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NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**BUILDING
TOGETHER**
THROUGH
LOVE IN ACTION IN 2022



Greetings, Sisters in Christ,

As you may have heard by now through the grapevine or in the March/April issue of Response Magazine, we have a new name, United Women in Faith. In 150 years in mission, our organization has had more than 25 names, each reflecting various times, ways women lived their lives and the states of union of our many predecessor denominations.

Beginning this year as United Women in Faith, our new name is a part of refreshment of our organization and includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new members. While this may seem sudden, this has been in the discernment process for the past quadrennium using past leadership and surveys from women of all ages. As of today, General Conference will not happen until 2024. During this

time of waiting, churches will leave the denomination and the denomination will change. Our new name lets women know they can remain a part of our organization. This is an exciting time as we continue the work of our foremothers and move forward together into the future.

While this all might seem a bit unsettling, please know that all our traditional structures will remain intact at all levels. The new tools and programs we all have access to are additional options to help you and your units better nurture current members, recruit new women into the organization and manage your unit's finances.



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Our new mission statement reflects our new name: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

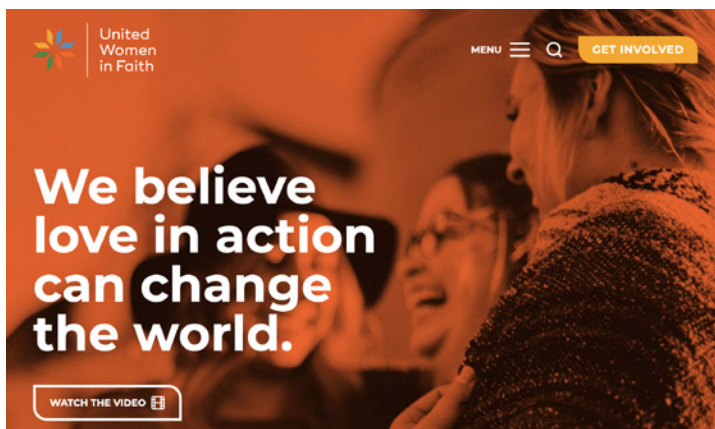
As I receive additional information, I will make sure your District President is given the tools and resources they need so we can make this transition together.



Stephanie Dressler, President

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We're a **sisterhood** acting in **faith** to tackle the **hard work** of the **world** without hesitation.



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The VP's Desk

The NGUMC website reports "Thanks to vaccinations and available mitigation protocols, the Annual Conference Planning Committee and The Classic Center staff feel confident that an in-person gathering can occur in June of this year." This means that the 2022 North Georgia Annual Conference and our Annual UWF Breakfast are on. Athens here we come! Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd, we are exploring how we can support UMCOR this year and will let you know once confirmed.

Additionally, Annual Meeting on October 1st is not far off. Thank you Griffin First UMC for hosting! We can't wait to fellowship with you!

Now that announcements are out of the way, please tell me: **WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?**

I am constantly looking for ways to make our events and meetings insightful, inspiring, and meaningful for you. You can help make them more so by sharing your ideas. What can we do, who can we invite, what talent, group, or speaker do you recommend? All ideas are welcomed and appreciated. You don't have to do any work (unless of course you want to). All you have to do is email or call me with your ideas.

It takes a village and I need you!



Love and peace,

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On Saturday, March 5, we held our biennial Faith, Fun, & Everyone event. The morning was inspiring and fulfilling. We started the day with a welcome by Stephanie Dressler, UWF Conference President, and prayer by Addie

Shopshire-Rolle, UFW Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator. We also had comic relief before starting our sessions.

We had three different workshops, the first was Midrash led by Olivia McKinsey and Deaconess

Lauren Breck from Zoar UMC, who presented the story of Ruth and Naomi in contemporary times. In the second workshop, "Give it God - Letter Writing," led by Pat Lee from Cedar Grove UMC, we learned some techniques for writing a letter to God, which helps us connect more fully with God. The third workshop was a preview of the book "Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness" by Amy Ogden, led by Rev. Dr. Nancy Long, Pastoral Care Counselor. In this session, we learned about the practice of mindfulness. Between the first and second sessions, we had a Centering exercise led by Sharon Kelly from Cedar Grove UMC,

which helped us center our spirit and become more aware of our body.

