



Annual Report 2018

Muriel V. Nelson, Liberia President 2018



On behalf of our sisters in Liberia, I bring Christian greetings of joy and peace to all of you our dear sisters in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We all must give thanks and show gratitude at all times to our Creator, Savior and Comforter for bringing us through another year. We are grateful for being a part of the activities and celebrations of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church women West Africa Regional Seminar for the period under reviewed. This year report contains activities of our unit outlined under the headings provided by the Area President:

Proclaiming through worship

United Methodist Women in Liberia have been encouraged to keep prayer and worship at the center of their lives and ministry. Every day at 3:00 p.m. in the conference women's office, women gather to read the scripture, sing songs and pray for all conditions of life. Women at local and district levels lead tarry in the local churches, bible studies, and hold fast and prayer. At the seat of our 71st Annual Assembly in January this year, we held series of fast and prayer activities for elections of the new officers. We organized prayer partners with women at the districts and conference levels to keep the women united in prayer. We have received the 'call to prayer' for July 2018 from our area president and shared it with our districts and local units for the month of July, 2018. This will help us join other sisters around the world in prayer. Every time we meet, we pray for women, children and youth. We also pray for the young leadership of our country as we are constantly faced with economic hardship, poverty, violence and abuse that are visible all around us. We are in prayers for families separated from their children in the United States of America. We are also in prayers for the twelve boys and coach who were stuck in a cave in Thailand. We are in prayer for finances to support the ministry of Jesus Christ of which we have been called. We have called on United Methodist women to encourage clergy women to preach and teach at key worship events and activities. The service of mother's day was celebrated both at the local and district levels. Women gather the second Saturday in every month to worship, share critical issues confronting them and their family. A counselor is available to provide group therapy and as well as individual counseling where necessary. The wellness of women body, mind and soul is cardinal among our ministry focus area.

Proclaiming through Relationships

For 2018, we have been connecting with our local and district women throughout Liberia. Out of 21 districts, seven had been actively participating in key activities in the past. At assembly this year, 14 districts were represented and new core of officers were elected; at our planning retreat in March 2018, eighteen (18) districts were represented. We are working to ensure that all 21 districts will be represented at our 2019 Assembly for the first time in our history of existence. We attend and participate in the events and activities of the Ecumenical Women Organization (EWO) of Liberia and the Liberia Council of Churches women desk. **Similarly, the Pastor Wives and Clergy Women organizations of our Annual Conference continue to reach out to women. Their called gatherings for worship, skills training and attending local and international seminars have enhanced spiritual growth, empowered women with essential skills and strengthen relationships.** In May 2018 twenty-four (24) women from Liberia attended and participated in the United Methodist Women Assembly held in Columbus, Ohio. We are preparing to take about fifty women to the West Africa Regional Seminar in Ghana and later in December of this year attend the Sierra Leone Women Assembly. We are also looking forward to participating in Commission on the Status of Women Conference in the year 2019. We look forward to building new relationships and strengthening ties with sisters in and out of Africa.

Proclaiming through Social Action

The vision of United Methodist Women is to turn faith, hope and love into action with women, children and youth. For the period under review, more than 100 mobility carts were distributed to persons in need. Ninety

percent (90%) of the beneficiaries were women, children and youth. We visited with children of the Judith Craig Orphanage located outside of Monrovia. United Methodist women provide mentorship for the teen girls in the orphanage. Lack of livelihood skills was identified as a key challenge to many of our women. To address this issue, we have initiated a quick impact skills training in the area of liquid soap, air freshener, bleach, Vaseline, bath soap, women perfume, and body lotion. These are basic necessities for any home and will build women capacity that will lead to women empowerment. Our regular women training center is fully operating providing training in tailoring, arts & crafts, and catering. Women from every walk of life are welcomed and given the opportunity to learn something. We are strong advocates of women empowerment and leadership. We provide scholarships for women, children and youth (especially girls) from elementary to graduate school level. We support literacy for women. We are also using the media to speak out about what we are doing to address the social justice issues in our country and around the world. Personally, I provided donation through the National United Methodist Women office to support the call to reunite families of migrants pursuing peace and safety at the US borders. Our prayer and hope is for women around the world to unite and make a difference both at home and abroad.



CUMW SUPPORT TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITH MOBILITY CARTS



WOMEN IN ADULT LITRACY CLASS



Women at the training center



Women Quick Impact Training



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UMW ASSEMBLY 2018



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