

# 2021-2024 North Central Jurisdiction

## UMW Leadership Team

*The sole purpose of the North Central Leadership Team is to organize and present the 2024 Quadrennial meeting. The jurisdiction consists of conferences from Dakotas, East Ohio, Illinois Great Rivers, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Northern Illinois, Michigan, West Ohio, and Wisconsin.*



**President Marchelle "Micki" Phelps** is a native of Detroit MI and has lived, been educated, began her family, and worked in the city her entire life. She has a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Sociology from Wayne State University and a Master of Science in Administration (MSA) degree in Information Resource Management from Central Michigan University. Micki has one son (Jason Phelps). She retired from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MI in 2016, after 41 years of service. Micki has been a member of Conant Avenue United Methodist Church (UMC) in Detroit since 1975 and a United Methodist Women (UMW) member since 1990. Being a member of United Methodist Women has allowed Micki to put "Faith, Hope and Love in Action" through mission work for the UMW, the UMC, and life events.

**Vice President Patricia Bostic** is a thirty plus year member of United Methodist Women. Patricia has served as Conference Vice President and Spiritual Growth Coordinator for Detroit and Michigan Conference as well as a member of the steering committee to merge the conferences. Service continues a member on the Board of Justice on Committee of Status and Role of Women. Patricia is the mother of three children, grandmother of two, and caretaker of Mr. Simon a Siamese cat.



**Treasurer Sylvia Kempton** is a lay member and has served several years on the board of Springbank UMC in the West Ohio Conference, Shawnee Valley District. After retiring with 32 years in banking, Sylvia became more active with United Methodist Women outside of her local church. She served as WOC UMW treasurer for 6 years after completing 4 years as SHV UMW treasurer.

'United Methodist Women has kept me feeling that Call, to Make Mission Happen, grow spiritually and continue to learn. Also, we have a lot of fun at UMW gatherings.'

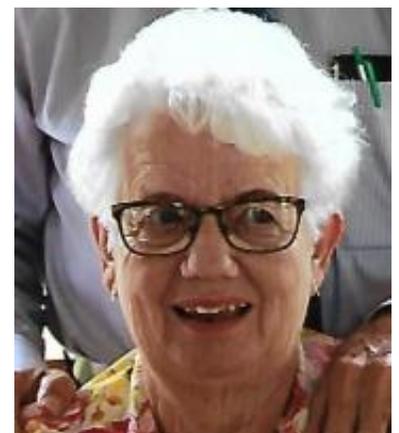
When not busy with UMW, Sylvia and husband enjoy family time.

**Secretary Becky Heeren** lives in Toledo, Iowa, and is a member of Christ United Methodist Church, where she leads the Missions Committee and teaches the Forever Young Sunday School Class. Becky has held several offices in my Local and District UMW, meeting many wonderful friends. More fabulous friends have come along as she served the Iowa Conference as Assistant Dean and Dean of Mission u, Secretary, and Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Becky is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and works part time as a Staff Counselor at Grinnell College. Becky has 4 grown-up children and 3 amazing grandchildren: Stella, Oliver, and Hazel (ask to see my pictures). Becky enjoys hobbies which include quilting, playing bridge, and going on long walks with my dog, Ozzie.



**Nominations Chair Elizabeth Everitt** has a passion for mission which came alive during summer church camps in both Iowa from fourth grade to eighth grade and in Illinois during the high school years and beyond as a camp counselor. Elizabeth has served as president of both Metro East District and Minnesota Conference UMW as well as various positions as officer for District and Conference United Methodist Women and as Emma Norton Services Board Chair. This continued passion to be involved in mission is why she said yes to serve as School of Christian Mission Assistant Dean and Dean as well as on the Regional School of Mission. Elizabeth appreciates how God has guided and directed her talents into service within the United Methodist Women and Church. Currently, Elizabeth is a piano teacher with students at her home studio in Lake Elmo holding a B. A. in Music, Music Education and Education and a Master of Music from the University of St. Thomas in Piano Pedagogy and Performance.

**Nomination Committee Virginia Coates** does not have history of attending local meetings of United Methodist Women with her mother since her mother did not become a member until after she did. For over fifty years, Virginia has worked joyously to help women of local units understand mission giving. Virginia been honored to have served beyond the local units in a number of satisfying, and sometimes strenuous, roles: district level Nominations Committee and Chair, Spiritual Growth, Membership, Social Action, Program Resources, Vice President, and President of two different districts; Conference level Spiritual Growth, Program Resources, Nominations, Dakotas Conference Liaison for the Legacy Fund, Assistant Dean and Dean Mission u; and Regional Secretary of Program Resources. Virginia has attended eight Assemblies taking along her mother-in-law, her daughter and her daughter-in-law in different years. Virginia is proud to say that UMW has been a joy in her life, always rejoicing to help others see the love we share with others around us everywhere.





**Nominations Committee Dr. Linda Johnson Crowell** holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee, a Master of Science in Social Administration (Social Work) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Crowell presents workshops and training on various topics, and she has spoken at numerous church programs and events. She also facilitates retreats for women's groups and church groups. A retired Social Work Professor, she resides in Cleveland, Ohio serving as Aldersgate United Methodist Church Chairperson of Church Council, sings in the Aldersgate New Vision Choir, a member of The Heritage Chorale, member on the East Oho Conference Board of Benefits, and is a member of the Bishop's 3 Cs mission committee.

**Nominations Committee Elizabeth (Beth) Jayapalan** did not grow up in the Methodist church (or EUB) attending occasionally with her maternal grandparents. As an adult, Beth attended one near where she lived, eventually a pastor's wife started inviting her to events, especially the one day event of the then School of Christian Mission (SCM). Since that time Beth has served on District and Northern Illinois Conference Leadership Teams, including Mission u, as well as serving locally. Beth has served as her church's Lay Member to Annual Conference, and with UMW as Treasurer, Communications, Nominations Chair, President, SCM Registrar and currently Secretary of Program Resources. She and her husband have been in the same location for 30 years, something that usually lasted no more than 3-4 years for all her growing up years and several of early adulthood years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.



**Nominations Committee Simmie Proctor** is a certified Lay Minister felt called into Healing and Anointing. Simmie helps with healing service in her local church, visits with shut-in congregation members, and keeps busy with being a part of local, district and conference United Methodist Women. Living in Michigan Conference, Simmie shares her life with husband Louis, three adult children, and growing grandchildren. Simmie is part of Happy Crafter which creates crocheted hats and scarfs for the community program along with crocheted blankets for the parenting program. Simmie feels she is living out the purpose of the United Methodist Women.