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Greetings, Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another year. While it is only September, we have our **Conference Annual Meeting** in October and **Leadership Development Day** in November. After the busyness of the holidays, we will be swiftly ushered into 2023. We have been through a lot this past year, but we have so much to celebrate at our Annual Meeting in October. Did you know that we will



be having our 50th Annual Meeting of United Women of Faith in the North Georgia Conference? Did you know that this meeting will be in person? I am so excited that we get to celebrate in person all that your Units have accomplished in the last year, that we have been meeting annually as a Conference for 50 years and that we have a new name that reflects the changing times. Please plan on joining us at Griffin UMC on Saturday, October 1.

Leadership Development Day will be held on Saturday, November 5 at Peachtree Road UMC in Atlanta. This is a day devoted to training your District Executive team, engaging in conversation, and learning about important issues.

Please be in prayer for the **Red Bird Mission team** going to Beverly, Kentucky from September 11-16. The group from the Conference will be working on a home hanging sheet rock, taping and painting. They may also get to put their gardening skills to the test in the Community Garden. Pray for safe travel, a community of sisterhood among the team members and that they are a blessing to those they are serving.



I look forward to seeing you this Fall!



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The VP's Desk



Dear sisters,

I hope you had a fantastic summer! It has been great seeing some of you on social media as you are enjoying time with your family, traveling, and celebrating all sorts of events. We are getting back to "somewhat normal" and are excited to see you IN-PERSON when we celebrate our 50th Annual Meeting of the North Georgia United Women in Faith on Saturday, October 1, 2022. We are thrilled to have our sisters at Griffin First host and hope that you will join in the fun. It has been far too long since we have been able to gather for fellowship. I look forward to seeing and welcoming everyone. Registration deadline is September 17, see this newsletter for the link to register. Ladies, please don't keep who we are to yourselves, share the sisterhood, fellowship, and fun. Do you

remember when you first joined United Women in Faith (UMW)? Don't those memories bring a smile to your face? Invite your pastor, your fellow UWF sisters, friends, ministry team, Bible study class and Sunday School class. Let's help others make fond memories too!

Secondly, will you consider hosting one of our conference meetings or events next year? It's really not difficult, the conference team does the majority of the planning, but we need YOU! We cannot do the work of United Women in Faith without your support and backing. This is your conference, our programs and events are for you! I would love to hear from you on program ideas, special music, great speakers, and other talents that you would like us to consider.

Lastly, thanks and blessings to you personally, to local units and to districts for your work in the Kin-dom. You will find the 2023 calendar in this newsletter. **We ask that you do your best to avoid scheduling district and local meetings at the same time as conference events**, we want to be able to worship, fellowship, learn, and celebrate together as an entire conference whenever we can.

Remember that it takes a village and you are that village!

Call or email me anytime,

Blessings and love,



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2021 Unit Survey Link Open Until September 20, 2022

Dear UWF Presidents and MNO chairs,

In light of the new procedures that align with our new website and IT department, the 2021 Unit Survey preliminary report has been delayed. We will keep the link open and extend the end date until September 20th, 2022. At that time, there will be approximately a week in which the findings will be compiled and sent to you for review and corrections.

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



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pray

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea...
asking us to follow him, to give our hearts to his obedience.

Let my work, through you, be the change that someone needs.

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore; you need my hands
full of caring, through my labors to give others rest.

Let my work, through you, be the change that someone needs.

We promise, God, like the early disciples, to be change agents,
to run the world upside down, so that things can be right in this
time and space.

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be
like Jesus in my heart. Lord, I want to be your eyes, hands
and feet. Transform the world through me.**

Faye Wilson
Leader's Guide: How Is It With Your Soul?
United Methodist Women (2014)
Reprinted from response magazine, July/August 2022

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A Year of Gathering Together Again

Since the abrupt closing of many of our churches and other public places in early 2020 brought on by Covid-19, we have not done too much “gathering together” in person. Wearing masks and physically distancing ourselves from each other allowed some gathering, but the worst pandemic of our time has significantly changed some of our habits. The use of electronic systems such as “Zoom” has become routine and has allowed us to continue our work from a distance.

