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2nd Quarter 2022



NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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



and where they are headed. We also collected flood buckets for the UMCOR depot and had a table display. Thank you to all who helped with working at the trailer, the registration table at the breakfast, and to all who attended and donated. The highlight for me was the commissioning of our Deaconess, Choong-Hee Lee and home missionary Jeff Fuller. I am so glad that I was able to participate in this and have gotten to know them.

Next month is Mission u. Please make sure you take the time to register and plan to join us. This is being done a bit differently this year where we all get to take the same study. We also have an in person and virtual option. More information is found on pages 10, 11, 12 in this newsletter.

Greetings, North Georgia United Women in Faith!

I had an amazing time in **Orlando at Assembly** in May. Over 170 women from our Conference participated in person or virtually this year. I have never participated in a National led Ubuntu event and decided this was the year I would do it. It was done a bit differently due to COVID, but we had plenty of opportunities for hands on time. We had a plenary where the leaders from the mission projects were on hand to explain how they help the community through homelessness or hunger and then we were led into another room to separate into three groups to work on one of the projects before lunch. After lunch we switched into another group to work on another project. This was a wonderful experience of meeting and talking to different women from various Conferences but also doing something that would help the Orlando community. The rest of Assembly was just as wonderful with the new branding, Janet Wolfe our resident theologian, the dancers, all female band and poet/rapper. I also attended the Legacy Banquet which was a nice evening of celebrating accomplishments and understanding the need to continue this important fundraising for our organization. If you have never attended Assembly, this is an absolute must.

Annual Conference was last week in Athens, and it was wonderful to be in person again. We had a wonderful **UWF Breakfast** as has been our tradition where Christine Lever spoke to us about New Bethlehem Community Center in Augusta, one of our National Mission Institutions. She went through the history of how it started



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Last but not least, please plan on joining us for an in person **Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 1 at Griffin 1st UMC**. More information to follow, but please mark your calendars. We will be celebrating our 50th Annual Meeting of the North Georgia Conference!

Looking forward to seeing you this summer and fall!



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



Dear Sisters,

Our UWF breakfast was a wonderful affair, I wish all of you could have attended. Breakfast speaker, Christine Lever shared a great deal of information concerning the ministry of one of our national mission institutions, New Bethlehem Community Center (NBCC) in Augusta. I encourage you to visit their website at <https://www.nbccaugustaga1.com> where you will discover their rich history of providing adult education and services for family, children, senior adults, and at-risk communities. Education & Interpretation Coordinator, Emily Grossman learned that NBCC has an annual Souper Bowl fundraiser, held on the Friday of Super Bowl weekend. Funds from this event are used for New Bethlehem's food pantry, community gardens and other programs aimed at engaging with at risk youth. Due to COVID, they have not held this event for more than two years. To that end, during breakfast, we collected donations in support of this valuable service to the community. If you wish to donate, please write a check payable to NG UMW, write NBCC in the memo and mail to North

Georgia UWF Treasurer, 743 E Point Road, Cedartown, GA 30125-6135.

UMCOR Update: Dr. Stephen Redmond, Director of the North Georgia Disaster Warehouse reported that 24 flood buckets and 300 hygiene kits were collected at annual conference. Additionally, UWF Treasurer, Susan Stroup received \$450 in donations. We know that these numbers are not fixed as donations and resources are expected to continue. Dr. Redmond wants us to know that he is extremely grateful to the United Women in Faith. Because of your faithful and generous support, the warehouse currently has over 2,000 buckets in stock which is the most that they have ever had readily available. This however, does not mean that more are not needed; we are entering hurricane season so please continue your support.

Of immediate need is for groups to bring work teams to the warehouse to help with sorting and packing kits. There are over 1,000 buckets that still need to be packed. In addition to fully loaded cleaning kits/flood buckets, other items needed are: 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner

(no spray cleaner), 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent and, 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap.

Hygiene kits also need to be vetted and packed. Additional hygiene items needed are toenail or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or metal nail files) and sturdy 6 inch combs (no pocket combs or picks). You may check the UMCOR website for description of items for both the cleaning and hygiene kits at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/>.

