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2022  
**Leadership  
Development Day**  
Sunday Nov 6, 2022 at 2PM  
on Zoom—Register Now

We are pleased to announce that the Leadership Development Day will be a joint session of the **Catawba Valley District** and the **Metro District** and will be conducted on Zoom. This is for all local unit officers or prospective officers. Everyone who plans to attend should register in advance. The address for registering is listed below. This web page will also contain any handouts and report forms that you need. **REGISTER HERE:** <https://wnccumw.org/districts/leadership-development-day-for-local-unit-officers-2022/> This is also on the conference website under DISTRICTS menu list

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Mail your donation directly to the treasurer at:  
Gaye Dagenhart, 29 31st Ave. Court NE Hickory, NC 28092

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## President's Note

Dear Sisters- in- Christ,

2022 is slowly winding down to its end. I know you are ready to prepare the reports of your mission work to send to me in December. Thanks for all you do in your local unit and around the world.

The District Officers are working with Metro District to have a zoom Leadership Development Day on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Put the date on your calendar and get ready for a great gathering when we meet together first, then a break-out room for Treasurers. Separate from Presidents and the other offices.

Now, as we have to plan for 2023, the process is not complete, but the District Officers will ask host churches and interesting speakers to lead us.

Our Annual Celebration at First Gastonia on Aug. 13th was a splendid event. The Conference President, Joanie Strohm had a beautiful talk on women who shone the light of Christ in their lives, and focused this light on needy people and injustice they witnessed. We do not persevere without prayer and faith in God.

It's not too late to give to the Love Offering as mission \$ in Recognition of Our Strong Bonds in Faith of All United Women in Faith.

I close with a paraphrase of Dr. Martin Luther King, "Change does not come in on the wings of inevitability, ----We have to work for it."

Ever Hopeful, Janet Bjork-Colton

President, Catawba Valley District

## Treasurer's Note

Dear Catawba Valley Treasurers:

You have had a lousy District Treasurer this year. In my defense, I have a sick husband and I have had multiple computer and printer problems. I have had difficulty getting my hands on enough Gift in Memory cards to satisfy all of you. My husband seems to be getting better and my computer problems seem to be behind me so I'm hoping that my performance will improve this last quarter of the year.

For third quarter we had \$7,987.31 given in undesignated funds. Other giving was to the Legacy Fund, \$435.00. Several remittances were received too late for me to post them in third quarter. That was probably my fault for not sending you my usual letter. Year to date our giving has been \$32,270.38 in undesignated funds which is a good bit off of our \$80,000 goal. Consequently, we lowered the budget for next year to \$60,000. If we lose any more churches, even that modest goal will be difficult.

I'm available to meet with your units to any of our financial reporting or goals. Just e-mail or text me to make an appointment. It would be helpful to me if it could be a daytime meeting because I don't drive at night. That may change because my cataract surgery last month seems to have improved by vision considerably.

**Turn it up !** as our new slogan stated at the Conference and District Annual Meetings.

Blessings and peace,

Gaye Dagenhart, Treasurer  
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## New Programs and Tools Coming!

The new tools and programs that will rollout throughout 2022 include:

**A new, easier to navigate website.** The new website will have a homepage designed to pique the interest of women new to our organization and start them on a journey to membership. The homepage will also include a special portal where members can log in to access resources specially designed for them.

**Templates for Soul Care retreats.** A pilot member recruitment program will be debuted through which current members invite nonmember friends to themed retreats specially designed to nurture our bodies, minds and souls.

**Innovations to Mission u.** Beginning in 2022, Mission u will be introducing new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focused on a shared biblical theme that incorporates spiritual growth, contemporary issues and how these show up in various geographic areas. The new Mission u curricula will be more accessible and adaptable for use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats and other settings. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented and biblically centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to learning together for the transformation of the world and expand its impact.

**A new national membership option.** This option will enable women to join our sisterhood via our new website. They will learn about and be able to participate in programs and events online or in person. Of course, on-line options and resources will also be available to existing members who already participate in circles and units.

**More targeted giving options.** Members and nonmembers alike want more options to target their financial gifts to specific programs areas such as Spiritual Growth, National Mission Institutions or international work.

