



2nd Quarter 2022

Metro Media

The voice for the United Women in Faith of the Metro District,
Western North Carolina Conference.

President's Message

Welcome United Women in Faith!! What an exciting month we have had!! While masks remain a must for some events, most gatherings offer the option of wearing a mask or not. We can now engage an in-person worship and participate in more church and community activities. Along with spring weather, a return to increased fellowship opportunities during this Easter season provides the uplifting renewal we need for healthier social and emotional living. It was a blessing to gather with United Women in Faith for the Mission Study on March 5. We hope more of you plan to join us for the Praise, Worship and Memorial Service on April 30, either in-person or live streamed.

As we put love into action to change the world, let us focus on the Alliance Center for Education (AC4Ed), formerly Bethlehem Center and one of five National Mission Institutions (NMI) in Western North Carolina, the only one located in our district. The twelve AC4Ed locations throughout the Charlotte community serve children birth to 5 years, maintain after school K-12 care, offer summer camp for students K-12, and attend to individual family needs through their outreach programs. Ways we can support women, children, and youth through AC4Ed include:

- Engaging in volunteer opportunities
- Providing diapers and wipes at district events and/or through our units at any time during the year (See Hands-on-Mission in program information for the Praise, Worship and Memorial Service)
- Designating specific fund-raising money for camper scholarships
- Donating school supplies
- Participating in Ubuntu Day and contributing Christmas Bags (hat, gloves/mittens, and an age-appropriate book) for one or more classrooms

Contact Nancy Ward for more details.

Remember to share your service/mission project adaptations with a descriptive paragraph or two along with photos and contact information.

Send these items to Delta Sonderman, deltasson@gmail.com, who will post them on the Metro District UMW Facebook page.

Blessings,

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United Women in Faith

We believe love in action can change the world

“Hope”

Metro District Praise, Worship and Memorial Service

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 10:00 am



In our ever-changing world, it takes a few moments of discernment to separate exhilarating, positive and beneficial transformations from those changes that could be more accurately considered revolutionary. Through it all, God is beside us to guide us. You are invited to join this year’s Praise, Worship and Memorial Service, formerly the Prayer Breakfast, to hear the Reverend Linda Zastovnik’s message of “**Hope**” as we make sense of our constantly changing earthly world and honor our sisters who have gone on to their heavenly reward. Linda is the Teaching Pastor, and Ministry Consultant for Wakening Ministry, appointed by the bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United

Methodist Church. The Praise, Worship and Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 416 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28083.

Hands on Mission Project - Diapers and Wipes for Alliance Center 4 Education, formerly Bethlehem Center, a National Mission Institution started by United Methodist Women in 1940. AC4Ed will provide a collection vehicle for these items. The chart to below shows the monthly diaper and wipes needs.

Diaper/Pull-up Training Pant Size	Monthly Amount Consumed	Diaper/Pull-up Training Pant Size	Monthly Amount Consumed
1	246	5	312
2	228	2T-3T half boys half girls	576
3	408	4T-5T half boys half girls	576
4	180	Baby Wipes (Pkgs of 100)	220

Registration Form: Complete and submit the form below to assist in providing adequate communion fellowship cups and an appropriately sized vehicle for the diapers and wipes.

2022 Praise, Worship and Memorial Service
 Please complete this form and email it by April 22 to:
 Jo Boyd at number3grammy@yahoo.com.

Church	Number Attending
Contact Person	Email and/or Cell Number
Packages of Diapers	Packages of Wipes



United Women in Faith 2022 Launch

What an exciting time!! After 5 years of face-to-face conversations, surveys and focus groups the United Women in Faith has emerged. This new name follows over 25 titles since 1869. For the past 50 years, the United Methodist Women, the most recent designation, has had the honor of being the largest denominational faith organization for women with over 800,000 members around the world. We will continue to use this name legally and corporately while continuing to be the mandated woman's group as described in Section 13 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

United Women in Faith brings changes that address the different needs and life stages of current and new members as well as expanding options for membership and engagement. Additionally, it welcomes women whose current churches may disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church or are from other faith denominations.

Our new logo represents the past, present and future of our organization. The symbol refers to our Christian roots. The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and the inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith. The typography is solid, modern, and bold, showcasing our power to support the causes to which we invest.

