



52nd Annual Celebration

Celebrating 156 Years in Mission

September 6, 2025

Williamson's Chapel UMC

Mooreville, NC

Western North Carolina Conference



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in Faith

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.



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**Joanie Strohm, President
Lynn Alexander, Vice President, Chair of Program Committee**

**Diann Back, President
Hostess District—Metro
2025 Program Committee**

**Lynn Alexander, Joanie Strohm, Lynda Morris, Bess Redmond, Betty Durham, Vickie Brown, Kim Eller,
Laquetta Barbee, Cathy McCauley, Deborah Brooks, Diann Back, Sherry Sink, 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.

Join Our Conference Email List!

If you are interested in receiving email with Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith information, updates, and *Conference Gram*, go to the website and sign up. Also, find us at www.facebook.com/wnccumw, www.twitter.com/wnccumw, and www.youtube.com/user/wnccumw. Join now and stay informed!



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

The Program Committee would like to thank the following:

- ◆ All the United Women in Faith who joined us at Williamson's Chapel UMC this weekend
- ◆ Sharon Furr, Williamson's Chapel Unit President and all Unit members who helped with the program
- ◆ Diann Back, Metro District President, and those who served as Hostesses
- ◆ Members of the Conference Executive Committee and volunteers from the District Teams
- ◆ Sally Vonner, General Secretary/CEO of United Women in Faith for being our key-note speaker
- ◆ Catherine Ritch for sharing her musical talents
- ◆ Lynne Gilbert & Sara Williams for technical support
- ◆ LaDonna Butts and Deborah Forrest for their leadership in the afternoon workshops
- ◆ Bishop Ken Carter for his video welcome.
- ◆ Rev. Dan Pezet, Metro District Superintendent for his welcome.
- ◆ All the United Women in Faith members who helped in various ways in this Annual Celebration.
- ◆ Display providers
- ◆ The Williamson's Chapel 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.
Thank you!**





Registration & Display Gallery Walk 9:00—9:45 A.M.

Gathering Music—9:45 A.M.

Catherine Ritch

Session 1—10:00 A.M.

Call to Order Annual Celebration

Joanie Strohm, Conference President

Greetings from Williamson’s Chapel UMC

Sharon Furr, Unit President

Greetings from Host District President

Diann Back, Metro District

Greetings from Host District Superintendent

Rev. Dan Pezet, Metro District

Video Greetings

Bishop Ken Carter, WNCC UMC

Announcements, Presentation of Guests & Program Participants

Lynn Alexander, Conference Vice President

Daily Prayer Guide/Prayer

Sylvia Casey, Metro District Treasurer

***Hymn “God of Change and Glory”**

UMH #114

Our Purpose

see back of program book

Brenda Steadman, Conference
Nomination Chair

Legacy Moment

Special Birthday Wish

Lynne Gilbert, Conference Webmaster

Update from UWFaith Director

Renee Hayes, Deaconess

BUSINESS SESSION

Joanie Strohm, President
Lynda Morris, Secretary
Martha Phillips, Parliamentarian

Pledge Service

Bess Redmond, Conference Treasurer

Break (10mins)



*Please stand in body or in spirit.



Session 2—11:30 A.M.

Soul Care Moment

Kim Eller, Conference MN&O

***Hymn “Change My Heart Oh God”**

#2152

Scripture: Philippians 3:10-14

Constance Holland, NP District Treasurer

Introduction of Speaker

Lynn Alexander, Conference VP

Message “A Season for Growth”

Sally Vonner, General Secretary & CEO United Women in Faith

Love Offering

Bess Redmond, Conference Treasurer

Special Music video “Lord, Send Me”

Mia Spies, UWFaith Scholarship Recipient

Doxology

Lunch Prayer

Bess Redmond, Conference Treasurer

Break for lunch (1 hour)

*****If you ordered a box lunch with registration please help yourself***

*****If you did not order lunch there are several eating establishments in the area***

*Please stand in body or in spirit.



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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:

1:30pm—2:15pm

Jazzercise 4 Jesus—Facilitated by LaDonna Butts

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



2:30pm—3:15pm

Bethlehem Community Child Care Center—Facilitated by Deborah Forrest

Our childcare is designed to create a "home away from home." We believe in providing a nurturing and educational environment where your child will feel safe to learn.





