



*for spiritual healing and renewal; for rebirth in a new time;
for women leaders; for justice for women, children and youth*

49th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 153 Years in Mission

September 9-11, 2022

Lake Junaluska, NC

Western North Carolina Conference



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in Faith

ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Rules Of Order For Annual Celebration Of The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

A. General Information

1. Celebrations shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.
2. Members and guests shall wear nametags at all times to all functions to indicate delegate status.
3. During voting sessions (business sessions) delegates shall be seated within a designated voting bar.
4. Members and visitors not designated as delegates shall be seated elsewhere.

B. New Business

1. All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be presented in writing to the Secretary twenty-four (24) hours prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
2. Proposed Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Conference President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the Conference Annual Celebration.

C. Motions

1. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
2. The Secretary, unless directed otherwise, shall not record motions ruled out of order, points of order on which no appeal is taken, or trivial matters of privilege.

D. Debate

1. In seeking recognition from the Chair, a member must stand to address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his or her name before making comment or motion.
2. The maker of a motion in preference to any other delegate shall be entitled to the floor immediately after the motion is stated.
3. Debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per topic.
4. No delegate shall speak to a motion a second time until all others have been given the opportunity to speak.
5. No delegate shall speak more than twice on the same question on the same day, nor more than two (2) minutes at one time without consent of the body.
6. General consent shall be required if additional time is to be given.

E. Voting Membership

The voting body of the Conference organization shall be composed of the following persons:

1. One representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative for each additional fifty (50) members in the unit.
2. All District officers and chairpersons of District Committees.
3. Past Presidents of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women and Conference Past Presidents of the United Methodist Women now living within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference.
4. District Presidents, as members of the Conference Executive Committee.
5. Conference officers and chairpersons of committees.
6. Any member of the United Methodist Women National Office or of the Southeastern Jurisdiction leadership team organization residing within the bounds of the Conference.
7. The resident Bishop.
8. The President of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the Conference.
9. All elected members-at-large.

F. Delegates For Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the delegates registered for the meeting.

G. Parliamentary Authority

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority.
2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these rules.



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Joanie Strohm, President
Lynda Morris, Vice President, Chair of Program Committee

Gwen Harris, President
Hostess District—Blue Ridge
2022 Program Committee

Lynda Morris, Joanie Strohm, Dianne Beam, Nancy Reigel, Darlene Gardner, Carolyn Payne, Molly Welch,
Joyce Irby, Kathy Chadwell, Lisa Bacon, Gwen Harris, Rhita Newcomb, Lynne Gilbert

Visit our Conference Web Site, www.wnccumw.org

You can find lots of information at our conference web site: conference event information, registration forms, Mission Today resources, the *Conference Gram*, and links to many resources available on the National Office web site just to name a few.



Join Our Conference Email List!

If you are interested in receiving email with Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith information, updates, the *Conference Gram*, go to the website and sign up. Also, find us at www.facebook.com/wnccumw, at www.twitter.com/wnccumw, and at www.youtube.com/user/wnccumw. Join now!

*****Very Special Appreciation*****

The Program Committee would like to thank the following:

- ◆ All the United Women in Faith who joined us at Lake Junaluska this weekend
- ◆ Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge District President, and those who served as Hostesses
- ◆ Members of the Conference Executive Committee and volunteers from the District Teams
- ◆ Tamara Clark, National Office Treasurer and CFO for sharing how we can Turn it Up!
- ◆ Amy Johnson and Donna Cooke for sharing their musical talents
- ◆ Lynne Gilbert, Lisa Bacon, & Betty Durham for technical support
- ◆ Deaconess Tracey Owens, Activities Director at Brooks-Howell Home for sharing the mission message
- ◆ LaDonna Butts, Tamara Clark, Amy Johnson, Donna Cooke, & Molly Welch for their leadership in the Saturday afternoon workshops
- ◆ Those who enjoy singing and became our United Women in Faith Choir
- ◆ Volunteers who hosted our special guests for lunch
- ◆ All the UWF members who participated in various ways in this Annual Celebration.
- ◆ Harrell Center Display providers
- ◆ Bishop Ken Carter for serving as our communion celebrant
- ◆ The Lake Junaluska Staff who have been so helpful in planning this event
- ◆ Scott Marek, JM Graphics, Inc for the printing of this program book

If using cell phones or tablets for scripture reading or note taking, please make sure your device is silenced. Thanks!





FRIDAY EVENING-Harrell Auditorium

Turn it Up For Spiritual Healing and Renewal

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.