Thank you to the 228 who registered, for those who were unable to attend, we hope to have a recording of the plenary posted on the NGUWF website soon.

We thank God for a successful 2022 Faith, Fun, & Everyone event and look forward to the next in 2024.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

All About the Lenten and Easter Season

(Information taken from Various Sources on the Internet)

Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Why is it called Shrove Tuesday? It comes from the word 'shrive', which means to give absolution after hearing confession. So Shrove Tuesday is the day when people went to confession to prepare themselves for Lent, which begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday. So, the day before Lent they rid their homes of fatty foods including eggs, milk, sugar, syrups, and butter. All the ingredients needed to make pancakes. Rather than seeing the foods go to waste, they cooked them into pancakes to celebrate their final day of free eating.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for their sins. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from burning last year's blessed palm branches.

Forty Days (not counting Sundays) – March 2 – April 14, 2022

Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays (that means the season is technically 46 days long). The fact that it's 40 days has significance: Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and spent 40 nights in the desert before He began His public ministry.

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 10, 2022

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, where he received palm branches at his feet.

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 14, 2022 (Last day of Lent)

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper between Jesus and his disciples. Maundy Thursday is the last day of Lent. The word Maundy comes from the latin, 'mandatum', or 'command' which refers to the instructions Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper. In many countries the day is known as Holy Thursday and is a public holiday. Jesus is believed to have washed the disciples' feet before the meal in order to demonstrate the importance of serving others.

Good Friday – Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday kicks off the most momentous historical weekend of the year; Good Friday is the reason we have a resurrection Easter celebration. The first records of the term Good Friday come from the 1200s. The good in Good Friday doesn't mean "good" in the typical sense—it means "holy."

Because Christians observe Good Friday as the anniversary of the day that Jesus was crucified and died, it is typically treated as a day for somber reflection. Some people fast for the day or continue the fast they observed throughout Lent. In contrast, Easter is treated as a time of celebration.

Easter Sunday and Eastertide – April 17, 2022 plus 50 days

Easter Sunday, also called Resurrection Sunday, is celebrated on April 17th this year. Easter Sunday is the highest holy day of the Christian Year. Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

Why Does Easter fall on a Different Day each Year?

Because Lent always starts exactly 46 days before Easter Sunday, its dates always depend on Easter, which is a floating holiday. So how do we determine Easter? It's got a lot to do with the moon. According to Christian tradition, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox (and the Christian Church calendars state that the spring equinox always falls on March 21).

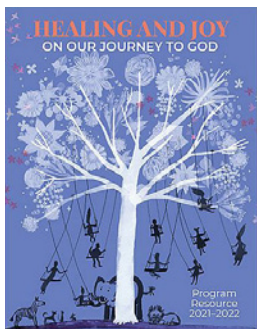
In 2022, the first full Moon after March 21 takes place on April 16, which means Easter falls on the following Sunday, April 17. Subtract 46 days from that and you get the first day of Lent, March 2.

Please note that Orthodox Christians in Europe, Africa and the Middle East celebrate Easter later than most in the western world. It's because they use a different calendar to work out what day Easter should fall on. For these Christians, Easter falls on Sunday, April 24, 2022 this year.

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Healing and Joy: On Our Journey to God



The 2021-2022 Program Resource will focus on finding healing and joy in many areas of our lives, guided by those in the scriptures who felt a similar need to find healing and joy in the midst of transition and hardship.

Given the events of the last year, our first three months will focus on finding God's healing and joy in the midst of grief and loss—whether that's throwing big parties

to celebrate returning to church like Nehemiah did, or quietly connecting with our ancestors' strength. The second quarter will delve into our mission commitments such as ending the school-to-prison pipeline and climate justice through our attention to just energy for all. The third quarter will explore finding healing and joy in our meaning-making and search for personal growth, while the final quarter will focus on finding healing and joy as we move into the future, and consider how we will share the gospel of United Methodist Women's spiritual and justice work and discomfort ourselves with change to make great new things with God possible.