During the year 2022, the following gatherings took place in person (with a virtual option): United Women in Faith met for Assembly in Orlando in May, the North Georgia Conference Annual Conference convened in Athens in June, and Mission u attendees gathered in Duluth in July. Now, we look forward to our conference UWF annual meeting in October in Griffin. We are coming back together and we give God the glory.

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During the Covid hiatus, most of us lost someone we knew and some lost loved ones to the virus or other conditions. Nevertheless, we have kept the faith and have waited with patience. The words of Charles Wesley's hymn, “And Are We Yet Alive,” remind us that we are and can be conquerors despite the circumstances that we have had to experience. Please note that the third stanza was added by John Wesley to be sung at annual society meetings. Most annual conference sessions still are begun with this hymn:

1. And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his almighty grace!
2. Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join,
and in his sight appear.
3. What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!
4. Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.
5. Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more.

6. Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.

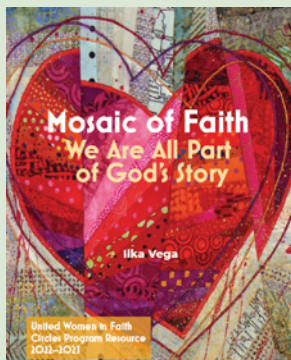
We are reminded, in Charles Wesley's final stanza (which is not included in our hymnal), that our final zeal is Christian perfection:

*Jesus, to Thee we bow,
And for thy Coming wait:
Give us for Good some Token Now
In our imperfect State;
Apply the Hallowing Word,
Tell Each who looks for Thee,
Thou shalt be perfect as thy Lord,
Thou shalt be all like me!*

Note: Some content is taken from the internet submission by Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

DIGITAL PROGRAM RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE!

2022-2023 Program Resource: Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story!



The 2022 Program Resource, Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story, is available now! Not only can you purchase a print copy, digital copies are also available.

Since you asked, we wanted to let you know that will also be able to pay by check for the digital platform (instructions below)!

If you purchase a physical copy of the Program Resource, you can add the digital Program Resource for only \$5! (A special promotional link will follow upon completion of your order of the 2022-2023 Program Resource.)

If you would like to pay by check for the digital Program Resource:

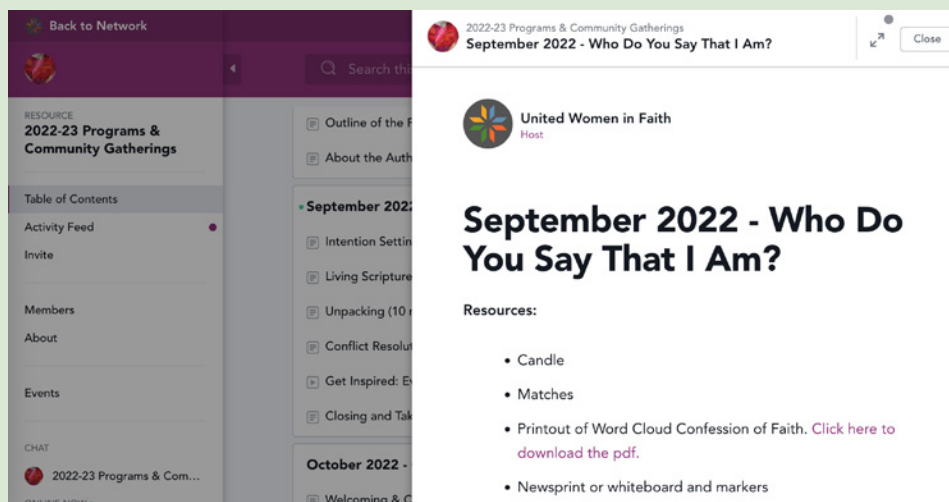
Send a check made out to United Women in Faith for \$5.00

On the MEMO/NOTE line, add:

Digital Program Resource and you must include your email address

(if you need the space, put your email under your name/address in the upper left corner)

A reminder that the 2022-23 Program Resource is available for \$14.99 in print and digitally. The digital Program Resource



Address the envelope to:

United Women in Faith
Mission Resources
P.O. Box 742349
Atlanta, GA 30374-2349
ATTN: Digital Program Resource

Please allow 5 days from receipt of your check for the access code.