Amy Johnson & Donna Cooke

Turn it Up For Spiritual Healing and Renewal—7:00 P.M.

Call to Order Annual Celebration

Joanie Strohm, President

Greetings from Lake Junaluska

Ken Howle, Ex. Director, Lake Junaluska
Conference and Retreat Center

Greetings from Host District President

Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge President

Greetings from Host District Superintendent

Rev. Mark Ralls, Blue Ridge

**Announcements, Presentation of Guests &
Program Participants**

Lynda Morris, Vice President

Hymn “Since Jesus Came Into My Life”

TFWS #2140

Daily Prayer Guide/Evening Prayer

Linda Greer, Appalachian President

***Scripture: Matthew 11:28**

Loretta Wilson, Metro Social Action

Introduction of Speaker

Lynda Morris

Message: “Rest for My Soul”

Tamara Clark, United Women in Faith
CFO & Treasurer

Hymn “Softly and Tenderly”

UMW #348

***Benediction**

Jean Carter, Northern Piedmont Vice President

Postlude

Donna Cooke

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

(UW Faith Choir members, please remain in Harrell Auditorium after session)



SATURDAY MORNING-Harrell Auditorium

Turn it Up For Rebirth in a New Time

Gathering Music—8:30 A.M.

Amy Johnson & Donna Cooke

Turn it Up For Rebirth in a New Time—8:45 A.M.

Daily Prayer Guide/Opening Prayer

Darlene Gardner, Spiritual Growth
Coordinator

BUSINESS SESSION

Joanie Strohm, President
Dianne Beam, Secretary
Martha Phillips, Parliamentarian

“Spotlighting Our Districts”

Molly Welch, Membership Nurture
& Outreach Coordinator

There will be a brief intermission

Musical Chairs

LaDonna Butts, Mission u Assistant Dean

SATURDAY MORNING-Harrell Auditorium

Turn it Up For Women Leaders

Convener		Carolyn Payne, Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator
Special Guests	Active & Retired Mission Personnel, Church & Community Workers, Deaconesses, Home Missioners and Other Special Mission Guests	
Hymn	“Many Gifts, One Spirit”	UMH #114
Welcome of Guests		Carolyn Payne
Legacy Moment		Lynne Gilbert, Legacy Committee Chair
Pledge Service	“We Advocate, We Act, We Give”	Nancy Reigel, Treasurer
Video:	Your Gifts Make a Difference	Nicole Bates, Scholarship Recipient
Love Offering	A Gift to Mission in Recognition of United Methodist Women’s Advocacy for Justice and Reconciliation for Women, Children and Youth	Nancy Reigel
Offertory	“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”	Amy Johnson
Doxology		UMH #95
*Scripture:	1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-13	Lynn Alexander, Mission u Dean
Mission Presentation	“Mission Legacies”	Tracey Owens, Deaconess
Recession of Guests		
Recessional Hymn	“Go To The World” (Tune: “For All the Saints”)	W&S #3158

You are invited to join our mission guests for lunch in the dining room of The Terrace . As you go to lunch, please help our guests by allowing them and their hostesses to go to the front of the line. Seats have been reserved for them. Please make these very special people feel welcomed!

*Benediction	Renee Hayes, Deaconess
Postlude	Donna Cooke

**Please stand in body or spirit*

NOTE: 1:00 –1:45 P.M. UWFaith Choir Practice in Harrell Auditorium



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SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

“Turn it Up For Rebirth in a New Time”

Session 1: 1:00-1:45 P.M. Harrell Auditorium

United Women in Faith Choir—Facilitated by Amy Johnson

Join your voices in joyful song as you prepare an anthem for the Sunday morning session.

Session 2: 2:00-3:30 P.M. Room 105 of Harrell Center

New Wineskins—Facilitated by Molly Welch

A discussion touching on how our organization is changing, available resources, and how we are reaching out to membership.

Session 3: 2:00-3:00 Harrell Auditorium

Jazzercising 4 Jesus—Facilitated by LaDonna Butts

Relax, stretch, and laugh as you are led through some moderate chair exercise.

Session 4: 3:30-4:30 Harrell Auditorium

Flexibility in the Midst of Change—Facilitated by Tamara Clark

Our keynote speaker, CFO and Treasurer of the national office of United Women in Faith, will share her insights regarding how we can approach and share with grace the changes that have been made in our organization.

