

50th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 154 Years in Mission

September 8-10, 2023

Lake Junaluska, NC

Western North Carolina Conference



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ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

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

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:

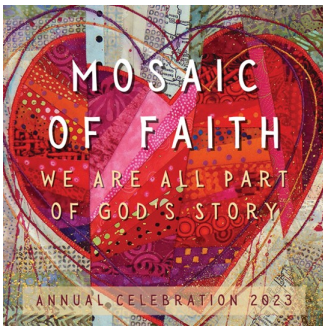
1. One representative of each local unit of fifty (50) members or less, with one additional representative for each additional fifty (50) members in the unit.
2. All District officers and chairpersons of District Committees.
3. Past Presidents of the Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith and Conference Past Presidents of the United Women in Faith 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 Women in Faith 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.



**50th Annual Celebration
 United Women in Faith
 Western North Carolina Conference
 September 8,9, 10, 2023
 Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

Joanie Strohm, President

Lynda Morris, Vice President, Chair of Program Committee

**Rhita Newcomb, President
 Hostess District—Yadkin Valley**

2023 Program Committee

**Lynda Morris, Joanie Strohm, Albertina McGirt, Bess Redmond, Darlene Gardner, Carolyn Payne, Molly Welch,
 Joyce Irby, Kathy Chadwell, Amy Cochran, Rhita Newcomb, Janet Bjork-Colton, 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.



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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!

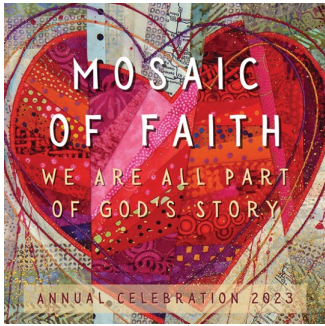
*****Very Special Appreciation*****

The Program Committee would like to thank the following:

- ◆ All the United Women in Faith who joined us at Lake Junaluska this weekend
- ◆ Rhita Newcomb, Yadkin Valley District President, and those who served as Hostesses
- ◆ Members of the Conference Executive Committee and volunteers from the District Teams
- ◆ Rev. Holly Cobb McKim, Minister of Hudson UMC, for being our keynote speaker
- ◆ Dr. Craig Estep and Catherine Ritch for sharing their musical talents
- ◆ Lynne Gilbert, Sara Williams, & Betty Durham for technical support
- ◆ Julie Wilson, Program Coordinator of Open Arms Community Center in Winston Salem for sharing the mission message
- ◆ LaDonna Butts, Craig Estep, Catherine Ritch, Jan Taylor & Linda Grier for their leadership in the Saturday afternoon workshops
- ◆ Bishop Ken Carter for his video welcome.
- ◆ Rev. Sam Moore, Yadkin Valley District Superintendent for his welcome.
- ◆ Those who enjoy singing and became our United Women in Faith Choir
- ◆ All the UWF members who participated in various ways in this Annual Celebration.
- ◆ Display providers
- ◆ 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-Terrace Auditorium

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.

Craig Estep & Catherine Ritch

Session 1—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

Rhita Newcomb, Yadkin Valley President

Greetings from Host District Superintendent

Rev. Sam Moore, Yadkin Valley

Video Greetings

Bishop Ken Carter, WNCC UMC

Video Message

Sally Vonner, General Secretary & CEO of
United Women in Faith

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

Lynda Morris, Vice President

Hymn “Fill My Cup, Lord”

Verses: Craig Estep; Refrain: Congregants

UMH #641

Daily Prayer Guide/Evening Prayer

Lynn Alexander, Dean of Mission u

Call to Worship

Craig Estep

***Scripture: John 4: 1-9, 16-26**

Gwen Harris, Blue Ridge President

Introduction of Speaker

Lynda Morris

Message “The Mosaic of Your Life”

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim, Minister Hudson UMC

Litany

Lisa Bacon, Smoky Mountain President

Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”

UMH #377

***Benediction**

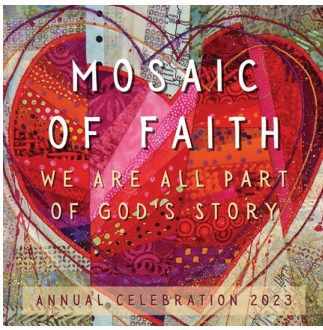
Tanya Lunsford, Catawba Valley Vice President

Postlude

Catherine Ritch

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

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



SATURDAY MORNING
Terrace Auditorium

Gathering Music—8:30 A.M.

