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Responsively Yours: CAST YOUR EYES FORWARD

I recently addressed the New Mexico Conference United Women in Faith, where their annual meeting theme was “Loving Wastefully.” What an interesting concept to ponder in this new year.

Loving wastefully is using more love than necessary, not saving it, but rather, using it, as we learn we should do in 1 Corinthians 13.

Jesus and Paul made it clear that love is our superpower. That’s how the “New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary” describes it — superpower. Love is our superpower. First Corinthians gives us the roadmap to be, live, and share love. So does our 155-year-old legacy of United Women in Faith and our predecessors. I am convinced that we would not still be in existence if we were not using love as our superpower. Love and faith are grounded together. Faith is being in relationship with God, our creator. Jesus said love God; that’s step one. Step two is loving your neighbor as yourself.

Our faith is lived out in community, with God and neighbor. Neighbors are our sisters and brothers who are believers and nonbelievers, friends and enemies, local and global; of different cultures, races, immigration status, gender identities, and whoever may be in front of you at any given time.

Our predecessors exemplified this on that night in Boston in 1869. They came because of their love for God and neighbor. After hearing the plight of their sisters in India, they heard a call to put their love in action. In six months, they had raised enough money to send two missionaries to India: a medical doctor, Dr. Clara Swain, and an educator, Isabella Thoburn. Because they chose to be love, two institutions still exist today: the Isabella Thoburn College and the Dr. Clara Swain Hospital.

Our foremothers’ love continues to care for our neighbors today through endowments used for scholarships and grants, National Mission Institutions, schools, hospitals, deaconesses and home missionaries, and fellowship as disciples of Christ.

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*“In the delicate dance
of the hummingbird,
we find the strength
to persevere.”*

— Unknown



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I invite us to cast our eyes forward, to what the best to come might look like. What can you envision, dream, and believe might be possible for future generations of United Women in Faith?

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Our time is now to put our faith and love into action to ensure our bright future. Let's do it!

Psalms 145:4-6 encourages us to extol, or tell of, the mighty acts that previous generations have done. I am thankful for our trailblazing foremothers, for our present moment, and for the mighty acts that our generation has accomplished and has yet to accomplish.

I praise and thank God every day for United Women in Faith and for leading us to a future with hope, as promised in Jeremiah 29:11.

I believe the best days for United Women in Faith are yet to come.

I invite us to cast our eyes forward, to what the best to come might look like. What can you envision, dream, and believe might be possible for future generations of United Women in Faith? What might this organization look like 20-50 years from now? Among my hopes and dreams are achieving our Net Zero goal for climate justice and that the Charter for Racial

Justice legacy will be acknowledged and recognized for contributing to the dismantling of racism in

The United Methodist Church and the United States.

Casting our eyes forward in 2025—year one of our four-year path to growth in membership, income, and The Legacy Endowment Fund—trust that we will get there one year, one month, and one day at a time. Remember we are bold, courageous, and determined United Women in Faith. Together we will accomplish some mighty acts that future generations will recount.

Our time is now to put our faith and love into action to ensure our bright future. Let's do it!



Sally Vonner

General Secretary and CEO
United Women in Faith

Source:
RESPONSE magazine — January/February 2025
— uwfaith.org/response

*I credit the Reading Program for opening my eyes
to situations, perspectives, and events
that I never had been aware of in the past.
It has challenged me to read beyond my comfort level,
explore my faith, and be aware of the world
beyond my personal experience.*

—Jana Jones, Reading Program Committee Chair



Message from the **PRESIDENT**



Each Has Been Given a Gift

***“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,
let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith”***

Romans 12:6

Greetings to my Sisters in Christ and Happy New Year!

As 2024 came to a close and we walk by faith into 2025, do not be anxious about anything or the uncertainty that we may feel is ahead, for God is with us. His provision sustains us.

Two weeks before Christmas, I received a telephone call from a community partnership I had developed a few months before, asking me to participate in identifying families in need to receive toys and gifts. They gave me a six-day window to identify families. I had pulmonary edema at the time, could barely breathe and had little energy. I wanted to decline the offer to participate but how could I say “no” to this opportunity to be a blessing to others. Acknowledging the weakness in my health, I relied on His strength. The power of Christ rested upon me as I called upon a few of my Sisters in Christ to assist me in this endeavor. Through each of our gifts and graces, the families we identified were blessed with toys and gifts during Advent.

**“each believer
has been given
unique gifts”**

Romans 12:6 emphasizes each believer has been given unique gifts by God’s grace and encourages us to use those gifts according to our faith and “to serve one another as good stewards of God” (1 Peter 4:10). Each of us has spiritual gifts. Where Romans 12:6 speaks of “proportion to our faith” and “having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,” consider this: God brings everyone into our lives for a reason.

As we walk with God in 2025, do not be anxious about anything. For it is written in the Bible 365 times, “fear not,” which refers to the spirit of fear. The spirit of fear can obstruct our walk with the Lord; therefore, the spirit of fear should be avoided. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

The spirit of power refers to the strength imparted to believers through the Holy Spirit. The spirit of power is demonstrated when we proclaim the gospel boldly, face challenges courageously, and fulfil our calling in Christ.

The spirit of love encompasses love for God and love for others, expressing compassion, kindness, forgiveness and mercy that embraces an attitude reflecting the character of Christ.

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The spirit of a sound mind refers to when fear is gone and we are empowered to share the gospel and walk in the freedom and trust found only in Jesus.

**“As United Women in Faith,
we embody the spirit of power,
the spirit of love, and
the spirit of a sound mind.”**

God is always with us, so we should not be afraid or discouraged. He promises to strengthen us and uphold us, providing the help we need. As United Women in Faith, we embody the spirit of power, the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind. With this, we hope to change the trajectory of those who may experience anxiety of what 2025 may bring. As we move to make a positive impact on the lives of women, children, youth and families in communities, and around the world, may fear not stand in the way of living with hope, joy and compassion.