New This Year: This past year we have learned that we, the United Methodist Women, can be much more creative than we knew, so each session (now helpfully organized into four quarters by

season) will have options for in-person or online gathering, and devotions and questions that are appropriate for personal study, sharing with one neighbor or friend, or for discussion in large groups. Ideas on how to "Take the Next Most Faithful Step" close each program, suggesting ways you can put the ideas discussed here into action right now. **Available through the e-store (\$10.00)**

The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books.

To participate, select one of our four plans and start reading! From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there's something for everyone.

Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the Reporting Form. When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition.

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. As you read, consider taking one or more of the following actions:

Track Your Progress

- **Share the program** with United Methodist Women members and members of the community.
- **Help people attain books.** Distribute this guide.
- **Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.
- **Display a progress chart** in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
- **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
- **Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues such as climate change, mass incarceration, immigration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

— Isaac Watts, published in 1707

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*



God bless you as you pray, study, act and organize in Christ's name.

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NOMINATIONS

Challenge Yourself to Serve

Greetings Sisters,

What an exciting time to be a United Methodist Women! God is doing a new thing and United Methodist Women are taking steps to fulfill our purpose in some new and improved ways. Are you ready to serve and be a leader in this great sisterhood to nurture our soul, grow in our faith and make a difference in our world? The conference executive team is looking for devoted women to serve with us on this journey. We will have several open roles to fill for next year. These roles are Social Action Coordinator, Committee on Nominations Chair, and

Committee Members. If you are interested in serving or know someone who would like to serve, please complete and submit the North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith Talent Search Form. Thank you in advance and we look forward to serving with you!



Tamara Askew
Chair, Committee on Nominations
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North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith Talent Search Form



1. Which role you would like to serve in? **(Add as many officer roles as necessary)**

President _____
Secretary _____
Communications Coordinator _____
Social Action Coordinator _____
Membership Nurture & Outreach _____
Member, Committee on Nominations _____
Chair, Committee on Nominations _____
Other _____

2. Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone number: _____
Church: _____
District: _____
Preferred Contact Method: _____
When will you be ready to serve: _____

Send to Tamara Askew, Chair, NGCUWF Committee on Nominations, **(tla.umw@gmail.com)** or reach out to any North GA Conference UWF Committee on Nominations Member

A TESTIMONIAL

About Serving

I became a part of the North GA Conference United Methodist Women Executive Team in January 2013, when I was elected as the Gainesville District President. Being President was never in my plan. I had served the district for the past four years as the Social Action Coordinator. I had enjoyed the friendships that I had acquired all over the district and wanted to remain a part of this UMW team. I volunteered to be the Historian, and then was asked to pray about being the President. Being a District President was not something that I could do. I was quiet and a behind the scenes kind of person; but God had another plan. As I prayed about this decision, I was touched by the words of my older sister who was suffering from cancer at that time. "You need to serve, because I can't". It was not about what I could do, but what God could do through me. I did not have an excuse, just my own fears. I was reminded of the Bible verse, 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I accepted God's invitation to serve, and my sister passed away before I was installed. God's plan was better than mine. He provided me with everything I needed; a supportive team of officers and prayer warriors from my local church and all across the Gainesville District. Being a District President meant that I represented my local district on the North GA Conference Executive team. This gave me another layer of supportive friends and prayer warriors. When my four-year term as District President ended, I was asked to serve as the North GA Conference UMW Secretary. Being a part of the Executive team blessed me in so many ways. I was

provided Leadership Training and saw how God was working in the lives of women all across North GA and all around the world. I was surrounded by the creative supportive fellowship that United Methodist Women enjoy and cherish. My last two years, I have had the opportunity to serve on the Conference Committee on Nominations. With our change from 12 districts to 8 and the effects of COVID, finding new leaders has been hard. God still has a plan. Maybe like me, the only thing holding you back is your own fear. It is time to consider God's plan for you, and accept with courage what He has in store for your life. Please say yes to a Leadership position in your local unit, District or on the Conference Level. God will bless you beyond your expectations. I know, because I have been truly blessed.