Craig Estep & Catherine Ritch

Session 2—8:45 A.M.

Daily Prayer Guide/Opening Prayer

Cathy McCauley, Committee on Nominations

BUSINESS SESSION

Joanie Strohm, President
Albertina McGirt, 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
Historian

SATURDAY MORNING-Terrace Auditorium

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 “When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee”	UMH #263
Welcome of Guests	Carolyn Payne
Legacy Moment	Martha Phillips, Parliamentarian
Pledge Service “To Be the Hands of God”	Bess Redmond, Treasurer
Love Offering “A Gift to Mission in honor of faithful leadership throughout the conference, district and local units”	Bess Redmond
Offertory “He Touched Me”	Craig Estep
Doxology	UMH #95
*Scripture: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	Janet Colton, Catawba Valley President
Introduction of Speaker	Carolyn Payne
Mission Presentation “Faith in the Margins”	Julie Marie Wilson, Missionary
Litany	Sarah Lee, Uwharrie President
Recession of Guests	
Recessional Hymn “Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”	UMH #262

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 to go to the front of the line. Seats have been reserved for them. Please make these very special people feel welcomed!

***Benediction** Sylvia Sekle-Dueh, Deaconess & Metro District ME&I

Postlude Catherine Ritch

**Please stand in body or spirit*

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



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SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

“Mosaic of Faith”

**Session 1: 1:00-1:45 P.M. Terrace Auditorium
United Women in Faith Choir—Facilitated by Craig Estep**

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

**Session 2: 2:00-3:00 Terrace 319
Jazzercising 4 Jesus—Facilitated by LaDonna Butts**

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

**Session 3: 3:15-4:15 P.M. Terrace Auditorium
Where Our Money Goes—Facilitated by Linda Greer/Jan Taylor**

Why we give to mission and the impact our gifts make.

SATURDAY EVENING-Terrace Auditorium

Gathering Music—6:45 P.M.	Craig Estep & Catherine Ritch
A Time of Recognition & Honoring—7:00 P.M.	
Evening Prayer	Rhita Newcomb, Yadkin Valley 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 Bess Redmond
Installation of Officers	Mildred Carter, Past President WNCC UMW
Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	UMH #474
Litany	Lynda Morris
*Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-11	Diann Back , Metro President
President’s Address “We Are God’s Mosaic, Not His Puzzle”	Joanie Strohm
Hymn “To God Be the Glory”	UMH # 98
*Benediction	Patricia Moore, Committee on Nominations
Postlude	Catherine Ritch

*Please stand, in body or in spirit

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES...(Saturday Night Entertainment) “District Mosaics of 2022!”

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

**Molly Welch. Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
Terrace Auditorium**

SUNDAY MORNING-Terrace Auditorium

Gathering Music—8:45 A.M.

Craig Estep & Catherine Ritch

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

Announcements

Lynda Morris

Call to Worship

Craig Estep

Hymn “I Love You, Lord”

Celebration Hymnal #78

Daily Prayer Guide/ Opening Prayer

Jatana Royster, Scholarship Chairperson

Presentations

Joanie Strohm and Bess Redmond

Memorial Service

Darlene Gardner

***Scripture John 4: 27-30, 39-42**

Kelli Smith, Northern Piedmont President

Message : “Holding the Bits and Pieces Together”

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim

Litany

Lucy Earls, Blue Ridge Vice President

**Special Music “Goodness of God”
arr. Jay Rouse**

UW Faith Choir

Holy Communion

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim, Celebrant

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

Carolyn Payne

Hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee

UMH #172

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Joanie Strohm

Hymn "Here I Am Lord"