SATURDAY EVENING-Harrell Auditorium

Turn it Up For Women Leaders

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.	Amy Johnson & Donna Cooke
A Time of Recognition & Honoring—7:00 P.M.	
Evening Prayer	Sandra Williamson, Northern Piedmont President
Announcements & Reports	Conference Officers
Dedication of the Annual Report Book (see page 18 for nomination details)	Committee Members
Time of Appreciation-Honoring Outgoing Officers	Joanie Strohm and Nancy Reigel
Installation of Officers	Tonya Lanier, Past President WNCC UMW
A Celebration of United Women in Faith	Lynda Morris & Molly Welch
*Scripture: 1 Peter 3: 8-12 NRSV	Debbie Ray, Smoky Mountain President
President's Address "It's a New Day—Embrace It!"	Joanie Strohm
Hymn "The Summons	TFWS # 2130
*Benediction	Cathy Ward, Uwharrie President
Postlude	Donna Cooke

*Please stand, in body or in spirit

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES...(Saturday Night Entertainment)

"How Our Districts Are Turning It Up!"

Immediately following the Saturday Evening Session until 10:30 P.M.

Molly Welch. Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator

Harrell Center Auditorium—Ground Level



SUNDAY MORNING-Harrell Auditorium
“Turn it Up For Justice for Women, Children and Youth”

Gathering Music—8:45 A.M.

Amy Johnson & Donna Cooke

We Gather to Praise and Glorify God—9:00 A.M.

Announcements

Lynda Morris

Hymn “O God, You Call for Justice”
(Tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)

Text by Carolyn Gillette

Prayer Calendar/ Opening Prayer

Jan Taylor, Appalachian Vice President

Presentations

Joanie Strohm and Nancy Reigel

Memorial Service

Darlene Gardner

***Scripture** James 2:14-18

Debbie Eudy, Metro Secretary

Message “Faith and Deeds”

Tamara Clark

Special Music “At the Table of the Lord”

UW Faith Choir

Holy Communion

Bishop Ken Carter, Celebrant
WNCC UMC

Dedication of Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory Cards & Prayer Requests

Carolyn Payne

Hymn "You Are the Seed"

UMH #583

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Joanie Strohm

Postlude

Donna Cooke

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Upcoming 2022 Events

Ubuntu Day of Service "I am because you are"

September 17 at Mission Response Center, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and/or 12:00-2:00 p.m.

You must contact Linda Greer to register:
jacklindagreer@bellsouth.net or text 828-244-2251

October 1, 8, 15 Various activities across the Conference

Check for opportunities in your district or create your own event

Leadership Development Day (LDD) for District Officers

"Leading As We Turn It Up!"

Zoom Meeting

October 22, 2022



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Keynote Speaker: Tamara Clark

Treasurer/CFO United Women in Faith



Tamara Clark is a peacemaker at heart. She was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, into a nurturing and close-knit family that was and still is active in the community and church. At a young age she became involved in the ministries of Mid-Town Parish United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir, helped lead the youth ministry, and was secretary for the local United Women in Faith's group. She credits her church and women's group with helping her to develop spiritually and telling her not to be afraid to lead. Clark is a graduate of Temple University's Fox School of Business. She is a certified public accountant who started her career in public accounting. She has since worked for two United Methodist annual conferences—in Eastern Pennsylvania and Wisconsin—and was elected treasurer and CFO of United Women in Faith in October 2019. She is grateful for the opportunity to work for an organization whose work she is passionate about.

Mission Speaker: Tracey Owens

Deaconess serving at Brooks Howell

Tracey was born and raised in Greensboro, NC. Her home church is Tabernacle United Methodist Church. Tracey is a graduate of UNC-Greensboro, with a degree in Business Administration & Economics. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Marion, NC. She is active in the Psalter Choir and United Women in Faith, where she is the Vice-President & Spiritual Growth Coordinator. She is also active in United Women in Faith in the Western North Carolina Conference and the Blue Ridge District, where she serves as the Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator.

Tracey is employed at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville. Brooks-Howell is a Continuing Care Retirement Community, owned by the National United Women in Faith. She is on the Leadership Team there as the Director of Activities and is a Certified Dementia Practitioner.

Tracey is also a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church, where she is called to ministries of love, justice, and service. She was consecrated in 2014 at the UMW Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky and is appointed to Brooks-Howell Home as her ministry for and with older adults. She resides in Marion with her son Samuel and two cats, Opal and Diana. Hobbies include shopping, traveling, Christmas decorating (particularly gingerbread décor), and ACC basketball (she is an avid Duke fan!)