Session 3—3:30 P.M.

Soul Care Moment

Betty Durham, Conference Spiritual Growth

***Hymn “Hymn of Promise”**

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Spotlighting our Districts

Kim Eller, Conference MN&O

Time of Appreciation-Honoring

**Outgoing Officers
Installation of Officers
Dedication of Annual Report**

Joanie Strohm & Bess Redmond
Rhita Newcomb, Yadkin Valley President
Sandrea Williamson, Conference Historian

Scripture: Philippines 4:4-9

Linda Greer, Appalachian President

President’s Message “We’ve Only Just Begun”

Joanie Strohm, Conference President

***Hymn “They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love”**

Sending Forth

Joanie Strohm, Conference President

*Please stand in body or in spirit.



Upcoming 2025 Events

Ubuntu Day of Service “I am because you are”

October 11 & 25 Various activities across the Conference

Check for opportunities in your district or create your own event



October 18, 2025 10am—12noon

Leadership Development Day (LDD) for District Officers

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

Hybrid Meeting - In Person and on ZOOM

Taylorsville UMC - 1400 NC Highway 16S. - Taylorsville, NC 28681



Program Participants

Keynote Speaker: Sally Vonner

Sally Vonner (she/her): is a woman of faith and purpose as a leader, mother, sister, and friend to many. She is a proud member of United Women in Faith. As the General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of United Women in Faith, she oversees the implementation of the organization's vision, mission, and strategic plan to positively impact the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. She collaborates with United Women in Faith's senior executives from the Offices of the General Secretary, Connectional, Finance and Asset Management, Operations, and Transformation on day-to-day operations.

Sally has served at United Women in Faith for 14+ years and at various areas of the United Methodist Church (UMC) as a women's retreat leader, jurisdictional conference delegate or alternate (2008, 2016, 2020/24), as a missionary commissioned by the General Board of Global Ministries in 2000 with placement in the North Texas Annual Conference as an organizer for immigration assistance and reform, community development initiatives, and dismantling racism at jurisdiction and conference levels. Sally also served as the Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for the North Texas Annual Conference.

She is a long-time member of the Black Methodists for Church Renewal at the national, jurisdictional and local levels. Sally is also a member of a women's leadership cohort for Chief Executive Officers with J.P. Morgan Chase, since 2021. She is an active member of the Bergen County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sally is a graduate of SMU Perkins School of Theology with a M.Div. and Women's Studies Certification and East Texas A&M Commerce with a B.S. in Biology. Sally is a long-time member of First UMC Grand Prairie (TX). She regularly attends Teaneck UMC in Teaneck, NJ.

Sally enjoys attending her daughter Lessie's music performances, connecting with family in Texas, as well as reading, volunteering, and traveling, especially to beaches in the Caribbean.

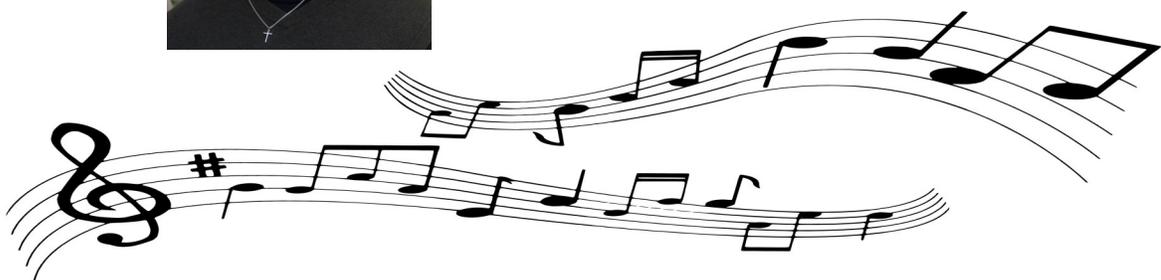


Music Leader:

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. One of Catherine's most fun ventures is a comedy series featuring Miz Eudora Rumph of Smackass Gap, NC, which happens to be a real place (where Methodists have The Hinton Retreat Center). Dressed as Miz Eudora, she has entertained doctors and medical personnel, ministers and bishops, teachers and various other groups with "Laughter Is the Best Medicine" through the simple mountain wit and wisdom of her Appalachian grandmother. In Catherine's words, "People in today's society take themselves way too seriously or get caught up in unnecessary stresses. A good dose of Miz Eudora is a cure for all that ails you, and also for that which don't!" Catherine has been introduced as an author, composer, comedienne, entertainer, teacher, musician, inspirational/motivational speaker, and volunteer-in-mission, but her favorite way to be acknowledged is "friend."