I am praying each of us feels God's grace, mercy, and strength in new, powerful, and overwhelming ways, for the grace of God is beautiful and the joy it radiates is amazing, as we connect, inspire, influence, and impact those in our lives now and those we will encounter in the future.

Peace and Blessings.

Felita Patterson

Felita Patterson
President
West District United Women in Faith

Full Disclosure: I wrote this message in December 2024, anticipating traveling with my husband in January 2025, and traveling again in February 2025, wanting to make certain this message was written before our travels. My beloved husband, Paul, passed away, unexpectedly, on December 29, 2024. As I was writing this message, I felt God guiding me with each word. I didn't know, that in such a deep and personal manner, God was speaking to me, and through me. Please continue to keep me and my son in your thoughts and prayers.



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CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Invites You to Join Us for

"An Afternoon with Sally Vonner"



General Secretary/CEO
for United Women in Faith

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

in the Chapel of

Pasadena First United Methodist Church

500 E. Colorado Blvd. | Pasadena, CA 91101

**You are welcome to join us
for a light supper afterwards in the**

Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Suggested donation: \$5.00

**If you plan to attend, please contact
Jackie Campbell, Cal-Pac Conference President
at msjibc@aol.com or 310-922-2647**

or

**Diane Garner, North District President
at rdgarner47@hotmail.com or 805-795-0344**





Words from your VICE-PRESIDENT

“Perseverance Through it All”

Greetings United Women in Faith!

“Praise God for all His Blessings.” Wishing you and your family a “Happy New Year.” We have so many reasons to give “Thanks” to God. We thank God for being with us and bringing us into 2025.

Since celebrating the New Year on January 1st we have had other joyous celebrations. On January 20th, we celebrated Kingdom Day and the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On January 24th, we celebrated the Lunar New Year of the Snake with the Asian communities.

During the short period of time we’ve been in 2025, we’ve had much loss and suffering. Between January 7th and 31st, we had eight wildfires in the southern California area. Over 200,000 thousand people had to be evacuated from their homes and businesses. Twenty-nine lives were lost, 18,000 homes and other structures were destroyed, and 57,000 acres of land were burned. This has been a tragedy for those who survived the disaster and those of us who watched as the disaster was going on. We all felt the pain and agony.

Many of us have families and friends who were evacuated and lost all their belongings. My cousins who lived in the Altadena burned area had to be evacuated. They are still not able to return to their home and their burned-out neighborhood. What is so remarkable about all the people who were uprooted and displaced by wildfires is their sense of gratitude and spirit of resilience. Some people are in mourning for their loss but many people I’ve spoken with and listened to expressed thanks for their survival. They expressed hope for rebuilding their homes and their lives. They were not expressing bitter sentiments.

I tried to imagine how I would be if I had experienced their loss. I remember when I was younger, I totaled my automobile. It was a painful experience, but it was a loved material possession. Sometimes I fret too much when I lose jewelry. I remember once when my purse was stolen and I was traumatized. I hounded the police and never stopped looking to see if someone had my purse with all my possessions.

Not all that happens in our daily lives is to our liking. Not everyone we meet is likable. We must remember God has told us “Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so we may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2) In times of tragedy we must focus on what matters most in our lives.

I have had to recognize and realize what is most important in times of tragedy is to remember what God requires of us, to fear the Lord and walk in all His ways. To love others and help all you can in all the ways you can. I see this being done 100-fold by the people in all the communities in Southern California. They have stepped forward with love and care to help all those who have been displaced. Doing this gives me a good feeling as a whole person doing Christ’s work. My prayer is that this Hope and Spirit will continue far beyond the rebuilding of our material properties.

Connye Thomas

Connye Thomas
Vice President, WD UWFaith

Upcoming West District UWFaith Events:

- West District UWFaith Spring Event in May 2025
- WD UWFaith Training on the use of CANVA Graphic Creations in April 2025



Reflection by Katie Pryor, Executive for Membership Nurture + Development United Women in Faith, National

As I look back on my journey with United Women in Faith, as a member, Conference Coordinator, Consultant, to now National Staff, one truth that stands out to me is that the heart of our sisterhood lies in the relationships we cultivate. As the Executive for Membership Nurture + Development, my favorite part of this role is connecting with women across the country, hearing their stories, and being reminded of the incredible power of community.

Our members are not just a part of an organization, they are the lifeblood that sustains and strengthens us! The relationships we build through shared faith, a passion for service, and mission create the foundation for meaningful connections that last a lifetime. Whether it's the bond formed during a local gathering or the inspiration sparked by a national event, every interaction is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of each other's hopes, struggles, and dreams.

We grow when we invite others into the fold, share our faith, and offer them a place to belong. As we nurture these relationships, we are also nurturing the future of United Women in Faith. Each conversation, each moment of connection, is an invitation for someone to experience the joy and strength that comes from being part of this transformative sisterhood.

In our work together, let us continue to foster an environment where relationships are central, where every woman feels seen, heard, and valued. May we continue to grow our shared purpose and mission, one relationship at a time.

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A favorite Katie Pryor quote:

“Do the work your soul must have.”

Katie G Cannon

For Generations to Come

**Save the Date:
Sunday, March 23, 2025**

Join us on March 23 at 1 pm E.T. for a special live-streamed event.

For Generations to Come

uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

Save the Date: March 23, 2025



By uniting our hearts and hands, we are building a future filled with hope and support for women, children, and youth. Every gift you make, regardless of size, **will make an impact for generations to come.**

Give to The Legacy Endowment Fund on the Day of Giving, March 23!

Ways to Give

- **Online at:** uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- **By phone:** 800-278-7771 (8 a.m.-5 p.m. ET, Mon.-Fri.)
- **Text:** "FUTURE" to 20503
- **By check to:**
United Women in Faith
Attention: Legacy
Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section.



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The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment to support the work of future generations of United Women in Faith.

Together, we are building our legacy for generations to come!