UHM #593

Postlude

Catherine Ritch

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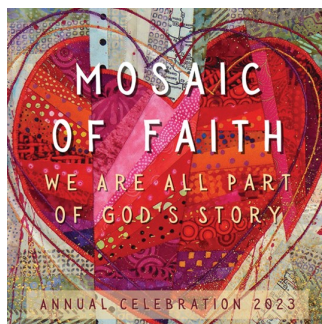
Upcoming 2023 Events

Ubuntu Day of Service "I am because you are"
October 7, 14, 21 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 Part of God's Story!"

Zoom Meeting
October 21, 2023



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Holly Cobb McKim

Rev. Holly Cobb McKim has been in vocational ministry since 2005. Holly was born in Greensboro, NC and grew up on the family farm in rural Ruffin in Rockingham County. It was at her home church, Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, where she received her call into pastoral ministry in 1981. A self-proclaimed “late bloomer” Holly answered God’s call in January 2002. She has been married to Rev. Dana McKim for four years. Between them, Dana and Holly have four adult children, two daughters in love, two sugar gliders, two churches, one beautiful beagle and one gorgeous granddaughter, and “a partridge in a pear tree”. Holly’s passions for ministry are preaching the Gospel, serving in the community of Caldwell County on The Smart Start Board and The Caldwell County Clergy Crisis Support Team. Holly has served with the wonderful people of Hudson United Methodist Church for 10 years; a Lighthouse Congregation.

Mission Speaker: Julie Marie Wilson

Julie Marie Wilson is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, serving as Church and Community Worker. She serves as Open Arms Community Center program coordinator in Winston- Salem, North Carolina.

Raised in the Roman Catholic Church, Julie has always loved liturgy and ritual. However, she feels closest to God when she engages in community with others. “Exposure to diverse theological worldviews in college,” she said, “encouraged me to find a denomination where I felt more comfortable as a woman called to leadership in the church.” That led her to The United Methodist Church.

Julie’s love of diversity also drove her passion to pursue experiences in her faith walk and her educational and professional life that challenged and stretched her. “My drive for ministries of justice and compassion,” she continued, “led me toward ordained ministry as a deacon. The more time I spend with the people of God, the more I want to explore the nature of God and the many ways one can encounter the Almighty.”

Serving as a church and community worker allows Julie to “help those who are hurting, those who are looked down upon by society, those who have been treated unjustly and those who simply need to know that someone loves and cares for them,” she said. She believes that every opportunity that she has had over the years is being woven into a tapestry of preparation for wherever God is calling her to serve. “I am so excited to see what God has planned!” she added.



Music Leaders:



Craig Estep: Graduating from Pfeiffer University with a BA in Music Education with a concentration in choral conducting and Winthrop University with a MMA in vocal performance, William "Craig" Estep has extensive experience on the professional opera and concert circuit. A young artist with the San Francisco Opera Company from 1987-1995, Craig has performed many leading roles with the company that launched his international operatic career.

As a second career, Craig took on the baton and is now behind the podium. From 2006 to 2020 he conducted a 65-member high school choir at Charlotte Latin School, where his choir brought home superior ratings every year in the MPA choral adjudications held annually by the NC Music Educators Association.

Craig has been a United Methodist all his life, having a grandfather that served as a pastor in the West Virginia Conference. Ironically, he received a scholarship to Pfeiffer from the United Methodist Women in 1979. He served two stints as music director at Weddington United Methodist Church and he is now the Director of Music and Worship Arts at Matthews United Methodist Church in Matthews, North Carolina, where he has been a member since 2002.



Catherine Ritch, a native of Matthews, NC, is a published composer and author of inspirational fiction, non-fiction and children's books with 27 books currently in print, and 7 others currently in process. A frequent speaker/musician in a variety of venues, she has entertained or spoken for audiences around the globe. She was selected as the International Profile of The United Methodist Church for September 2009 because of her continual work and efforts with missions for schools in areas of natural disasters.