The North Georgia Conference Disaster Response Warehouse is located at Impact UMC in East Point, GA. Volunteers are urgently needed. To volunteer, please contact Dr. Stephen Redmond, redmond09@aol.com or text 678-428-7997.

May God bless you in all you do!

In His Service,



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Rev. Dr. Luther Felder Receives Francis Asbury Award

Rev. Dr. Michael McCord, Director of the UM Commission on Higher Education, presented the Francis Asbury Award to Rev. Dr. Luther Felder. The honor, given by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the UMC, recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering the church's ministries in higher education at the local, district or annual conference level."

We were honored to have Rev. Dr. Luther Felder as a guest during our UWF Breakfast during Annual Conference.

Unit Presidents Unit Survey 2021 is available.

It has finally arrived. Welcome to the first United Women in Faith survey. The Unit Survey is now available for your Unit to complete. This special Unit Survey is being released after our new brand announcement to hear from you, our loyal members, and leaders. The survey is due on August 30, 2022.

The link to complete the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZSYN2B>.

Make your voice heard, and complete the Unit survey.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need help.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Soul Care

United Women in Faith will be hearing a lot about Soul Care over the next quadrennium. This new focus on our collective soul and individual souls grows out of a realization that, for the most part, women have been programmed to care for all others—loved ones, community, church, our world—at the expense of their own selves.

“Soul care is an opportunity to be reconnected with our spiritual selves and our sisterhood: it is a time to remember that we are all in this together.” (Soul Care Retreat Manual)

Therefore, we will look forward with great anticipation to soul care retreats on the local, district, or conference level. We look forward to the rejuvenation of our mind, body, and spirit. No matter our age, ethnicity, or culture, we will join together at a

special time to acknowledge who and how God has created us to be. This experience may be in person or virtual, but the goal is the same—to embrace both self-care and spiritual rejuvenation.

So what's new other than our name? Soul Care Retreats are! We will learn together how to plan them using guidelines for common themes and elements. We will invite others to join us. So, going forward, when someone asks John Wesley's question, "How is it with your soul?", we anticipate responding with a resounding, "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL!!"

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Here is a sampling of the representation of North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith during Assembly 2022





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"Get Together"

Southeastern Jurisdiction

2024

April 26 - 28, 2024

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Chattanooga Convention Center

"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34

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NOMINATIONS

Keep Challenging Yourself to Serve

Greetings Sisters,

What an exciting time to be United Women in Faith! God is doing a new thing and United Women in Faith 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

One of my biggest lessons over the years about serving is... "it's not about you"!

Serving and servants come in all shapes and sizes, ages and genders, maturity levels, some with a sense of humor, some with dead seriousness all the time.

The fact is, every one of us is called to be a servant. There can be great joy in that. There can also be great learning in the process.

At our church we are going through the Fruits of the Spirit and now Spiritual Gifts, all spearheaded originally by a recently deceased Lay Leader and United Women in Faith leader, Eugenia Walters. Our pastor, Dr. Candy Thacker, took over the studies and led us.

Through those studies I was reminded of how many women ahead of me led in such wonderful ways. Did they make mistakes, sure. Did plans fall through or have to be changed last-minute, sure. What I learned from each and every one of them, from Alice Smith, and Peggy Scott, Ena Tomlinson and Mary Coleman, and then from countless others in our [ADO district back then], was that God has gifted each of us in different ways. We can learn from each other.

Many times I've been frustrated at myself over not carrying out my duties as I feel I should, or dropping the ball here or there. But I

realize that the leaders we have right now on our Executive Team and in our Districts and even in our local churches are there to help step in and correct the flow, lift you up, offer suggestions and advice.

You name it, we have someone who can help, assist, or advise within this big conference of ours.

I've also learned that our conference leaders, such as Sybil Davidson with communications, and our national leaders like Tara Barnes of *response* magazine are also ready to help.