Music Leaders:



Amy Johnson: Amy Johnson is no stranger to United Women in Faith. She has served in various offices on the local, district, and conference level, including Conference Treasurer and Conference President. Amy is the Music Director of Faith United Methodist Church in Rural Hall where she and her husband, Paul, are members. She has previously led music for Mission U, as well as for three national conferences of PAUMCS (Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure). Amy enjoys selecting music to go along with worship themes and seeing scripture come alive through music. Amy and her husband, Paul, make their home in Tobaccoville. They have one daughter, Jill; son-in-law, AJ; and two grandchildren, Dylan and Karley. Amy is retired and enjoys time with the family, playing the piano, cross stitching, traveling,



Donna Cooke: Donna Cooke began her career in traditional church worship at Central UMC in Mt. Airy where she served as Organist and Music Director for 28 years. She then worked for seven years in the Yadkin Valley District as Coordinator of Age Level Ministries and Vitality Strategist. Following retirement from that office, she continued her career in Traditional Worship Arts at Mt. Tabor UMC in Winston-Salem where she “re-retired” in June of 2019. Currently she is organist at Wesley Memorial UMC, in Winston-Salem.

Report on Communications

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 1 Cor. 12:14 (ESV)

Communication was vital as we moved through a second year of the coronavirus pandemic. When members are not able to gather in person, a channel of communication is lost. Conference and district officers went above and beyond to maintain a sense of connection with local unit members in the absence of in-person gatherings. Many of us continued to move beyond our comfort levels with technology to make these virtual gatherings possible. The Conference Gram featured the history of some of the scholarships in our Conference Scholarship Program and a short biography of a current scholarship recipient. A total of 5945 copies were printed at a total cost of \$5891.08, or 99 cents per printed copy. The Conference Gram was also available via e-mail and on the WNCC UMW website.

Appreciation is expressed to the Conference Executive Team, Conference Webmaster Lynne Gilbert, and the District Communications Coordinators for their support and input.

Lisa Bacon, Conference Communications Coordinator

Report of the Treasurer

“Oh no, not again!” That was the phrase heard all too often as we entered 2021. A year entered with great hopes to once again be able to gather and celebrate in person together. But those hopes were soon dashed as we experienced another year in “Virtual” mode

2021 Giving News

While you might expect this report to tell a story just about numbers, that is not necessarily the case...it tells far more than that. Behind these numbers lay the resolve, the commitment, the resourcefulness and the Passion for Mission you United Methodist Women lived out throughout 2021. It certainly tells of the continued monetary investments in Mission Giving dollars you continued to make throughout the year, but it also tells of the energy, perseverance, and willingness to go above and beyond to create the opportunities that allowed these investments to be made. Learning new on-line skills and ways to communicate, often requiring you to move out of your personal comfort zones were not easy..but you did it...and it mattered!

During 2021 WNCC United Methodist Women members made the following happen:

Total Giving through the 8 districts from local units totaled

\$554,280

Giving that happened despite few (and for many – no) in person gatherings. You gave by mail, on-line or using many other ways to forwarding your funds to your district treasurers. You were indeed RESOURCEFUL in your passion for Mission.

Special Offerings

(Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, Annual Celebration Love Offerings)

\$14,339

All 2021 from virtual gatherings Once again, using many ways of forwarding your support for Mission

Because of YOUR Commitment and Passion WNCC United Methodist Women was able to send

\$504,943

In Undesignated Mission Giving to the UMW National Office in 2021

Yes, we met our Pledge of \$500,000!

In addition, we sent:

Designated Giving to UMW National Office and GBGM/UMCOR

(includes Call to Prayer & Self Denial, General, National, International & UMCOR)

\$39,401

Donations to other local projects

\$6,400

Western NC Conference United Methodist Women members, despite the obstacles, YOU made this happen in 2021. Be proud!

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer

Report of the Scholarship Committee

It has been a blessing to serve as the Scholarship Committee Chairperson for the last four years. The scholarship program continues to reach young men and women who attend one of our five WNCUMC colleges and universities to help prepare them for a life of servant leadership.

For the 2021-2022 school year, \$19700.00 was awarded. The six receipts of these funds were:

Elizabeth Stribling-	Pfeiffer University
Rebecca Dyer-	Pfeiffer University
Noah Hinton-	Brevard College
Marcinia Johnson-	Bennett College
Nicole Bates-	High Point University
Samatha Snyder-	Brevard College

The Scholarship Program is funded by seven endowed scholarships and the General Scholarship. Giving to the General Fund is encouraged from individuals, units and districts.

Special thanks go to the committee members: Julia Willis, Lisa Bacon, Nancy Reigel, Cathy Ward, Lynda Morris and Linda Greer.