A radio personality once said of Ritch, "Catherine's lightning quick wit and musical talent are astonishing enough, but combined with her never ending source of positive energy, the woman is a ball of fire that's sure to inspire." Put Catherine on a piano, organ or keyboard and from Bach to Broadway to Boogie to the Best of Gospel, she'll have the audience enthralled with the rhythms of life.

Report on Communications

A threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecc. 4:12b (NRSV)

In 2022 we gained a new name, logo, "brand," and format. We retained our mission of being love in action for women, children, and youth around the world. In addition to a flood of information about "the big change," we also kept members in the loop about Conference gatherings, goals, and giving. A total of 5429 copies of the Conference Gram were printed at a total cost of \$5758.96, or 94 cents per printed copy. The Conference Gram was also available via e-mail and on the WNCC UWF 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

Western NC United Women In Faith/United Methodist Women, in 2022 **YOU** made the following happen in support of United Women in Faith Missions around the world:

Total Giving through the 8 districts from local units

\$537,564

ALL Love Offerings

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

\$15,414

(These were a blend of both in-person offerings and on-line giving)

Undesignated Mission Giving sent to UMW National Office

\$410,968

*\$89,032 under the 2022 Pledge of \$500,000**

Yes, this is a drop from the previous year, but consider the environment of distractions and competing demands, yet **YOU** continued to support Mission. Lives were changed for the better, one life at a time.

Cause for Celebration!

Designated Giving to UWF National Office and GBGM/UMCOR

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

\$57,256

(An increase over 2021. Women giving over and above, with intent.)

Donations to other local projects

\$3,465

Although these results are stated in terms of dollars, what they represent is Mission...

Mission **YOU** made happen and Mission in action through **YOUR** Giving.

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer

*Result of a blend of the drop in Undesignated Giving (\$22,724) and increases in expenses as meetings and other gatherings are resumed.



Report of Membership Nurture & Outreach

The membership of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women for 2022 totaled 14,915.

Total number of units reported: 425

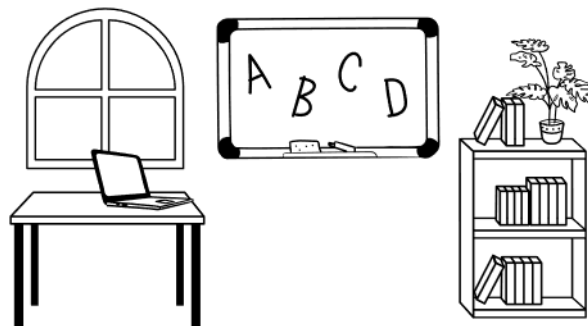
Total number of Local Unit Visits: 174 (41%)

Molly Welch, Mission Coordinator Membership Nurture and Outreach

2022 READING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

DISTRICT	PLAN 1	PLAN 2	PLAN 3	PLAN 4	CHILDREN
APPALACHAIN	14	5	1	1	
BLUE RIDGE	24	8	2	3	
CATAWBA VALLEY	25	2	4	4	
METRO	33	4	4		1
NORTHERN PIED-MONT	18	6			
SMOKY MONTAIN	10	4			
UWHARRIE	39	6	3	3	
YADKIN VALLEY	51	15	4	4	
TOTAL REPORTED	214	50	18	11	1

36.88% PARTICIPATION BASED ON MEMBERSHIP REPORTED



Report of Mission u

The Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Held Mission u 2022 virtually July 14-July 16. We offered three full time study sessions and 2 one day overview sessions.

This was the first year of the new format where the spiritual growth and issue studies were combined into one study **Who Can We Be Together: A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13**. We discussed the parables in this chapter of Luke: the mustard seed, yeast, and the fig tree, among others, and how the lessons of these parables can be applied to our lives and those we encounter today. We had opening and closing worship using songs and litanies from National Office. We had a total registration for all four classes of 153 and 24 first timers. All eight districts were represented, as well as guests from NC Conference, VA conference and South Congo, Africa. The study was very timely and well received.

