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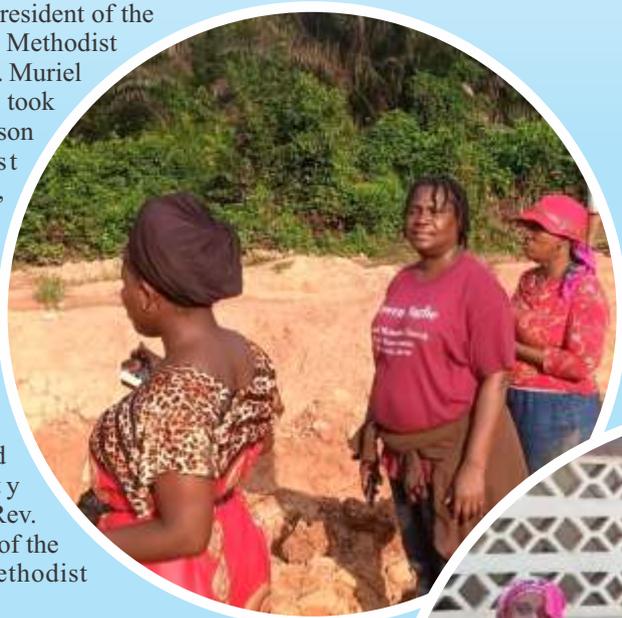
PICTORIAL OF THE CUMW ASSESSMENT TEAM'S TOUR IN SINOE COUNTY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SET FOR 74TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

-With the Theme: "Bold To Go"

By: Leona Y. Gono-Program Co-coordinator, CUMW.

On December 29, the President of the Conference United Methodist Women (CUMW), Dr. Muriel Nelson, along with her team, took an assessment tour to Gbason Town United Methodist Mission, Sinoe District, regarding the preparation of her 74th Annual Assembly. The team met with the District President, Mother Jerrilyn Klay, of the Sinoe District Conference and staff of her office. Among the Office Staff was Mr. Moses Yarmah, the dean of the United Methodist University Agriculture College; and Rev. P.K. Benin, the Senior Pastor of the Gbason Town United Methodist Church. The Assessment delegation was wholeheartedly welcomed.



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CUMW LEADERSHIP WITH GOMPA WOMEN



CUMW president with the Gompa women



A brief stopped at the Gompa District Superintendent Rev. Aaron N. Yankie District office

CUMW Girls Hostel

CUMW Training Center



Edwina C. Togba

I am Edwina C. Togba, now a sophomore student at the United Methodist University of Liberia. My educational future was bleak until I was awarded scholarship in 2018 by the United Methodist Women in Liberia.

Graduated in 2010, faced with challenges to fund my college education, and now age 39, I am still struggling to earn my first degree at this university. I am very grateful to the United Methodist Women Organization in Liberia for providing the scholarship that is now making my dream to become a reality.

As I continue my studies at the United Methodist University of Liberia, I want to let the global United Methodist Women know that their contribution is immensely helping lots of young women like me in Liberia. It is my prayer that God will provide the needed resources so that you can help me achieve my life-long dream of becoming social scientist through this scholarship.

Thank you

CUMW Sewing Program for Vulnerable Girls



The United Methodist Women operate a nine-month training program for vulnerable girls. The training is conducted in the UMU Girls' Hostel, and is done on a Circle basis. Each Circle runs for three months. At the end of the third Circle, graduation program is held. In 2020, a total of 50 (fifty) women enrolled into the program. However, the school closed in 2020, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. We look forward to reopening the School in February of the New Year (2021).

We sent our profound gratitude to all our donors for completing the Girls' Hostel which allows room for the Sewing Program. We pray for God's continued financial blessings to you to continue your Christ-based Humanitarian help.

We also pray for Jehovah's financial blessings to other passionate promoters of God's Works who wish to assist on this skill acquisition Program for the economic empowerment of members, for the growth of the Church, and for the development of the Nation.

Lofa Woman In Peace And Leadership Training



Tappita Women Leadership Training



The road we must travel in the name of ministry. Over 300 Bold Women will travel this road next week for our Women Assembly. The road is rough. The fare is high, but the price is right. We must live out our theme "Bold To Go". I am God's witness that God will never leave us nor forsake us. We must meet the Kingdom's goal. Amen.