Begin this improved journey by exploring the new, easier to navigate website, [United Women in Faith | Love in Action \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org), and the developing new programs:

- **A new, easier to navigate website** with a homepage designed to pique new women's interest in United Women in Faith and a special portal set to come online later this year where members can log in to access additional resources. The appearance of the website is bold, colorful, uplifting and inspiring.
- A new **'All-Access' National Membership Option**. The traditional structure of the conference, district, and local levels, including circles, will remain. All-Access allows existing and new members participation options: traditional, online, in-person, selected events.
- **Soul Care Retreats**. This pilot recruitment program, currently being rolled out, focuses on women's needs: mind, body, and spirit. This area represents one of great need in women's lives. We tend to take care of everyone else first leaving little time to address our needs.
- **Innovations in the Leadership Development Day Programs**. An annual event for conference officers and other United Women in Faith leaders, it is designed to equip and strengthen leaders with spirit-filled worship, officer training, leadership development workshops, networking and more.
- **Innovations to Mission u**. Going forward, programs will present a shared Biblical theme with three strands, one for children, one for youth and one for adults. This curricula coordination facilitates a united focus making it easier to use in whole churches, small groups, retreats, Vacation Bible Schools and other settings.

Resources for this article and/or for your information:

1. Moore, Y, *New Wineskins for Growth*, response magazine, September/October 2021, pp. 36-39
2. Moore, Y, *New Wineskins for New Times*, response magazine, November/December 2021, pp. 37-39
3. Smothers, J., *An Urgent Legacy*, response magazine, January/February 2022, pp.8-10
4. Moore, Y, *We Are United Women in Faith!* response magazine, March/April 2022, pp.32-34
5. _____, *Frequently Asked Questions on United Women in Faith*, March/April 2022, p 35
6. United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith, [United Methodist Women Is Now United Women in Faith | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org) New York, N.Y., Mar. 2, 2022

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Nominations

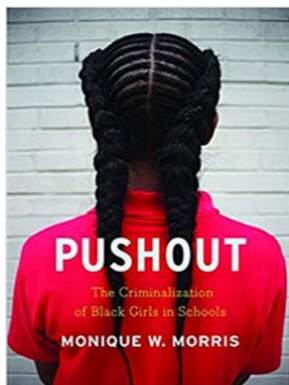
With the exciting changes accompanying the global launch of United Women in Faith, comes an opportunity for you to get involved in shaping the future of the organization through the Metro District Mission Team.

The positions of Treasurer and Vice President are open for 2023-24. If you or someone you know is interested, any member of the Nominations Committee would be happy to answer your questions or provide job descriptions. We'd love to have you as a part of this impactful and fun group serving the Metro District.

Contact any member of the Nominations Committee:
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Missions Education and Interpretation

Thanks to those who attended the Metro District Mission Study, “Pushout” on March 5. There were 25 people in attendance, 145 hygiene kits were collected, and the discussions on school pushout were stimulating. I encourage you to be an advocate for those young people who are marginalized in your school communities, primarily girls of color, who are experiencing a high rate of pushout. It is critical that we help keep these young women in school.



If you were unable to attend this year's Mission Study, please know that you were greatly missed. As your ME&I Coordinator, I'm available to meet units in-person or via Zoom to provide an overview of the study. To arrange a visit or answer any questions you have about Missions, please contact me.

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Historian

The organization that we know as United Methodist Women has been a constantly evolving organization since 1869, when eight women gathered to organize the **Woman's Foreign Missionary Society** in response to a lack of women's health and schooling for girls in India. Since then, it continued to grow to meet the needs of its members and the missions they serve.

In 1875, Lizzie Hoffman was instrumental in forming the **Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church**. In 1879, the **Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church** was founded. In 1884, the **Woman's Missionary Society** was organized in the Evangelical Association. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations sending missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects.

Woman's Home Missionary Societies were founded in 1880 (Methodist Episcopal Church) and 1890 (Methodist Episcopal Church, South). In the 1940s, **Ladies Aid Societies** were incorporated into missionary societies. These groups had existed for many years.

Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1972/1973 the **United Methodist Women** became the women's mission organization of the United Methodist Church.