The move to go virtual was the right decision. We saw an increase in registration from 54 to 153. Though we were disappointed in not being in person, we did hold true to the purpose of Mission u, which is to train the trainers so that they can take the study into the districts. Prayers for 2023 that we can be in person again.

Special thanks to our Study Leaders, Tech Teams, and Mission u Committee members. We could not have done this without any of them.

Lynn Alexander, Dean, Mission u

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to four students for the 2022-2023 school year. Three were returning students and one was a new applicant. We were able to award a total of \$20,950 in scholarships.

The students who received scholarships are: Elizabeth Stribling, a senior at Pfeiffer University from the Metro District; Nicole Bates, a senior at High Point University from the Uwharrie District; Noah Hinton, a junior at Brevard College from the Smoky Mountain District; and Joseph Smith, a freshman at Pfeiffer University from the Uwharrie District.

We are grateful for those who came before us who made it possible for students to receive financial help for higher education. Now we have the opportunity to follow their example and contribute to the scholarship fund and recommend students to receive these scholarships. Individuals, circles, units and districts can contribute to the scholarship fund.

I would like to thank the scholarship committee, Joanie Strohm, Nancy Reigel, Lisa Bacon, Carolyn Payne, Sandra Williamson and Rhita Newcomb.

Jatana Royster, Chair of Scholarship Committee

Report of Spiritual Growth

The Spiritual Growth Retreat was successfully held at Lake Junaluska June 9 -11, 2022. Our speaker, Rev. Tammy Ingram, was well received by those attending as she preached with passion and spirit on our theme, Come to the Water. We had 163 in attendance. Due to a clause in our contract with the Lake, we were able to reduce the number of rooms reserved for us at the Terrace and Lambuth, therefore escaping having to pay an attrition fee. Overall comments were very positive, with the exception of the food at the Terrace. That was addressed by Joanie Strohm, myself, and Lynda Morris at the post event evaluation. Most people enjoyed the pace of the retreat and especially liked the free time.

The 2023 retreat will be held on June 8 -10, 2023. The theme will be "Women Coming to Christ" and will focus on 4 women and their meetings with Jesus in the Gospels. Rev. Jan Brittain will be our speaker and Catherine Ritch and Rev. Mark Barden will again be our musical leaders. However, the Lake will not be allowing us to change our expected room numbers and we must have 90% there to avoid a penalty. After discussions with the lake about what a monetary penalty might be, I am less concerned than before. Not that we want any money to have to be paid in a penalty, but the Lake will not take any groups, large or small, without agreeing to 90% attendance in the contract.

I participated in Mission u and was involved in both the welcome and closing worship services. Yadkinville UMC's United Women in Faith had me visit and present a program on Social Action in July. At our Annual Celebration, I led a memorial service to honor those members that were lost during 2021.

Darlene Gardner, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Nominees for Conference Offices 2024-2025

* Indicates a second two-year term

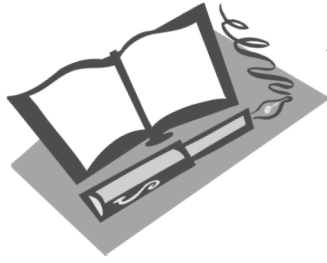
President	Joanie Strohm* (BR)
Vice President	Lynn Alexander (NP)
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Molly Welch * (NP)
Mission Education & Interpretation	Victoria (Vickie) Brown (UW)
Social Action	Laquetta Barbee (NP)
Spiritual Growth	Andrea Mohammad (UW)
Secretary of Program Resources	Cathy McCauley (ME)

Nominees for Committee on Nominations

Chair, Committee on Nominations	Brenda Steadman (NP)	2024-2025
	Amanda Dyer (ME)	Class of 2024
	Virginia Robinson (CV)	Class of 2027
	Roberta Walker (AP)	Class of 2027

