

The 8 founders of the United Methodist Women met for the first time on a rainy and stormy day in 1869. Forming a group was a little unsettling and new for them, but they moved forward even in uncertainty. We are so glad they had the courage because look at the over 800,000 strong women of the UMW today!

As uncertainty continues to loom, the UMW continues to move forward and do the work we have committed to do. While we are doing this work in innovative and creative ways, the mission of the UMW has remained unchanged.

I encourage you to access the UMW main website, <u>https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/</u>. There you will find information about UMW virtual events, continued education, podcasts, and more.

Here at Centenary, we will also continue to move forward in our mission. Please know your UMW will remain active. This holds true for the District and Conference UMW, as well.

In light of this mission, we will have our regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the Bishop's orders, we will not meet physically. However, just as our founders, we will forge ahead with courage. I invite you to join me on Zoom for the very first Centenary UMW virtual meeting. At this meeting, we will conduct business as usual. The program will be the Prayer and Denial Service as presented by our Vice-President and me.

If you would like to join this Zoom meeting, please email or call me and let me know you would like to attend. I can give you instructions on how to join. Joining is simple and only requires you to click a link via the invite which I will send you by email. You have the option of joining via audio, video or both.

I look forward to seeing you virtually!

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