In 2012, the United Methodist Church General Conference voted to make the United Methodist Women's national policy making body autonomous.

Harriett Jane Olson, in her chief executive report at the organization's October 2013 Annual Meeting in New York City, reported: “Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up to make our voices heard, she said. “We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children and youth.” This statement is truer today as we transition to United Women in Faith.

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Treasurer

Hello United Women in Faith from your District Treasurer: Peace in Christ to you all. You are resilient as ever as you support the outstanding Mission work of the United Women in Faith.

Our first quarter 2022 remittance giving was \$18,474. Our name may have changed, but our faithful support of women, children and youth remains strong. We take great pride in being fiscally responsible and being a volunteer community of Women in Christ. I am grateful for the wonderful Circles within the Metro District and the fellowship we share when we work together in Mission. It makes my heart sing and life more enjoyable. Thank you for being United Women in Faith.



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Membership Nurture and Outreach

Spring is here, which means going out to enjoy the beautiful weather. It's also a great time to begin getting in shape for the Walk for Missions which will be held on September 24, this year. With the advanced notice you'll have more time to train and more time to collect funds from your supporters.

We encourage you to walk with your fellow unit and church members, as well as joining other churches for the fellowship and companionship. If you do plan to join other churches in your walk, please let me know so I can share with others. Additional details on the Walk and the submission forms will be in the 3rd quarter newsletter.

Remember that you have a Nurture Partner from the Metro District and that she would love to talk with you.

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Metro District and WNCC UMW 2022 Events Calendar

April 30

Metro District Prayer Breakfast
Trinity United Methodist Church,
416 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Kannapolis, NC 28083
Hands on Project Diapers & Wipes

May 20-22

Assembly 2022,
Orlando, FL
Register at assembly2022.org

June 9 - 11

WNCC UWF Spiritual Growth
Retreat
91 North Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

July 14-17

WNCC UWF Mission u
Pfeiffer University
48380 US-52
Misenheimer, NC 28109

August 27

Metro District Annual Celebration
Harrisburg UMC, 4560 Hwy 49S,
Harrisburg, NC 28075
*Hands on Project: UMCOR School
Kits & School Supplies for AC4Ed*

September 9-11

WNCC UWF Annual Celebration
91 North Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

September 24

Walk for Mission
Additional details to come

October 1, 8, or 15

UBUNTU Days of Service
Various Locations TBD

November 5

Metro District Local Officers
Leadership Development Day
Harrisburg, UMC, 4560 Hwy 49S,
Harrisburg, NC 28075

United Women in Faith Assembly 2022

May 20-22, 2022. Orlando, FL Registration Online at www.assembly2022.org
In-Person \$365 Virtual \$235

- Soul-stirring worship infused with music and performing arts
- Impactful workshops and riveting Town Hall meetings with important leaders
- Action opportunities and an Experience Hall with interactive exhibits

Proof of vaccination is required at the time of registration



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2022 Nurturing Partner List

CHURCH	PARTNER	CHURCH	PARTNER
Aldersgate	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia	Morrays Chapel	Cline, Judy
Bethpage	Hyer, Martha	Mount Mitchell	McDonald, Susan
Broad Street	Morris, Lynda	Mount Olivet	Boyd, Jo
Calvary	Eudy, Debbie	Mount Pleasant	Ward, Nancy
Centenary	McDonald, Susan	Myers Park	Eudy, Debbie
Center	Davidson, Linda	North Davidson	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
Central (Charlotte)	Eudy, Debbie	North Kannapolis	Wilson, Loretta
Central (Concord)	Hyer, Martha	Oak Grove (Char)	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
Central (Mooresville)	Shafer, Kim	Oak Grove (CG)	Shafer, Kim
Christ	Shafer, Kim	Pineville	Varner, Donna
Cokesbury	Woods, Louise	Pleasant Grove	Boyd, Jo
Commonwealth	Varner, Donna	Providence	Ward, Nancy
Covenant	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia	Roberta	Hyer, Martha
Davidson	Morris, Lynda	Rock Grove	Wilson, Loretta
Dilworth	Sonderman, Delta	Rocky Mount	Shafer, Kim
Epworth	Barrell, Sheila	Rocky Ridge	Casey, Sylvia
Faith (Mooresville)	McDonald, Susan	Royal Oaks	Barrell, Sheila
First (China Grove)	Barrell, Sheila	Simpson-Gillespie	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
First Hmong	Shafer, Kim	South Tryon	Casey, Sylvia
Forest Hill	Barrell, Sheila	SouthPark	Varner, Donna
Friendship	Sonderman, Delta	St Andrews	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia
Harrisburg	Ward, Nancy	St Francis	Ward, Nancy
Hickory Grove	Woods, Louise	St Marks	Casey, Sylvia
Hunters Chapel	Davidson, Linda	St. Paul (Mooresville)	Boyd, Jo
Huntersville	Davidson, Linda	St Stephen	Eudy, Debbie
Indian Trail	Ward, Nancy	Thrift	Eudy, Debbie
Jackson Park	Cline, Judy	Trinity (Charlotte)	Sonderman, Delta
Matthews	Varner, Donna	Trinity (Kannapolis)	Wilson, Loretta
Memorial (Charlotte)	Sonderman, Delta	Westford	Morris, Lynda
Memorial (Kannapolis)	Wilson, Loretta	Williamsons Chapel	Shafer, Kim
Midway	Cline, Judy	Woodlawn Community	Wilson, Loretta
Mill Grove	Ward, Nancy	Zion	Ward, Nancy