Remember our scholarship recipients and our conference colleges and universities in your prayers.

Blessings,

Cathy McCauley

Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Report of Membership Nurture & Outreach

The membership of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women for 2021 totaled 14,915.

Walks for Mission across the conference raised \$17,349.88

Renee Hayes, Mission Coordinator Membership Nurture and Outreach

Report of Mission Education and Interpretation

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women mission activities in 2021 included Mission Giving in all Five Channels of undesignated giving, attendance at Virtual District and Conference Mission Studies, meeting Mission Today criteria and participating in Hands-on mission activities in our communities, our districts, our conference, our nation and around the world. Participation in these mission activities has enhanced our lives as well as the lives of our neighbors.

All Conference events were held virtually in 2021 due to COVID-19; therefore, the collective response from hands-on projects happened through the districts. UMCOR gifts and Project AGAPE gifts were delivered by District representatives to the Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC. Many other District Collections for Local and National Missions were donated and delivered throughout our eight districts. The various districts gave supplies and monetary donations to the Bethlehem Centers as well to other organizations within their districts.

UMW Members stepped up during difficult times and donated materials and dollars through their Districts and Local Units estimated as follows: UMCOR - \$11,818.00; Project AGAPE -\$8,780.00; Bethlehem Community Center - \$2,560.00; Alliance Center for Education - \$100.00; Brooks-Howell Home - \$150.00; Other Local Missions - \$64,133.00; TOTAL - \$87,541.00. We are sure that there were many other local donations through local units that went unreported. Local Units and Districts supported many projects through monetary donations and supplies, as well as volunteering the gift of service.

The Mission Response Center has kits and supplies that need inspection. Groups are needed to come to the Mission Response Center to assist with these inspections and packing of UMCOR kits and supplies for Project AGAPE in Armenia. Contact Ben Rogers via email to schedule your group:
brogers@wnccumc.org.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support of projects that benefit and empower women, youth and children!

Linda Greer Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation

Report of Mission u

The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women held Mission u 2021 virtually July 19 – Aug 1. We offered one opportunity for the spiritual growth study and four opportunities for issue study.

The spiritual growth study was **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the church's moral witness through Radical Discipleship** held July 15-18. There were 128 registered with 17 first timers. There were some groups that gathered to take the study together. All eight districts were represented. The study was very timely and well received.

The issue study was **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School** and there were 4 different study opportunities. There were two full time studies and two one day overview studies. Through all four of the studies there were a total of 126 registered with 17 first timers and again all eight districts were represented. Due to the content and structure of the study the National Office recommended that there be two leaders for each session. This helped to enrich the study bringing different perspectives.

Both studies received very positive comments on the surveys that were returned. The leaders and the format received high marks. Some opportunities for improvement given were to ensure more than 4 people in the breakout rooms, shorten breakout sessions, send handouts a week prior to the class and breaks to stand up and stretch. The chat room was highlighted as a mixed blessing in that it was an important tool for dispersing information, but it is also a distraction.

There were a few that commented in the survey that they were thankful for the fact this it was offered virtually as that allowed them to be able to attend. A huge thank you to all of the Tech Teams that helped to make the events possible. Thank you to the Study Leaders and the Mission u Committee.

Lynn Alexander, Dean, Mission u

Report of Program Resources

In 2021, 241 local units reported participation in the Reading Program . There were a total of 231 readers reading in Plan 1-4. The total number of readers includes 20 individuals reading in Plan 4.

From uwfaith.org: “The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. You can enrich the experience by doing any of the following. Share the Program with UWF members and the community. Help people attain book. Connect with local and district groups through book clubs, downloading books onto an e-reader to share, and presenting book reviews at group meetings. Display a progress chart in your church for all who wish to participate and post displays to encourage book sales. Pray since books often raise concerns about people, countries, and issues. Advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues including climate change, mass incarceration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community. Reading is connecting!”

Kathy Chadwell, Secretary of Program Resources

Report of Spiritual Growth

Our second virtual Spiritual Growth Retreat, *You Lift Me Up*, was held on Friday evening, June 18 and continued on Saturday, June 19. The event was held on the Whova Platform which meant there was more interaction possible among the participants. Rev. Lisa Beth White, along with musicians Catherine Ritch and Rev. Mark Barden, led everyone through three empowering and inspiring worship services

The Spiritual Growth Committee met on July 27 in conjunction with the Program Committee. The theme for next year's SG retreat was chosen – *Come to the Water* from Isaiah 55:1. Rev. Tammy Ingram of the Northern Piedmont District was selected as the speaker. Amy Johnson and Donna Cooke will be our musicians. All three have been contacted and have agreed to serve.