Program Resource shows how we can answer our calling today as women of passion committed to helping women, children, and youth.

is available on Mighty Networks and includes embedded video content, an online community of United Women in Faith members, and exclusive access to monthly Community Gatherings on Zoom with Ilka Vega, author of the 2022-23 Program Resource.

Check out this link to purchase a physical copy

Program Resource 2022-2023 - We Are All Part of God's Story (umwmissionresources.org)

Check out this link to purchase the digital copy .

https://uwfaith.mn.co/plans/225355?bundle_token

If you have already set up your Mighty Networks account, you can find the digital Program Resource in the "Resources" section to purchase your copy.

E-News is now Connect!

The monthly e-newsletter from United Women in Faith is now called Connect. Here we'll connect you with what's happening in United Women in Faith and what you can make happen. We hope you enjoy the new look.



Respectively Submitted,

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NOMINATIONS

Conference Nominees for 2023 to be voted on at Annual Meeting – October 1, 2022

Tamara Askew, Chair Committee on Nominations
Paulina Dominique
Janice Gallaher
Bernadette Hartfield
Sue Ownbey
Alice Smith
Diane West

FIRST TWO-YEAR TERM

Social Action Coordinator – Cindy Hall, South West
Committee on Nominations Chair – Alice Smith, Central South
Committee on Nominations – Dianne McDonald, Central West
Committee on Nominations – Gloria Dixon, Central North
Committee on Nominations – Debra McCullum, Central South

SECOND TWO-YEAR TERM

President – Stephanie Dressler, Central North
Vice President – Jessica Godfrey, Central North
Secretary – Vanessa Warner, South West
Spiritual Growth Coordinator – Dr. Addie Shopshire-Rolle, Central North

Communications Publication Coordinator (Newsletter) – Kellie Frissell, Central South
Communications Technical Coordinator (Website and Social Media) – Carla Jefferson, Central East
Program Resources Coordinator – Linda Brown, Central South
Committee on Nominations Member – Tamara Askew, Central West
Committee on Nominations Member – Janice Gallagher, North West

APPOINTED POSITION

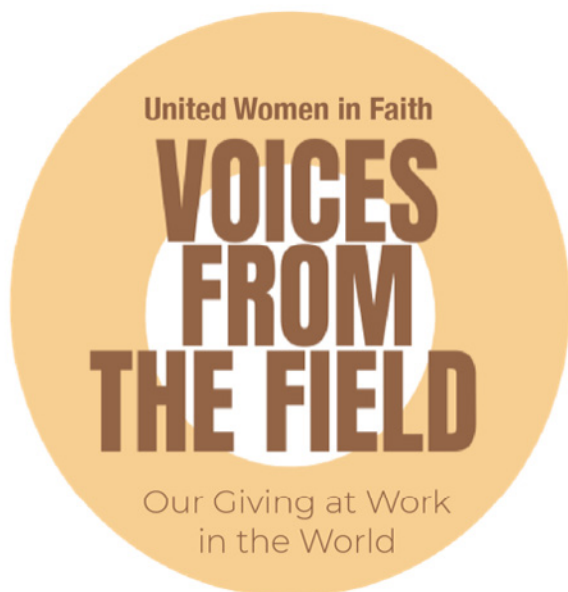
Chong Hee Lee – Korean Language Coordinator, Central West

The North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith Committee on Nominations submits the above-named individuals to fill vacant slots on the Conference Leadership Team for the year beginning 2023. This slate of nominees is to be elected by the North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith at the Annual Meeting on October 1, 2022.



If you wish to submit a name for the list, see the application on page 6.

Tamara Askew
Chair, Committee on Nominations
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Answering the Call to Serve – United Women in Faith and National Mission Institutions Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 4 p.m. ET (1 p.m. PT)

Answering the Call to Serve will feature members of United Women in Faith who are closely involved with some of our National Mission Institutions (NMIs). Bear witness to their callings to faithfully serve organizations that are transforming lives and communities. Learn why our support as United Women in Faith is imperative.



