



Smoky Mountain District  
United Women in Faith  
Annual Celebration  
**Jesus Calls Us: “Be My Witness”**  
Virtual via Zoom  
August 12 — 10:00 AM



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**Smoky Mountain District United Women in Faith**  
**Virtual Annual Celebration Agenda**  
**August 12, 2023**

Welcome & Announcements	Lisa Bacon, District President
Opening Prayer	Ellyne Stonebraker, District Parliamentarian
Daily Prayer Guide	Carol Harper, District Program Advisory Group
<b>response</b> Moment	Esther Manchester, District Committee on Nominations
Legacy Moment	Julie Leatherwood, District Legacy Liaison

**Business Session: Preparing to Witness in 2024**

Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Celebration	Lisa Bacon
Approval of Standing Rules Revisions	Ellyne Stonebraker
Announcement of Gift to Mission cards	Dianne Mills, District Treasurer
Report on 2022 Pledges	Dianne Mills
Love Offering	Dianne Mills
Presentation of 2024 Budget (Pledge to Mission and A & MD)	Dianne Mills
Recognition of Outgoing Officers	Laurel Bevill, District Program Advisory Group
Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2024	Velma Zeek, Committee on Nominations Chair
Election of Officers	Lisa Bacon
Installation of Officers	Deaconess Tracey Owens

**Reflecting on Our Witness in 2022: Celebration of Local Unit Accomplishments**

Special Music: "Let My Life Be a Light"	Rev. David Beam & Will Putnam, Franklin First UMC
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**Program:**

Introduction of Speaker	Nancy Jo Willis, District Communications Coordinator
<b>Jesus Calls Us: Be My Witness</b>	Deaconess Tracey Owens
Sending Forth	Deaconess Tracey Owens

## President's Report for 2022

The year 2022 was again challenging for the district. Most units are meeting in person again. Our district events were held in person except our mission study which was held virtually over two days with Blue Ridge District. Our district team executive meetings were held using Zoom and this seems to work very well. We did hold one executive meeting in person to facilitate planning.

Our joint mission study was facilitated by Renee Hayes using the book "Pushout - The Criminalization of Black Girls in School", which is on the UWF Reading Program. There was good discussion promoted by the program.

Day Apart is our district event for spiritual renewal and the memorial recognition of those who passed away during the previous year. The event was held at Long's Chapel. The program was presented by Dr. Hyung Jae Lee, the Smoky Mountain District Superintendent. His theme was "A Woman's Testimony" based on John 4:39-42. It was a joyful time as we met in person for the first time in two years.

Our Annual District Celebration was held at Cullowhee UMC in person. Attendance was poor. Our new president Lisa Bacon was elected and officers installed. Sherry Sink presented our program virtually since she was awaiting the birth of a grandchild and could not be there in person. We will have no one acting as mission coordinators in 2023. Filling offices will remain a priority as we will have to be creative.

Our missions festival/LDD was held in November at Franklin First UMC. Though it was enjoyed by all who attended, attendance by members was poor. The four rotations were self-care, Bible Study, chair exercise, and New Wineskins.

I presented several programs for units to help them understand the new initiatives that rolled out from National Office this year. The change in name was puzzling for many. Units remain active in missions locally, preparing meals for the community and food boxes for those in need. They packed hygiene kits and collected school supplies. Of particular interest were the menstrual kits prepared by several units. One unit wrote a grant for funds to help homeless women veterans in their community. COVID has impacted participation at the unit and district level. In addition, many members are aging out as are their churches.

Submitted by Deborah Ray, Smoky Mountain District President



Smoky Mountain District United Methodist Women  
Annual Celebration  
August 13, 2022



Opening prayer was given by Rev. Mitchell Boughman, Cullowhee United Methodist Church. Cullowhee UMW President JoAnn Black welcomed attendees.

Welcome and announcements were given by Debbie Ray, SMD President.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator Carol Harper shared from the Daily Prayer Guide.

