

### How to Become a Charter Club

In order for a local unit to become a member of the Racial Justice Charter Club, the unit must carry out one activity from each section during a calendar year. Thereafter, the unit must complete one activity annually. If membership lapses, the unit must begin again with three activities.

Local units will work with and report to their District Mission Coordinator for Social Action.

The Racial Justice Committee will meet for consideration of the revision of criteria annually.

Units will be recognized for becoming a Charter Club.

Questions? Contact, District Mission Coordinator for Social Action

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### Pacific Northwest Conference Racial Justice Charter Committee

Conference President  
Conference Social Action Coordinator  
Committee on Nominations Chair  
Conference Executive Board Member  
Member at Large  
District President

### PURPOSE

*The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*



### Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women

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### Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women



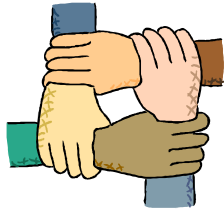
### Charter for Racial Justice Club



**This symbol represents a world of racially and ethnically diverse peoples working together side-by-side to create a world in which every person has a voice, rights and opportunity for abundant life. Within the image are two hands joined together to work for justice for all God's children.**

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God – Ephesians 2:19*

## Options for Fulfillment



### Unit Programming

- 1.) Devote a unit meeting or several circle meetings to studying and discussing the Charter. Report the topic and resource\* used; indicate name and qualifications of presenter; share some of the things learned.

(\*Presenters might include international students, a representative from a community church or a church of another ethnic group and/or religion, a member of your UMW district or conference, etc).

- 2.) Share regularly local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative). Forward those articles with a short report to your District Mission Coordinator for Social Action. We may use them for display at either the School of Christian Mission or the Conference Annual Meeting.
- 3.) Hold a letter-writing or postcard-writing party supporting or lobbying for racial justice legislation or policy.

### Unit Enrichment

- 1.) As a unit, attend a worship service of a church, synagogue or temple with a majority ethnic background different from your own. Be certain to inform the leadership of your intended visit
- 2.) Plan and present a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice.
- 3.) Present a program on equal education, housing, employment or medical care exploring how race may have been a factor or implicated in the area.
- 4.) Plan jointly with a group of a different racial/ethnic background:
  - a. ...programs from the UMW Program Resource Book at one or more meetings.
  - b. ...book reviews using books from the Reading Program with special emphases on books related to minority groups and persons.
  - c. ...study groups using one of the current [racial justice] study themes.
  - d. ...ecumenical resources on social justice



### Beyond the Local Unit

- 1.) Host an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event. Be certain to integrate a racial justice element into the programming.
- 2.) As a unit or with the church, sponsor a refugee family.
- 3.) Provide a space or childcare for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes.
- 4.) Have a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race.
- 5.) For one month scan the daily news media (TV/newspaper...advertising, pictures, and/or children's literature) to ascertain the degree of ethnic/(racial)/minority stereotyping portrayed. Use the information in one of the following ways:
  - a. Design and present unit programs
  - b. Share information with administrative body of your church
  - c. Share with Sunday School classes
  - d. Share with youth group
  - e. Publish results of survey in local, church news media.

### Tools / References\*

- **101 Tools for Tolerance**, the Southern Poverty Law Center
- **24 Ways to Respond to Grief and Hate and Build Community**, General Commission on Religion and Race
- Books from the **Reading Program**
- Programs from the **UMW Program Resource Book**
- Videos from the GBGM
- **Response and New World Outlook**, Magazines
- The *Charter for Racial Justice*.
- The **Resources for Racial Justice Handbook**