Dr. Katelin Hansent

Dr. Yvette Richards

L. Susan Stroup

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0vd0uhrTsqH9FYMSgEsVo_m830TdrBu2-V

North Georgia Conference United Women in Faith
Form for Nomination from the Floor – 2022 Annual Celebration
Submission Deadline: September 18, 2022

The United Methodist Women bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for a nomination from the floor for this year's NGCUWF Conference Officers' election which will take place in a hybrid format as a part of the 2022 Annual Celebration. If you want to make a nomination for more than one office, you must complete a form for each.

Send all Nominations from the Floor to Tamara Askew, Chair, NGCUWF Committee on Nominations,
(4897 Brown Leaf Dr. Powder Springs GA 30127 or tla.uwm@gmail.com)

NO nominations from the floor will be accepted as valid after September 18, 2022

If you have questions, contact (Tamara Askew @ tla.umw@gmail.com or 678-862-3277)

1. For which office is your nomination? (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 _____

2. Nominee's Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____ Email Address: _____

3. Please enter the nominee's home, cell and work numbers. If she does not have one, or it is unknown, please enter "NONE" in the space.

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

4. Please identify the age range of the nominee. (Optional)

- ☐ 18-30 years ☐ 41-50 years ☐ 66-70 years
☐ 31-40 years ☐ 51-65 years ☐ 71 and over

5. Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply. (Optional)

- ☐ African ☐ Caucasian or White ☐ Pacific Islander
☐ African-American or Black ☐ Hispanic or Latina ☐ Please write in your own
☐ Asian-American or Asian ☐ Hmong preferred description
☐ Caribbean ☐ Native American

6. Please identify the district and local church to which the nominee belongs.

District: _____ Local church: _____

Nominator Information (REQUIRED)

Please let us know who is completing this nomination form. Nominator Contact Information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____ Email Address: _____

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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

*Saturday, October 1, 2022
Marks the 50th Annual
Meeting of the North Georgia
United Women in Faith*

Join us at Griffin First UMC for the 2022 Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 1, 2022 | 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. | 1401 MAPLE DRIVE, GRIFFIN, GA 30224

It's so much more than a meeting — it's a worship celebration!

Some highlights for the morning include:

Word Made Flesh — Scripture in word and dance; A dynamic message from **Dr. Millie Kim**;
Special music from **Una Voz** (One Voice), a female choir from Norcross First;
Closing with **Communion**.

During the **Celebration Lunch** saxophonist Amarylis Sueing will be playing beautiful music while we celebrate and reveal the new UWF brand and celebrate district accomplishments.

\$20 Lunch and Meeting | \$10 Meeting only
Register today at <https://na.eventscloud.com/709007>

REGISTRATION ENDS SEPTEMBER 17

SOCIAL ACTION

My Journey to Going Solar

About a year ago, I signed a contract with Creative Solar to have solar panels installed on the roof of our house. My experience working with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) on our UMW Just Energy 4 All projects last year led me to ask GIPL about who would be a good partner organization for exploring a solar option.

We estimated that, even with the federal tax credits, it would take between ten and twenty years to recoup the initial cost for the complete solar installation. However, we also recognized that adding rooftop solar panels and a battery backup system to our home would increase the home's value. In the end, my husband and I opted to withdraw the money from our retirement savings to cover the upfront cost.

Why were we willing to make such an investment? The bottom line is, we care about God's creation, and we are concerned that our overuse of fossil fuels is doing great damage to our environment. The electricity generated by our rooftop solar installation will be both clean and renewable. We did not make this decision to save us money. We made this decision to help save our planet.

Why not buy an electric car instead, or a hybrid? Well, I would love to buy one of those as well, but we currently own two small, fuel-efficient cars that are both in good working order. We are no longer taking long car trips, so don't use a lot of gasoline. Most of the electric cars I have looked at would cost more than our solar installation and are projected to last eight years compared to the twenty-five our solar array is projected to last. However, the situation may be different for you.

Yes, you can say I gave this investment a lot of thought. I wish we could be doing more, but this was a big step for us. Our solar installation has passed inspection and we are waiting for Georgia Power to put us online so they can purchase any excess electricity that we generate. Now I am thinking about a solar hot water heater!