I want to encourage you to not feel alone in whatever you are saying yes to. God has gifted you and others around you to get His work done! So, take heart and seriously consider getting involved.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

Together Again

I am just back from the United Women in Faith Assembly, the first in-person event other than work and church that I have attended in over two years! I was faithful to wear my mask but I did not skimp on the hugs! How wonderful to all be together again and to meet in person those that I have only known through Zoom. A pandemic large group of 60 Deaconesses and Home Missioners, in three classes, were consecrated. We had a record six from the North Georgia Conference, doubling our numbers. I am honored and blessed to be in community with these amazing individuals in Georgia and from around the country and in the Philippines.

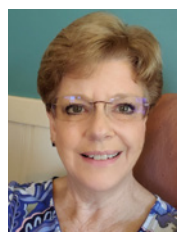
The end of our Awards Year is June 30 — just around the corner. Your gifts for award recognition are due to your district treasurer no later than June 30. Make sure your unit is on track in support of our work in the world through the 5 Channels of Giving:

- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition Pin
- Gift to Mission Card

- Gift in Memory Card
- World Thank Offering

Then add to your Pledge to Mission through Candle Burning to be a 5 Star Plus Unit. Or give 5 Minutes of Candle Burning and be a 5 Star Plus 5 Unit. There is much work to do to serve and advocate, to increase our faith, and grow our sisterhood. We thank you for the resources to be in mission in the world.

Important Note: Please continue to make your checks out to United Methodist Women as banks may not recognize our new name. This is at the conference, district and local levels. The legal process to change our name on our bank accounts is in process but not yet complete.



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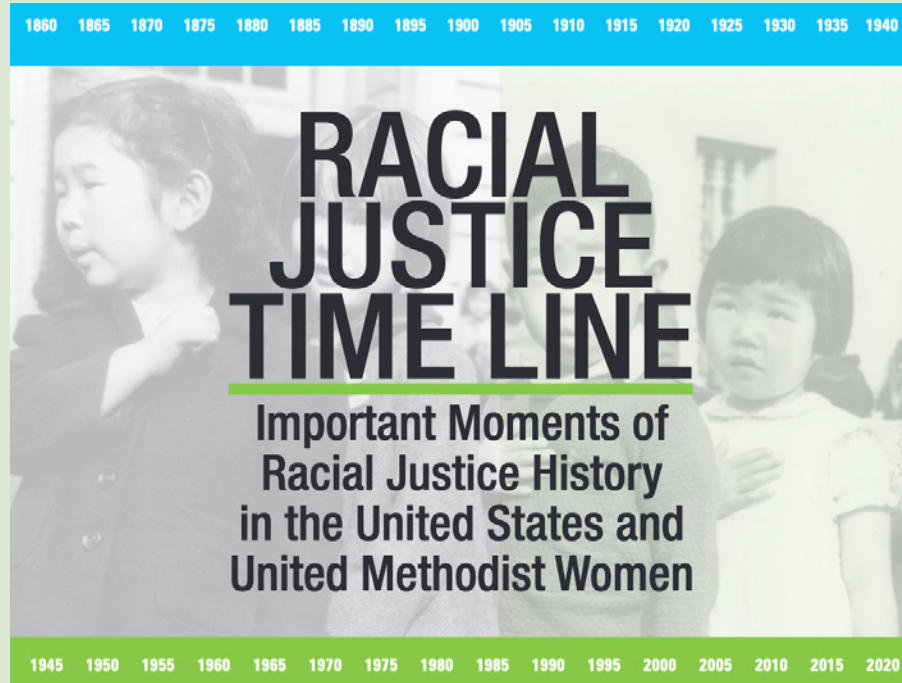
Because We Believe — The Charter for Racial Justice

What do you know about the United Women of Faith (UWF) Charter for Racial Justice? If you are a little unsure, you are not alone. If you want to know what you have been missing, here is a link to the official charter: [Racial Justice | United Women in Faith](https://uwfaith.org/RacialJusticeUnitedWomeninFaith) (uwfaith.org)

I had the privilege of attending a workshop at our recent UWF Assembly on the Charter for Racial Justice. At this workshop I learned that in 1952 our Women's Division of the Christian Service adopted their **Charter of Racial Policies**. This was decades before the predecessor organizations to the United Methodist Church approved any policies on racial justice. This charter has been updated and approved multiple times since its original adoption.