Your Metro Nurture Partners are the first point of contact and liaison with our local churches. Please welcome them when they call or visit. While each unit has a designated Nurture Partner, we are all here to support you. Contact your Partner or any Metro Mission Team Officer with your questions, ideas, or concerns.



United
Women
in Faith

2022 Spiritual Growth Retreat

Thursday, June 9 thru Saturday, June 11, 2022

Lake Junaluska

With Live Streaming

Theme: Come to the Water

Our Spiritual Growth Retreat Leaders

We all need a break from our busy lives, a time for reflection, a time to listen for God's guidance. We are so busy doing all the things we are called upon to do, we don't often take the time to slow down, to sit back and think about the things that are really important. Join us to pray, to listen, to study, to fellowship with United Women in Faith from across the conference, and to spend some quiet time in reflection.

Rev. Tammy Ingram
Bass Chapel / Raleigh's Crossroads (Greensboro)
Northern Piedmont District
Retreat Leader



Amy Johnson
Faith (Rural Hall)
Yadkin Valley District
Music Leader



**Music Leader
Donna Cooke**
Wesley Memorial (Winston-Salem)
Yadkin Valley District



WNCC United Women in Faith Spiritual Growth Retreat

Thursday, June 9 thru Saturday, June 11, 2022

[Complete information at www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Housing Information

Make hotel reservations by calling the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930

Ask for the UMW group rate using our **group code: 85759**

Terrace Hotel (2 nights lodging, 5 meals, taxes included) **Per Person: Single \$369 Double \$229 Triple \$197 Quad \$166**

Lambuth Inn Renovated (2 nights lodging, 5 meals, taxes included) **Per Person: Single \$346 Double \$217 Triple \$186 Quad \$170**

Lambuth Inn Economy/Junaluska Apartments **Per Person Per Night**, taxes extra: (No meals included but meals may be added): **Single \$90 Double \$45 Triple \$35 Quad \$30**

Retreat Registration

www.wnccumw.org/events/spiritual-growth-retreat-2022/

Retreat Registration Fee (In-Person): \$25 per person thru May 9, 2022. **\$40 per person** from May 10, 2022, thru June 7, 2022. **Registration is online only**; there will be **no on-site registration**, and registration will close on June 7, 2022.

*The health and safety of our members and attendees is a top priority for United Methodist Women. **ALL participants are required to be fully vaccinated and up to date (boosted)** per CDC Guidelines and to **provide proof of vaccination as part of our online registration**. Attendees will also be required to confirm a commitment to follow our COVID-19 Safety Measures.*



See you at the Lake!



Mission u July 14 - 17

Each year, United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. This year we are introducing a new model of

Mission u curricula, with one curriculum for adults, one for children, and one for youth.

All 2022 Curricula Based on Luke 13

Youth curriculum: *Community in the Midst of Challenging Times*

Adult curriculum: *Who Can We Be Together* **Children's curriculum:** *Our Growing Tree*