Mission u Officers 2024-2025

Dean	LaDonna Butts
Assistant Dean	Nancy Litton
Coordinator	Karlah Burton



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 UWF
- (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:

2022 Lisa Bacon	2011 Patricia Wiseman	2000 Beth Griffin
2021 Ann Aldridge	2010 Sherry Sink	1999 Dori Thurman
2020 Carolyn Payne	2009 Sandy Hieronymus	1998 Janet Collins
2019 Nancy Reigel	2008 Sharon Smith	1997 Bishop Charlene Kammerer
2018 Lynne Gilbert	2007 Karen Wilkerson	1996 Mildred Carter
2017 Kim Eller	2006 Kris Peurifoy	1995 Mildred Gibson
2016 Martha Phillips	2005 Amy Johnson	1994 Vada Beck
2015 Bess Redmond	2004 Polly Pearson	1993 Faye Cox
2014 Dot Alvord	2003 Elizabeth Holbrooks	1992 Mary Kizer
2013 Julia Willis	2002 Dixie Liggett	1991 Linda Reep
	2001 Sara Williams	

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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Gold: Having completed 6 or more of the criteria	Silver: Having completed 4 or more of the criteria	Silver: Continued	Bronze: Continued
Blue Ridge	Appalachian	Yadkin Valley	Metro
Brooks Chapel	Stony Point	Centenary, Clemmons	Williamson's Chapel
East Marion	Wilkesboro	Dulin	
Moore's Grove		Fair Cross	Northern Piedmont
	Blue Ridge	Level Cross	Bethel, Archdale
Catawba Valley	Addie's Chapel	Main Street	Bethlehem, Climax
St. Luke's	Central, Asheville	Memorial	College Place
	Oak Grove	Pine Grove, Winston Salem	Hinshaw
Metro	Piney Mountain	Yadkinville	Hopewell
Central, Charlotte	Weaverville		Laughlin Memorial
Hickory Grove			St. John, Eden
Memorial, Charlotte	Catawba Valley		St. Stephen's
St. Stephen	First, Dallas	Bronze: Having completed 2 or more of the criteria	Tabernacle
	First, Valdese		
Northern Piedmont	Park Street	Appalachian	
Glencoe	Rhyne Heights	First, North Wilkesboro	Smoky Mountain
Mayodan		Littlejohn	Cruso
Pleasant Union	Metro		Long's Chapel
	Pineville	Blue Ridge	First, Murphy
	Royal Oaks	Abernethy	Shady Grove
	Simpson Gillespie	Bald Creek	
Uwharrie		Black Mountain	Uwharrie
Bethlehem, Waxhaw	Northern Piedmont	First, Rutherfordton	Central, Monroe
Central, Denton	Christ, Greensboro	Saluda	Providence, Salisbury
First, Asheboro	Morehead	St. Paul's	
First, Norwood		Windom	Yadkin Valley
Milford Hills, Salisbury	Smoky Mountain		Ardmore
Mineral Springs	Crabtree	Catawba Valley	Baltimore
	Elizabeth Chapel	Ebenezer, Vale	Bethel, King
	First, Franklin	Marvin	Central, Thomasville
Yadkin Valley	First, Waynesville	Polkville	First, Pilot Mountain
Centenary, Winston Salem		South Point	First, Thomasville
Mt. Zion	Uwharrie		Lewisville
Pine Grove, Kernersville	First, Lexington		New Mt. Vernon
Shoals	Jordan Memorial, Ramseur		Oak Forest
St. Paul	Saint Luke, Asheboro		Sharon
			Trinity, King
			Yadkin College