Muriel V. Nelson, **President - CUMW**

Grand Bassa and Sinoe high way



Bishop Samuel J Quire Jr. Breaks Ground for CUMW village



CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

73RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Camphor Mission, Grand Bassa County

On January 20-26, 2020, the 73rd Annual Assembly and Anniversary of the Conference United Methodist Women was convened with the St. John River District Conference in Grand Bassa County.

The assembly held under theme: **THE POWER OF BOLD!** With text taken from Luke 1: 26-38 Brought together about 400 women at the Camphor United Methodist Mission in Grand Bassa County.

The annual assembly of the Conference United Methodist Women is an annual gathering that brings together united

Methodist women from local churches around the country to fellowship through experience and knowledge sharing, capacity building, as well as enhance their spiritual growth as Christian women.

The assembly presents the space where women's leadership and economic skills are developed. It also provides the opportunity for women to be creative and expand their mission in carrying out the purpose and vision of the UM Women in Liberia.



Story Highlights

73rd Annual Assembly

Thursday In Black

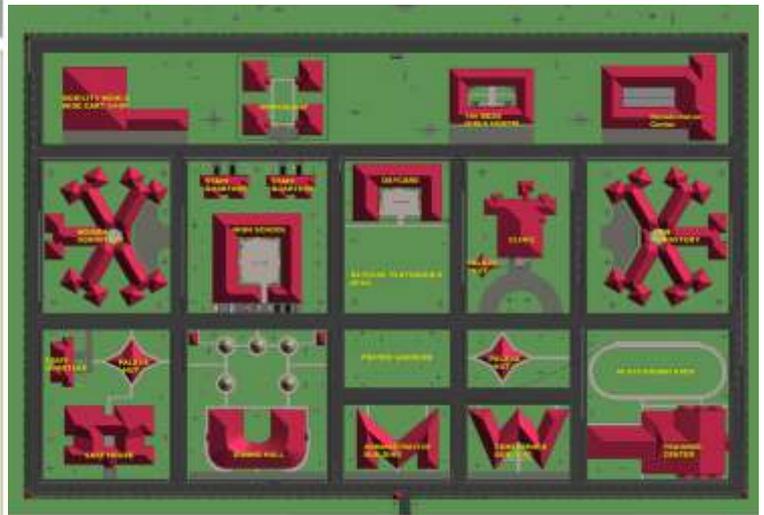
CUMW Queen

Peace, Reconciliation, and Leadership

UMW Village

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

CUMW COVID-19 Response



UMW Village Graphic design

Awareness: Violence Against Women

The conference United Methodist women, through the visionary leadership of its president, Mother Muriel Nelson, has secured several acres of land across the country for the United Methodist Church in Liberia. According to the president, mother Muriel Nelson, the properties are the future homes of the United Methodist Women Village.

These properties are situated in three counties including, 20 acres of land in River Gee, 20 acres in Kakata/ Farmington River District and 50 acres in Gbanga, Bong County. The official launch of these properties was conducted on Monday, February 17, 2020.

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

WFM and Uniting Church Women - UMW

The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women is a global fellowship of Christian women from the Methodist, United and Uniting churches. Each belongs to their own national Unit, and these Units are grouped into nine geographical Areas. M-WiB is the British Unit of the World Federation, and joins with the Ireland Unit to form the Europe-Britain and Ireland Area.

The purpose of the World Federation is:

- to be a support group for women acting as a catalyst in their faith and actions;
- to promote the interests of women in all areas of life, in spiritual growth, equality, development and peace;
- to work towards the recognition of the equal status of women;
- to facilitate, encourage and actively promote leadership training for women;
- to be a voice for Methodist, United and Uniting Church women.

These aims are illustrated in the World Federation logo, the Tree of Life (the name also given to its quarterly magazine), and are summed up in its motto: To Know Christ and To Make Him Known. Dr. Muriel V. Nelson, who is the Conference President of the United Methodist Women Liberia was elected in 2018 as the incoming President of the West Africa Area of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. The Installation will be held at the 14th World Assembly in Gaithersburg, Sweden in 2022.



CUMW COVID-19 Response

In Response to the fight against COVID-19, the Conference United Methodist women (CUMW) skills training program produced 1,500 face masks and distributed handouts, soaps, hand sanitizers and community care kits to the communities. This was the CUMW way of supporting the health agenda and ensuring that all the preventive measures are followed to reduce the spread of the virus. A sum of \$500.00 was also donated to the LACUMC COVID-19 Taskforce to support the church's fight against covid-19.