The Legacy Report-Julie Leatherwood reported that we have raised 39 million dollars, and our conference finished in second place for the first time. In previous years we have ranked first.

Gift to Mission cards were presented to Sherry Sink, our speaker and Kathy Dills, our pianist, Nancy Jo Willis, Dee Dee Clark, Lisa Bacon, Esther Manchester, Gail Powell, Carol Harper and Debbie Ray. A card was also presented to JoAnn Black as Unit President and to the Unit for having the meeting at Cullowhee United Methodist Church.

Lisa Bacon gave the **response** Moment.

We sang "I've Got Peace Like A River" led by Nancy Jo Willis, SMD Communications Coordinator. She suggested that we sounded so good maybe we should "go on the road."

### **Business Session**

The minutes were filed as presented. Dianne Mills presented the Proposed Budget for 2023 of Pledge to Mission of \$39,000 and Budget for A&MD of \$5,700. The budget was approved.

JoAnn Black recognized outgoing officers: Carol, Dee Dee, Beverly, Gail, Debbie, Esther, and Sonya.

### Slate of Officers

Nominees for a two-year term 2023-24:

President - Lisa Bacon (Cullowhee)

Secretary for Program Resources – Nancy Watkins (Waynesville First)

Nominees for Committee on Nominations:

Chairperson (Class of 2025) – Velma Zeek (District At-Large)

Class of 2023 - Sheila Snow (Murphy First)

Class of 2023 – Louise Pressley (Cruso)

Class of 2024 – Erlinda Rogers (Long's Chapel)

Class of 2024 - Gail Powell (Elizabeth Chapel)

Class of 2025 - Esther Manchester (Murphy First)

Kim Shafer installed the officers after they were elected by acclamation.

MNO Coordinator Esther Manchester talked about unit accomplishments.

Sherry Sink joined us by video, and her subject was "Change All Around Us".

We closed with the hymn "Spirit Song" and a sending forth by Debbie Ray.

2002 SUMMARY OF GIVING

Pledge	Unit Name	Pledge Paid	Special Mission Recognition	Gift to Mission	Gift in Memory	World Thank Offering	Other Undesignated	Call to Prayer	Sup-Gifts	Legacy	Amount Sent to Conf. Treasurer
	1 Andrews										
300.00	2 Beaverdam	375.00	120.00			170.00	48.00	50.00			763.00
320.00	3 Bryson City	320.00	40.00	30.00						186.90	576.90
1400.00	4 Canton Central	1,400.00	80.00	115.00	10.00	33.58				100.00	1,738.58
1400.00	5 Canton First	1,400.00					87.77				1,487.77
1000.00	6 Clyde Central	1,000.00	50.00	10.00	30.00	10.00		10.00		186.90	1,296.90
1400.00	7 Crabtree	1,400.00	40.00	25.00	10.00	119.00	188.15	96.00			1,878.15
800.00	8 Cruso	800.00	10.00	5.00	60.00				25.00		900.00
1200.00	9 Cullowhee	1,200.00	200.00	150.00		60.00					1,610.00
1500.00	10 Elizabeth Chapel	1,500.00	40.00	20.00	170.00	260.67	67.90	170.00		186.90	2,415.47
1000.00	11 Franklin First	2,715.00	80.00	15.00	15.00	178.45		130.00		75.00	3,208.45
	12 Hayesville										0.00
2000.00	13 Longs Chapel	2,000.00	40.00	5.00	15.00	89.51	77.50	92.00	200.00	470.00	2,989.01
	14 Love's Chapel										0.00
	15 Maggie Valley	291.25			25.00	45.00		90.00			451.25
960.00	16 Maple Grove	960.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00	50.00	325.00		50.00	1,685.00
2530.00	17 Murphy	2,530.00		103.54	25.00	668.00					3,326.54
900.00	18 Oak Forest	900.00	5.00	100.00	5.00	5.00	85.00				1,100.00
	19 Piney Grove										0.00
800.00	20 Plains	800.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	50.00					970.00
	21 Ranger	600.00			25.00	196.02	85.16		120.00		1,026.18
	22 Robbinsville										0.00
	23 Rockwood										0.00
500.00	24 Shady Grove	675.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	126.41				186.90	1,048.31
1000.00	25 Sylva First	300.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00					500.00
100.00	26 Tomolia	100.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		12.00		50.00	182.00
2079.00	27 Waynesville First	2,096.50	80.00	130.00	330.00	383.00	25.10	330.00		250.00	3,624.60
100.00	28 Webster	100.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00			125.00
	29 District			1,642.84	30.00						1,672.84
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$23,462.75</b>	<b>\$975.00</b>	<b>\$2,511.38</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>	<b>\$2,604.64</b>	<b>\$714.58</b>	<b>\$1,310.00</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>\$1,742.60</b>	<b>\$34,575.95</b>