TREASURER'S NOTE



Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Mission Giving is mission money used for all parts of our mission work. It is Mission Giving funds for the total program of the organization. Mission Giving helps United Women in Faith continue to be a strong organization, advocating for and serving the needs of women, children and youth.

Thanks and congratulations to all of our West District Local Organizations that contributed so generously to our West District Annual Pledge to Mission for 2024. Our West District Annual Pledge amount was \$40,000. We successfully contributed \$46,738.40. To God be the Glory!!

Twenty-five Local Units contributed to Mission Giving for 2024. Twenty-two Units received the Five STAR Certificate for Mission Giving in 2024. Those 22 Local Organizations are listed below:

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| ★•Artesia Cerritos UWFaith | ★•L.A. First UWFaith |
| ★•Chinese UWFaith | ★•Los Altos UWFaith |
| ★•Compton First UWFaith | ★•Redondo Beach UWFaith |
| ★•Crenshaw UWFaith | ★•Riviera UWFaith |
| ★•Crossroads UWFaith | ★•Santa Monica First UWFaith |
| ★•El Segundo UWFaith | ★•Seal Beach First UWFaith |
| ★•Faith Torrance UWFaith | ★•St. John's UWFaith |
| ★•Grace LA UWFaith | ★•St. Mark UWFaith |
| ★•Holman UWFaith | ★•Torrance First UWFaith |
| ★•Huntington Park UWFaith | ★•Walteria UWFaith |
| ★•Inglewood First UWFaith | ★•Wilshire English UWFaith |

Mission Giving provides the dollars for our work. Mission Giving knits us together into the community that we are and have been for over 156 years.

Give, and it will be given to you.

Luke 6:38 (NIV)



Blessings,

Barbara Hartell

Barbara Hartell, Treasurer
West District UWFaith

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

UNITED WOMEN
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*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send?
And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here I am. Send me!’”*

Isaiah 6:8

Greetings UWFaith Sisters,

As we move from the Winter Season and enter into the Spring and Lent Seasons, we thank God for bringing us this far by Faith. We are grateful for beginning the 2025 Year with a successful Leadership Training event in February. The training attendance and participation at the Culmination & Recognition event was an improvement from the previous year. The Membership and Nominations groups combined training provided the latest information and resources available to the local organizations. In case you were unable to attend, listed below is a summary of the Membership Resources that were presented. Also listed are links that provide access to the specific information and documents available on the UWFaith website.

United Women in Faith Website -- <https://uwfaith.org/>

Main website for United Women in Faith.

UWFaith Handbook, 2025-2028 - <https://uwfaithresources.org/>

Contains the Constitution, Bylaws, UWFaith structure, job descriptions, etc.

Members and Leaders Portals - <https://uwfaith.org/members-and-leaders/>

(requires login) – Contains tools for membership information and Leader’s guides

Web Store – <http://uwfaithresources.org>

Online store for printed resources and downloadable materials

Digital Resources – <https://uwfaith.mn.co>

A space for UWFaith members and friends to connect, fellowship, and access resources.

UWFaith Survey – <https://uwfaith.org/unit-survey/>

The Survey needs to be completed and submitted online by March 31. The survey report is intended to be completed by the unit president or All-Access group convener. Questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and transform communities. Your responses matter. Your answers will allow the United Women in Faith National Office to: (1) Deliver more resources on the areas that matter most, (2) Gather engagement data based on region, (3) Celebrate all the work you are doing on behalf of women, children, and youth.

The United Women in Faith 2025 Program Resource Book focuses on the theme, *Carrying Our Faith Forward* and explores the question, “What does it look like to carry our faith forward in a different and expanding context and format?” Isaiah 6:8 states, “*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send? And who will go for us?*” As faithful members we shall respond, “Here am I, send me.” With open hearts, ready spirits and open hands we answer the call to serve, give and receive our sisters in the communities we represent and beyond. With peace and gratefulness we shall *Carry Our Faith Forward*.



Sisters in Prayer and Thanksgiving!

Sandra Winston

Sandra Winston

Co-Membership Coordinator, WD UWFaith

PROGRAM RESOURCES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEST DISTRICT'S "FABULOUS FIVE!!"

Our "Fabulous Five" successfully submitted their reports of completion requirements for the UWFaith Reading Program, resulting in a Certificate of Recognition for the 2024 calendar year. The certificates were presented on February 1, 2025, at our West District Local Leadership Culmination & Recognition Event, held at Hollypark United Methodist Church.

The 2024 certificate West District recipients are:

- ✦ **MARY ROSS**—Riviera UWFaith Plan IV — Read twenty (20) books. Mary also participated in Faith Talks and Voices from the Field podcasts, which are part of the United Women in Faith Resources Program.
- ✦ **NANCY BRASHEARS**—Wilshire UWFaith Plan I — Read five (5) books .
- ✦ **ELOISE ELDER**—Redondo Beach UWFaith Plan I — Read five (5) books.
- ✦ **HELEN STOCKWELL**—Redondo Beach UWFaith Plan I — Read five (5) books.
- ✦ **SANDRELL TERRY**—Holman UWFaith Plan I — Read five (5) books; also participated in Faith Talks, and movies under the Resources Program.

All participants regularly read **response** Magazine—the National UWFaith Mission Magazine.

These West District UWFaith members are to be saluted for their consistent diligence to one of the most cherished traditions of United Women In Faith, the Reading Program. As WD members, I refer you and your local organization to the 2025 Program Booklet, the 2025 Prayer Calendar, and the newly published 2025 to 2028 UWFaith Handbook of Constitution and Bylaws. Please visit the UWFaith Website (uwfaith.org), for more related information.

It is my privilege to host a Reading Program display table at our UWFaith events. I have learned that we have many readers in the West District. I encourage you to submit your reports at the end of December, each calendar year. Please include your audio and digital books, podcasts, bonus Books, designated movies such as *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*; and movies or books (*Just Mercy*; *Hidden Figures*); and Voices from the Field. Some recommended books include: *The Girl with the Louding Voice*, by Abi Dare'; *Practicing Hope* — The Adult Mission u 2025 Curriculum; *Our Strangely Warmed Hearts*, by Karen P. Oliveto;



Pictured above: Claudia Spears and Mary Ross

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Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart—Thirty Things You Need To Know Now, by Gordon Livingston M.D., and *Spiritual Practices for Soul Care: 40 Ways to Deepen Your Faith* by Barbara L. Peacock.