Today, this charter begins with how it is founded on our Christian beliefs that, among other things, God is the Creator of all and racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus. The charter goes on to declare that our strength lies in racial and cultural diversity. The "Because we believe" section ends with the statement, "We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons."

In the workshop at Assembly we were asked to identify what work the North Georgia Conference UWF has already done to promote the goals of the Charter for Racial Justice, and what will be our next steps in living out the Charter. Yes, United Women of Faith is big on accountability.



Take a moment to download and peruse the "[Racial Justice Time Line](#)". You'll see how our women have responded over and over. And some gaps where we can do better.

Our North Georgia Conference Leadership Team noted that the women's organizations of the historically white North Georgia Conference of the Southeast Jurisdiction merged with those of the historically black churches from the Central Jurisdiction before the churches of the Central Jurisdiction were brought into the Southeast Jurisdiction. We also acknowledged that the nominations committees of the North Georgia Conference UMW have worked diligently to insure that women of color have been elected to prominent

positions of leadership at the Conference and District level. However, we recognized that we need to be doing more.

Some of the ideas we discussed included: 1) revitalizing our conference Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice, 2) making more use of our Language Coordinators for recruiting and staying connected with Korean- and Spanish-speaking women, 3) including songs and scriptures in languages other than English as part of our programs, and 4) hosting Bible studies and book discussions with a focus on racial justice.

The National UWF office and the Southeast Jurisdiction of UWF is committed to resourcing us as we continue to live into the Charter. Watch for more information on two book studies coming out later in 2022 on "So You Want to Talk About Race" and "White Fragility."



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Promoting Mission Giving



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“Gifts to Mission are undesignated, unrestricted, and used to underwrite the total program of United Women in Faith at the local, district, conference, national and international levels.”

A Fable for Our Time: Once upon a time, say June 2022, in a land not too far away, like North Georgia, USA, a pastor was being appointed to another church and saying farewell to the members and neighbors of her congregation she had come to serve and love. The church began to collect a Love Offering as a parting gift; the United Methodist Men stepped up and contributed \$100. The wife of the UMM president who is also a member of United Women in Faith, suggested the unit also contribute to the Love Offering.

In this time, it came to pass, the president and vice-president of the unit were in another far away land, Turn-it-Up, Florida, when the suggestion appeared, like magic, on a telephone screen! The two leaders said, “as United Women in Faith, we give generously from our silken purses.” But they wondered about using funds from the unit’s silken purse for a church-wide Love Offering. The Purpose says UWFaith “support the global ministries of the church.” But does a farewell gift from the unit’s silken purse to a beloved pastor fit into the guidelines of the Purpose, they wondered.

After some time of thought and discussion, the leaders and others agreed that because members of UWFaith would likely contribute to the Love Offering as individuals and members of the church, it would be appropriate for the UWFaith unit to honor this pastor with a Gift to Missions instead. And so it was and it came to be.

Friends, this season, beginning with Mother’s Day and ending about a month later with Father’s Day, bookending graduations, farewells and weddings, is a busy and joyful gift-giving time. As you discuss mission giving with your leadership team, at the district level, at the unit level and even within your personal circle of celebrations, consider a Gift to Missions to the United Women in Faith. A small gift, when combined with many more similar gifts, will support and enhance the work of our organization. “Gifts to Mission are undesignated, unrestricted, and used to underwrite the total program of United Women in Faith at the local, district, conference, national and international levels.” I will share some ways to fund-raise for Gift to Mission in future newsletter columns.

Another tangible way to put our dollars to work is to encourage our local units to participate in our Quarterly Emphasis gifts of support to the four National Mission Institutions in North Georgia. In the first quarter of this year gifts were directed to New Bethlehem Community Center in Augusta. Now during the second quarter, our emphasis for giving is directed to

Paine College, also in Augusta. Clark Atlanta University will be the recipient of our third quarter gifts and Murphy-Harpst, Cedartown, will round out the year by receiving our gifts in the fourth quarter.

