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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Even though we had been looking forward to our **May Friendship Celebration**, that plan became slimmer as the month of March progressed. This celebration and our Christmas Tea are always well attended as they provide us a chance to get reacquainted, meet new members and hear practical matters unique to our unit. This newsletter will provide an overview of our financial status, how our Layette project continues, and how our Board works together to accomplish our priority: Combating Hunger and Poverty - helping the needy in our midst.

In this spirit, we used the proceeds of a matured investment to provide a donation to the Helen Jenkins Davis Scholarship Fund, shore up our Emergency Assistance, and donated dollars to CHOICES and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank .

As you can see from the fiscal report, our membership is considerably lower because many members have not renewed in the past year. Because your membership contribution makes up our Operating Fund, we urge you to send in your \$10 check and renewal application (included with this mailing) as soon as possible so that our Columbus Unit can continue.

With hope that at our World Community Day Celebration in November we will have this pandemic behind us and be able to get together again.

Blessings to you all

**ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT CHAIR**

I pray everyone is staying safe with social distancing, hand washing and staying home. Please take note of Governor Mike DeWine's web page: [CORONAVIRUS.OHIO.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) to stay up to date with what is going on. Everyone has received by mail information on the **2020 CENSUS**. Forms need to be completed online or by US mail. The census data impacts everything from redistricting and the number of Congressional seats your state receives, to the billions of dollars that need to be allocated to over 100 federal programs serving your communities. These programs include: community mental health services, school lunch programs, highway construction, and federal Pell Grants. After May 13<sup>th</sup> census workers will come to homes that have not filled out the census. [\(read more-page2\)](#)

**IN MEMORIAM**

We are saddened to tell you that two of our members have passed on. Ulya P. Bunch died on March 13. She had been a long-time member of CWU and Union Grove Baptist Church. Shirley Doolittle died on February 29. She, too, had been a long-time supporter, served on the CWU Board for a period of time, and received the organization's Mustard Seed Award in 2010.

**LAYETTE COUNCIL REPORT**

I pray that everyone is being safe during this trying time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Be safe and continue to pray. **Our Layette project is not in operation during this time**. We will continue operation hopefully in May . We were able to prepare 164 layettes in 2019. In 2020 we are prepared to provide layettes for moms and babies who are in need. CWU is very excited about our new diaper bags that hold all the baby items for our layettes. Thank you to Central College Presbyterian Church . We appreciate the monetary assistance with the purchase of our new bags. Amanda Thomas is our faithful contact . She delivers donations often. Our monthly volunteers are Cornelia Haw, Debbie Lloyd, and Elissa Maclaughlin. We are still accepting donations of baby items to prepare our layettes. Currently we are in need of baby wash, towels, wash cloths, bibs, socks, and diapers (sizes 1 and 2). Monetary donations are accepted as well. We appreciate all who contribute to our layette project. Thank you again to everyone for your generous donations. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PAGE 2 FISCAL REPORT, THE LAYETTE FUND IS A SEPARATE UNIT FROM CWU BUDGET ITEMS BECAUSE IT IS SUPPORTED SOLELY BY YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