Mia Spies is a junior at High Point University. She is majoring in religion, with a minor in music. Mia is looking to pursue a future in ministry, wanting to serve The United Methodist Church as an ordained deacon. Her main focus in life is to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, by "Loving God, Loving People." Her song "Lord, Send Me" was inspired by Psalm 40, and was written for "Psalms and Music," a class offered at HPU where they explore the connections between musical praise and worship and the literature of the psalms. Her goal is to be a vessel of God's love and a catalyst for positive change, embodying the values of humility, service, and dedication in every aspect of her ministry.





**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 5 years.

**Celebrate United
Women in Faith!
156 Years and
Counting...**



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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 Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign was created and set a bold goal of raising \$60 million for the endowment. Through the generosity and efforts of women like you, we are confident this goal can be reached!

Thru May 31, 2025, United Women in Faith in Western North Carolina have given \$556,220.59 to The Legacy Endowment Fund! Thank you! And, as of May 31, 2025, the Legacy Endowment Fund had reached \$50,080,788! We are getting there!

The Sustaining Phase, builds on the accomplishments achieved during the campaign's nine-year history, strengthening that momentum with a range of activities to help us reach our \$60 Million dollar goal. With every gift received in 2025 and beyond, we will secure the financial resources needed to deepen and expand our mission. 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



LEGACY BUILDER

\$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. As we began 2024, we had at least 54 Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith who had become Legacy Builders!

Consider becoming a Legacy

Builder! A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Women in Faith by making a monthly gift of

Where can I get more information about The Legacy Endowment Fund?

Visit our website at: wnccumw.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/



Our Conference Legacy Campaign Team:

We are happy to answer your questions, and to share information with your local unit!

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2024 Financial Report of the Treasurer

Western North Carolina United Women in Faith, in 2024 **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:

\$397,275 (11% decrease from 2023 Giving)

All Love Offerings

\$15,073 (2.5% increase from 2023)

(includes Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mission u, and Annual Celebration donations)

Undesignated Mission Giving Sent to UWFaith National Office:

(pledges, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, and World Thank Offerings)

\$307,748 (decrease of 8% from 2023)

Designated Giving to UWFaith National Office and GBGM/UMCOR

\$37,033 (2% decrease from 2023 Giving)

Donations to Other Projects:

(Crossnore Communities for Children WNCC Scholarships, MATCH, and others)

(16% increase from 2023 giving)

We need to increase our efforts by telling our story of helping women, children, and youth in the United States and across the world!

We Believe Love in Action can Change the World.

Bess Redmond, WNCC UWFaith treasurer

Report of Membership Nurture & Outreach

Membership of the Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith totaled 6843 members in approximately 219 Units at the end of 2024. We sadly lost 591 members. We rejoice over 366 new members that joined. Of the eight Districts, three Districts visited 54 Units.

Kim Eller

Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Report of the Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to four students for the 2024-2025 school year. Mia Spies, a sophomore at High Point University, is from the Metro District and is a returning recipient. Three students were first time recipients. Lola Cabaniss-Ali, a sophomore at Pfeiffer University, is from the Metro District. Samuel Castelan Meneses, a sophomore at High Point University, is from the Metro District. Connor Price, a freshman at High Point University, is from the Uwharrie District. The total amount given in scholarships was \$25,008.73.

There are various scholarships available that can be awarded to students attending one of the United Methodist supported colleges or universities in our conference (Bennett College, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point University, and Pfeiffer University).

One of the scholarships we award is the General WNCC United Women in Faith scholarship. Funds for this scholarship are given by individuals, districts and local units. Please consider contributing to this fund and help make a student's continuing education a bit more manageable.

