



# Visions

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**United Methodist Women North Central Jurisdiction  
Quadrennial Meeting in Sioux Falls, SD**

*June 26-28, 2020*

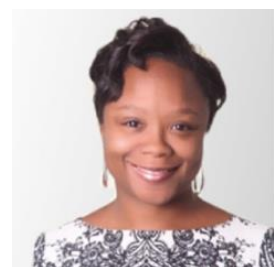
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**Calling** each of **u** to attend North Central Jurisdiction (registration fee \$260 until May 15, 2020) June 26-28, 2020. We will be gathering at Best Western Ramkota (3200 W. Maple St., Sioux Falls, SD) for election of Directors and 2021-2024 North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team, participation in Ubuntu projects and workshops, along with celebration of Legacy Fund and fellowship with members of the North Central Jurisdiction. Hotel reservations (single/double Occupancy \$114.99/night if requested by May 26, 2020) may be secured by calling 605-336-0650 and asking for the UMW NCJ Event. Event registration and further details can be located on the website: **UMWNCJ.org**



**NCJ 2020 Event Keynote Speaker:** Bishop Tracy S. Malone is the Resident Bishop of the Ohio East Area, which includes the East Ohio Conference in the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist. She was elected to the Episcopacy in 2016.

She currently serves as president of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and is a member of the Board of Trustees at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. As resident bishop, she also serves on the Boards of Trustees at our United Methodist-affiliated colleges, seminaries and organizations in East Ohio.



**NCJ 2020 Event Spiritual Guide:** Rev. Dr. Michele E. Watkins serves under appointment as the Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of San Diego, teaching courses in the early church tradition Black and Womanist theologies, and Religion and Hip-Hop.

Dr. Watkins' is presently working on her monograph tentatively titled Deification for the Desacralized, which places Womanist theologians in conversation with Greek patristics and Orthodox Theology to construct a meaningful interpretation of the Eastern doctrine of thesis.

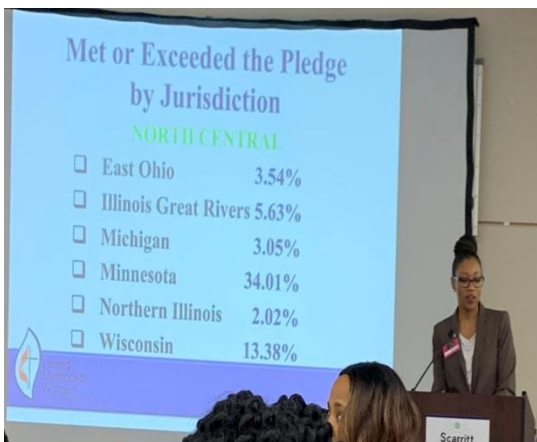
## Words from North Central Jurisdiction President

Greetings my Sisters: As you continue on your Lenten journey, may your Resurrection Sunday bring you bright and new insights with your spiritual growth.

Recently I attended the Leadership Development Days in St. Louis, MO. It was a great time of learning and fellowshiping! The opportunity to meet new and renew friendships always puts me in a happy space.

Most recently at our last quadrennial Program Advisory Group Meeting (PAG) in Nashville, TN, it was again so rewarding but sad at the time: happy as we renewed friendships, prayed, worshipped, learned and celebrated, and sad because now we will be meeting through technology and at Assembly but no longer face to face each quarter.

During our jurisdiction gathering at PAG, I learned Indiana has a new conference president. Kathy welcome! If there are any other new conference presidents, please let me and our secretary know. The PAG members shared the good works that were taking place in the conferences. Yes, we are putting, "faith hope and love into action." Continue to safely love your neighbors.



I was so proud to stand and say, "Yes, I am the North Central Jurisdiction President" when the National Office treasurer reported we had the most conferences who met or exceed their goals.

**Congratulations!**

As we continue to plan for our awesome quadrennial event June 26-28, 2020 in Sioux Falls, SD, the UMW has put forth a Jurisdiction Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force. Let us keep the other jurisdictions uplifted in prayer, as their events are scheduled for March and April 2020. We will update if the North Central Jurisdiction dates are rescheduled due to the current pandemic.

We hope you participated in Day of Giving March 23rd. Please consider to become a Legacy Builder for a minimum pledge of \$18.69 a month. Donate "In Honor" of or "In Memory of" someone you hold dear.

Stay healthy and safe in this time of uncertainty as you continue your mission work.

With a Servant's Heart, *Rita L. Smith*

Bottom row to top left to right – Ruby (Michigan)  
Mildred (Northern Illinois) Rita (NCJ President)  
Cindy (National Secretary) Mary (Wisconsin)

Second row left to right: Donna (Dakotas) Shannon  
(National President) LaVonna (Illinois Great Rivers)

Top row left to right: Taylorie (Michigan) Jane  
(West Ohio)

Not Pictured: Susanne (Michigan), Charlotte (East  
Ohio). Amanda (Iowa)



PAG Members

## **North Central Jurisdiction Event Schedule**

### **Thursday, June 25, 2020**

5 PM - 7 PM ~ Early Registration open (Ubuntu participants)

### **Friday, June 26, 2020**

8 AM - 12 noon ~ **Ubuntu** Events (box lunch for Ubuntu participants)

10 AM - 1:30 PM ~ General Registration open

Cokesbury Store and Hospitality Area open

Non-Ubuntu participants, lunch on your own

2 PM ~ **Opening of NCJ 2020!**

3:00 PM ~ Voting Delegates & Director Candidates Meet/Greet

3:00 PM ~ Town Hall Meeting for non-voting attendees

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ~ Dinner at hotel for all attendees

7 PM - 9 PM ~ Opening Plenary/Presentation

### **Saturday, June 27, 2020**

6 AM - 6:30 AM ~ Morning fitness

7 AM - 8 AM ~ Breakfast for all participants

8 AM - 9 AM ~ Second Plenary/Presentation

9:30 AM ~ Voting Session for Voting Delegates & Director Candidates

Non-voting participants view voting process, Cokesbury Store, Hospitality Area

10 AM – 11:30 AM Native American support needs

12 noon - 1 PM ~ Lunch for all participants

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM ~ First workshop!

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM ~ Second Workshop!

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM ~ Last Chance Exhibit Area,  
Cokesbury Store, etc.

6:00 PM - 9 PM ~ Celebration Night!

### **Sunday, June 28, 2020**

6 AM - 6:30 AM ~ Morning fitness

7 AM - 8 AM ~ Breakfast for all participants

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM ~ **Closing Plenary/Presentation &**  
Worship

11:30 AM ~ Depart for home to share North Central Jurisdiction experience with everyone







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(Left to right)**

- Rosa Bernard – Committee on Nominations
- Kady Herr-Yang – Committee on Nominations
- Linda Blazek Garvin – Secretary
- Rita L. Smith – President
- Bobbi Larson – Chair of Nominations
- Peggy Cope – Treasurer
- Cynthia Rose – Committee on Nominations
- Mildred Braddock – Committee on Nominations