When I began my role as UMW (now UWF) Social Action Coordinator for the North Georgia Conference, I never imagined how much it would change the way I look at energy production and use. I hope you have grown in your understanding of the issues surrounding climate justice as well. I pray that you will consider what steps you can take to curtail our ongoing destruction of our planet. For more information on what you can do, go to the UWF website, and select "Serve and Advocate." Or use this link: Just Energy 4 All | United Women in Faith (uwfaith.org).



Beverly Marshall-Goodell,
Social Action Coordinator
North Georgia Conference UWF
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Thirteen rooftop solar panels for our 1100 sq ft home.



Our DC to AC converter, breakers for the solar panels and the storage battery.



An easy way to shutoff the power from the solar panels if someone needs to access the roof.

In life there are PARTICIPANTS, WINNERS and LOSERS — but in the world of United Women in Faith, all Participants are Winners.



**Emily Grossman, Coordinator
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To paraphrase 1 John 4:19: “We love because God first loved us...” we give because so much has first been given to us.” In other words, “in response to God’s goodness, we give freely and abundantly” (from an infographic for the World Thank Offering).

We’ve just finished reviewing our annual Local Unit Reports to see what our members and units have been doing the past year. Though we were still in the throes of a pandemic and hesitantly testing to see what could safely be done to participate within the scope of our organization, many have been able to live up to our Purpose and theme Building Together through Love in Action, creatively and successfully!

We have continued to participate in the Reading Program; 91 of our North Georgia UWF units completed a total of 844 “items” on the Mission Today requirements’ list and 30 units had a total of 34 Mission Studies. Every woman who had a part in these activities is a winner. She gained knowledge which enables her to see the world through a new frame and engage more sensitively with our world; she has been a part of a “supportive community;” she shared gifts and skills with others. She “built together.”

On the other side of the picture, there are women, children and youth who have benefited from our new knowledge and awareness of the world, the environment, and situations which are unjust, unsafe and unpleasant. As a result of what we United Women in Faith in the North Georgia Conference have learned in mission studies, programs, faithful reading of the Daily Prayer Guide and in service, women, children and youth around the world may have cleaner water and living environments, sustainable, safe housing, school supplies, improved literacy, fewer summer food gaps, and a champion or advocate in a difficult academic setting. This is “Love in Action” thanks to our emphasis on Educate for Mission.

What is “Educate for Mission?” One of the oldest tenets of our organization is to educate, and to be educated about issues in our midst, human trafficking and climate justice, for example. Reading, studying, serving are the means to learn about

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mission, equipping us to act, serve, change circumstances and misconceptions. And ultimately, hopefully, donate through our channels of giving to support these causes and programs.

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We educate for mission and we also educate about mission. We educate about what our organization has done for over 150 years and what the intentions are for another century of service and support. We respond to the current call to support the Legacy Fund with respect for the women and work on whose shoulders we stand but also to ensure a future, building a pathway for women, children and youth to be educated, protected and enabled to thrive....to be winners! This is who we are, who we were created to be, and how we respond to God’s call on our lives and how we live out the legacy and live into the paths our foremothers created.

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Participants in the Mission Study "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" now hopefully know how to process stressful events, have tools to manage fears and feel a connection and support with those who studied together. For those who learned about young Black girls who are being misunderstood in school and recklessly sent into the justice reform system, we now have an ache in our guts to mend, heal, intercede and advocate for these precious ones.....and so on. In a year from now what will our take-aways be from the study of Luke 13? Will our communities look different as we begin to redefine living in a community and being under God's Word?

Our response to these studies is not only to take action but also to support financially the programs we learn about which will make a difference. Educating for Mission! Because we educate for mission, we are the winners but we create other winners, the benefactors, those we work to serve through our sweat equity, mission giving, and pledge to missions.

United Women in Faith has winners and creates winners. If you are one of over 1000 "winners" in the North Georgia Conference who engaged at some level with these opportunities this past year, keep up the amazing efforts, do not let your love, energy, and giving falter.

If your toes have not yet tested the waters of the Educate for Mission water, we encourage you to join us! We want our Winner's Circle to grow....and by growing our Winner's Circle, we can create a significant ripple effect for the women, children, and youth: our beneficiaries, another group of winners!