## Smoky Mountain District United Women in Faith Proposed Budget 2024

	2024 Proposed
<b>Pledge to Mission</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Membership Development</b>	
Officer Expenses	
Postage	100
Supplies	100
Telephone	0
Travel (mileage)	200
Printing	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>
Meeting Expenses	
District Annual Meeting	500
District Spiritual Enrichment	800
District Officer Training	500
Other District Events	100
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>1900</b>
Other Expenses	
Newsletter Printing	450
Newsletter Postage	350
Resources and literature	400
SMR, GTM, and GIM	800
Local Women Stipends for meetings	450
Miscellaneous	100
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>2550</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses A &amp; MD</b>	<b>\$5050</b>

## Smoky Mountain District Officers for 2024

(Nominees to be elected at Annual Celebration are in **bold**; vacancies are in red.)

President – Lisa Bacon (Cullowhee) (2023-2024, 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Vice President –

**Secretary – Nancy Jo Willis (Murphy First) (2024-2025, 1<sup>st</sup> term)**

**Treasurer – Dianne Mills (Elizabeth Chapel) (2024-2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth –

Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach –

**Mission Coordinator for Social Action – Kim Shafer (District at Large)  
(2024-2025, 1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation -

Secretary for Program Resources – Nancy Watkins (Waynesville First)  
(2023-2024, 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Communications Coordinator -

### Committee on Nominations

Chairperson – Velma Zeek (District at Large) (2023-2024)

Class of 2024 – Gail Powell (Elizabeth Chapel)

Class of 2024 –

Class of 2025 – Esther Manchester (Murphy 1<sup>st</sup>)

Class of 2025 – Velma Zeek (District at Large)

Class of 2026 –

Class of 2026 –

### Appointed Offices

Parliamentarian – Ellyne Stonebraker (Franklin First)

Historian –

Acting Nurturing Partner Coordinator – Debbie Ray (Waynesville First)

**Newsletter Editor – Nancy Jo Willis (Murphy First)**

**Legacy Liaison – JoAnn Black (Cullowhee)**

## 2022 Gifts to Mission

Bryson City	Ann Steele
Canton Central	Chip Cody, Brandon Crawford, Claudio Fuentes, Victor Gamez, Ernie Hall, Danny Haney, Charlie Hardin, Bobby Kearse, Tim Lowe, Bob McCracken, Donald Messer, Dean Minzenmayer, Tom Posey, Chip Singleton, Jon Yow
Clyde Central	James Hart
Crabtree	Grace Sawyer
Cruso	Shirley Cogburn, Sandra Cooper (2), Louise Pressley
Cullowhee	Donation
Elizabeth Chapel	Ralyn Balance, Shelly Balance, Ben Shaeffer, McKinsey Smith
Franklin	Francis Guy, Mary Williams
Long's Chapel	Julia Hoyle
Maple Grove	Donation
Murphy First	Donation
Oak Forest	Donation
Plains	Donation
Shady Grove	Donation
Sylva First	Donation
Tomotla	Donation
Waynesville First	Henrietta Coker, Pat Stone, Mary Thomas, Peggy Winters
Webster	Donation
Smoky Mountain District	Lisa Bacon, JoAnn Black, Rev. Betsy Caudill, Dee Dee Clark, Cullowhee UWF, Kathy Dills, Franklin First UWF, Kristin Gruner, Carol Harper, Lani Hyslop, Ann Kline, Sonya Kotila, Rev. Dr. Jae Lee, Long's Chapel UWF, Esther Manchester, Mary Pittman, Gail Powell, Debbie Ray, Sherry Sink, Ellynne Stonebraker, Nancy Jo Willis



