



*United Methodist Women  
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## Climate Justice

On a warm spring day several years ago, my son, David, was amazed that the sun would dry the sheets hanging on the clothes line. The next day the rain poured down and David said, "Now, God is washing down the earth." We all need to keep the wonderment and joy of God's creation.

Of the four United Methodist Women focus social justice issues throughout the years 2016 -2020, your Crater Lake District leadership team chose Climate Justice. We need to accept this task with faith and commitment. I will be calling each unit president for input. For now, here are a few guidelines of mine.

1. Be informed. Read the many articles on-line regarding Climate Justice. Read your newspaper, contact your local and state elected leaders. Attend meetings on Climate Change and Climate Justice.
2. Call your elected leaders regarding decisions to be made that would adversely affect our land, sea, air, and all who live on our planet.

### 3. Take action!

- a. Reduce the purchase on items that cannot be re-cycled.
- b. Reduce your use of gas, thus reducing the need for off-shore drilling for oil.
- c. Reduce your need for energy in your household by replacing older style light bulbs, as needed, with LED ones.
- d. Reduce your use of paper. Order the digital copy of *response* magazine. ([Click here for a link to the page.](#))

A prayer from the article *The Cry of the Earth*: "God, our Creator, You have given us the earth and the sky and the seas. Show us the way to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage or destroy the beauty of your creation. Send forth your spirit to direct us, to care for the earth and all creation. Amen.

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District President*

Mission u information and registration forms will be available soon. We will get them to you as soon as possible.



## Crater Lake District United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

July 13-14 Tigard OR at Tigard United Methodist Church. All three studies will be offered.  
July 20-21 Grants Pass OR at Newman UMC The Spiritual Growth & Issue studies will be offered.  
Sept. 15 Crater Lake District Annual Meeting (Medford UMC)  
Oct. 20 Conference Annual Meeting @ Eugene First UMC

**You Are Invited ...** On June 26, 11:00 a.m., at Medford First United Methodist Church, Roz Collins will present a program on the United Methodist Church's focus concerning the issue of LGBTQ. The Medford Unit of United Methodist Women is hosting this event and all are welcome to attend. As United Methodists, we should all be knowledgeable about the discussions going on globally in United Methodist gatherings.



This Abundant Health virtual journey sponsored by the Oregon-Idaho Conference United Methodist Women is **open to everyone**. It is easy to participate! You can walk, run, swim, bike, whatever. Just [click here](#) to log in your miles. Not on-line? Write down your miles and ask a grandchild or friend to log them in for you (the form is available on the OR-ID Conference website. Don't have a Fit Bit or pedometer? Your smart phone can become a pedometer. Just download one of the

many free apps (I'm using Pacer). It is fun to participate. As of April 25, Crater Lake District has 26 people participating who have traveled 1268.1 miles (second to Columbia District). **We need a lot more people to participate if we're going to make our goal by Annual Conference. Invite your friends and family to journey with you.**



### Bright Lights of Crater Lake District Medford United Methodist Women and Harmony United Methodist Women (Coos Bay/North Bend)

Two United Methodist Women units in our district (that we are aware of) make sleeping mats for homeless persons using plastic grocery bags. Medford United Methodist Women have been making the mats for many years. When Harmony United Methodist Women heard about the Medford program, they asked a member of that group to share with them how to make the mats, and they've been doing it ever since.

#### From Harmony United Methodist Women:

We had a need in our community and in our church to link with the homeless community. Our church sponsors a weekly meal on Saturdays and we have the



mats available for distribution then. We also partner with the Devereaux Center in Coos Bay which is a warming/transitional center.

Many people in the surrounding areas contribute plastic grocery bags (in fact we have enough for at least 5 years!) which we then weave on our table top looms or crochet. We have members of the group who cut and make the balls of "plarn" (plastic yarn) while others do the weaving. We have had a



tremendous response to our project and hope to continue and branch out once we get more volunteers actually weaving the mats.



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