The ripple effect that you, we, NGUWF, create by spending time using the Prayer Calendar/Daily Prayer Guide, UMW Program Book, reading and in Mission Studies could become a big wave. We educate ourselves; the resulting ripple effect through Love in Action and financial support through Mission Giving will be Winners creating Winners! Let's keep up the good work, simply encourage women and units to participate in these guidelines so that our report in a year will look as if we could surf on it.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

The What and Why of Your 2023 Budget

United Women in Faith have a Vision!

We seek 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.

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

To accomplish our vision, we need a plan and it is time to start making your unit's plan for 2023. What activities as a unit do you want to do? What social action projects do you want to tackle? What funds are necessary for these projects?

The local unit's budget consists of three main categories (percentages are flexible):

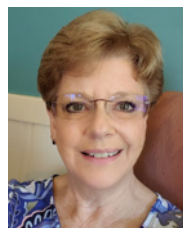
- Pledge to Mission (60%) to support 90+ specially selected mission projects in the United States and in other countries.
- Administration and Membership Development (10%)— This covers the unit's necessary spending such as dependent

care for meetings, postage and printing, program materials, program expenses, and scholarships and expense help for members to attend Mission U, conference and district events.

- Mission Locally (30%)— This enables the local unit to be in mission in its own area with projects such as your local woman's shelter, food pantry, or other appropriate community service.

Does your 2023 budget match your vision for your unit? A budget is a spending plan that supports the vision and activities of your unit. Money raised and contributed by United Women in Faith is raised for the purpose of mission. The parsonage and the church kitchen are the responsibility of the church Trustees. The church's apportionment is the responsibility of the church. If your members wish to contribute to these causes, their money needs to flow through the Sunday morning offering plate and not through the UWF Treasurer!

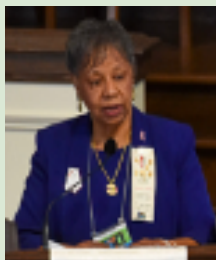
Want to have a little more conversation about your spending plan? Want to get your unit back on track? I am here to help!



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North Georgia Conference UWF Treasurer
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THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

Inaugural Legacy Banquet a Success!



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The inaugural Legacy Banquet was held at Assembly 2022 on the evening of May 21, 2022, in Orlando, Florida. This was a special fundraising event to celebrate and grow The Legacy Endowment Fund. We give thanks to God for all who were able to attend and support the Legacy Endowment Fund



Photos by Mike DuBose, UMNews, 2022 UWF Assembly



For the first time Assembly goes had a chance to attend a Legacy Banquet in support of the Legacy Endowment Fund, a future-facing endowment to ensure the work of United Women in Faith continues for 150 more years and beyond. More than 700 members and supporters attended the dinner.

Nearly \$47,000 was brought in at the Banquet for the Legacy Endowment Fund.

The next Assembly will be held May 15-17, 2026, in Indianapolis.

North Georgia Conference, now is your chance to live the vision to make an impact by giving to The Legacy Endowment Fund through the three Primary Channels of Giving: (1) Legacy Builder – monthly giving of \$18.69 or more. You can give online, send in monthly checks or pay in one check (\$224.28) for the year. (2) Planned Giving through the 1869 Society – commit to a planned gift through your estate. (3) Major Gifts – Pledges may be fulfilled over 3-6 years: Range from \$1,000 – \$100,000.

For #2 and #3 above, contact Development Staff member, Christi Campos from the UWF National Office (816) 286-6379.



Remember: You can make gifts in honor of, in celebration of, and in memory of those special women in your life. You can also designate United Women in Faith/Legacy Fund as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy or your retirement plan.

Together, we are building our legacy!

GIVE TO THE LEGACY FUND:

ONLINE: <https://uwfaith.org/give/?form=legacyfund>

PHONE: 800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday).

TEXT: 41444 and enter Legacy 150 in the message area.

PLANNED GIFT: Call 816-286-6379
or email: ccampos@unitedmethodistwomen.org

LEGACY BUILDER: <https://uwfaith.org/give/?form=legacyfund>

BY CHECK TO: United Methodist Women,
Attn: Legacy Fund
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

Who Can We Be Together? Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

This year after not being together for two years, Mission u was held in-person at The Korean Church of Atlanta. The session began on Friday afternoon with a spirit filled opening worship, in praise and adoration to God for allowing 90 of us to come together for this event. The closing worship on Saturday was the service of communion and also saw the results of some of the classes' time together.