Regular reading of bi-monthly issues of the UWFaith, **response** magazine of women in mission provides one (1) credit in the Nurturing for Community category. Several of our WD members order and reserve the recommended books from their local public library. Also, books can be purchased from your favorite retailer, i.e., Amazon or bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith/ both of which provide a donation back to UWFaith), or thriftbooks.com (for new and used books). I recommend visiting <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/> as a launching point to get started in the UWFaith Reading Program. Please view the eligible 2020 to 2025 recommended book list. Learn the requirements for the four (4) Reading Plans, and the five (5) reading categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

Final notes: Special thanks to all of the WD Members who participated in January 2025 West District Local Leadership Training event for Program Resources via Zoom, and the Culmination & Recognition event at Hollypark UMC. Thanks for visiting the reading program display table. Hope you all received a bookmark.

The radical welcoming hospitality and ambiance at Hollypark UMC was "par excellence." Thank you Hollypark UMC for your warm spirit of sisterhood in the Kin-dom, great fellowship, music, and delicious food. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Cal-Pac Mid-Winter Event at my own Holman United Methodist Church.



Peace, Power and Blessings, Aché

Claudia Spears
Program Resources Coordinator
West District UWFaith



*"I love
the way that
each book
—any book—
is its own
journey.
You open it,
and off
you go..."*

Sharon Creech

READING PROGRAM PLANS

Choose and follow one of the four plans. When you have read the required number of books and magazine issues, report your completion to your local member in charge of program resources. Titles read from the 2020 list will be credited through December 31, 2025.

PLAN I: 5 books a year

- One book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2020 to the 2024–2025 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of response magazine.

PLAN II: 10 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Selections can be from the 2020 to the 2024–2025 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of response magazine.

PLAN III: 15 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Plus 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2020 to the 2024–2025 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of response magazine.

PLAN IV: 20 books a year

- Two books from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.
- Plus 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections can be from the 2020 to the 2024–2025 reading lists if not included in previous reports (including children and youth titles).
- Regular reading of response magazine



BOOK REVIEW

By Mary Ross
(Member of Riviera UWFaith)



WORTH IT...

**Overcome your fears and embrace
the life you were made for.**

This book is heartwarming yet a difficult telling of a woman's struggle in the 90's. Brit tells of her childhood upbringing in an Evangelical mega church. She relates the many struggles to be herself in her family, relationships and groups.

Brit details so relatably of how to face fears, learning to trust, and recognizing change and freedom may be risky but oh so worth it.

Brit Barron is the co-pastor of New Abbey Church in Pasadena, California. Worth It is on the UWFaith 2024 Reading List for Spiritual Growth.

SYNOPSIS:



With energy, transparency, and humor, notable speaker Brit Barron shares with readers how to face their fears, overcome judgement, and stand in their own truth with confidence.

As a RISE Conference speaker and contributor to numerous podcasts, Brit Barron has an amazing story to tell. Growing up in an evangelical megachurch in the '90s, trying to fit neatly inside the boundaries of her faith, and wrestling with her true self, caused Barron to feel boxed in by her fears and unable to realize her full potential. All that changed when she met a girl named Sami, fell in love, and chose to break free from the judgement of others in favor of a full and vibrant life.

In Worth It, Brit tells her story to inspire readers, encouraging us all to consider other perspectives surrounding race, religion, and sexuality, including fears that keep us from evolving toward acceptance. In a relatable, encouraging tone that celebrates differences and community, Brit's freedom and healing found on the journey remind us we are capable of

living authentic lives and getting beyond the narratives that have been handed to us by others. We can't avoid or outrun our fears, but if we face them, we'll find out that it was so worth it!

Source: <https://www.amazon.com/Worth-Overcome-Your-Fears-Embrace/dp/1506463274>

BOOK REVIEW

WE ARE NOT HERE TO BE BYSTANDERS

by Linda Sarsour

(Member of Santa Monica First UWFaith)

The title of this book calls to each of us, doesn't it?

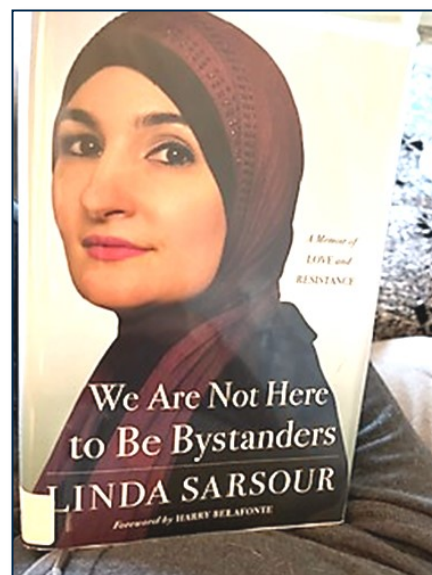
"What does it mean when we say we are social justice activists, and organizers committed to justice and equality for all people?" I asked the graduates that afternoon. 'It means we have made the decision that we will never be bystanders.' And I added: "In an age of alternative facts, fake news, and emboldened racism, and xenophobia, we cannot be silent. We cannot allow the voices of hate and divisiveness to be louder than the voices of solidarity and love."

Linda Sarsour is a daughter, sister, mother, wife and leader—working on behalf of marginalized people across America. This book is more than a memoir, this is an account of Linda's journey as she grows into her role as a community organizer, activist, and co-organizer of the Women's March on January 21, 2016. She served as the Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York at the age of 25. She began translating Arabic to English after 9/11, always representing her faith bravely and inspiring change. She stood up against the Muslim travel ban, she marched with Black Lives Matter protesters and helped the NY School system recognize all religious holidays. She has gone from being the local daughter of a Bodega owner in Brooklyn to a nationally recognized speaker. She has had both admirers and death threats made against herself and her family. Yet, through it all, she continues to be a proud Palestinian and Muslim woman.

