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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"

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n 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 74thAnnual 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

The Assessment delegation was wholeheartedly welcomed.

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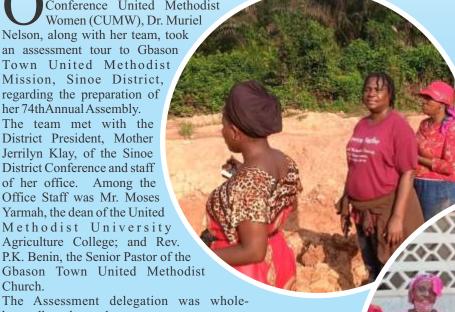
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Vol. 1

Vulnerable Girls

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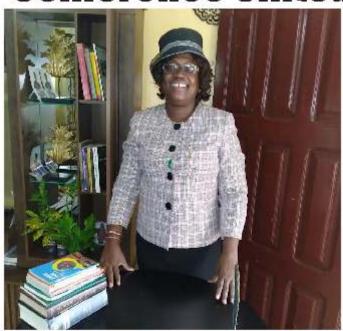
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PICTORIAL: CUMW LEADERSHIP WITH GOMPA WOMEN



Conference United Methodist Women



Dr. Muriel V. Nelson, President of the Conference United Methodist Women

Por over 80 years, the Conference United Methodist Women has been in mission and service to women, children and youth in Liberia.

The first president of the organization was Mthr. Anna E. Cooper (1940-1947) and the current president is Dr. Muriel V. Nelson (2018-present). The establishment of the CUMW website is a mile stone in a long journey to empowering the women and carrying out its vision and mission.

The motro of the Conference United Methodist Women is: "Not

for ourselves but for others".

This portrays our passion to serve and love others in Jesus' name.

The Conference United Methodist Women is a community of women from the twenty districts and two circuits of the Liberia Annual Conference. Our purpose is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ as we develop a creative, supportive fellowship that expands the concept of mission through participation in various ministries to the poor, homeless, marginalized and destitute.

Our primary emphasis is to reach out to women, children and youth.

The scope of conference United Methodist Women's work includes advocacy and service for women, children and youth. The organization gives voice to the unheard and raises awareness to justice issues that affect the well-being of women, children and youth.

We engage those in authority on behalf of women, children and youth in their community. Advocacy allows us to foster change with compassion and promote life in all its abundance for all of God's people.

Conference United Methodist Women actively participates in God's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who are transformed through Bible study, prayer and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

We operate training centers that empower women to have skills that will enable good paying jobs. We manage a day care/preschool in our community to prepare children for elementary school. Conference United Methodist Women also focuses on women's rights, health care, economic justice, child advocacy and global issues.

We partner with several international organizations including United Methodist Women, The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, Women of Prayers and Praise, God's Love Center, and Women Deliver to improve the lives of women and children throughout the world.

Our Vision is: "turning faith, hope and love into action for women children and youth".



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Women For Producing Our
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Peace, Reconciliation and Leadership

Loto River & Topp to Districts - UMW

Blessed are the peace maker for they shall be called the children of God. Where ever the human race is situated there will be misinterpretation, misunderstanding and mixed emotions in the mist of competing ideologies but, the ability to handle these differences in a way that still maintains a united body amidst the circumstance is the art of leadership.

The Conference United Methodist Women under the leadership mother Muriel Nelson, conducted a series of successful peace and reconciliation meetings in Lofa River District and Tappita district in March 2020 The purpose of the meetings was to reunite and reconcile women who were previously districts field and had differences with each other to their respective districts to continue working in the master's vineyard.

The peace and reconciliation meetings were held with Lofa River Dispict Women from March 11-12, 2020 at the Gorlu UMC with 65 women in attendance, while the Tappita District Women peace and reconciliation meeting was held from March 13-15, 2020 at the First UMC in Tappita city with 35 women in attendance



Mother Pauline N. Roberts, Directress of the Conference United Methodist Women

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

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



he 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



he 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













CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

73RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Camphor Mission, Grand Bassa County

Ois 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 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

where women's leadership and

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

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Thursday In Black

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CUMW COVID-19

Response



Awareness: Violence Against Women

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

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

The Conference United Methodist Women, (a group of Christion 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 tshirts, paraded in the principal streets of Buchatean city in solidarity with vectime/survivors of S/GBV.

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



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 Gbarnga, 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 witness

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 mutto: To Know Christ and To Make Him Known. Dr. Muriel V. Nelsun, 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 (C. ...VW) still straight program produced 1,500 more masks and distributed among schools, local chardness and community awaiters in the communities. This was the C. ...VW way of supporting the health against and containing that off the proventive measures are followed to reduce the spread of the view. A sum of \$1500 and each of the chard to the LAC II MC Community that for the support the chard's right against covid 19.

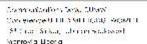






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Conference United Methodist Women Activity Report Template

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	-Strengthening the capacities of United Methodist Women through Village					
Promise (KCP) you are	Saving and Loan Association at the conference level and empowering					
contributing towards	districts to incorporate their local churches					
	-Promoting Social Justices					
Persons/organizations/groups in	United Methodist Women from three Pilot districts:; Monrovia,					
attendance	Kakata/Farmington and St. Paul					
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	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.
Purpose/objective(s) of the activity	Empowerment for all United Methodist Women
Methodology and tools used during the activity	Signing sheets, Training Modules, presentations group work, materials distributions and Photos
Provide a brief description of what transpired, including achievements, strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and any other observations made	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. 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. 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 one 1/3 of the

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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.

This activity took place at Women Center on 13th street sinkor, Monrovia

With participants fully participating.

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.

Emerging Issues and Next steps

- -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

-Challenges:

- the training could not cover many women due to fear of Covid-19
- The money was not enough to cover large numbers of women from around the country

-Recommendation:

 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

Villege Saving and Loan Association Training (VSLA)













Ginger chips production



Home made sanitary pads and masks production







CUMW distribute mobility carts









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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 Rebulic of Liberia R.L)

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







Mth. Muriel V. Nelson, President Conference United Methodist







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

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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







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



Choir in Action



Rev. Daisy Sarah Nyehei Gbloh, Assembly Closing speaker



Closing Session



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. Julukon 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





Skills Training and Leadership in Nana Kru

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

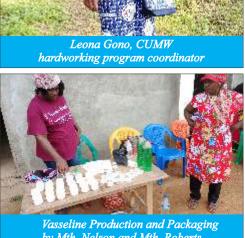


Skills Training and Leadership in Garraway District





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



by Mth. Nelson and Mth. Roberts



Nyema Dunbar speaks on Anti-Human Trafficking and Referral Pathway



Challenges faced in route to the South East



Skills Training And Leadership Session In Moweh, Rivercess County







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





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



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





WORLD FEDERATION DAY CELEBRATION



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



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



CUMW Mission Accomplished, Backed From The Conference

he 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.

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