THURSDAY IN BLACK

Awareness: Violence Against Women

Among several activities which took place at the women annual conference, one of them was the commemoration of day, Thursday in Black. Violence against women is prevalent across Liberia. Thursday in Black is a day set aside by rights-based activists or women groups in solidarity with women and girls whose rights have been violated through the use of domestic violence and abuse and all forms of gender-

based violence. Women groups (religious & non-religious) and rights base organizations are seeking justice for survivor and families of victims of violence.

The Conference United Methodist Women, (a group of Christian women), is also calling for justice for survivors and families of victims of gender-based violence.

On Thursday-January 23, 2020, about 300 Conference United

Methodist women attired in black t-shirts, paraded in the principal streets of Buchanan city in solidarity with victims/survivors of SiGBV.

Speaking as guest speaker at the indoor ceremony, Rev. Dr. Theresa Smith, spoke on women's health issues and what women go through when dealing with these issues. Also gracing the occasion was the Deputy Minister for Gender, Alice Howard.



Clergies prepare communion at the seat of the 74th annual Assembly

Embrace the Vision, Method Women Semi-Annual News letter, Made purposely to showcase the works, and achievements of United Methodist Women Liberia and appeal the local and international communities to our annual activities.

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Conference United Methodist Women Activity Report Template

Title of Activity	Women Quick Impact PROJECT				
Activity Dates	August 10-15,2020				
Location of Activity	Conference United Methodist training Center, 13st Monrovia, Liberia				
Strategic Objective/Key Change Promise (KCP) you are contributing towards	<p>-Strengthening the capacities of United Methodist Women through Village Saving and Loan Association at the conference level and empowering districts to incorporate their local churches</p> <p>-Promoting Social Justices</p>				
Persons/organizations/groups in attendance	United Methodist Women from three Pilot districts;; Monrovia, Kakata/Farmington and St. Paul				
Total number reached by activity	Age	Below 18 years	18-35 years	36+ years	Total
	Female	0	0	22	22
	Male	0	0	0	0
Summary of Finances	Planned Budget			Actual Budget	
	£10,000			£1500	
Background to the activity	<p>The Conference United Methodist Women conducted needs assessment in 2018 and realized that women needed training in livelihood skills to support and sustain their family; pay tithes and offering and become active and supportive members in their churches and communities. From this assessment conducted, it was understood that most of the women we spoke to asked for skills training and bible studies. Also during the West Africa Area Seminar – “knitting it together” session, most groups expressed the need for skills training and spiritual growth development amongst the women.</p> <p>From this background, we were able to apply and acquired a grant to help 300 women. However, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic and delay in funding, the organization was able to train only 22 women from three districts in Village saving and Loan Associations and basic product making including household sanitation products like soap, bleach, air freshener, disinfectant, and other body care products including hair grease and perfume that will benefit women and children. These trainings were aimed to develop urban and local women set up small businesses for those who graduated from the quick impact Skills Training initiative.</p> <p>This initiative will help women know how to manage and sustain a small business and create the opportunity for them to expand the knowledge gained to more women by building their capacities economically to support their families and rise above the dependency syndrome of women always looking up to men before survivor.</p>				