I was not familiar with Linda's life's work until I read this book. She is not without her critics, but I appreciated her sincere honesty in writing this book and sharing her thoughts aloud with the reader. In the 8th grade her fellow students doubted she was from Palestine, because it wasn't on the map.

How timely to dive into this book as the US faces another Trump presidency. Published at the beginning of Biden's years, we are now again faced with increased Islamophobia and hatred.

I recommend this book as we move forward in community—finding beauty and unity in our differences.



*"God had sent me
companions for the journey,
and sisters of the heart."*

Linda Sarsour





My soul care is sacred.

Soul care nurtures your mind, body, and spirit—deepens your faith and creates bonds of sisterhood.

Feeling overwhelmed and in need of a little soul care?

United Women in Faith surveyed women of all ages, ethnicities, and cultures and found that women are seeking experiences that embody both self-care and spiritual rejuvenation, what we call soul care.

Are you ready to experience soul care?

Soul care is a new element found in United Women in Faith programs like Mission u, Assembly, and Leadership Development Days.

UWFaith has implemented resources that can be used in your journey to Soul Care. A short introductory video is available by clicking on this link: [Need Soul Care](#).

Soul Care on UWFaith Digital is a good way to engage in the Soul Care journey by being connected to other women. It offers the opportunity to share, and to learn from one another. Join at this link: [Soul Care Digital](#).

Soul Care Retreat is another tool for this program that focuses on four areas.

- **Sisterhood:** Our new retreat model allows authentic, spiritual, safe-space connections with other women.
- **Relevance:** Insightful speakers and inspiring doers offering new, relatable content connected to faith, social justice, sisterhood, and more.
- **Growth:** Unique and meaningful experiences to stretch your thinking and increase your awareness of the Divine's presence in your life.
- **Women-led:** Exciting new spaces for women, made by women

Take a peek at our [award-winning manual](#). You can purchase the manual [here](#).

The Soul Care Manual provides ideas for planning your Soul Care Retreat programs for your group.

Soul Care Deck is the other resource that is available. It is a deck of 31 cards, There is an introductory card: Experience Soul Care. And then there are 10 cards in each of the following categories: Grounding Exercise, Affirmations, and Inspiration for the Soul. These information shared on each card can be used in your daily journey of caring for your body, mind and spirit.

Source: <https://uwfaith.org/?s=Soul+Care>

*Your mind is a reservoir of potential;
your heart an ocean of strength; your soul a well of talents;
and your body a vessel of power.*

Matshona Dhlwayo

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

“proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.”

II Timothy 4:2 (NRSVUE)

This year started with our West District United Women in Faith, Local Leadership Training (LLT) in January. I met some of you via Zoom and some in person. I was glad to see the enthusiasm of attendees. I noticed that there is a common statement among the attendees and that is: we are a small group of women, we are just starting to meet again.

Some attended one training session while some participated in all of the sessions for the many leadership roles in our local organization. The attendance at the culmination event from different local organizations increased. This is awesome!

We as United Women in Faith often wear multiple hats in our communities. That is similar with our local UWFaith organization, we have multiple roles.

Let us share what we learned with women who want to be with the organization. Let us use the tools, we have: the new Handbook 2025-2028, the Prayer guide, the Program book, the Bible and the **response** magazine. We actively wait on the Lord.

We are doers for the kin-dom of God. In Paul's letter to Timothy, in II Timothy 4 (and I encourage you read the whole chapter), he reminds us to do our best and serve the Lord. The Lord is with you all the time.

Let us encourage our young women to participate and take leadership roles. We seek God's guidance and blessing in all our programs. Let us inspire, influence and impact others.



Respectfully,

Lita Santiago

Chair, Committee on Nominations 2024-2025
West District UWFaith

**We serve. We advocate. We make a difference.
We equip women for leadership.
In our sisterhood, we lift each other up.**

**"We're here for a reason.
I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out
to lead people through the dark."
—Whoopi Goldberg**



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Gifts & Graces Inventory

Potential Leaders Information Form (to be completed by potential leader)

Type of Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: hm _____ wk _____

Email: _____

Member of Local Church: _____ District: _____

Age: ☐ 20s ☐ 30s ☐ 40s ☐ 50s ☐ 60s ☐ 70s ☐ 80s ☐ 90s+

Languages Spoken: _____

Racial / Ethnic Group: _____

Employed: ☐ No ☐ Part Time ☐ Full Time

Professional skills, job experience: _____

Office(s) held in United Women in Faith:

	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date(s) of Service</u>
Local	_____	_____
	_____	_____
District	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Conference	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Jurisdiction	_____	_____
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Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Women in Faith, or in the community):

How will your spiritual journey strengthen your commitment to serve on the Conference Leadership Team?

RETURN TO: RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
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THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU ON THE TEAM!

MISSION EDUCATION



"Take Advantage of our Resources"

The United Women in Faith Digital—www.resouceumc.org

United Women in Faith Digital exists to support the purpose of the United Women in Faith.

To reiterate the purpose of the United Women in Faith: To 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 fellowships; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Advantages /Resources:

First United Women in Faith Digital is free to join. There are numerous advantages to using the resources you may access through our website.

A few key advantages to our digital media are:

- Finding resources materials to utilize for your local church units meetings.
- A space for United Women in Faith members and friends to connect, share ideas in addition to resources.
- Reading Program Criteria 2025
- Mission Today Criteria 2025
- Access to our program guide and our yearly Mission u Curriculum.
» 2025 Mission U Dates July 11-12 2025

Digital means an additional way of connecting, engaging, staying informed; your gateway to all United Women in Faith has to offer!