Diane West
Committee on Nominations
North Georgia Conference UWF



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

New Possibilities

At the beginning of a new year, we often take a look back at the previous year. During our Annual Meeting in October, you learned that we had found the need to reduce our Pledge to Mission from \$300,000.00 to \$280,000.00. This was necessary due to the effect the Pandemic has had on our units. While we did not meet that goal last year, we did better than the previous year.

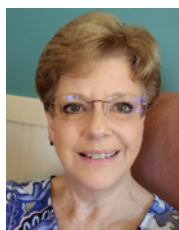
Mission Giving (Channels 1, 3, 4, 5)	\$189,268.49
Supplemental Giving	\$53,535.04
Grand Total	\$242,803.53

We have a large task ahead of us to meet the \$280,000 goal for Mission Giving. As more of our units meet in person, our mission giving will go up.

The past couple of years have moved many of us into new ways of doing our work. Some of you have become more interested in

electronic giving for your units. National United Women in Faith have brokered an agreement with Vanco to offer on-line giving for United Women in Faith Units with no monthly fee. (Card processing fees will still apply.) If you are interested in exploring this option for your unit, contact me at treasurerngcumw@gmail.com. Please note: This offer is only available to UWF units and may not be extended to your church or other groups at your church.

It is a new year full of new possibilities to expand concepts of mission!



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Preserving the Right to Vote

United Women in Faith and the Bishops of the United Methodist Church are united in their continuing support of voter rights and fair access to vote in the US (United Methodist Women – **Resistance to Voter Suppression Still Necessary on the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act**). On August 24, 2021, the US House of Representatives passed the John Lewis Voting Rights Acts, designed to restore and strengthen parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On November 3, 2021 and again on January 19, 2022, the US Senate failed to pass versions of the Voting Rights Act.



Art by Sharon Brogan

If you are interested in passage of federal voting rights legislation or overturning Georgia restrictions on voter rights, you may wish to partner with one or more of these grassroots organizations working to preserve voter rights and fair elections. Just click the link after the organization name to find out more.

ACLU (Voting Rights | American Civil Liberties Union [aclu.org](https://www.aclu.org)) is actively engaged in promoting fair access to all Americans who want to cast a ballot in the US.

Common Cause (Common Cause - Fighting to Uphold the Values of American Democracy) provides up-to-date information on how you can help break down barriers to voter participation.

Democracy Docket (Democracy Docket) offers up to date information on voting, elections and redistricting sent straight to your inbox.

Democracy Works (About – Democracy Works) helps Americans vote no matter what, by providing the tools, information, and support needed to confidently participate in elections.

Election Protection ([Georgia – Spread the Vote](https://www.georgia.gov/spread-the-vote)) connects legal professionals and voting rights volunteers with opportunities to support voters who have been denied the right to vote.

Fair Fight ([Home | Fair Fight](https://www.fairfight.org)) promotes fair elections around the country, encourages voter participation in elections, and educates voters about elections and their voting rights

League of Women Voters ([Home | League of Women Voters lwv.org](https://www.lwv.org)) is challenging those who seek to restrict Black, brown, female, disabled, and other Americans from voting.

Let America Vote ([Your Guide to Standing Up for Voting Rights - Let America Vote wpenline.com](https://www.yourguide.tostandingup.org)) offers periodic

automated messages on how your can help protect voting rights.

NAACP (Democracy & Voting [naacp.org](https://www.naacp.org)) works to make sure Black voters are engaged and encouraged to vote in every election.

Rock the Vote ([Rock the Vote - Register to Vote, Find Election Info, and More!](https://www.rockthevote.org)) is dedicated to building the political power of young people by promoting voter registration and regular voting.

Spread the Vote ([Georgia – Spread the Vote](https://www.georgia.gov/spread-the-vote)) assists people in states such as Georgia to obtain the required government-issued ID card required in order to vote.