Those who attended the UWFaith Breakfast during Annual Conference 2022 in Athens had the opportunity to meet representatives of our four National Mission Institutions (NMIs). Representing New Bethlehem Community Center were Ms. Sheridan Glaze and Ms. Christine Lever, executive director and Program Liaison & Community Sustainability Coordinator respectively. From Paine College were our liaison who is also campus pastor and assistant professor of religion Rev. Luther Felder, and college president Dr. Cheryl Evans Jones. Our liaison at Murphy-Harpst Children’s Center, Rev. Scott Fuller, also with the Advancement and Stewardship Office, joined us.

Ms. Lever spoke to us about the work of NBCC, a 110 year old community-based non-profit and their plans for broadening their reach into the community by providing services such as computer literacy, GED preparation and re-entry skills to formerly incarcerated juveniles. Each of our NMIs brought brochures for us to share and familiarize ourselves with their respective organizations. These brochures will be available, while they last, at Mission U in July.

Everyone Can Promote Mission Giving!

MISSION GIVING feeds the Operating account of the UWFaith. Mission Giving ensures our work gets done by supporting our social justice and mission initiatives all over the United States and abroad.

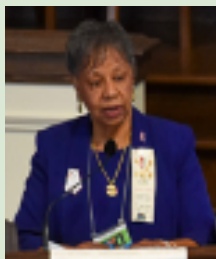
MISSION GIVING funds are undesignated, unrestricted and used to underwrite the total program of UWFaith at the local, district, conference, national, and international levels.

MISSION GIVING currently has five channels – or opportunities – for giving: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering.

MISSION GIVING is a priority for every one of us you and me...

ALL members of United Women in Faith

Updates on The Legacy Fund



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*Another unique new way to fundraise — United Women in Faith celebrate during their Legacy Banquet at Assembly 2022 in Orlando, Florida.
Photo by Mike DuBose, UM News.*

Updates as of April 30, 2022

March 23, 2022 DAY OF GIVING

The total "Day of Giving" - \$194,891.00
North Georgia total giving - \$7,711.13

North Georgia Total Number of Legacy Builders - 16

New in 2021 - 8
New in 2022 - 3 (As of April 30, 2022)

The Legacy Endowment Fund

The total North Georgia giving in all categories in 2022 - \$14,760.91

The total North Georgia giving in all categories from inception - \$196,181.30

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

Being a Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Women in Faith by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Endowment Fund in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary. Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children and youth in deeper and even more impactful ways.

Becoming a Legacy Builder is a way for our members to participate in a sustainable and regular way of giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund that moves us closer to achieving the fund's \$60 million goal.

Please consider becoming a Legacy Builder. We have set a North Georgia goal of at least 10 Legacy Builders a year.

There are many ways to contribute to The Legacy Endowment Fund. You can make a one-time gift, a recurring gift or make a pledge.

The Primary Channels of giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund are:

- Every Member Campaign - Individual gifts and pledges
- Legacy Builders - Monthly giving of \$18.69 or more
- 1869 Society - Members of the 1869 Society have committed to a planned gift to The Legacy Endowment Fund through their estate
- Major Gifts - (1) Sacrificial gift of \$1,000 or more (2) Multiyear pledge options are available

Please consider giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund. Contact me if you have questions or go to the United Women in Faith Website

Together, we are building a legacy!

Thank you.



Mission u 2022

Friday & Saturday

Korean Church of Atlanta

3205 Pleasant Hill Rd

Duluth, GA 30096

<https://kcaumc.org/web/about/direction/>

Online Registration at

<https://na.eventscloud.com/688371>

[com/688371](https://na.eventscloud.com/688371)

-OR-

Return registration form to:

Anita Pygatt

404 Town Center Drive, #511

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registrarnrcumw@gmail.com

If mailing a check, please
make it out to **Mission u**

**Registration closes July 10. Forms
must be postmarked by July 10.**

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WHAT TO BRING

- Bible, paper, pens/pencils and please read Luke 13. (No books are required for this study unless you are a study leader.)
- Dress comfortably and bring a sweater for cold classrooms
- Bring your own personal, refillable water bottle
- Mission u will provide an offering to help support Korean Church of Atlanta's ministry to Murphy-Harpst. For your offering, please make checks out to Mission u with Murphy-Harpst in the "for" line.

Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

Friday & Saturday • July 29-30, 2022

YOU ARE INVITED...

The "MISSION u" Event is a 2-day retreat open to **Men, Women, Youth and Children** (ages 5 and up) to study current issues impacting our communities and society. Come and share this time of prayer, study and fellowship with others from around the conference. This event is especially designed for all those from around the North Georgia Conference who want to deepen their understanding and passion for missions.

THE PLENARY will take place online, July 12, for virtual and in-person attendees.

One Study Theme for All — Luke 13

Adult | Who Can We Be Together? | Cost: \$60/In-person \$20/Virtual

A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13, the 2022 adult curriculum by Candace Simpson brings participants deeper into Jesus' teachings in this chapter of Luke to explore what it means to be in community. As the author notes, "For followers of Christ 2,000 years later, it's important for us to sit with the range of emotions we have in response to these words. It's not easy to build and sustain communities, especially when there are forces that drain us, exhaust us, and even push us to act uncharacteristically. And yet, we are called to act on the most ethical principles of our faith so we can witness the kin-dom of God on earth."

ADULT LEADERS: *English:* Mary Anne Brannon, Rev. Eric Powell, Rev. Kathy Morris and Deaconess Gloria Parker; *Korean:* Rev. Millie Kim; *Hispanic:* Deaconess Debora Constable

VIRTUAL: Rev. Varlyna Wright and Beverly Marshall-Goodell

Youth | Community in the Midst of Challenging Times | Cost: FREE

Community in the Midst of Challenging Times, a youth curriculum for 2022 by organizer and minister Kenya Cummings, brings facilitators and participants on a journey through stories that have anchored Christian communities for millennia, through both stability and times of turmoil and tragedy.

YOUTH LEADERS: Minister Meisha Brown and Rev. Dr. Stephen Redmond

Children | The Growing Tree | Cost: FREE

The Growing Tree, the children's curriculum for 2022 by social justice advocate and educator Ilka Vega, is a journey of spiritual growth and community building that helps children recognize the diversity of their capacities, spiritual gifts, and talents as well as their responsibilities to care for one another and for all of God's creation

CHILDREN LEADERS: Kathy Cook and Deaconess Lauren Breck

REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE



Mission u 2022

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Mission u 2022 In-Person Schedule		Virtual Schedule
Friday, July 29th	Saturday July 30th	July/August (Adult only)
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration	8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration	Tuesdays – 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9 10 a.m. – 12 noon
1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Opening Worship	9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Session 3	Thursdays – 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11 7:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.
2:15 – 4:15 p.m. Session 1	11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Lunch	Please note: Korean and Spanish are in-person only No virtual Mission u for children/ youth
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Dinner	12:45 – 2:45 p.m. Session 4	
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Session 2	3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Closing Worship	

R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

In-Person MISSION u July 29-30, 2022 and Virtual Mission u

Register online at <https://na.eventscloud.com/688371> by July 10.

Or print and complete form below, must be postmarked by July 10.

Make check payable to **Mission u** and mail to:

Anita Pygatt

404 Town Center Drive, #511

LaGrange, GA 30241

Email: registrarnrcumw@gmail.com

☐ Male ☐ Female (check one)

☐ Adult ☐ Youth ☐ Child (check one)

Youth/Child registration requires adult consent form (page 3 of this form) and must be accompanied by an adult.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ District: _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

Physical/Medical Needs _____

Allergies _____ Food Allergies _____

MEAL CHOICES: Friday Dinner (choose 1) ☐ Korean BBQ Bento Box | ☐ Vegetarian Bento Box | ☐ Gluten-free Meal

Saturday Lunch (choose 1) ☐ Deli Sandwich Box | ☐ Salad Box (Vegetarian/Gluten-free)

FEES: ☐ Adults: \$60.00/person | ☐ Virtual Mission u: \$20.00/person | **Children and Youth, Free for in-person Mission u.**

CHOOSE YOUR CLASS Prepare by reading Luke 13. No book purchase needed unless you plan to lead a study later.