Mission u took on a different approach this year with all classes using the same curricula from Luke 13. There were four adult English classes, one adult Korean class, a children and a youth class. All participants studied from the same text, present by study leaders in different ways. This led to engaging and inspiring conversations with participants from other classes during meal breaks. There were also intergenerational discussions between parents and children or youth. Who can we be together? Believers, followers, and disciples of Jesus showing others the way to live together.



The experience of virtual Mission u studies in 2020 and 2021 demonstrated the need to continue a virtual option this year. Virtual classes were held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings for four weeks for the adult study only. There were 65 participants in the two classes. Some of the same activities used in the in-person classes were adapted for the virtual settings.



The Mission u offering was designated to be given to the Korean UWF in support of their mission project. The Korean Church UWF mission project was the Murphy Harpst Children's Center back to school campaign. The offering amount donate was \$1,163.00.

I would like to express the gratitude of the Mission u Committee to all who attended Mission u this year. It is our sincere hope that you will share something you learned or was reminded of during the study with someone else. Share the story, don't let Mission u studies be a secret. Mission u has existed in some form for 122 years, to learn and transform the world. We can all have a part in that legacy. Some of this year's participants, as in past years, are willing to lead studies in your local units or your district. Please host an event for your church and invite a unit who is unable to host a study to join you.



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*Identify where willing to lead a study

DISTRICT NEWS

Central North District to Hold Annual Meeting

Greetings Sisters,

Central District United Women in Faith continues to work enthusiastically and intentionally to demonstrate faith, hope, and love in action.

Cascade United Women in Faith placed spending power in the hands of orphans at Carrie Steele-Pitts home by way of gift cards and also provided an outdoor event for the children of Murphy Harpst on the weekend of Holy week in the church's parking lot. The ladies of the church held an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids and also provided a video gaming truck for the children to play video games with treats and love galore!

More than 150 years ago, a group of discerning and determined women met to lay the foundation for the work we do. Their first effort included sending two women (a "doctress" and a teacher) to India to address the education and medical needs for the women of that area.

Today, we emulate the actions of our fore mothers as we seek to offer support to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Murphy-Harpst Children's Center, Asbury Harris Epworth Towers, Wesley Woods Senior Assisted Living facilities, and other mission efforts.

We also support numerous community projects in our local units and our district.

The CND United Women in Faith partners with and supports Warren Memorial UWF in their quarterly book review which meets on the 5th Saturdays of each month. The books are selected to support our reading program and to meet the reading program requirements of Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. We recently reviewed "Finding Jesus at the Border: Opening our Hearts to the stories of our Immigrant Neighbors", which was facilitated by the book's author, Rev. Julia Lambert Fogg.

We are proud to report that the Central North District UWF had 92 readers during the reporting period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, with 64 readers completing Plan I, 21 completing Plan II, and 7 completing Plan III. We invite you to join us.

SAVE THE DATE!



**CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday – 10:00 AM
October 22, 2022**

**East Point First Mallalieu UMC
2651 Church Street
East Point, GA 30344**



**United
Women
in Faith**

We are especially proud to be a part of this Central North District – this holy sisterhood of grace – as we boldly hold high the banner of faith, hope, and love in action!



Rejoicing in Hope!

**Mary Stamper-Murray, President
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DISTRICT NEWS

An Invitation from the Central South District

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Cedar Grove
United Methodist Church
United Women in Faith
COMMUNITY



&

United Methodist Men



Saturday
September 24, 2022
9 am - 3:00 pm
(Rain or Shine)

3430 Bouldercrest Road
Conley, GA 30288
(404-241-3620)

Vendor Rental Space: \$20
(No Tables provided)

Vendor Contact: Valerie Willis @
770 899-3251 or willisvp@yahoo.com
(Portion of proceeds to support Umcor and our Homeless)



United Women in Faith

*You are cordially invited to attend the
2nd Annual Meeting of the
Central South District - United Women in Faith*

Saturday, October 22, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Stockbridge First United Methodist Church

4863 N. Henry Blvd.

Stockbridge, Georgia 30281

Please click here to register

<https://forms.gle/CrmQV4ywuBxSwgaj6>

DISTRICT NEWS

Central East District is Connecting Units

Central East District UWF Executive Team is working diligently to keep our units informed.