As Spiritual Growth Coordinator, I offered devotions at all executive committee meetings as well as finance committee meetings. I was the speaker at the Catawba Valley prayer breakfast. As conference representative, I attended most of the Uwharrie district meetings and was involved in their Annual Celebration. I participated in both mission studies and led our Conference Memorial service during Annual Celebration. Finally, I continue to serve as a board member of the Bethlehem Community Center in Winston-Salem.

Darlene Gardner, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Nominees for Conference Offices

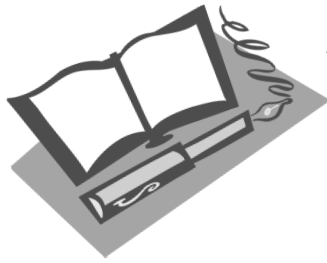
Treasurer	Bess Redmond	(2023-24)	BR District
Secretary	Albertina McGirt	(2023-24)	NP District
Communications	Amy McCraw	(2023-24)	BR District

Nominees for Nominating Committee

Member, Committee on Nominations	Kimberly Witherspoon	(2025)	AP District
Member, Committee on Nominations	Deborah Ray	(2026),	SM District
Member, Committee on Nominations	Donna Ireland	(2026),	YV District

2023-2024 District Presidents

Northern Piedmont	Jean Carter
Smoky Mountain	Lisa Bacon
Uwharrie	Sarah Lee



Annual Report Dedication

Each year an Annual Report Book is created highlighting the activities of the conference and districts, officers, financial reports, and others. This book is dedicated to honor a United Women in Faith member from our conference.

The honored recipient is presented a diamond-studded Special Mission Recognition Pin and a \$1,000 donation is given in her honor to undesignated Mission Giving through the National Office by the conference. Often her family is invited to share in the presentation celebration. Upon completion of the Annual Report Book with her photo & dedication, she is given copies to share with friends and family.

A written nomination form is required along with reasons for the recommendation. See your district president or district and conference newsletters for an application form. A conference committee of five persons appointed by the president receives these written nominations by June 1st or other specified date.

Criteria for the nomination per Standing Rules Article V, Section 8, E (1)-(5):

- (a) Nominee shall have served on local, district & conference levels of UMW
- (b) Nominee must demonstrate leadership ability and work well with peers
- (c) Committee members may be considered
- (d) A person may receive this honor only once

Partial List of former recipients:

2021 Ann Aldridge	2011 Patricia Wiseman	2000 Beth Griffin
2020 Carolyn Payne	2010 Sherry Sink	1999 Dori Thurman
2019 Nancy Reigel	2009 Sandy Hieronymus	1998 Janet Collins
2018 Lynne Gilbert	2008 Sharon Smith	1997 Bishop Charlene Kammerer
2017 Kim Eller	2007 Karen Wilkerson	1996 Mildred Carter
2016 Martha Phillips	2006 Kris Peurifoy	1995 Mildred Gibson
2015 Bess Redmond	2005 Amy Johnson	1994 Vada Beck
2014 Dot Alvord	2004 Polly Pearson	1993 Faye Cox
2013 Julia Willis	2003 Elizabeth Holbrooks	1992 Mary Kizer
2012 Tonya Lanier	2002 Dixie Liggett	1991 Linda Reep
	2001 Sara Williams	1990 Sandra Galyean

Dedication

Congratulations to this year's recipient. _____



**Our Western North Carolina
Every Member Legacy Fund Goal:**

That every member of
United Women in Faith
make a gift to
The Legacy Fund
of at least \$18.69 per year,
over and above her Pledge to
Mission,
for at least five years.

**Celebrate United
Women in Faith!
153 Years and
Counting...**



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Western North Carolina

Sustaining Phase, Building On Our Success

As a **permanently invested endowment**, The Legacy Endowment Fund will forever be a source of income for United Women in Faith providing the assurance that United Women in Faith can provide the life-affirming, compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers populations of women, children and youth in the years and decades to come. **Every single gift to The Legacy Endowment Fund, of any size, will make a difference!**

In 2014, the national Board of Directors launched The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign, **setting a goal in 2017 to raise \$60 million dollars**. During the campaign's seven-year history, United Women in Faith **have raised over \$39 million dollars**, surpassing 65% of the \$60 million goal as of December 2021! **Thru March 31, 2022, United Women in Faith in Western North Carolina have given \$440,106.86 to The Legacy Fund! Thank you!**

The Sustaining Phase, builds on the accomplishments achieved during the campaign's seven-year history, strengthening that momentum with a range of activities to help us reach our \$60 Million dollar goal. With additional gifts received in and beyond 2022, United Women in Faith will have access to financial resources that will be used to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far. Consider joining your legacy with ours and making a gift today.

