

August 2025

Conference Gram

United Women in Faith, Western North Carolina



WNCC Annual Celebration

September 6, 2025 10am—5pm

Williamson’s Chapel UMC

575 Brawley School Rd

Mooresville, NC

Speaker: Sally Vonner



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*Lunch will be provided—Register on-line
at www.wnccumw.org.

The cost with lunch is \$25 (ends Aug 29)*

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Calendar of Events

2025

September 6
Annual Celebration
Williamson’s Chapel UMC
Mooresville

October 11, 25
Ubuntu Days of Service
Various Locations

October 18
Leadership Development
For District Officers
First UMC Taylorsville.

Calendar of Events

2026

May 15 - 17, 2026
Assembly 2026
Indianapolis, IN

August 21 - 22
Mission u
Catholic Conference Center
Hickory, NC

For detail of our confer-
ence events, go online at

www.wnccumw.org

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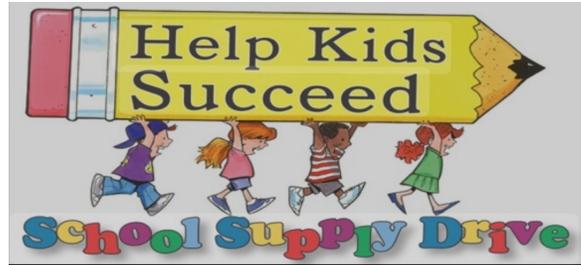
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE BETHLEHEM CENTER IN WINSTON SALEM

List:

- Underwear for sizes 2-4
- childproof scissors
- crayons
- construction paper
- rulers,
- child paint,
- washable markers.

Bring to our Conference Annual Celebration on September 6th. Note all donations accepted.

Thank you for your dedication in supporting our Women, children and youth.

Any questions about getting your donations to the Bethlehem Center, please call me.

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WNCC Leadership Development Day

October 18, 2025

10am – 12noon

Registration and Display gallery @ 9:30am

Taylorsville UMC - Taylorsville, NC

1400 NC Highway 16S.

Taylorsville, NC 28681

Training for new and returning District Officers

"The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development"

2026 Slate of Officers

The Conference Committee on Nominations has submitted the following nominees to be presented during the Business section at the Conference Annual Celebration on September 6, 2025.

Nominated for first year first term:

- ◇ President: Lynn Alexander
- ◇ Vice President: Linda Greer

Nominated for first year second term:

- ◇ Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth: Betty Durham
- ◇ Mission Coordinator Education & Interpretation: Victoria Brown
- ◇ Mission Coordinator Membership Nurture & Outreach: Kim Eller
- ◇ Mission Coordinator Social Action: Laquetta Barbee
- ◇ Secretary of Program Resources: Cathy McCauley



Committee on Nominations:

- Class of 29 Darlene Gardner
- Class of 29 Linda Davidson
- Class of 27 Nancy Ward

The Committee on Nominations is appreciative of all who serve in your local churches as well as at the district level. We recognize your commitment to children, youth, and families. We have observed firsthand how women step up and give. This is not just an everyday job; this is "Here I am Lord."

Grace and Peace Committee on Nominations 2025

Are You a Voting Delegate for Conference Annual Celebration?

This Annual Celebration is just one day but it promises to be a very special celebration. Elections are an important part of our brief business meeting. This year is no different. We will be electing officers for 2026 and approving changes to the Standing Rules. It can be a little confusing knowing who is a voting delegate to the Annual Celebration.

Most of this confusion arises with local unit members and/or district officers.

Local Unit Members: The president of the local unit is usually the voting delegate if she attends. The president may designate one or more delegates, depending on unit membership. Every unit with 50 members or fewer has one delegate. If your unit has more than 50 members, there is one additional voting delegate for each additional 50 members. (Example: a unit of 150 members would have three voting delegates.)

District Officers: Members of the district executive committee (including chairpersons of district committees) are voting delegates. Members of district committees (nominations, finance, etc) are not voting delegates unless they are the chairperson of the committee or are representing their local unit.

Complete information about voting membership may be found on page 25 of our Conference Standing Rules, Article X, Section 1.E – September 2024.

Additional voting members include:

- 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
- Conference officers and chairpersons of committees
- 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
- The resident Bishop
- The president of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association if residing within the bounds of the conference
- All elected members-at-large

If you have any questions, please contact me.
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WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER

There has never been a more important time for women of faith to come together, tap into our strength, and unite to change the world. Assembly 2026 is that moment—a once-every-four-years gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood.

At United Women in Faith's 2026 Assembly, you can **DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!**

**REGISTRATION STARTS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

PRICE

Assembly is a great value at the early registration fee of \$365.

Few other faith-based conferences offer the following for such a low fee:

Inspiring Speakers: Hear from women leaders who will spark your passion and energize your purpose.

Powerful Worship: Experience deep reflection, renewal, and connection in faith.

Workshops: Gain tools to create meaningful change in your life and your community.

Sisterhood: Connect with women from around the world who share your commitment to justice and Soul Care.

SAVE FOR ASSEMBLY

Start now! Calculate the costs as broken out below for your location and divide by 15 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn't seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will make it worth every dollar.

Early Registration fee of \$365 runs from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30, 2025.

Hotels range from \$164 to \$199 per night for up to four people (double/double room)

Travel expenses

Meal expenses

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Visit www.uwfaith.org/assembly.