Abundant Peace, Love, and Blessings



Mary Preyer

Mary Preyer

**Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator
West District UWFaith**

My First Time

Reflection on Local Leadership Training

By Robin Henning



I was a first-time attendee at the West District UWF 2025 Local Leadership Training and Culmination & Recognition Event. That's a mouthful, and wait till you see the photos.

I discovered the training was being offered on the registration deadline date, January 22. That was 10 p.m., so I immediately submitted my online registration for sessions and said I would also come to the Culmination & Recognition event. I forwarded the info to my Co-President, Karen Ing, at 10:30 p.m. and she signed up immediately as well, and together we would represent Santa Monica UWFAith.

Karen was born and raised a UMW from the beginning. Her mom was one of the two Patricia King's in this District. Pat was involved at the District level and Karen attends the California-Pacific Annual Conference faithfully each year. Karen is on the Wesley Foundation 580 Café Board and wears many hats as we all do in United Women in Faith. We enjoyed the sessions that we were able to attend and we give thanks for the leadership of each trainer. Each leader had a hard job, trying to focus and instruct all us trainees via Zoom. It was great to offer the sessions over Zoom, allowing more women to attend and participate in this important learning. At the end of each session, the leader asked who would be coming Saturday to the Culmination & Recognition Event, and could give a report? I ended up being the only member in several of the groups that planned to attend in person. Thus becoming a 'reporter.' Next year can we have a training session on how to be a reporter?

I reported for three training sessions. I had planned a little bit but had to "wing it," which is par for the course as my name is Robin. The joke is I changed my clothing each time to appear as if a different person was reporting.... I was told I got better and shorter each time I presented.

This day was full of seeing old friends and making new friends. Embracing the sisterhood of United Women in Faith across the West District with good fellowship, good food and good singing enjoyed by all. Thank you Holly Park United Women in Faith for hosting us!

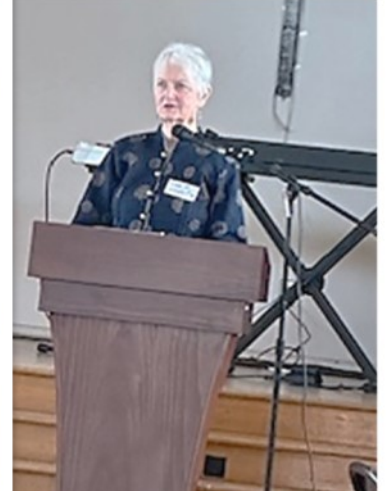
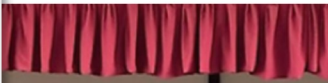


Hollypark UWFaith

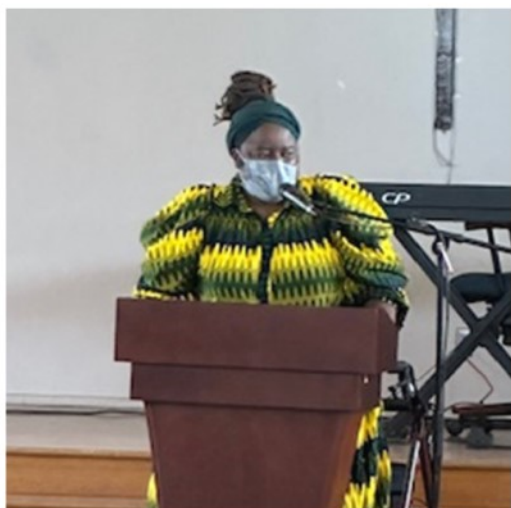


**WD UWFaith
LLT Culmination
& Recognition Event
—2.01.2025
Our Host:
Hollypark UWFaith**





**A time of Learning, Growing,
Fellowship, and Sisterhood!**



RIVIERA UWFAITH SUNDAY

The Riviera UWFaith, organized in 1973, celebrated UWFaith Sunday using the theme "Carrying Our Faith Forward." Jane Woods, VP of Development at David and Margaret Youth & Family Services shared the history of our organization's former and present involvement and her personal stories of services provided by David and Margaret over 100 years! Scripture, hymns, Moments of Wonder, and readings spoke to Jesus's welcoming the little children.

Jane was given a shawl and delivered a lap robe to Daniel S. Maydeck, CEO from our UWFaith Shawl Ministry. Vicki Stone was honored for her mission service to children, youth and the congregation with a Special Mission Recognition donation and pin.



**Jane Woods (with shawl)
& Mary Ross**



RUWFaith leadership Team photo:

**Jan Preslo, Eva Cruz-Aedo, Linda Clark, Mary Ross,
Cathy Stephens, Gracie Currie, Carol Perry, Andrea Perez,
Pat Averill, Gail Munn, missing JCaramaki and Donna Howland.**



Vicki Stone & Mary Ross

**Photos by
Annie Gomm**



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Highlights shared by Katie Pryor

Instagram: @Katie_UWFaith

BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH



Sallie Sawyer co-founder of the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville,



A Voice of Courage and Leadership

We celebrate the inspiring legacy of Sallie Sawyer, a leader whose work within The United Methodist Church championed racial justice and inclusion.

In 1964, Sawyer became one of the first Black women elected to the Women's Society of Christian Service's executive committee, during a time of deep division in the church. Her leadership broke barriers and paved the way for greater representation in Methodist spaces. She believed in the power of faith to dismantle systemic injustice, and her advocacy for desegregation within the church challenged all of us to live more fully into our calling as a beloved community.

Sallie Sawyer's story is a reminder of the courage it takes to create change and the impact one person can have on the church and the world. Let us honor her by continuing the fight for equity, justice, and inclusion in our faith communities and beyond.

Read more here: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/sawyer-sallie>

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Sarah McClendon Murphy of Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers.



A Champion of Equality and Justice

We recognize the legacy of Sarah McClendon Murphy, a woman of remarkable faith and determination. As a Methodist leader and advocate for racial and gender equality, Murphy devoted her life to breaking barriers and uplifting her community.