Conference United Methodist Women Activity Report Template

	<p>This initiative will also create an enabling environment for women to come together to learn, study the bible, share love and fellowship and build a network of support in their churches, communities and around the country.</p>
<p>Purpose/objective(s) of the activity</p>	<p>Empowerment for all United Methodist Women</p>
<p>Methodology and tools used during the activity</p>	<p>Signing sheets, Training Modules, presentations group work, materials distributions and Photos</p>
<p>Provide a brief description of what transpired, including achievements, strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and any other observations made</p>	<p>Because Women make up over half the total population of Liberia in both rural and urban areas, most women are the bread winners for their homes. With the societal influence, culture and traditions held women back from school for so long. Today women forming part of the highest percentage of the illiteracy rate; they work the hardest and longest everyday but are the poorest year round; and many lack the basic livelihood skills to provide for the daily living of their family. Although some are engaged in small businesses and may be successful, but most are still struggling and have little or no understanding and experience of how to measure profits and sustain their businesses. Many families in Liberia live in abject poverty and struggle daily to survive on less than fifty United States cents (\$0.50) a day. Living in such an unjust situation, call for God's gracious intervention.</p> <p>Therefore, the Conference United Methodist Women Organized a six days capacities building and skills training program with 22 women ages from 39 to 68 years.</p> <p>In both Village saving and Loan Association (VSLA) and Home cosmetic (soap, perfume, hair grease, bleach, and disinfectant) for use on the local market. For now the training affected three Pilot districts; (Monrovia, Kakata/Farmington and St. Paul that were represented by five participants each from a district and wish to group thirty per team for training and groups of tens per team for small business creation and sustainability. After training and graduation, three hundred and fifty (350) United States Dollars seed money was given to each district president to set up a business in the area of their training. Each business will be monitored and evaluated on a monthly basis to ensure good management and accountability skills. After 6 months, each district will be expected to pay back one third (1/3) of the seed money invested in their small business. After the second six month, each district will be expected to pay the second one 1/3 of the</p>

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	<p>seed money. At the end of the third six month of the business, the three pilot districts will be expected to pay the balance one third (1/3) of funds invested in their business. Based upon the evaluation of their performance, they will qualify for a one time grant to support and sustain their business. In addition, each district is expected to train other women in their community working with the module and support of this initiative. During the training, the women will be engaged in daily bible study in order to advance their faith in Jesus Christ and reflect on their circumstances in relation to what God has called women to do.</p> <p>This activity took place at Women Center on 13th street sinkor, Monrovia With participants fully participating.</p> <p>We were able to reach (22) women with the total of 22 women with ages from 39yrs to 68yrs, and were certificated at the end of the training.</p>
<p>Emerging Issues and Next steps</p>	<p>-During the training, participants Princess and Nancy were able to trained the women in masks making and usable sanitary pads -Also participant Warwaye Davies was able to give the women idea on how to make ginger candy</p> <p>-Challenges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the training could not cover many women due to fear of Covid-19 2. The money was not enough to cover large numbers of women from around the country <p>-Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The women recommend more training be conducted for all conference women at local church levels around the country



Product making



Group photo after training



Production of ginger candies



VSLA Training



Disinfectants

CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ACTIVITY

Village Saving and Loan Association Training (VSLA)



Home Cosmetic



Ginger chips production



Home made sanitary pads and masks production



CUMW distribute mobility carts





Deaconess Martha F. Sayor and Crew



House Members Conference Officials



House of Mth. Comfort T. N Logan



Edmonia Davies House in action



House of Clarice Karoarloweah



House of Mth. Etta Wright



House of Mth. Eugenia Sampson -Cooper



Group Photos of Utbuntu Members



House of Mth. Comfort T. N Logan in Swen's Town during thier Distributions, gave help some community members by grilling their cassava used to produce local Gari



The Conference United Methodist Women in Observant of Sexual Gender Base Violence on Thursday with a Grand Marched



The Republic of Liberia R.L)



President of the Conference United Methodist Women Observed Thursday's in Black



Mth. Muriel V. Nelson, President Conference United Methodist



Queen Lydia Samnagon chapter in Pactorial



Official Opening of the Conference



Prof. Weada Kobbah Boley -VP for Institutional Development and planning, University of Liberia, Speaks on Gender and communication At The Seat Of The 74th Annual Assembly



Conference United Methodist Women Appreciation Hour



the VP of the CUMW Mth. Lucia Herbert And The Secretariat



Mth. Princess Jusu ans Sis. Nancy Carew Trained the women how to produce local Sanitary Pads and Face Mask Production



Ludo Games



Recreations Session, R.L challenges the young women



Tonk Session



Yellow House in Wolloh,s Town giving helping hands to community dwellers



Directress, Mth. Pauline N. Roberts and Mth. Theresa Davies, Lay Leader



Green House in Swen,s Town Distributing some clothes and Toiletries to community dwellers



Rev. Daisy Sarah Nyehei Gbloh, Assembly Closing speaker and Mth. Muriel V. Nelson, Conference President



The President and her Hard working Team dancing Satan is too late after the 74th Annual Conference