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## New Programs and Tools Coming!...cont.

**New tools for conference and district treasurers.** New tools, like Vanco Faith, will be available to enable treasurers to manage, collect and distribute conference and district finances electronically.

**Innovations in the Leadership Development Days programs.**

**New and improved resources:**

Mighty Networks, an exciting new online platform where members can connect, and engage new resources like the Program Resource and Mission u curricula.

The Daily Prayer Guide, an updated replacement of the Prayer Calendar, which offers opportunities for daily devotion and connection.

There are many, many resources available to you on the Conference website: please visit:

[https://: www.wnncumw.org](https://www.wnncumw.org) and click on the Mission Resources tab



United  
Women  
in Faith

**WE BELIEVE THAT LOVE IN ACTION CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD**

This phrase contains words you will see on many of the new materials and resources for the United Women in Faith. We Believe—Love in Action—Change the World. What better time to think about this than the, often dreaded, Election Season. All the politicians tell us they want to change our world in all kinds of ways. But how can we know who to vote for? This is a serious matter—that takes thought and research.

A good place to start is on the Conference website under Mission Resources and check out the Privilege of Voting Tab. You will find information on the history of the Womens' Voting Rights among may other helpful items, which you might find very interesting. Then research the candidatess' platforms. Then search you **heart** (and maybe even the **scriptures**) and ask yourself which positions the candidates promote change our world for the betterment of all. Ask God to help you make the best choice. Once your decisions are made—vote and make your precious vote become Love in Action.

## Editors Message:

Hello Everyone:

I hope all of you are well and persevering in Faith. Much is happening in our world everyday that can bring doubt and fear, but those strong of faith can take the slings and arrows that come at them and turn them into positive words and deeds to help someone else in need. We know that many of you do that on a consistent basis either as individuals or as United Women in Faith Chapters.



Everyone would love to hear about the special things your unit, and/or individuals in your unit, are doing to make this world a better place. Whether it is a one time thing or an ongoing project, it may be an inspiration to another unit that has not thought of doing the same thing So please - SHARE!

You can write it down and send it to me by email or snail mail. You can even call me and tell me about it if you wish and I will be happy to write it up and include it in an upcoming newsletter. And Oh Yes Include pictures!!! And send a picture of your entire group. You are welcome to send me information any time— not just newsletter time. I am always willing to email our entire District list anything you wish to put out to the Group.

Again—PLEASE SHARE. I would love to hear from you and I am sure everyone else would too.

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Our Newsletter is now called the :

Catawba Valley VOICE



This represents both our voices and all of your voices—so let's make sure the communications flow in both directions and let us hear from you.



*Please remember to pray for all the hurricane Ian victims !*

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## READING PROGRAM

Reading is not just for pleasure. Sometimes it jogs our thoughts and makes us examine another aspect of an issue. We all see news, whether it be CNN or FOX, we make our decisions based on the facts which are presented. Ever thought how much each side sounds like a small child trying to avoid repercussions or an adult wanting you to only see their side of argument. In life, we have legal means to make judgements. Whether you agree or not, we have had several issues hit the news lately. Several books on our Reading list fit into the thought processes. Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times, by Bishop Michael Curry shows us a way to live in love. He was the Officiant at the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate portrays another side of adoption. And of course, Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly. This one has become a wonderful movie if you want a family night.

See you November 6th for Leadership Development.....

Anita

## 2022 Calendar of Events

### *Catawba Valley District United Women in Faith*

October 22 - Conference Leadership Development Day for District Officers  
9:30 AM on Zoom

November 6th Catawba Valley District Leadership Development Day  
For all Unit Officers and Prospective Unit Officers  
REGISTER NOW—see page 1

## 2023 Proposed Calendar of Events (Subject to change)

**Jan 7—First Executive Committee Meeting—Messiah Lincoln 9:00AM**

**February 25th—Second Executive Committee Meeting—TBA**

**March 11th— Mission Study—First Dallas UMC at 10 AM**

**April 29th— Spiritual Growth Program—St. Lukes UMC at 10AM**

**June— Dates TBA Spiritual Growth at Junaluska**

**July—Mission U—TBA**

**August 12th District Annual Meeting**

**September—Conference Annual Meeting**