Special thanks to the 2024 Scholarship Committee: Joanie Strohm, Bess Redmond, Amy Cochran, Vickie Brown, Rhita Newcomb and Sarah Lee.

Jatana Royster

Chair of Scholarship Committee

Report of Mission u

The Western North Carolina Conference United Women in Faith held Mission u 2024 August 2nd – August 3rd. We offered one full time adult study session.

This marked the second year as an in person event at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Being centrally located in our Conference and offering conference rooms, dining hall, chapel and more plus 50 lodging rooms all under one roof, many of our physically impaired and older members found the venue to be more inviting and accessible to their needs. With a 28% increase in our attendees (from 92 to 128) and a 19% increase in first timers from the previous year, our study was a great success. We had 19 ladies that received credit for advanced lay certification which have been mailed to the district offices.

The study was “Welcome Home” and used home life as a metaphor for how God desires to relate to us; to dig deeper into what it means to live under the sovereignty of God and develop practices for building and existing in healthier communities. Our own Sandra Williamson was a contributor to the Adult Curriculum.

Each participant had assigned seating at a designated table seating 8. Each table was dedicated to one of our Biblical woman legacies. At their seat they found their program and a strip of linen material which was transformed into their personalized stole at the closing ceremony. Our opening and closing music were led by Darlene Gardner who definitely set the inviting Spiritual notes for the weekend.

The study was led by Martha Efird with Nancy Litton, Assistant Dean coordinating along with our additional study leaders Michelene Mathews and Sylvia Sekle-Deuh. As the study leaders progressed through the sessions, the participants were encouraged to create a personal reflection/image onto their stole. During the closing ceremony, time was allowed for the commissioning of the participants. Each table was encouraged to stand and hear the lessons imparted from their Biblical lady. The study leaders placed the stole around each participant's neck. The commissioning was followed by communion led by Reverend Amy Spivey, St. Luke's UMC, Hickory, NC. Again this year the elements of communion were brought to the individual tables where the participants served each other.

A special thank you to our Study Leaders, Music Leader, Tech Team and the Mission u Committee members; we could not have done this without any of them!

LaDonna Butts, Dean, Mission u

Report of Spiritual Growth

First, we must give many thanks to Sandy Hieronymus for her exceptional leadership in planning the 2024 Spiritual Growth Retreat.

“Bringing Light into a Darkened World” the theme for the weekend brought a light into room and into the Retreat with Rev. Marilyn Weiler as our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Mark Barden and Catherine Ritch as our music leaders.

Rev. Marilyn Weiler, our keynote speaker, delivered spirit-filled sessions mixed with her life lessons and the power that she had received from God. The last session ended with a communion that had all of us walking away with a new sense of hope for the world we are living in. We ended the last session to candles lit and held high to “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”. What a powerful Spiritual Growth Retreat!

Betty Durham
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Nominees for Conference Offices 2026-2027

* Indicates a second two-year term

President	Lynn Alexander (NP)
Vice President	Linda Greer (AP)
Mission Coordinator Spiritual Growth	Betty Durham (NP)*
Mission Coordinator Education & Interpretation	Vickie Brown (UW)*
Mission Coordinator Membership, Nurture & Outreach	Kim Eller (NP)*
Mission Coordinator Social Action	Laquetta Barbee (NP)*
Secretary of Program Resources	Cathy McCauley (ME)*

Nominees for Committee on Nominations

Darlene Gardner (YV)	Class of 2029
Linda Davidson (ME)	Class of 2029
Deborah Ray (SM) - Chairperson	Class of 2027
Nancy Ward (ME) (finishing Virginia Robinson's term)	Class of 2027

2024 Reading Program Participation

District	Plan I	Plan II	Plan III	Plan IV	Children
Appalachian	15	1	2	1	1
Blue Ridge	29	2	1	5	0
Catawba Valley	19	6	0	1	0
Metro	39	6	0	3	57
Northern Piedmont	11	6	2	1	0
Smoky Mountain	8	6	0	0	0
Uwharrie	22	7	5	5	1
Yadkin Valley	22	15	2	3	0
Totals	165	49	12	19	59

