



Donna Hardway

Oklahoma Conference

Candidate for National Director - Alternate

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Donna has deep roots with UMW with a history that began in childhood. Her mother was active in Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) and she attended the children's classes at Mission School each summer throughout elementary school years. As a young adult in her early twenties, she became active in the UMW unit at her local church.

In her mid-twenties, she asked her mother to go with her to Mission School to see what the "grown-ups" had been doing all those years. She has attended what has become Mission U almost every year since. The study materials produced each year give the most enriching and meaningful Christian education experience available for the entire year.

In her mid-thirties, she served as District Secretary for the Tulsa District for two years. About ten years later, then served on the District Nominations Committee for two years. After moving to a small suburb of Tulsa, she helped reactivate a UMW Unit at the local United Methodist Church. Currently, Donna is serving as District Membership Chair for the Council Oaks District of the Oklahoma Conference.

When called to step in for one of our National Director candidates, it would be a blessing to bring a unique perspective/world view to the committee of National Directors. Currently, 64 years old and newly retired after a 42-year career as a math teacher at both the community college level and for grades 9 through 12. The district she taught in was a minority majority district. Over the years, she has participated in legislative actions for children, youth, and teachers in the Oklahoma Public School System.

Donna has two birth children and two children adopted from India. Her family has also hosted two foreign-exchange daughters and nine foster children in their home. Blessed with six grandchildren ages 6 to 13. All of these experiences have broadened and heightened her desire to be involved in serving missions that impact women, children and youth.