Central East district ladies participated in the Mission u event, in person and via Zoom. It was good seeing some of the ladies. It was held at Korean Church of Atlanta, in our Central East District. It was great to meet in person once again.

Like the units, the Executive Team have returned from the summer break, and will meet each month via Zoom, We are double dipping as we are still 50% short of the officers needed to complete the District Team.

We have tried to set up zoom meeting with all units in a specific zone, but only one unit Duluth First participated on that zoom meeting, It was great to hear of their many mission activities, and the team members also had an opportunity to talk about their positions on the district.

We look forward to our first Lunch & Learn Mission Study that will take place on September 17, at Princeton UMC. Please remember to register by September 9th. Hoping for a great turnout. Email: cyndy.corley@gmail.com to register.

We are working tirelessly to have a complete Nomination Slate, and will continue to do so before the District Annual Meeting on October 22, 2022. We are counting on the ladies of Central East to step up and take a position. For our Annual Meeting we have, Christin Nevins a Certified Coach Spiritual Leader as our speaker.

Open Positions:
Vice-president,
Spiritual Growth
Communications
Membership Nurture Outreach
Education & Interpretation
You can respond: greenirisumw@gmail.com

As your Team continues to work together in LOVE to support women, children and youth, you are needed and encouraged to jump on board as this train is chugging along.

Blessings

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News From the North East District

Greetings from North East District. Wow what a summer it has been, lots going on I'm sure for all of us.

In March we held our annual Lenten Day Apart at Homer UMC, with Rev. April Briant, Toccoa First as our guest speaker. April 9th was our District Mission u with Mary Anne Brannon as our leader.

Several ladies from the District attend National Assembly. Several will be going on the Red Bird Mission Trip led by our own Kathy Cook.

District Spiritual Growth Retreat coming up September 9th and 10th, at Hinton Rural Life Center in beautiful Hayesville, NC. Our speaker for the retreat will be Rev. April Briant. Looking forward to being with the ladies in person.

District Annual Meeting Oct. 15th, Cleveland UMC Cleveland, GA

Nov. 5th Havyn's Hope Yard Sale, St. Paul UMC, Washington St. Gainesville

District Fundraiser. Havyn Howard has a rare neurological disorder, ALG1-CDG. She is one of only forty recorded cases in the world. She and her parents are from Habersham County, Georgia. Through clinical trials and research, new medicines and therapies may be discovered to help them all live a better life. All funds raised from

yard sale will go to Havyn's medical expenses and the equipment she will need when she returns home. For more information on CDG, visit: <https://cdgcare.org/what-is-cdg/>

Nov. 12 District Executive Team Meeting

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

Looking forward to some cool, crisp days ahead.

Sue Cook, President
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Check out the different podcasts available from uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts. Remember, Faith Talks also count towards your Reading Program!



Faith Talks



response Podcast



Voices from the Field Podcast



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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 28
Winter 2022 issue articles due Nov 22

Remaining 2022 NGC UWF Calendar Dates

Event	2022	Location
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

2023 NGC UWF Calendar

Event	2023	Location
Program/CON Executive	Jan 6-7	TBD
Treasurers and E&I Meeting	Feb 4 - 9:30AM-12:00PM	TBD
Racial Justice Program	March 11	TBD
Program/CON Executive and Walk thru for Annual Meeting	Apr 15	TBD
Spiritual Growth/ Social Action Event	May 5-6	TBD
NGC Annual Conference	May 31 - Jun 3	Classic Center
UWF Breakfast	Jun 2	Classic Center
Mission u	Jul 27 - 29	TBD
District Reports Due	Aug 1	Aug 1
Annual Meeting	Oct 7	TBD
Program Committee	Oct 14	Virtual
Leadership Development Days (LDD) Executive Meeting	Nov 4	TBD
District Ubuntu Day of Service	Districts Determine	Districts Determine

SAVE THE DATE: SEJ "Get Together" Convention, April 26-28, 2024 in Chattanooga, TN