The Legacy Endowment Fund is second mile giving, after your critically important support of undesignated Mission Giving through Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. Thank you for your support of Mission Giving, and The Legacy Endowment Fund!



Endowment Campaign. As of December 31, 2021, we have at least 54 Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith who have become Legacy Builders!

More information at: uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/

Consider becoming a Legacy

Builder! 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 Fund

**Where can I get more information about
The Legacy Endowment Fund?**

Visit our website at: wncumw.org/legacyfund/

You can also contact any of our Legacy Campaign Team members, your District President, or your District Treasurer.

Information available on the website includes:

- ◆ Legacy Campaign Commitment Form & FAQ
- ◆ How you can make your gift(s) to The Legacy Fund
- ◆ Variety of Legacy videos & resources to use in your local unit
- ◆ Links to more information on the United Women in Faith National Office website at: uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/



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Justice Today Report 2021

Carolyn Payne



Gold: Having completed 6 or more of the criteria	Silver: Having completed 4 or more of the criteria	Bronze: Having completed 2 or more of the criteria	Bronze: Continued
Appalachian	Appalachian	Appalachian	Smoky Mountain
First Taylorsville Hiddenite Monticello	Stony Point Wilkesboro Blue Ridge Windom	Boone First North Wilkesboro Hudson New Covenant	Cruso Long's Chapel Murphy First Shady Grove
Blue Ridge		Blue Ridge	Uwharrie
Central East Marion Moore's Grove	Catawba Valley Ebenezer, Vale First Valdese Trinity	Black Mountain Concord Oak Grove Piney Mountain Saint Paul's Weaverville	Bethany, Lexington Marshville Pleasant Hill, Empire Providence, Salisbury
Metro			Yadkin Valley
Central, Charlotte Hickory Grove Memorial, Charlotte Royal Oaks St. Stephen	Metro Simpson-Gillespie Northern Piedmont Archdale Collins Grove	Catawba Valley Polkville South Point	Ardmore Baltimore Centenary, Clemmons Dulin Fair Grove, Thomasville First, Thomasville Kingswood Lewisville Yadkin College Yadkinville
Northern Piedmont		Metro	
Christ, Greensboro Glencoe Laughlin Memorial Pleasant Union Saint Matthews	Smoky Mountain Crabtree Elizabeth City Franklin First Waynesville First	Pineville Williamson's Chapel Northern Piedmont Bethlehem, Climax College Place Hinshaw Holmes Grove Morehead Newlyn Street Pleasant Garden Prospect Saint John's Eden Saint Stephens Tabernacle	
Uwharrie	Uwharrie		
Bethlehem, Waxhaw Central, Denton First, Asheboro First, Norwood Jordan Memorial, Ramseur	Milford Hills, Salisbury Saint Luke, Asheboro Yadkin Valley Bethel, Rural Hall Level Cross		
Yadkin Valley			
Center, Mocksville Memorial New Hope Saint Paul, Winston- Salem Centenary, Winston-Salem	Main Street New Mount Vernon Oak Forest Pine Grove, Kernersville Pinnacle Sharon		

Congratulations to these 2021 Mission Today Units!

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Gold

Barbara Heck
Boone
Clifton
First Taylorsville
Hudson
Monticello
Mount Bethel-Hickory
New Covenant
Stony Point
Union Grove
Wilkesboro

Silver

First North Wilkesboro
Hiddenite
Littlejohn

BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT

Gold

Bald Creek
Black Mountain
Central – Asheville
Concord
East Marion
Moore's Grove
Oak Grove
Piney Mountain
Saluda
Skyland
St. Paul's
Weaverville
Windom

Silver

Abernethy
Biltmore
First Marion
Fletcher
Kistler's Chapel
Oakley

Bronze

First Rutherfordton
Gilkey
Groce
Mills River
Montmorenci
Snow Hill

CATAWBA VALLEY DISTRICT

Gold

Bethlehem-Claremont
Boger City
First Dallas
Knob Creek
Linville - Morganton
Marvin
Messiah
Mount Pleasant-Sherrills Ford
Park Street
Pleasant Grove
St. Luke's
Trinity

Silver

Ebenezer – Vale
First Gastonia
First Hickory
First Valdese
Rhyne Heights
South Point

