

Conference Gram

United Women in Faith, Western North Carolina

Calendar of Events 2026

May 15 - 17

Assembly 2026

Indianapolis, IN

June 11 - 13

Spiritual Growth

Lake Junaluska, NC

August 21 - 22

Mission u

Catholic Conference Center

Hickory, NC

September 12

Conference Annual Celebration

Location: TBD

October 17

Leadership Development Day

Location: TBD and virtual

Ubuntu Days of Service

May be held anytime during the year at the discretion of each district.

For detail of our conference events, go online at Www.wnccumw.org



Winds of Change

Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 11-13, 2026

Lake Junaluska, NC

Register online by June 8th!



Mission u 2026

Assembly 2026

Feel ready to **Dream it! Believe it! Do it!** This is an amazing Spirit filled experience with community gatherings, workshops and inspiring guest speakers. Picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and brings you together with an UNSTOPPABLE sisterhood. May 15-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana is where the excitement will be. This will be the first self-sustaining Assembly. See you there!



Assembly 2026

Stacey Abrams



Keynote Speaker



Carolyn Abrams



Keynote Speaker

We are thrilled to share that Assembly 2026 will host longtime United Methodists Stacey Abrams and longtime UWFaith member Rev. Carolyn Abrams in conversation as our Inspiration Speakers.

Message from our President...

Hello My beautiful United Women in Faith,

I hope that you all have had a blessed start of the year. We are getting close to our national and conference events starting and it is getting exciting. These events are a great opportunity for us to see each other and fellowship together, which to me is the best part of being United Women in Faith. I urge you to bring a friend to the events so that they can be a part of this wonderful sisterhood. We are having a monthly Town Hall ZOOM calls so please call in to get answers to questions and to share the great things going on in your Unit. Thank you for all you do for God's children.

Love and grace, Lynn Alexander

Message from our Vice President...

Greetings, my UWFaith Sisters!

Our national UWFaith office has launched the Unstoppable Campaign; a bold, four-year journey to reach more than 500,000 women with our message of 'Real Faith. Real Women. Real Community.' The national website has tools that are designed to help you share who we are, what we do, and how others can find belonging within our sisterhood. As I reminded you in the first Conference Gram, conference events are prayerfully planned with you in mind and I encourage you to mark your calendars to come join us for each of them. It is always a blessing for me to connect with my UWFaith Sisters, and I pray that you will come and experience that same joy and spiritual uplift. I would also love to come and visit your unit! If I can assist you in any way, please contact me.

Love, hope, peace and joy! Linda (LindaLu) Rice Greer

Spiritual Growth Retreat

‘The Winds of Change’... are coming!



The Lake is calling, God is calling. Calling all our UMFaith sisters to experience the renewal of the Holy spirit. Lucy Robbins will be our Retreat Leader and Rev. Holly McKim will be our Mission Speaker. We're blessed that Deaconess Tracey Owens and Howard Smith have agreed to be our music leaders. You can share your voice this weekend by joining the UWFaith Choir. We have planned breakout rooms, times will be staggered so you have a chance to attend as much as you like. You will also be able to have lunch with our many missionaries, deaconesses and residents of Brooks-Howell Retirement Community. Lastly there will be a Late Night full of fun!

Join us at the Retreat. Sit near the water, walk around the Lake, smell the roses and most importantly spend time with your sisters in faith. I hope this weekend you will be able to relax and renew feeling the Spirit all around you. We hope to see you there.

Your Sister in Christ,

Betty Durham (Spiritual Growth Coordinator)

Early registration is online and ends June 8th!

Please click this link to register now: <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/SpiritualGrowthRetreat2026>

Hands on crafts

Join Cindy Carter where you'll learn the fascinating art of making origami wind-mills and pinwheels in just 6 steps!

Book Talk with Jennie Greenway

Our Book Talk this year at Spiritual Growth Retreat will be focusing on the award winning book 'Red, White and Whole' by Rajani LaRocca. This book follows the story of Reha, an Indian-American girl who feels caught between two worlds of the expectations of her Indian parents and her love for American culture.

Creation Care

Celeste Wall and Julie Ogletree will share with us a hands on project focusing on sustainability. By teaching us how to repurpose feed sacks into shopping bags and planting pollinator gardens.

Soul Care

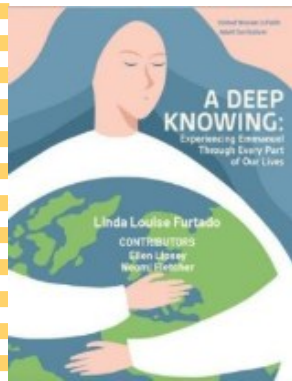
What is Soul Care? It is tending to the inner life so we can remain rooted in God while engaging in the world. We will reflect on where you have noticed God. Where has it been hard to notice God? Where is there room for God's presence? We will create a space to invite reflections on these questions with Rhita Newcomb

Experiencing Emmanuel

Mission u 2026

August 21-22, 2026

Catholic Conference Center, Hickory NC



The Western NC Conference's 2026 Mission u event will be held **Friday and Saturday, August 21-22, 2026** at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC.

Rev. Linda Furtado's book, '*A Deep Knowing: Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives*' is an exceptional text to guide our transformative learning experience. Join your fellow WNCC United Women in Faith sisters as we study 6 key topics:

Shiphrah & Puah, Exodus, chapter 1 , **Hagar**, Genesis 16, 21:1-21 , **The Woman at the Well**, John 4:1-42 , **The Book of Esther** , **Our Genealogies & Spiritual Heritage**, Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38 and **Isaiah's Call**, Isaiah 6:1-13.

Mission u is a transformative education program of United Women in Faith. In 2026 we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the FIRST mission us text!!! Mission u is more than a learning experience – it is a place to **build friendships**, become more a way to **bring scripture into context** with today's culture & environment, and **connect spiritually** in a personal way. And of course we will have great food (lots of snacks), meaningful fellowship, songs & singing – and again this year evening vespers and morning meditation. Our study leaders for 2026 are: **Sandra Williamson, Tracey Owens and Joy Prim**. This is an exceptional team of instructors with many years of teaching, lots of LOVE for United Women in Faith – and fun, engaging, and caring personalities! I know you won't want to miss this.

The registration link will be open in July – look for your personal invitation to join us August 21st and 22nd at the Catholic Conference Center, Hickory NC. See you in August, Nancy, Rhita and LaDonna! Questions? ms.nancy.litton@gmail.com

Ladies,

WNCC United Women in Faith have a great tool available to us – our Conference Standing Rules! Those of you returning to the same office this year and those of you who are serving in a new position have had time to get into this new year of activity and planning. Before we go further into the year I would urge you all to read the Standing Rules that relate to your office. Each year the Standing Rules are reviewed and updated as needed and it is important for all of us to review them every year. In addition to reading what relates to your office, you will want to read the financial section, as this section has information important to us all. You will find the Standing Rules on our website: <https://wnccumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/WNCC-United-Women-in-Faith-Standing-Rules-September-2025.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Martha Phillips, Conference Parliamentarian



**Western North Carolina Conference
United Women in Faith**


Gabrielle Alexander
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

UWFaith Town Hall
ZOOM Calls
2nd Monday of each month
@ 7pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85209872137?
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Got questions?
Want to hear about upcoming events?
Want to share what is going on in your Unit?
Please join us!

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Learn more on our website at <https://wncumw.org/legacyfund/>

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