Cathy McCauley, Secretary of Program Resources

Mission Today Units -- 2024

Gold Units	Gold Units	Gold Units
Appalachian	Blue Ridge - continued	Metro - continued
First North Wilkesboro UMC	Saluda	Hickory Grove
First Taylorsville UMC	Skyland	Memorial
Hiddenite/Stony Point Parish	St. Paul's	Pineville
Hudson UMC	Weaverville	Providence
Littlejohn UMC	Windom	Simpson-Gillespie
Millers Creek UMC		South Park
New Beginnings UMC	Catawba Valley	St. Stephen
Union Grove UMC	Abernethy Memorial	Trinity
Wilkesboro UMC	Boger City	
	1st Hickory	Northern Piedmont
Blue Ridge	1st Gastonia	Bethel - Archdale
Abernethy	1st Valdese	Hinshaw
Addie's Chapel	Laurel Hill	Southeast Guilford
Biltmore	Marvin	
Black Mountain	Oak Hill	Smoky Mountain
Central Asheville	Park Street	Crabtree
Concord	Pleasant Grove	Cullowhee
East Marion	Salem- Morganton	Elizabeth Chapel
Moore's Grove		First (Murphy)
Marion First	Metro	First (Waynesville)
Oak Grove	Central	Shady Grove
Piney Mountain	Davidson	Central (Canton)
Pleasant Hill	Epworth	First (Franklin)
Piney Mountain	Forest Hill	

Mission Today Units -- 2024

...continued

Gold Units	Silver Units	Bronze Units
Uwharrie	Appalachian	Appalachian
Bethany Albemarle	Henson Chapel/Mabel Charge	Boone UMC
Bethlehem Waxhaw	Shiloh UMC	
Central Albemarle	Sparta UMC	Blue Ridge
Central Denton		Asbury Memorial
Central Monroe	Blue Ridge	First Forest City
First Asheboro	Bald Creek	Mills River
First Lexington	Gilkey	Montmorenci
First Norwood		S.O.W. Faith
Jordan Memorial	Metro	
Milford Hills	Christ	Catabwa Valley
Pleasant Hill: Empire Charge		Aldersgate
St. Luke (Asheboro)	Northern Piedmont	South Point
St. Stephen (Lexington)	Celia Phelps	
Providence Salisbury	Hopewell	Metro
	Gideon Grove	Huntersville
Yadkin Valley	St. John Eden	
Ardmore		Northern Piedmont
Brookstown	Smoky Mountain	Stokesdale
Brooks Temple	First (Canton)	St. Stephens
Centenary/Clemmons		
Concord/Mocksville	Uwharrie	Smoky Mountain
Fair Grove	Linwood	Central (Clyde)
Harmony Grove	Empire Charge: Piney Ridge	Maple Grove
Hickory Ridge		
Level Cross	Yadkin Valley	Yadkin Valley
Lewisville	Bunker Hill	Canaan
Main Street Kernersville	Liberty	Central Cen
Memorial	Saints Home	Centenary W-S
New Beginnings	Sherwood Forest	
Oak Forest		
Pine Grove WS		
Sedge Garden		
Sharon		
Trinity		
Wesley Chapel		
Yadkin College		
Yadkinville		

