgia.
<b>Mon., May 23</b>	Return home to pick-up points across the Western NC Conference



### Bus Package Prices (Per Person)

\$ 1,180	Double Room
\$ 990	Triple Room
\$ 900	Quad Room
\$ 1,740	Single Room

**The bus trip package price includes:** Deluxe bus transportation provided by Holiday Tours, six nights lodging (Tuesday night May 17th thru Sunday night May 22nd), certain meals while traveling (4 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts). **Important note:** The trip price includes 4 hotel nights in Orlando during the Assembly at the Rosen Plaza Hotel and 2 hotel nights while traveling at the Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District. Passengers do not need to make any separate hotel reservations. ALL nights are included in the bus package price.

The bus trip package price **DOES NOT** include the Assembly Registration Fee. **Register for the Assembly ONLINE** at [www.assembly2022.org](http://www.assembly2022.org). The Assembly 2022 registration fee is \$330.00 per person if you register ONLINE on or before November 30, 2021. After that date, the registration fee goes up \$30. Register early to take advantage of the discount! If you need assistance with online registration, contact Lynne Gilbert or Sara Williams for assistance. Note: Two lunches are included in the Assembly registration fee. Links to Assembly online registration & other information are also available on our website at: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).

**COVID-19 Information:** We will be following COVID-19 safety protocols, as will Holiday Tours. **Proof of vaccinations** will be required to travel on the bus and **must be submitted with your reservation on our COVID-19 Information form.**

**Complete and return the form below, along with a \$500 deposit, by November 10, 2021.**

(A separate form and \$500 deposit is required for each person making a reservation.)

**Make your reservations early!** Bus reservations will be accepted in the order they are received until seating capacity is reached.

**Payment of the balance will be due by February 15, 2022.**

**There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 15, 2022 (unless it becomes necessary for WNCC-UMW to cancel the trip).**

<b>TOUR COORDINATORS:</b> Questions? Contact one of the tour coordinators.	Lynne Gilbert	(C) 336-207-3479	lynnegilbert2@gmail.com
	Sara Williams	(C) 336-469-1344	saramwilliams6@gmail.com

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Lodging for Tuesday Night, May 17th thru Sunday Night, May 22nd. (Please check one, and fill in roommates as appropriate)

- ☐ Double Room \$ 1,180.00/person **Make \$500 deposit check payable to: Treasurer, WNCC-UMW**
- ☐ Triple Room \$ 990.00/person Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Please send all
- ☐ Quad Room \$ 900.00/person \_\_\_\_\_ roommate forms
- ☐ Single Room \$ 1,740.00/person \_\_\_\_\_ together.

**Mail this form and your deposit check to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523**

**Complete and return this form no later than November 10, 2021.**



# Assembly 2022

## Turn It Up!

Orlando Convention Center

Orlando, Florida

May 20 - 22, 2022

(With pre-conference events May 19)



United Methodist Women assemble every four years to celebrate, to lift up, to learn, and to return to their communities better equipped for mission.

**United Methodist Women Assembly 2022** is a time for fellowship, it is also an opportunity to empower faithful women to be stronger discipleship leaders in their communities. Now more than ever, women need to come together to reflect on today's challenges and find comfort and strength to move forward finding ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in the world. At Assembly 2022 we will TURN IT UP for spiritual healing and renewal. We will TURN IT UP for rebirth in a new time. We will TURN IT UP for women leaders. We will TURN IT UP for justice for women, children and youth.

**It is an exciting experience to be part of this large gathering of United Methodist Women. Make plans to join us in Orlando!**

Learn more about  
Assembly 2022 at:

**[www.assembly2022.org](http://www.assembly2022.org)**

*Look there for:*

**Registration Information**

**Assembly Schedule**

**Worship & Experience Hall**

**Pre-conference Events**

**Promotional Resources to  
share with your local unit**

**YouTube Videos...And More!**

## Travel Information for the Western North Carolina Conference



### Chartered Bus Trip:

***Orlando...Turn It Up!***

**May 17 - May 23, 2022**

**Mark your calendar and plan to go with us!  
Exciting Details and Reservation Form on the Reverse!!**

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### Orlando Hotel Reservations - Non-Bus Passengers

**We have arranged a protected block of rooms for Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women at the Rosen Plaza Hotel** next door to the Orlando Convention Center. The room rate is \$178.00 (including tax) per night, plus a one-time \$7.00 handling fee.

Persons not travelling on the bus trip should contact Lynne Gilbert (336-207-3479) or Sara Williams (336-469-1344) to reserve rooms in our Western North Carolina block. **DO NOT contact the Rosen Plaza Hotel.** Reservations for these block rooms must be made by November 10, 2021, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$185.00 per room. The balance for remaining room charges will be due by February 15, 2022. Checks should be made payable to Treasurer, WNCC-UMW. Mail payments to Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523.

**Watch for Additional Information on our Conference Website**  
**(Bus trip information and the reservation form are available on the website)**  
**Web Address: [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
Assembly 2022 / Orlando ... Turn It Up!  
May 17-23, 2022**

**RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR BUS TRIP RESERVATION**

**COVID-19 & INDEMNIFICATION INFORMATION**

NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

We will be following COVID-19 health safety protocols, as will Holiday Tours. **Proof of vaccinations is required to travel on the bus and must be submitted with your Bus Trip Reservation Form by November 10, 2021. If booster vaccination guidelines are announced, proof of booster vaccinations will also be required.**

**Commitment / Covenant for all Passengers:** I covenant and agree to the following with regard to travel to Orlando on the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women Assembly bus trip:

- I am providing a valid copy of my COVID-19 vaccination record.
- I will not travel if I have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to departure. I will not travel if I have had a fever of 100.4 or more in the last 48 hours prior to departure, or if I am experiencing cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste or smell in last 14 days, or vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- I will check my temperature within 24 hours of departure and I will not travel unless it is below 100.4 degrees.

**Indemnification:** I understand that I am travelling at my own risk. I agree to release, indemnify, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue Lynne Gilbert, Sara Williams, or Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women and its agents, volunteers, representatives, or any other person involved either directly or indirectly, from all claims, suits, expenses, attorney fees and demands of any nature (including negligence) caused by, deriving from, or associated with my travel. I make these covenants, release and waivers knowingly and voluntarily. It is further understood and agreed that this travel assumption of risk, release and indemnity agreement is to be binding on my heirs and assigns and I am signing of my own free will.

**Holiday Tours Protocols for Infectious Diseases:** *On behalf of all passengers, the Group Leader/Lessee recognizes and acknowledges that there are certain inherent risks associated with infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and accepts full responsibility for personal injury to themselves or others in their party. Group Leader/Lessee understands and agrees that if, after boarding, or even if a Passenger has fully complied with all wellness policies and procedures, if a Passenger tests positive for an infectious disease or exhibits signs or symptoms, Holiday may remove said passenger, refuse reboarding, and remove the Passenger as well as members of the Passenger's travelling party, or take other steps which Holiday determines, in its sole discretion, are necessary under the circumstances to protect the health and well-being of others. Each such Passenger is responsible for all other related costs and fines, including without limitation travel expenses. Under no circumstance shall Holiday be liable to any such Passenger for any costs, damages, or expenses whatsoever incurred by any Passengers.*

**Check this box:**

☐ **A valid copy of my COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (CDC Official Card) is attached to this form.**  
(Copies of vaccination card and all other health information will be kept confidential and destroyed following our trip.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this with your reservation form to: Lynne Gilbert, PO Box 4523, Greensboro, NC 27404-4523**