Vote Smart ([The Voter's Self Defense System - Vote Smart](https://www.vote-smart.org)) provides free, unbiased information on candidates and elected officials to all Americans.



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Pray Continually, Never Ceasing



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*With a prayer for an end to wars in Ukraine and elsewhere in the world,
I greet you, my UWF sisters in the North Georgia Conference!*

*War is awful; an unjust war is a crime and we know that all wars affect
the most vulnerable in any society: women, children and youth. Pray
for a just end to all conflicts!*

As your in-coming Education & Interpretation Coordinator for the North Georgia United Women in Faith, I have a long shadow to match, following the gifted and talented Janice Walker. I am at once humbled by the invitation and excited for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. As with all new tasks, I am on an up-hill learning curve; many of you have been in this role either in your local unit or in your District and likely know much more than I. I welcome your suggestions and our conversations.

In the two months since I have formally taken office, it has become apparent that the role of E&I offers a wonderful overview of UWF. The task of the E&I coordinator speaks to the heart of our Purpose: we, as community of women, give so that women, children and youth may share with us the joy of "knowing God and experiencing freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ." On a continuum as we learn how and where the dollars we contribute are used, we are able to discuss with enthusiasm and joy how our funds provide shelter, education, safety, job skills, and in general, a fuller life for the world's most vulnerable Children of God. In short, our role is a source of information, promotion and marketing for the work the UWF and our contributions provide.

As part of the introduction to this new role, I attended a ZOOM learning session with National Staff which offered Chapter One of equipping us with tools to assist in our work. The most helpful, in my opinion, were succinct phrases which we can share with every UWF member / potential UWF member regardless of title or role in our organization.

1. **Mission Giving is an Act of Faith.** Yes, we have abundant tools including the re-designed Prayer Calendar, now known as the Daily Prayer Guide, our Program Book, *Response Magazine*, and information from the national office, uwfaith.org etc. But first we must acknowledge and believe that our contributions, large or small, are put to the use intended and stated to fulfill our Purpose. We cast our nets of dollars upon the sea of need with confidence that our gifts will multiply with those gifts of our sisters to ease pain and bring healing and hope. Alongside this belief and trust, we must remember that "Mission Giving dollars are funds that are undesignated, unrestricted and will be used to underwrite the total program of the UWF, from the local level through the district, conference to the national and international levels."
2. **As we meet with our sisters in the UWF, regardless of where we are, we can remind them that our financial giving is a response to our faith.** Reflect on your everyday life: we support what we believe in. We give to our local church because we love it and believe in its value in our lives, in the

community and the world. We support our kids' /grandkids' efforts in Scouting or the booster clubs for their sports teams because we know the value they bring to the lives of the younger generation. Likewise, we give to United Methodist Women because we believe in our Purpose and the value our financial gifts bring to the lives of women, children and youth around the world. In response to our faith in God's sovereignty, the value of the entities we support, and the women, children and youth who are the beneficiaries, our gifts enable us to reach around the world to show the love of Jesus Christ.

3. **In a nutshell, as E&I coordinators we help our UWF members Understand and interpret where the money goes and its impact.** In other words, by using our abundant UWF resources we inform (educate and encourage) our sisters and promote financial support of what we fund. Each of us can design a strategy and opportunity to tell the UWF mission and faith stories as it suits our personalities and our audience but the message remains the same: Mission Giving is an Act of Faith.

As I write this, we are just a few weeks away from the Day of Giving, March 23, to support the UWF Legacy Endowment Fund. We are invited to attend a Live Facebook event at 10 a.m., that day to learn how our financial gifts are being used. Look up United Methodist Women on Facebook; "like" the page if you have not already: https://www.facebook.com/UMWomen/events/?ref=page_internal.