Justice Today Report 2024



Gold Units - completing 6 or more	Silver Units - completing 4 or more	Bronze Units completing 2 or more
Appalachian	Appalachian	Appalachian
New Beginnings UMC	First Taylorsville UMC	Boone UMC
Wilkesboro UMC	Hiddenite/Stony Point Parish	First North Wilkesboro UMC
		Henson Chapel-Mabel Charge
Blue Ridge	Blue Ridge	
Black Mountain	Addie's Chapel	Blue Ridge
Central Asheville	Oak Grove	Biltmore
East Marion	Weaverville	Marion First
Moore's Grove	Windom	Piney Mountain
Pleasant Hill		Skyland
St. Paul's	Catabwa Valley	
	Laurel Hill	Catabwa Valley
Catabwa Valley		Aldersgate
First Valdese	Metro	Boger City
	Forest Hill	1st Gastonia
Metro	Providence	Marvin
Central	Simpson-Gillespie	Mt Pleasant - Stanley
Harrisburg		Oak Hill
Memorial	Northern Piedmont	Park Street
St. Stephen	Southeast Guilford	
		Metro
Northern Piedmont	Smoky Mountain	Davidson
Bethel - Archdale	Crabtree	Hickory Grove
St. Matthews	First (Waynesville)	Trinity
	Shady Grove	
Smoky Mountain		Northern Piedmont
First (Canton)	Uwharrie	Bass Chapel
First (Franklin)	Bethlehem Waxhaw	Hinshaw
	First Lexington	Hopewell
Uwharrie	Jordan Memorial	
Central Denton	Empire Charge: Piney Ridge	Smoky Mountain
First Asheboro	Pleasant Hill Empire Charge	Central (Canton)
Milford Hills		Elizabeth Chapel
St. Stephen (Lexington)	Yadkin Valley	Maple Grove
	Bunker Hill	
Yadkin Valley	Concord/Mocksville	Uwharrie
Centenary W-S	Saints Home	Central Monroe
Fair Grove	Yadkin College	St. Luke (Asheboro)
Sharon		
		Yadkin Valley
		Lewisville
		Main Street Kernersville
		Memorial



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:

2024 Jatana Royster	2012 Tonya Lanier	2001 Sara Williams
2023 Sandra Williamson	2011 Patricia Wiseman	2000 Beth Griffin
2022 Lisa Bacon	2010 Sherry Sink	1999 Dori Thurman
2021 Ann Aldridge	2009 Sandy Hieronymus	1998 Janet Collins
2020 Carolyn Payne	2008 Sharon Smith	1997 Bishop Charlene Kammerer
2019 Nancy Reigel	2007 Karen Wilkerson	1996 Mildred Carter
2018 Lynne Gilbert	2006 Kris Peurifoy	1995 Mildred Gibson
2017 Kim Eller	2005 Amy Johnson	1994 Vada Beck
2016 Martha Phillips	2004 Polly Pearson	1993 Faye Cox
2015 Bess Redmond	2003 Elizabeth Holbrooks	1992 Mary Kizer
2014 Dot Alvord	2002 Dixie Liggett	1991 Linda Reep

Dedication

Congratulations to this year's recipient, _____

2025 Conference Officers

President	Joanie Strohm
Vice President	Lynn Alexander
Secretary	Lynda Morris
Treasurer	Bess Redmond
Secretary of Program Resources	Cathy McCauley
Communications Coordinator	Deborah Brooks
Mission Coordinators:	
Social Action	Laquetta Barbee
Spiritual Growth	Betty Durham
Education & Interpretation	Vickie Brown
Membership Nurture & Outreach	Kim Eller
Chair, Committee on Nominations	Brenda Steadman (2025)
Members, Committee on Nominations	Kimberly Witherspoon (2025)
	Cathy Ward (2026)
	Deborah Ray (2026)
	Donna Ireland (2026)
	Virginia Robinson (2027)
	Roberta Walker (2027)
	Tammy Long (2028)
	Valerie Prim (2028)
Historian	Sandrea Williamson
Parliamentarian	Martha Phillips
Chair, Scholarship Committee	Jatana Royster
Web Master/Legacy Liaison	Lynne Gilbert
Dean, Mission u	LaDonn Butts
National Director	Renee Hayes
Resident Bishop	Kenneth Carter

2025 Mission u Officers

Dean	LaDonna Butts
Assistant Dean	Nancy Litton
Housing Manager	Karlah Burton

2025 District Presidents

Appalachian	Linda Greer
Blue Ridge	Lucy Earls
Catawba Valley	Janet Bjork-Colton
Metro	Diann Back
Northern Piedmont	Sherry Sink
Smoky Mountain	Lisa Bacon
Uwharrie	Sarah Lee
Yadkin Valley	Rhita Newcomb

Pictures with the REAL Sally—make your donation to Walk for Missions to Bess Redmond and have your picture made with Sally Vonner during breaks and after lunch.

Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards: available at the registration table.

NAMETAG NOTATIONS:

Members of units meeting the **MISSION TODAY** criteria in 2024 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. 



The Purpose of United Women in Faith

The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.