



Metro Media

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

Greetings from the President

How quickly this year has flown by!! We started emerging from the pandemic with our three big events held both in-person and virtual. What a treat to be together! As I traveled the district visiting units, I was moved by the welcoming, the creativity, the talent, and the dedication to using these gifts in furthering our mission to support women, children and youth locally and globally. We certainly have an awesome group of Christian women in Metro District!!

A huge THANK YOU to Harrisburg United Women in Faith for hosting our first Annual Celebration in three years with an in-person component (80 participants) **and** a breakfast option (50 participants). The Harrisburg family created an inviting atmosphere complete with their former pastor, the Reverend Toni Ruth Smith, her daughter, Marianna, and her mom, Martha Phillips. God provided a beautiful day to gather and hear Reverend Smith's reminder and reassurance that truly, God is Enough!! In addition, we collected school supplies for both Alliance Center for Education (AC4Ed) and UMCOR. You can watch a recording of the event on our Facebook page: [\(20+\) Metro District United Women in Faith | Facebook](#) Click on the URL, then select Open Hyperlink.

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As we approach the end of the year, we still have work to accomplish with these upcoming events:

1. **UBUNTU Day of Service, October 8, 9:00 am.** Mulberry Baptist Church, 6450 Tuckaseegee Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214. We will gather to cut out tags for AC4Ed Christmas Bags to be distributed to the children they serve. Units then choose the number of bags they can fill with a hat, mittens/gloves, and an age-appropriate book, take those classroom tags and return the filled bags according to AC4Ed directions. Register to join us by emailing, texting, or calling Nancy Ward, nward001@carolina.rr.com or (704) 681- 4779. Bring a pair of scissors. If you hold your own service event, please notify Carolyn Payne, WNCC UMF ME&I, at carolyn8g@yahoo.com, and tell her where you volunteered and the number of participants.
2. **Metro and Catawba Districts UWF Leadership Development Day.** All local officers from each district are invited to attend this **Zoom** meeting on **Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 2:00 pm.** Both new and seasoned officers should participate in this event to learn about changes related to our new United Women in Faith platform, share insights they have gained, ask questions and express concerns. All officers will meet as one group except treasurers who will meet separately. This format allows leaders to hear about other officer positions they may wish to pursue and to understand how they can support current officers in each position. Use the following link to register for the LDD Training: <https://wnccumw.org/districts/leadership->

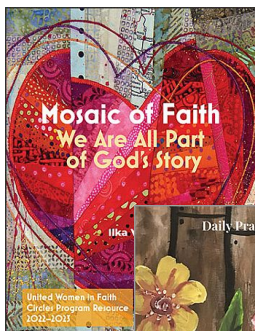
[development-day-for-local-unit-officers-2022/](#) Check the link anytime beginning October 29 to review/print the LDD Training Packet for Treasurers and/or the one for all other officers.

3. Mail your **4th Quarter Remittance and any other monies** (World Thank Offering, Walk for Mission donations, Lover Offerings, etc.) to Kim Shafer, 281 Valley View Terrace, Waynesville, NC 28269, by **November 23, 2022**.
4. Begin gathering information for your **Unit End-of-Year Reports**; they are due by December 15, 2022. As soon as the End-of-Year Reports are revised and ready, an email will be sent to presidents. The forms will be posted in both word and PDF at:
<https://wncumw.org/districts/leadership-development-day-for-local-unit-officers-2022/>

Thank you for your support during this first year as President. Please continue to support your district and conference. Together we can continue to live out our mission of Faith, Hope, and Love in Action as United Women of Faith

Blessings,
Nancy Ward
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2022-2023 UWF Program Guide



United Women in Faith is pleased to introduce a **Bundle package for 2023**. This bundle offer will be available *through December 31st, 2022*.

It includes the following resources:

- Daily Prayer Guide 2023, (\$19.99)
- 2023 Adult Mission u curriculum, (\$14.99)
- 2022-2023 digital Program Resource and Community Gathering for *Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story* (\$14.99)



The

special pricing for the bundle package is \$35.00 (*shipping and handling included*). A discount of \$14.97 and shipping costs! **Enter K3218 as the promo code when checking out.** (This will not work for multiple orders. If you need to order more than one, you will need to make separate purchases. We apologize for the inconvenience.)

BUNDLE

Available through
December 2022

You will get a code via email for the digital Program Resource after purchasing the Bundle. Please allow 4-5 business days of receipt of your order to receive the code and please check your spam or junk folder for the email. (Be sure to designate the domain, uwfaith.org, as a "safe sender" in your email platform.)