Mission Today Units -- 2022

GOLD	GOLD	GOLD
APPALACHIAN	CATAWBA VALLEY	NORTHERN PIEDMONT
Barbara Heck	Bethlehem/Claremont	Archdale
Boone	Boger City	Bass Chapel
First Taylorsville	Abernethy Memorial	Bethel/Archdale
First North Wilkesboro	First Dallas	Bethlehem/Climax
Hudson	Mt. Pleasant/Sherrills Ford	College Place
Littlejohn	First Gastonia	First/Randleman
Mt. Bethel	First Valdese	Gideon Grove
Stoney Point	Knob Creek	Glencoe
Union Grove	Marvin	Hinshaw
Wilkesboro	Pleasant Grove	Holmes Grove
	South Point	Lebanon
BLUE RIDGE	St. Luke's	Mayodan
Abernethy		Morehead
Bald Creek	METRO	Mt. Pisgah
Biltmore	Central/Charlotte	St. Matthews
Black Mountain	Davidson	St. Stephens/Madison
Brooks Chapel	Epworth	Tabernacle
Central/Ashville	First/China Grove	
Concord	Forest Hill	SMOKY MOUNTAIN
East Marion	Hickory Grove	Clyde Central
Gilkey	Matthews	Crabtree
Mills River	Memorial/Charlotte	Cullowhee
Moore's Grove	Pineville	Elizabeth Chapel
Oak Grove	Providence	Franklin First
Piney Mountain	Royal Oaks	Long's Chapel
Saluda	Simpson-Gillespie	Maggie Valley
Skyland	South Park	Murphy First
St. Paul's	St. Stephen	Oak Forest
Weaverville	Williamson's Chapel	Shady Grove
Windom		Waynesville First

Mission Today Units -- 2022

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
UWHARRIE	BLUE RIDGE	BLUE RIDGE
Bethlehem/Waxhaw	Fletcher	Groce
Central/Denton	First Rutherford	Marion First
First/Asheboro	Montmorenci	Oakley
First/Norwood		
Milford Hills	CATAWBA VALLEY	CATAWBA VALLEY
Mineral Springs	Ebenezer/Vale	Aldersgate
	Polkville	First Hickory
YADKIN VALLEY	Rhyne Heights	Linville
Ardmore		
Baltimore	METRO	METRO
Bethel	Jackson Park	Centenary
Brooks Temple	Midway	
Centenary/Clemmons	Pleasant Grove	UWHARRIE
Centenary/Winston-Salem	South Park	Central/Monroe
Concord/Mocksville	Trinity/Charlotte	Providence
Fair Grove		
Faith	NORTHERN PIEDMONT	
First/Thomasville	Madison	YADKIN VALLEY
Harmony Grove		Central/Thomasville
Hickory Ridge	SMOKY MOUNTAIN	St. Paul
Level Cross	Maple Grove	Wesley Memorial
Main Street		
Memorial	UWHARRIE	
New Hope	First Lexington	
Oak Forest	Jordan Memorial	
Palmyra	St. Luke/Asheboro	
Pine Grove/Winston-Salem		
Saint Andrews	YADKIN VALLEY	
St .Paul	Boonville	
Sedge Garden	Bunker Hill	
Sharon	Canaan	
Shoals	Lewisville	
Trinity/Thomasville	Midway	
Yadkin College	New Mt. Vernon	
Yadkinville		

CELEBRATION REGISTRATION:

Friday: 2:00-6:30 PM Terrace Auditorium

Saturday: 7:30-8:30 AM Terrace 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:

Terrace Auditorium and Terrace 319

Friday: 2:00-6:30 PM

Saturday: 7:30-8:30 AM,

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: Breakout Sessions

1:00-1:45 PM UW Faith Choir Rehearsal

2:00-3:00 PM Jazzercizing 4 Jesus

3:15-4:15 PM Where Our Money Goes

Terrace Auditorium

Terrace 319

Terrace Auditorium

COLLECTION OF UMCOR Period Packs and Christmas Boxes HC 202

Friday 2:00-5:00 PM; Saturday 1:15-1:45 PM

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

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 7:30-8:30 A.M.

LUNCH 12:00-1:30 P.M..

DINNER 5:30-7:00 P.M.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES.....*"District Mosaics of 2022"*

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

Terrace Auditorium

NAMETAG NOTATIONS:

Members of units meeting the **MISSION TODAY** criteria in 2022 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.