Bronze

Abernethy Memorial – Burke
Aldersgate
First Conover
Knob Creek
Mt. Pleasant – Stanley
Polkville

METRO DISTRICT

Gold

Davidson
Forest Hill
Hickory Grove
Memorial-Charlotte
Pineville
Pleasant Grove
Providence
Royal Oaks
Simpson-Gillespie
South Park
St. Stephen

Silver

Christ – Charlotte
Williamson's Chapel

Bronze

Huntersville

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Gold

Crabtree
Cruso
Elizabeth Chapel
First Canton
First Franklin
First Murphy
First Waynesville
Long's Chapel
Maggie Valley
Oak Forest
Shady Grove

Silver

Canton Central
Clyde Central
Cullowhee

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NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT YADKIN VALLEY DISTRICT

Gold

Archdale
Bethlehem - Climax
College Place
Collins Grove
First Randleman
Glencoe
Hinshaw
Hopewell
Laughlin Memorial
Madison
Newlyn Street
Pleasant Union
St. Matthews
St. Stephens
Stokesdale
Trinity Memorial

Silver

Tabernacle

Bronze

Celia Phelps
St. John - Greensboro

Gold

Ardmore
Baltimore
Bethel-King
Centenary-Clemmons
Centenary- Winston Salem
Center-Mocksville
Concord-Mocksville
Delta
Fair Grove - Thomasville
Faith
Farmington
First Thomasville
Kingswood
Level Cross
Main Street
Memorial
New Hope- Winston Salem
New Mt. Vernon
Oak Forest
Pine Grove- Kernersville
Pine Grove-Winston Salem
Sharon
Shoals
St. Paul – Winston Salem
Trinity – King
Trinity - Thomasville
Yadkin College
Yadkinville

Silver

Booneville
Central – Thomasville
Fairview - Thomasville
Hickory Ridge
Lewisville
Sedge Garden
Shiloh - Germanton

Bronze

Bethel - Thomasville
Canaan
First Pilot Mountain
Liberty
Morris Chapel
Mt. Carmel
Mt. Tabor
Palmyra
Pinnacle
Saint's Home
Tabernacle
Union
Union Ridge
Wesley Chapel
Wesley Memorial
Woodleaf

UWHARRIE DISTRICT

Gold

Bethany - Albemarle
Bethlehem - Waxhaw
Central-Asheboro
Central-Denton
First Asheboro
First Lexington
First Norwood
Jordan Memorial
Milford Hills
Pleasant Hill
Providence - Salisbury

Silver

Central - Monroe
St. Luke

Bronze

Bethany - Lexington

CELEBRATION REGISTRATION:

Friday: 2:00-6:30 PM Harrell Center Auditorium

Saturday: 7:30-8:30 AM Harrell Center Auditorium

PRAYER ROOM: Room of Memory will be open during the weekend for prayer and meditation. Continue our practice of leaving your written prayer request in the basket and taking one out to lift in prayer.

PROGRAM RESOURCES AND OTHER MISSION DISPLAYS:

Harrell Center Auditorium

Friday: 2:00-6:30 PM

Saturday: 7:30-8:30 AM,

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: TURN IT UP FOR REBIRTH IN A NEW TIME!

1:00-1:45 PM UWFaith Choir Rehearsal Harrell Center Auditorium

2:00-3:00 PM Jazzercizing 4 Jesus Harrell Center Auditorium

2:00-3:30 PM New Wineskins HC 105

3:30-4:30 PM Flexibility in the Midst of Change Harrell Center Auditorium

COLLECTION OF UMCOR HYGIENE KITS HC 202

Friday 2:00-5:30 PM; Saturday 7:30-8:30 AM, 1:15-1:45 PM

See Carolyn Payne if you have questions. Make checks payable to "WNCC UMW")

ALL MEALS SCHEDULED at The Terrace: Please allow Program Participants to move to the front of the line since they have responsibilities that limit their time. They can be identified by the ribbons underneath their name tags.

BREAKFAST 7:00-8:30 A.M. LUNCH 12:00-1:30 P.M.. DINNER 5:30-7:00 P.M.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES.....

Immediately following the Saturday evening session...until 10:30 P.M.

Harrell Center Auditorium (lower/ground level)

NAMETAG NOTATIONS:

Members of units meeting the **MISSION TODAY** criteria in 2021 have **SMILEY FACES** on their name tags.



Congratulations!



Persons attending Annual Celebration for the **first time** have **STARS** on their name tags. We are glad that you are here!

Voting Delegates have **HEARTS** on their name tags.