The print versions of Daily Prayer Guide and Adult Curriculum will ship in November. (Information taken from UWF Resources page [UWF Resource Bundle](#))

Treasurer

Peace in Christ to you all. THANK YOU all for continuing to be faithful in support of the mission work of United Women in Faith and for your support of me as your treasurer for the past eight years. Please remember to be welcoming and patient with Sylvia Casey as she takes over next year and think back to the time when I was the one with the 'deer in the headlights' state of learning this position.

I look forward to seeing you on November 6th to provide treasurer training and procedures (complete information found in this newsletter).

We have submitted our third quarter 2022 Metro remittance giving as shown below:

Pledge to Mission	\$ 7,190.42
Special Mission Recognition	540.00
Gift to Mission	1,546.00*
Gift in Memory	385.00
World Thank Offering	25.00
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	410.00
The Legacy Fund	910.06

**Gift to Mission total includes \$941 from the Metro Annual Celebration Love Offering*

4th Quarter remittances should be mailed to be me no later than November 23rd to be sure they are received on time with the new postal delivery times. Remember, my address is 281 Valley View Ter, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Please continue to stay strong and committed to UWF as we strive to return to our pre-pandemic routines and connections. I encourage you to continue to give spiritually to United Women in Faith, as well as support the United Methodist Women in Faith Legacy Fund so that we can remain strong for the next 150 years. The support of the Legacy Fund endowment campaign ensures that 91% or more of undesignated giving received by National goes to missions and not in organization expenses. We take great pride in being fiscally responsible and being a volunteer community of women in Christ.

Together in Missions,
Kim Shafer
Treasurer

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Communications

Unlike previous years, you learned from Nancy's update that the End of Year (EOY) forms, that were typically included in the Q4 newsletter, will instead be posted on the Conference website as soon as they are finalized. This change of approach helps many of you who prefer to enter data electronically, while at the same time still providing for a manual entry option.

End of year reporting is not the most thrilling part of UWF; however, it is important to both the District and the Conference leadership in tracking Unit participation, membership, mission involvement and spiritual growth activities. The reports provide insight into which aspects of the United Women in Faith activities and events the Units focus their time, energy and resources.

We are a busy organization with so many talented and energetic members, it is exciting to see all the

ways our Units are serving the needs of women, children and youth in their local communities and globally. Through the EOY reports you share your commitment to the Reading Program, passion for Social Justice, dedication to Missions and commitment to Spiritual Growth.

Once you receive notification from Nancy the forms are available, you are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share your Unit's accomplishments by sending in your Unit's information by December 15, 2022.

Blessings,
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SAVE THE DATE 2022

October 8, 9:00 am

Ubuntu Day at Mulberry Baptist Church
6450 Tuckaseegee Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214

October 22, 9:30 am Virtual

WNCC District Officer Training

November 6, 2:00 pm Virtual

Local LDD Officer Training

December 15

EOY Unit Reports Due



SAVE THE DATE 2023

March 4, 8:30 am

Mission Study, Location TBD

April 29, 8:30 am

Prayer Breakfast, Location TBD

August 26, 8:30 am

Annual Celebration, Location TBD

June 8-10

Spiritual Growth Retreat
Lake Junaluska

June 16-18

WNCC UMC Annual Conference
Lake Junaluska

July 13-15

Mission u, Pfeiffer University
Misenheimer

Sept. 8-10

Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska

Oct. 7, 14 or 28

Ubuntu Days of Service

Oct. 21

WNCC District Officer Training

November 5, 2:00 pm Virtual

Local LDD Officer Training

December 15

EOY Unit Reports Due

Please do not schedule Unit Events on the above dates.

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2022 Nurturing Partner List

CHURCH	PARTNER	CHURCH	PARTNER
Aldersgate	Sekle-Dueh, Sylvia	Morrows Chapel	Cline, Judy
Bethpage	Hylar, 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)	Hylar, 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	Hylar, 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 Nurturing Partners serve as 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 Nurturing Partner, we are all here to support you. Contact your Partner or any Metro Mission Team Officer with your questions, ideas, or concerns.

Historian

Search for and circle the last names of these 2023 Metro District UWF Officers. The names may be forward or backward. Do you know their first names and the office they hold? Have fun!

2023 Metro District UWF Officers

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D	E	V	H	Y	L	E	R	C	O	O	E	A	A
C	N	Y	A	E	A	M	D	A	W	O	O	O	U
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VARNER
 BACK
 STRONG
 BOYD
 WILSON
 WARD
 CLINE
 LONG
 HYLER
 WOODS
 SEKLE-DUEH
 EUDY
 SONDERMAN
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The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith

The organized unit of 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.

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United
Women
in Faith

We believe love in
action can change
the world.

Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. United Women in Faith.