Rev. Daisy Sarah Nyehei Gbloh, Assembly Closing speaker



Choir in Action



Closing Session



Thanks Mth. Elizabeth W. Dempster for the Hard-work



Our Hard working Secretarial,Mth. Kuku E. Collins and Mth. Ophelia J.S. Kennedy



Rev. Daisy Sarah Nyehei Gbloh, Assembly Closing speaker



Our Sierra Leone sister challenges her Liberian sisters



CUMW President and team in New Town while on their Missionary Journey to the South East



Rev. Dr. Juhukon Sarwolo Nelson Jr., President Of The University Of Liberia At The Seat Of The 74th Annual Assembly Speaks on The Future Of The United Methodist Church



CUMW President and team in New Town while on their Missionary Journey to the South East



Mth. Nelson brief talked with the young people in Fish Town, River Gee County



The people of Barrobo district received Mth. Muriel V. Nelson and her team



The Launched of our UMCOR & CUMW Anti-Human Trafficking Project in Fish Town, River Gee County



Sara Mentueh and Mth. Nelson in action during Skills Training in Barrobo



Home Cosmetic Session in Behwen, Garraway District



The District President Theresa Nah of Harper, Maryland County welcomes Mth. Nelson and team Traditionally



Mth. Comfort Nyenah -Queen of 2021-2022



Mth. Comfort Nyenah -Queen of 2021-2022 and Sweetheart



Skills Training in Baclayville, Grand Kru



Skills Training in Baclayville, Grand Kru



Participants in Nana Kru



Skills Training and Leadership in Nana Kru



Mth. Roberts performed her roles and responsibilities as a mother by fetching fire woods to prepared food for the team in Nana Kru upon arrival



Skills Training and Leadership in Garraway District



Challenges the team encountered while on their journey because of bad road



Leona Gono, CUMW hardworking program coordinator



Challenges the team encountered while on their journey because of bad road



Vaseline Production and Packaging by Mth. Nelson and Mth. Roberts



Nyema Dunbar speaks on Anti-Human Trafficking and Referral Pathway



Women in joyous mood after Skills Training Sessions in Cesto City, Rivercess County

Challenges faced in route to the South East



Skills Training And Leadership Session In Cesto City, Rivercess County

Skills Training And Leadership Session In Moweh, Rivercess County



Women in joyous mood after Skills Training Sessions in Cesto City, Nana Kru



CUMW Regional Missionary, Finda Quiwa visits Liberia



Mrs. Benenta J. Tarr VP for Administration, University Of Liberia Speaks On Sexual Gender Base Violence



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WORLD FEDERATION DAY CELEBRATION



Mr. Cletus Seah Coordinate Activities Of The Queen Contest At The Seat Of The 74th Annual Assembly



CUMW Mission Accomplished, Backed From The Conference

The Conference United Methodist Women of Liberia Annual Conference recently celebrated the World Federation Day. The celebration service was held at the Miller McAllister United Methodist Church in Ganta City, Nimba County from Friday October 23, to Sunday October 25, 2020. As part of the celebration, a workshop was held on Saturday October 24, with a total number of 79 women in attendance.

The workshop focuses on key issues including 1. Why SDGs three (3) matters, and how it can be achieved, 2. Wellness of the Biblical Perspective and 3. Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child health.

During the conference, the participants (Women) were made to understand that Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) three are internationally agreed upon as relevant social, economic and environmental and are the targets for 2030.

These goals such as safe drinking water, good roads, healthy and clean environment are all examples of SDGs3. Wellness from the Biblical perspective has to do with individual self-Spiritual life and living exemplary lives in line with biblical principles which will keep us focus on the goals and plans of our Heavenly Father for our lives.

Additionally, Maternal, Newborn and Child health has to do with taking care of oneself in order to have a healthy family and to protect ourselves and our babies from death.

The women were inspired to share their personal stories and experiences with others and much was achieved. Women were also excited to go out and start to educate their families, the community dwellers and others about everything that they had learned.

The celebration was climaxed with a worship service on Sunday, where the main aspect of the Federation Day was observed and also the coronation of the Conference United Methodist women was inaugurated.

The 2020 celebration of the World Federation Day program, Glory to God! Amen.

CUMW Newsletter

A Bi-Annual Publication of the Conference UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (CUMW) of the United Methodist Church of Liberia.

Made purposely to showcase the works and achievements of United Methodist Women Liberia, and update the local and international community about our annual activities.

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