## 2022 Gifts in Memory

Canton Central	Vivian Coman
Clyde Central	Hilda Boone, Emma Esau, Vesta Hrnciar
Crabtree	Christopher Palmer, Barbara G. Ross
Cruso	Steven Blake, Irene Haynes, Lewis McLeod, Jack Nelson
Elizabeth Chapel	Mary Davis, Buck McDonald, Dale Medford, Donald Moore, Tom Wyche
Franklin First	Larry Dryman
Long's Chapel	Lucille Bellamy, Devoice Medford, Barbara Ross
Maggie Valley	Donation
Maple Grove	Donation
Murphy First	Donation
Oak Forest	Donation
Plains	Donation
Ranger	Betty Lang
Shady Grove	Donation
Sylva First	Donation
Tomotla	Donation
Waynesville First	Jane Baker, Leoni Frances Bigelow, Judy Bridges, Roy Detwiler, Kerr Eller, Rev. Lewis Gibbs, Wannie Hardin, Addie Hipp, Betty Lou Hubbard, Kathryn Hyatt, Jack King, Sonya Kotila's father (2), Jan Lemasters' brother, Shirley McAllister, Nara Melkonyan's mother, Christopher Moffat, Karen Vinesett, Jayne Williams' sister, Bonnie Willis, Frank Wolfe
Webster	Donation

## 2022 Special Mission Recognitions

Beaverdam	David Ashe, Alan Case, Jackie Rhodes
Bryson City	Ann Steele
Canton Central	Ralph Caldwell, Rick Sheppard
Clyde Central	Fred Rask
Crabtree	Carla Woody
Cruso	Donation
Cullowhee	Sue Heckert
Elizabeth Chapel	Donation
Franklin	Connie Mayer, Timaxena Sloan
Long's Chapel	Kathy Pickrel
Maple Grove	Donation
Oak Forest	Donation
Plains	Donation
Shady Grove	Joe Pryor
Sylva First	Donation
Waynesville First	Donation
Tomotla	Donation
Webster	Donation
Smoky Mountain District	Sonya Kotila

## Five Channels of Mission Giving 2022

Canton Central  
Clyde Central  
Crabtree  
Elizabeth Chapel  
Franklin First

Long's Chapel  
Maple Grove  
Oak Forest  
Plains  
Shady Grove

Tomotla  
Waynesville First  
Webster

## Mission Today Units 2022

### **Gold**

Clyde Central  
Crabtree  
Cullowhee  
Elizabeth Chapel  
Franklin First  
Long's Chapel  
Maggie Valley  
Murphy First  
Oak Forest  
Shady Grove  
Waynesville First

### **Silver**

Maple Grove

### **Bronze**

## Justice Today Units 2022

### **Gold**

### **Silver**

Crabtree  
Elizabeth Chapel  
Fincher's Chapel  
Waynesville First

### **Bronze**

Franklin First  
Oak Forest  
Shady Grove

## 2022 Reading Program Participants

Canton Central	Pat Dobbins (1), Barbara Markham (1)
Clyde Central	Sara Brown (1)
Crabtree	Sharon Cooper (1), Doris Meadows (2), Pam Patterson (1)
Cullowhee	Lisa Bacon (1)
Elizabeth Chapel	Gail Powell (2)
Murphy First	Sue Bell (1), Robin Burnett (1), Esther Manchester (1), Marilyn Jones (2)
Waynesville First	Debbie Ray (2), Judy Starnes (1)