IN-PERSON ☐ Adult Study | ☐ English ☐ Korean ☐ Spanish **VIRTUAL** ☐ Adult Study | ☐ Tuesdays a.m. ☐ Thursdays p.m.

In-Person only ☐ Youth Study | Guardian/Parent/Adult _____

In-Person only ☐ Children Study | Guardian/Parent/Adult of Child _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS Rooms have been blocked with the Sonesta Hotel. Participants are responsible for hotel accommodations. Use this link for the special rate: [United Methodist Women Booking Link](https://www.sonesta.com/gwinnettplace). Room Rate is \$129.00 (plus taxes) single or double occupancy and includes breakfast for up to two people per room.

Sonesta Gwinnett Place | 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth GA 30096 | 770.923.1775 | [http://www.sonesta.com/gwinnettplace](https://www.sonesta.com/gwinnettplace)

Parent/Guardian Consent Form for Children and Youth

Mission u 2022 – July 29-30

Korean Church of Atlanta

3205 Pleasant Hill Road

Duluth GA 30096

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Home _____ Cell _____

Are there any allergies or special needs for the child or youth? _____

Will child or youth be accompanied by you? Yes _____ No _____

If no, Name of accompanying adult _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Email _____ Cell _____

I give my permission for my child/youth, _____
to attend the Mission u Event with the above-named person(s).

Signature _____ Date _____

I will accompany my child/youth, _____ to the Mission u Event.

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: Accompany adult will be responsible for child/youth when not in a Mission u class session.

DISTRICT NEWS

Central North District United Women in Faith Funds Mother's Day Luncheon

Mother's Day is always a special day for most people. It recalls wonderful memories of our time with our mothers - past and present. There is a rush to make sure that we shower our mothers with cards, flowers, candy, and other wonderful gift to show our love and appreciation to them.

However, not all mothers are remembered in such wonderful and thoughtful ways.

1 Timothy 5:2 encourages us to treat older women as you would your mother.

We are also reminded that as Jesus was suffering on the cross, He was worried about His mom and who was going to take care of her after He was gone. He made plans for her provision. He put one of His disciples in charge of taking care of her. Our Savior taught us to provide and take care of our parents as much as we can. When you serve others, you are serving Christ and showing your love for Him.

We are to honor and praise the Lord for the women who have been such a blessing to us. Praise the Lord for their sacrifices that they made for us.



This year, Central North District United Women in Faith were able to fund the annual Mother's Day luncheon for over sixty mothers residing at the Asbury Harris-Epworth Towers Assisted Living facility in Atlanta, Georgia.

Central North District United Women in Faith funded the luncheon for the mothers with fifty-five UWF members donating a total of \$1,645.00. Because of the district's

generosity, the facility not only was able to provide the money for their luncheon but was also able to feed them for a second meal and have money left over for decorations. Many of the residents do not cook as much as they would like to due the process of aging.

This was an excellent chance for us to live into our purpose of being a community of women and creating a supportive fellowship.

We were duly reminded of our United women in Faith focus as we put love in action by this charitable act of kindness and generosity.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

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What's Happening in Central East District?

On Saturday April 9th approximately 40 persons included children and youth met together for Time-Apart Lenten Service at Monroe First. We are working to find ways to incorporate the diversity of the district. The scripture reading was done in English, Korean and Spanish. Our spirit was lifted by Speaker Deaconess Debora Constable and by the "UNA VOZ" musical group from the Norcross UMC- Latino group, the ladies were awesome. Special thanks, as the offering of \$262 collected will support the Humanitarian, UMCOR-Ukraine project.

The members also brought in different seeds as requested for "Seeds for Change" which was taken to Assembly 2022, in Orlando Florida.



We look forward to having more ladies coming out to our next event, "Learn and Lunch Mission Study," on September 24 at Princeton UMC.

Ladies of Central East District, you never know what you can do until you step out in Faith. Positions needs to be filled. YOUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU! WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL? Contact any member of the District Executive team.