The Legacy Endowment Fund challenges us as role models in our local units and in our churches to envision the future and to ensure that women, children and youth in years to come will have services and resources available enabling them to live lives of safety, improved health, justice and have learning opportunities to meet their needs etc.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$60 million; to date about \$40 million has been raised! Please give what you can, encourage your unit and your District to make a donation. Consider making a donation in memory of or in honor of a remarkable woman in your life. For more information about the Legacy Endowment Fund and how to donate, please follow this link: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150/home>.

Dear UWF Sisters, be bold, be brave and be true to our Purpose to be "a community of women...."

The Legacy Fund

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Embracing the Future Day of Giving, March 23, 2022

Embrace the future for women, children, and youth by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund on Day of Giving, March 23.

unitedmethodistwomen.org/150

Join us for the Live Facebook Event on March 23 to find out how your gifts are being put to use.

<https://fb.me/e/Tp00GXU9>



WAYS TO GIVE

- **Online at:** unitedmethodistwomen.org/150
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Mon.–Fri.)
- **Text:** 41444 and enter Legacy150 in the message area

- **By check to:**
United Methodist Women
Attn: Legacy
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115
Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.

Don't miss the Inaugural Legacy Banquet at Assembly in Orlando, FL on May 21, 2022

As a special fundraising event to celebrate and grow The Legacy Endowment Fund, the sit-down dinner will take place during Assembly, on Saturday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Single tickets must be purchased in advance on-line, separate from the Assembly registration: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacybanquet

Together, we are building our legacy!

unitedmethodistwomen.org/150

Chaise Sykes

Legacy Liaison
North Georgia Conference
United Methodist Women



The Legacy endowment Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Methodist Women.

SAVE THE DATE

Great news—COMMUNITY is God's desire for us!
Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the
community that Jesus is calling us to be.



Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities
of Hope and Joy

Join us this year, as we study Luke 13, as we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief, and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever— with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

Mission u 2022

You're Invited

North Georgia United Women in Faith

IN-PERSON DATES: July 29-30, 2022

Starts Friday 1:00 p.m. Ends Saturday 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Korean Church of Atlanta
3205 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth GA 30096

VIRTUAL DATES:

July 18 - August 6, 2022
(schedule to be determined)

Registration and cost details available May 2022.

DISTRICT NEWS

Greetings from the North East District

Greetings from the North East District. Things are starting to fall into place for 2022.

In January, we had a breakfast/training for our unit presidents, vice presidents and treasurers. We had a good turn out and a lot of good information was given.

We are now making plans for upcoming meetings:

- March 19 Lenten Day Apart
- April 9th District Mission U
- Sept. 9-10 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Hinton Rural Life Center

We welcome any other district that would like to join us for any of our events.

It has been so good to be able to hold Executive Meetings and the start of other meetings in person. We are excited about this year and our events.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Hello from the Central East District

Central East District Team is working diligently into our second year, finding ways to keep in contact with each unit. Zone leaders are assigned to keep in communication with units in their respective zone.

We published our first district newsletter "CED NEWS". It was a bit trying as we are lacking a Communication Coordinator on our team. Thanks to Laura for stepping up and filling that gap. Our Presidents' Breakfast will be on March 19 at Snellville UMC. We are looking forward to a successful event. Our mission project is Flood Buckets items for UMCOR. Our next event will be in April, the Time-Apart Lenten Service, we will be collecting packages of seeds for Assembly 2022.

We are in need of a Vice-President, Spiritual Growth, Education & Interpretation, Communications and Co-chair for Nominations. Please prayerfully consider joining your District Team, as your talent, your service and your gifts are needed to build a strong District Team.

Blessings,

Iris Green
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You are cordially invited to attend the
CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



TIME APART LENTEN SERVICE

LET US CONSIDER EACH OTHER CAREFULLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPARKING LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS.

Monroe First United Methodist Church
400 S. Broad Street, Monroe, GA 30655
Saturday, April 9, 2022
at 2pm

GUEST SPEAKER

Deaconess Debora Constable

of the North Georgia Conference

The District will be collecting for "Seeds of Change" Assembly 2022

Please bring your packages of seeds: Amaranth, Collards, Kale, Malabar Spinach.
(seeding gardens and planting seeds of change for economically disadvantaged children and families.)

