B-W Conference United Methodist Women - Diversity Today Unit Program

(Optional Charter for Racial Justice Implementation Tool)

Submission Form

Unit ____________________________________________________________ District ______________________________

Submitted By __________________________________________________________________________________________

Unit Status: Check one of the following:

____ DIAMOND Unit having completed 6 or more (2 or more from each of the 3 categories) of the following actions
____ RUBY Unit having completed 4 or more (2 from "Activities Beyond the Local Unit", 1 from each of the other 2 categories) of the following actions
____ PEARL Unit having completed 2 or more (1 from at least 2 different categories) of the following actions

Unit Programming Activities:
1. Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing Charter for Racial Justice Policies
2. Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book and/or "Tools for UMW Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice" handbook (Link on the bwcumw web page)
3. Participated in a Bible study on racism (examples available in "Resources for Racial Justice" handbook)
4. Watched and discussed videos related to racial justice
5. Invited an international guest to come and speak about their home country
6. Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
7. Regularly shared articles from Response and New World Outlook relating to racism

Unit Enrichment Activities:
8. Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Policies AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting
10. Purchased and discussed two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background
11. Participated in a qualifying UMW social action mission study
12. Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, e.g., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling, etc.

Activities Beyond the Local Unit:
14. Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
15. Sent one (1) member to Mission U to take the social action study
16. Held a postcard or letter writing campaign encouraging legislation supporting the economically deprived or challenged
17. Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own
18. Hosted an International tasting party, cultural fair or other event
19. Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, e.g., UMW Sunday, etc.

Guidelines:

1. Place an X beside your requested Unit Status (DIAMOND, RUBY, PEARL).
2. Place an X beside the numbered items you have completed in each of the above 3 categories. Numbers are sequential throughout the three categories to facilitate your submission.
3. Check the item on the Mission Today Unit criteria sheet to indicate, "Participated as a unit in the B-W Conference Charter for Racial Justice UMW Diversity Today Unit Program".

4. Local UMW Units: Forward your Unit's completed Form for the Charter for Racial Justice UMW Diversity Today Unit Program to your District UMW President on the same date the Mission Today Unit criteria is submitted to your District.

5. District UMW Presidents: Recognize units that qualify for DIAMOND, RUBY, or PEARL status at the District Annual Meeting. Forward the names / associated status of local units participating in the Diversity Today Unit Program to the B-W Conference Charter for Racial Justice Committee, Attn: Conference President, for inclusion in B-W Conference UMW annual documents.

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