[The number in parentheses indicates the plan each participant completed. Reading Program participants read books in five areas (spiritual growth, nurturing for community, social action, education for mission, and leadership development) and regularly read **response** magazine. Plan 1 = one book in each area (five books total), Plan 2 = two books in each area (ten books total), Plan 3 = two books in each area + 5 books in any area (15 books total), and Plan 4 = two books in each area + 10 books in any area (20 books total).]

## Mission Study Participation for 2022

Local Unit	Mission Study
Cullowhee	Who Can We Be Together? (Conference Mission u, 2) Pushout (District, 2)
Elizabeth Chapel	Pushout (District, 1)
Long's Chapel	Who Can We Be Together? (Unit, 6) Pushout (District, 1)
Murphy First	Pushout (District, 2)
Oak Forest	Pushout (District, 1)
Waynesville First	Who Can We Be Together? (Conference Mission u, 3) Pushout (District, 4)

## Membership Record for 2022

Unit Name	# Members 1-Jan-22	# New Members	# Lost by Death or Other Reasons	# Members 12-Dec-22
Andrews	46	0	0	46
Beaverdam	24	0	0	24
Bryson City	23	0	4	19
Canton Central	8	0	0	8
Canton First	21	0	0	21
Clyde Central	24	2	6	20
Crabtree	22	2	0	24
Cruso	9	0	0	9
Cullowhee	46	2	3	45
Elizabeth Chapel	21	4	2	23
Fincher's Chapel	5	0	0	5
Franklin First	39	1	0	40
Hayesville First	34	0	0	34
Long's Chapel	109	1	1	109
Love's Chapel	7	0	0	7
Maggie Valley	10	8	4	14
Maple Grove	9	4	1	12
Murphy First	64	5	9	60
Oak Forest	14	1	0	15
Piney Grove	3	1	0	4
Plains	30	2	20	12
Robbinsville	10	1	1	10
Rockwood	5	0	1	4
Shady Grove	10	1	0	11
Smoky Mountain	2	0	0	2
Sylva First	46	0	0	46
Tomotla	18	0	0	18
Waynesville First	199	6	10	195
Webster	6	0	0	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>843</b>

# Acknowledgments

We thank the following for their contribution to today's meeting:

Tracey Owens, speaker and installation of officers.

Rev. David Beam and Will Putnam, Franklin First UMC, special music for celebration video.

District Officers and the District Program Advisory Group for their assistance in planning and participating in today's meeting. Program Advisory Group members include Laurel Bevill, Carol Harper, Debbie Ray, Sondra Shepherd, Bonnie Stephens, and Fannie Watson.

Local Unit and District Officers for providing information for reports.

All Local Unit members for your participation today.

## Rules of Order for District Annual Celebration

### SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Meetings shall open and close at the times stipulated in the official program.

### SECTION 2: NEW BUSINESS

- A. All new business that has not been considered by the Executive Committee of the District shall be presented in writing to the Secretary seven (7) days prior to being considered by the voting delegates.
- B. Proposed resolutions must be submitted in writing to the District President sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the District Annual Meeting.

### SECTION 3: MOTIONS

- A. All motions except on matters of procedure shall be written and signed by the maker and furnished to the Chair before action is taken.
- B. 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.

### SECTION 4: DEBATES

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

### SECTION 5: VOTING MEMBERSHIP

The voting body of the Smoky Mountain District shall be composed of local unit members in attendance.

### SECTION 6: QUORUM

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the membership present representing the units in the district.

## **ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised Edition, shall be the parliamentary authority. Any changes or amendments to district standing rules shall be approved by the district executive committee and submitted to the conference standing rules committee by June 30 for review and approval. A two-thirds vote of the members present is required to suspend or amend these rules.