Blessings

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DISTRICT NEWS

Greetings from the Central South District

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Hello Everyone!! I bring you warmest greetings in the name of Jesus from the Central South District of United Women in Faith. Since we've been in this pandemic, we've done nearly everything virtual/online.

Even this pandemic CANNOT/WILL NOT stop God's work. Nothing will stop the women of the Central South District!! We have attended many virtual services, celebrations, and events.

We did fellowship with many of our beautiful women on April 30, 2022 at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, LIVE and In-Person!! We celebrated the end of the fundraiser for the Street Girls of Liberia Dormitory Project.

Dunwoody United Methodist Church hosted a brunch in recognition of the end of a year-long project. We were served many delicious breakfast food choices.

Many were in attendance. Our very own, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson was our speaker. Barbara Giametta, Dunwoody United Methodist, Zoe Hicks, and Madge Watson, Oak Grove United Methodist Church received Special Mission Recognition pins for their dedicated service to this mission project. #SHARETHELOVE

I would like to thank Rev. Dr. Phil Shroeder, his beautiful wife Mrs. Shroeder, Rev. Kathy Brockman, Rev. Dr. Robert Lee Crawford, Sr., and Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and the many volunteers for supporting us in our efforts in this project and making this event a success. Central South District was honored to have been asked to partner with Oak Grove and Dunwoody United Methodist Churches.

A special thanks for your dedication and willingness to assist: Marty Aron, Joe Harbert, Valeria Maddox, Betty Moody, and Carolyn Roper. We thank you so much for assisting wherever you were needed in the success of this day. We are also very thankful for the talented songstress who brought us such beautiful music, Mary Sims's and beautiful music on piano, Mark Lamback.

We also fellowshipped with many United Women in Faith at Assembly, 2022, which was held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. What a wonder-filled celebration for a time such as this. We all attended, participated, and enjoyed many enriching, informative classes, and met many new United Women in Faith from around the globe. The large group worship services were very inspirational and encouraging.



We had the pleasure and God-given opportunity to meet women from all over the country. Women like you and me who serve a God that can do ANYTHING!! "We believe love in action can and will change the world." Please continue to be safe and I pray a multitude and bountiful blessings to each of you and your families.

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Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4 KJV

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DISTRICT NEWS

Central West District Prepares for an Exciting “Meet and Greet”

The ladies of the Central West District of United Women in Faith have been meeting regularly since the beginning of the year. At the start of 2022, the Central West District did not have a President or Treasurer, both of which are required to be a viable District. Many other positions were also vacant. Several ladies who had previously held offices at both the District and Conference levels were recruited. These ladies agreed to serve on an interim basis through the end of 2022, thereby filling the Officer positions and most of the Coordinator positions. By the end of this year we hope to have identified individuals to fill each of the open seats.

Our first event of 2022 was our March 20 Lenten Day Apart Service. The service was held at Golden Memorial UMC in Douglasville, and our speaker was Rev. Chaloea Hale, Associate Minister at Smyrna First UMC. This was our first “in person” event in 2 years. Approximately 50 people attended, with an additional 50 viewing via live stream. The program was planned and facilitated by our

Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Min. Diane Ford.

The Leadership Team of the Central West District is excited about the “Meet and Greet” event that will be held on Saturday, September 17. This event will allow members to fellowship with one another, as well as giving them an opportunity to meet and learn about the local non-profit organizations that are supported by the UWF Units in our District. The time and location of this gathering will be announced at a later date.

The ladies of the Central West District are moving forward and we are prime examples of “Building Together Through Love in Action”.

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News From the North East District

On March 19th we held our Lenten Day Apart at Homer UMC with the Rev. April Brian, Toccoa First UMC as our guest speaker. It was a wonderful day.

April 9th was our District Mission U with Mary Anne Brannon as our leader.

We had several ladies from the district to attend the National Assembly, looking forward to hear from those ladies.



Several of our ladies will be going on the Red Bird Mission trip this year.

We will be having an Executive Meeting in July, where we will be planning our Spiritual Growth Retreat weekend, Sept. 9-10 at Hinton Rural Life Center.

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The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith

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

United Women in 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 in 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 23

Winter 2022 issue articles due Nov 22

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