DISTRICT NEWS

Greeting to all from the Central South District

The Central South District will be hosting Lenten Time Apart on April 2, 2022. We will also be celebrating with Dunwoody UMC and Oak Grove UMC, Street Girls of Liberia end-of-fundraiser brunch. Please join us on zoom on April 2, 2022. The end-of-fundraiser banquet will be held at Dunwoody UMC IN PERSON on April 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The address to Dunwoody UMC is: 1548 Mt. Vernon Rd. Dunwoody, GA 30338. The zoom link will be detailed in the District Newsletter.

Please support us as we are in the developmental stages of both projects. We would love to have you join us. Thanks for all you do!!

Blessings,

V. Ricki Stroud, President
Central South District UWF
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Central West District Lenten Service

The Central West District is excited to invite everyone to our upcoming Lenten Day Apart Service.

Our host church is Golden Memorial UMC, located at 6903 James D. Simpson Avenue in Douglasville.

Rev. Chaloea Hale of Smyrna First United Methodist Church will be the featured speaker.

The service is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 2:30pm.

Current COVID Protocol at Golden UMC: Masks are required; temperature will be taken prior to entering the sanctuary.

We look forward to seeing you there!

South West District News

Good morning from the South West UWF ladies!!

I hope this note finds each of you enjoying the March morning as it comes in like a 'lamb'!! An old-time expression about how the month of March will happen weather wise!! My grandparents always commented on it with their farming!

Your district board is gearing up again to hold our cluster meetings! We are excited to see all you of you once again and hear about what you have accomplished since we were last together! Our first cluster is March 12 at 10 am. It is the Griffin area cluster and we will meet at First Methodist in Griffin. Our other dates are:

- April 2 - Yatesville, Barnesville, Thomaston and Forsyth area
- April 9 - LaGrange and West Point area
- April 30 - Grantville, Luthersville and Hoganville area
- May 14 - Fayetteville, Senoia and Peachtree City area
- May 21 - Newnan and Sharpsburg area
- June 4 - Pine Mountain, Woodbury, Greenville, Manchester area

Mark your calendars and I hope that you will plan to attend to meet with your district board! Bring your ideas and your mission projects. We will also be discussing the local unit reports and assisting in any way we can to help leaders understand the report and the why behind it.

We will be picking up all of the pill bottles and literature that you have collected. We are also asking as a district that we support Murphy Harpst summer program with items for the children who will be attending the summer camp. Items that they need are

Pool noodles
Flip flops
Sunscreen
Adult coloring books
Basketballs/footballs

Card games
Pool games
puzzles
craft kits
outdoor games

Other items could be school supplies and toiletries for the students. Please spread the word and let's have South West district have a great show of support for our children who need encouragement and love!

Thank you everyone for your interest and compassion! We are United Women in Faith and we work to support women, youth and children!

Trudy Gill, President
South West District
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BUILDING TOGETHER THROUGH LOVE IN ACTION IN 2022



And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other.

Hebrews 10:24-25 CEB



From the President: Mary Stamper-Murray Central North District

Greetings Sisters!

The Central North District United Women in Faith are off to a busy start at the beginning of 2022. I am grateful for the continued support of this phenomenal group of women and this outstanding Sisterhood of Grace.

Yes, we are still limited by the restrictions of the pandemic; however, we have continued to meet, serve, and fellowship through this new (to some of us) Zoom platform.

We began our year with a Leadership Training event for our local unit officers on January 15th, which was a resounding success with more than 113 officers attending this training on our Zoom platform. The thirteen facilitators from our district executive committee worked tirelessly to deliver meaningful and important information regarding the responsibilities of our local unit officers. We have received very positive reviews from the meeting participants.

Some “take-aways” from the training was to have quarterly informal meetings with our executive officers and their respective counterparts so that we can stay connected. We agree with this suggestion and have already begun to implement some of these gatherings. Additionally, local unit officers are forming stronger connections with their executive counterparts and have begun consulting them for help and information.

