



Smoky Mountain District
United Women in Faith



Dear Local Unit Presidents,

Thank you for serving in this important leadership role in 2024, especially as we continue to adjust to changes within our denomination and recover from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Thank you, too, for the faithful mission giving that allows us to continue being love in action to women, children, and youth around the world and here at home.

We cannot wrap up 2024 without some important information from your unit regarding membership, unit activities, and officer contact information for 2025. You and your local unit officers will need to work together to complete the reports.

Please return the following reports to me by December 15, 2024, via email or snail mail:

1. Membership
2. Justice Today
3. Mission Today
4. Mission Studies
5. Reading Program
6. Legacy 150 Commitment Form
7. 2025 Officer List (2024 information is being provided for your convenience. List may be sent as a spreadsheet if you prefer.) **Please return this information even if there are no changes.**

Thank you for providing this important information, which not only tells how we have done but also allows us to celebrate local unit accomplishments at our next District Annual Celebration.

Peace and all good things,

Lisa

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2024 Membership Form

Unit Name:

Unit President's Name:

Number of members as of 01/01/2024	
Number of new members added in 2024	
Number of members lost by death or other reasons in 2024	
Number of members as of December report date	

Name of person completing this report:

Names of local unit members who died in 2024:

How can your District leadership support you in 2025?



Smoky Mountain District United Women in Faith Justice Today Report (Charter for Racial Justice)



Unit:

Person reporting:

Unit Status

- Gold Unit** having completed 6 or more of the following actions
- Silver Unit** having completed 4 or more of the following actions
- Bronze Unit** having completed 2 or more of the following actions

Unit Programming

- Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UW Faith Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for United Women in Faith Leaders" handbook
- Participated in a Bible study on racism
- Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice." Copy available in each District (study guide available)
- Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area
- Invited an international guest to come and speak about their home country
- Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
- Regularly shared articles from **response** relating to racism

Unit Enrichment

- Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Policies AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting
- Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- Purchased and discussed two United Women in Faith Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background
- Participated in a qualifying United Women in Faith Mission Study
- Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling
- Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance at a music program or theatre performance by person of a different culture, race, or ethnic background

Beyond the Local Unit:

- Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
- Sent one (1) member to Mission u
- Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically challenged
- Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.
- Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair, or other event
- Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., United Women in Faith Sunday



Unit:

Person reporting:

Gold – Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (*) and 4 other. **

Silver – Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 4 other. **

Bronze – Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (*) and 2 other. **

** Note: “Other” may also include items with asterisks (*).

Criteria:

- *1. The unit will make a Pledge to Mission.
- *2. The unit will use the Prayer Guide at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. The Daily Prayer Guide is printed annually and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Book during the year. A new Program Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- *4. The unit or circle will participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criterion).
- *5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to **response** (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20.00 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- *6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities include:
 - a. Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
 - b. Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
 - c. Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
 - d. Use the “Resources for Racial Justice: Tools for United Women in Faith Leaders” handbook. (Available on our conference website on the “Downloads Available” page.
 - e. Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- *7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Social Action Priorities for the current quadrennium. These are: Just Energy 4 All/Climate Justice, Ending Mass Incarceration, and Criminalization of Communities of Color. You may find information at <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/>.
- *8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.
- *9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church .

- *10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- *11. The United Women in Faith Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- *12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund in the reporting year.
- 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on the experience. Virtual participation qualifies as attending.
- 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference annual meeting and report back to the unit about the experience. Virtual participation qualifies as attending.
- 15. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Daily Prayer Guide.
- 16. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a “Children’s Sabbath”. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children).
- 17. Each unit or circle meeting will include a “**response** moment” where an item from **response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- 18. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and /or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- 19. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day. Virtual participation in any of these events qualify as attending.
- 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day event. Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities. If checked, explain what you did at the bottom of the page.
- 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan I of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read.
- 22. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Women in Faith Sunday. This qualifies as a local unit visit (LUV).
- 23. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12-17 and/or one young woman (ages 18-39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- 24. 100% of the unit’s active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
- 25. The 2024 Conference Financial Goal: Each local unit will increase Mission Giving to their 2019 level.
- 26. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year.

List one or more local projects. Every project does not have to be listed.



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Mission Study Report

Unit:

Person reporting:

Mission Study	# of participants
Mission u (Welcome Home)	
District Mission Study (Living the Kin-dom)	
Local unit/Subgroup/Circle/mission studies (include name of study):	
Children or Youth Mission Study (include name of study):	

(Additional studies may be listed below.)

Note: to count as a qualifying mission study, the study must be a United Women in Faith National Office mission study topic and include a minimum total time of four hours.



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Reading Program Report

Unit:

Unit membership:

Person reporting:

Name of Reader	Plan I	Plan II	Plan III	Plan IV	Children
Total number of readers in each plan					



Legacy 150 Commitments

Unit:

Person reporting:

Thank you for your commitment to the Legacy 150 Fund! Gifts to the Legacy Fund endowment will lay the financial foundation for future generations of United Women in Faith. We make mission possible with our undesignated giving and our Legacy Giving.

While some have made donations through the District and Conference, others have made donations directly to the National Office. So that we can try to track and express gratitude to everyone who makes a gift to the Legacy Fund, we would like you to help us by keeping a yearly account for your local unit.

Name (can be individual or unit commitment)	One-Time Commitment	Recurring Commitment (monthly, quarterly, or yearly)		150 Pin Received
		First Time	Continuing	



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2025 Local Unit Officers

Unit:

Person reporting:

Office	Name	Address	Phone	Email
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Nominations Chair				
Spiritual Growth				
Membership Nurture & Outreach				
Social Action				

Mission Education & Interpretation				
Program Resources				
Communications				
Historian				
Parliamentarian				
Circle Chair				
Circle Chair				
Circle Chair				
Circle Chair				
Circle Chair				
Pastor				