

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST
2011-2012
SOCIAL ACTION AWARD
September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012**

The purpose of the Social Action Award is to encourage every United Methodist Women's Unit to be involved in social justice issues and to work to ensure that the words of Micah 6:8, "...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God", become a reality by advocating for justice.

Social Action Award goals:

Required:

1. Choose one to three of the District's Social Action Priorities to work on as a unit. They are included in the Farmville District's Priorities for 2011. (Domestic Violence, Health Care, and Human Trafficking).

Social Action Priorities for unit _____

Choose from the following goals to qualify for a Social Action Award:

2. Unit will have at least one member, other than a District or Conference Officer, attend the United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly. Members name(s) _____

3. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will join the UMW Action Network, www.gbmg-umc.org/umw/aa.cfm and learn more about justice issues. Members' names _____

4. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will sign up to receive the Virginia Interfaith Center newsletter, www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org and use ideas from the newsletter to advocate for justice. Members' names _____

5. Two members of the unit, other than a District or Conference Officer, will sign up for action alerts from the General Board of Church and Society, www.umc-gbcs.org and share information on justice issues with the unit. Members' names _____

6. Unit will have a Racial Justice Program or participate in a District Racial Justice Program.

7. Unit will read at least three books on Social Action from the UMW Reading List. Books read: _____

8. Unit will have a Children's Sabbath Service highlighting the needs of children.

9.. Unit will have "green meetings" or make some other special effort toward saving God's earth (i.e. recycling, using glasses instead of disposable cups, use chlorine free paper, etc.). How was this achieved? _____

10. Unit will make a donation of goods, money, or service to Prison Ministries.

11. Unit will present a program or initiate a project based on the district's social action priorities. . Goal: _____

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How was goal achieved? _____

12. Unit will present a program on the "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church".

A Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete the one required item and at least 5 of the other goals.

A Silver Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete the one required item and at least 6 of the other goals.

A Gold Social Action Award Unit:

() Complete all of the Social Action goals.

UNIT/CHURCH _____

Number of members in your unit _____

President/Contact Person _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

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