The next event for our district is a basic zoom training event scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2022. The goal is to help our members learn more about how to effectively use the zoom platform to help us stay connected when we are not able to meet in person.

The district has begun planning our annual Lenten Day Apart Service for Sunday, April 10, 2022. The program will include spiritual elements, music, Holy Communion, and an offering designated to a mission initiative. We invite you to join us for this holy service.

Many of us are planning to attend the UWF General Assembly in Orlando, Florida May 20-22, 2022. We are looking forward to learning, worshiping, and fellowshiping with our UWF sisters from many locations.

We are a community of women rooted in our Christian Faith – turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, youth, and children in our community, our nation, and our world with faith and determination.

Rejoicing in Hope!

Mary Stamper-Murray

North West District News

The North West District will have our annual Lenten Day Apart service on Saturday, March 12 at Chatsworth First UMC, followed by a prayer walk. Rev. Millie Kim from Second Avenue UMC in Rome will be our guest speaker.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 8
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**LENTEN DAY
APART**

**LIVING IN THE
LIGHT OF JESUS**

MARCH 26, 2022
10 AM
Virtual

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Faith Talks



response Podcast



Voices from the Field Podcast



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The PURPOSE of United Women of Faith

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Women of Faith.

United Women of Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Women of Faith.

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission

Future Reflector Deadlines

The Reflector is designed to highlight District-wide events in the North Georgia Conference that happened in the past quarter OR are coming up in the future. Let us know your news in words and photos so we can celebrate with you! Send to kellie@kfdp.com

Spring 2022 articles due Feb 28

Summer 2022 articles due May 28

Fall 2022 articles due Aug 28

Winter 2022 issue articles due Nov 28

2022 North Georgia Conference Calendar of Events

Event	2022	Location
Program/CON Executive	Jan 8	Virtual
Treasurers and E&I Meeting	Feb 5 9:30AM-12:00PM	Virtual
Faith, Fun, Everyone & Conference Ubuntu	Mar 5	Virtual
Limitless Event / Lip Sync Battle	March 19 6:00PM	Zoar UMC Cancelled
Program/CON Executive and Walk thru for Annual Meeting	Apr 2	Griffin First UMC
Spiritual Growth/ Social Action Event	NA	NA
UMW Assembly	May 20-22	Orlando, FL
NGC Annual Conference	Jun 2-4	Classic Center
UMW Breakfast	Jun 3	Classic Center
Mission u	Jul 29-30, in person and Jul 18-Aug 6 Virtual	Korean Church of Atlanta
Program/CON Executive	Jul 16	Virtual
District Reports Due	Aug 1	Aug 1
Limitless Event / Fall Festival	Sep 11 or Sep 18	TBD
Red Bird Mission Trip	Sep 11 thru Sep 16	Beverly, KY
Annual Meeting	Oct 1	Griffin First UMC
Program Committee	Oct 6	Virtual
LDD / Executive Meeting	Nov 5	Peachtree Road UMC
District Ubuntu / Day of Service	Districts Determine	Districts Determine

Update on 03/01/2022



United
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North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith Logo Shirt Order Form*

Deadline to order is April 15, 2022

Name _____ District _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Shirt Size _____ Shipping: Y _____ N _____ *(If not paying for shipping, you must work out pickup with Cathy Riley at 618- 384-6254 or cathyriley12@gmail.com)*

Shipping Address:

Shipping Cost: \$5.00 per shirt

Total Cost \$ _____

Shipping and handling is \$5.00.

Checks must be submitted with the order form made out to:

North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith
c/o Cathy Riley
733 Crippled Oak Trail #20001
Jasper, GA 30143-7891

The shirt is 100% Supima cotton in a sky- blue color and comes in standard women's sizes:	Pricing with the logo and our Conference name is:
	S-XL \$25.00
	XXL \$27.00
	XXXL \$28.00
S-4-6	
M-8-10	
L-12-14	
XL-16-18	
XXL-W18-20	
XXXL-W22-24	

*Since this is a special order, there are no refunds or exchanges allowed.