Sarah Murphy's leadership in the Georgia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and her dedication to Methodist missions demonstrated her unwavering commitment to social justice. Her efforts to advance education, economic empowerment, and civil rights left a lasting impact on the church and the world.

Murphy's work inspires us to live boldly in faith and strive for equity in all areas of life. May her story remind us that every action rooted in justice and love contributes to a brighter future.

Read more here: <https://www.georgiawomen.org/sarah-mclendon-murphy>

Cal-Pac Conference United Women in Faith

CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE CRITERIA



In order for a local organization (LO) to become a member of the Charter for Racial Justice Club, the local organization must:

1. Meet the required activity marked with an Asterisk (*)
2. Complete at least one activity from each of the three sections
3. Return completed criteria form to your WEST District Social Action Coordinator no later than December 15th.

District Social Action Coordinator's Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Local Organization Name: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

E-mail/Phone: _____

- ___ * Devote a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice.
Supply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice.

UNIT PROGRAM (complete at least one)

- ___ 1. Hold a group study or present a program on "The History of UMW on Racial Issues"
- ___ 2. Establish a workshop to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contribution of each race to the church and community
- ___ 3. Share and discuss an article from Response magazine relating to racism
- ___ 4. Be creative and develop a Racial Justice learning experience for your Local Organization

ENRICHMENT (complete at least one)

- ___ 1. Hold a small group study of a book on racial justice from the Reading Resource Program and discuss using these three questions: Who is being exploited? Who benefits from the exploitation? What are we going to do about it ?
- ___ 2. Have at least one member attend a webinar or event on Racial Justice and report back to the Local Organization
- ___ 3. Study a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice i.e.: racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling
- ___ 4. Develop an enrichment activity of your own related to Racial Justice

ACTION (complete at least one)

- ___ 1. Gather and share with Local Organization (or Sunday school class or church members) information on local school system regarding ethnic makeup, suspension rate by ethnicity, graduation rate by ethnicity.
- ___ 2. Research current legislation on racial issues and present information as a program or in a church newsletter.
- ___ 3. Research what organizations in your community are working to uncover, challenge and transform racism in local systems and institutions. Discuss how you might be a partner and/or support this work.
- ___ 4. Develop a Racial Justice action of your own choosing for your local organization or church.

RESOURCES

The following resources may be obtained at unitedmethodistwomen.org,

- Read: Tools for Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice (174 pages)
- Books from UMW
- Reading Program Response magazine
- Racial Justice Timeline
- History of Racial Justice

Climate Justice

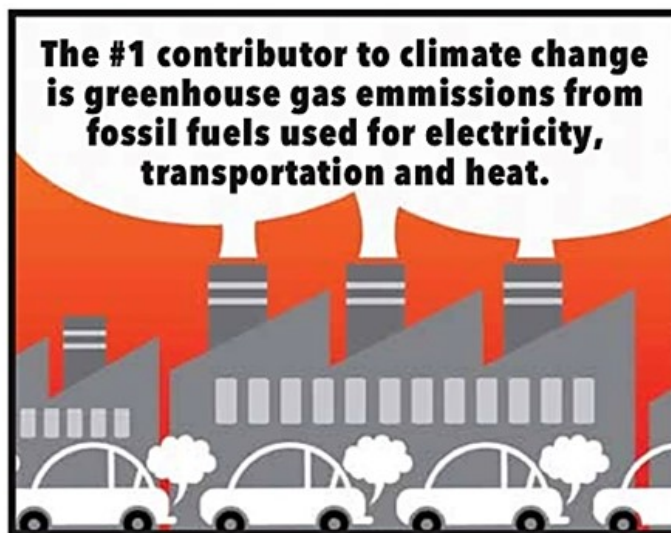
CAMPAIGN: JUST ENERGY FOR ALL



Be stewards of God's creation: Work with companies and governments for clean, renewable energy through a just and equitable transition.



A major contributor to air pollution is the **BURNING of fossil fuels.**



The #1 contributor to climate change is greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels used for electricity, transportation and heat.



500,000 school days missed

SCHOOL

annually by U.S. children are due to ozone pollution from fossil fuels.



100%

100 cities in the United States and 100+ companies have already committed to move to 100 percent renewable energy.



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TAKE ACTION:

uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/just-energy-4-all/



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Serve and Advocate

INTERRUPT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

We are called to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.

United Women in Faith's campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline is an expression of our priority commitment to end mass incarceration and the criminalization of communities of color.

We believe that all children and youth are sacred, deeply beloved by God, and deserving of an education that nurtures their God-given gifts and encourages their growth.

We decry the systemic racism that treats some children as disposable, funneling them away from educational success and towards the criminal justice system. We recognize as sinful the tendency of our institutions ("powers and principalities") to show grace to White children/youth while withholding that same grace from Black children/youth and other children/youth of color.

Join us!

DISCIPLINE DISPARITIES

Black students are 15.1%
of enrollment in K-12
public schools but...

31.4% of students receiving in-school suspensions

38.2% of students receiving out-of-school suspensions

38.8% of students expelled with educational services

33.3% students expelled without educational services

28.7% of students referred to law enforcement

31.6% of students arrested at school

Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

Thus says the LORD:

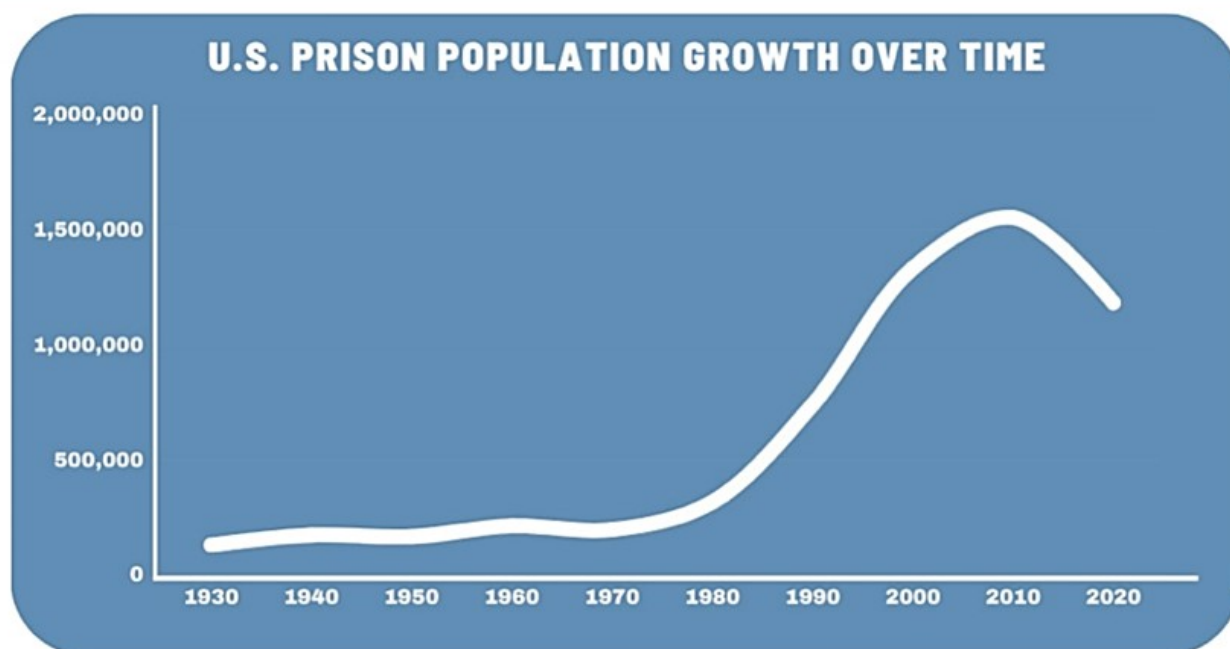
Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the LORD:

they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
there is hope for your future,
says the LORD:
your children shall come back to their own country.
(Jeremiah 31:15-17)

Make your voice heard in demanding an end to the school-to-prison pipeline!

We are committed to ensuring that all students have access to a vibrant educational experience, protected from pushout. We call for the following changes at the federal, state, and local level:

1. Removing school-based police (commonly called School Resource Officers or SROs) and redirecting those funds to developmentally-appropriate student supports, such as counselors, transformative/restorative justice practitioners, and more.
2. Eliminating racial disparities in school discipline at all levels, from suspensions and expulsions to law enforcement referrals and school-based arrests.
3. Ending corporal punishment in schools.



Take Action Today!

Connect. Learn. Take Action.

Join other sisters and siblings. Stay connected to upcoming events and action opportunities.

Participate in virtual federal advocacy actions. Get inspired to advocate and serve in your local community and beyond.

uwfaith.org/mass-incarceration



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YOUR WEST DISTRICT UWFaith TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU!!

Contact your liaison partner for guidance and assistance

WEST DISTRICT LIAISON LIST – 2024-2025

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Listen to UWFaith podcasts from below resources
<https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/>



Faith Talks are monthly conversations with UWFaith hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer, Spotlight PR.

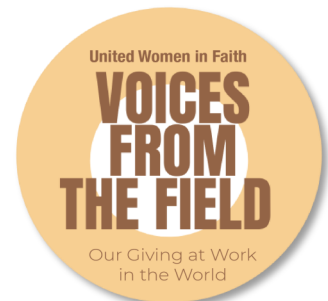
Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action.

Listen to these recent podcasts:

- ◆ [Reparative Justice with Dr. Marcus Anthony Hunter](#)
- ◆ [Estate and End of Life Planning](#)



Tune in to audio versions of some of the top articles from each issue of **response** magazine, the award-winning official magazine of United Women in Faith. Topics cover everything from spiritual growth and living our faith to reports on local, national and international work.



Voices from the Field Webinars provide the opportunity to learn about the national and international initiatives that benefit from Mission Giving, directly through the voices “from the field.” In this interactive format, you’ll hear firsthand from program leaders about their work, daily challenges, hopes and dreams.

Watch/listen to a recent Voices from the Field program.

- ◆ [Investing in Future Leaders](#)

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United Women in Faith Digital is completely free to join, giving you access to groups where you can connect over shared interests, spaces to engage in conversation around resources like Faith Talks and Voices From the Field, and access to exclusive content created just for this digital space. Additionally, your favorite print resources have been reimagined for a digital experience, allowing you to purchase the Program Resource, Daily Prayer Guide, and Mission u curricula.

With easy access from your computer or an app on your phone, United Women in Faith Digital allows you to connect with members from across the country and around the world, sharing your ideas and best practices and allowing you to connect with one another regardless of the distance between us.

<https://uwfaith.mn.co/>

CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
MARCH	1	CAL-PAC UWFaith—MID-WINTER EVENT Location: Hawaii
	16	CAL-PAC UWFaith—An Afternoon with Sally Vonner Location: Pasadena 1 st UMC
	23	UWFaith Day of Giving
APRIL	5	ASH WEDNESDAY
	13	PALM / PASSION SUNDAY
	20	EASTER
MAY	15	WD UWFaith—WestWords newsletter article deadline
	17—TBC	WD UWFaith—Social Action Event
	31	WD UWFaith—WestWords newsletter publication
JUNE	11-14	CAL-PAC Annual Conference Location: Indian Wells, CA
	14	CAL-PAC UWFaith LUNCHEON @ ANNUAL CONFERENCE Location: Indian Wells, CA
JULY	11-12	CAL-PAC UWFaith MISSION u 2025 Location: Cal-State Univ., Long Beach
AUGUST	15	WD UWFaith—WestWords newsletter article deadline
	28	WD UWFaith—WestWords newsletter publication
SEPTEMBER	27	WEST DISTRICT UWFAITH—ANNUAL CELEBRATION Location: TBA
OCTOBER	18	CAL-PAC UWFaith—ANNUAL CELEBRATION Location: TBA
NOVEMBER	15	WD UWFaith—WestWords newsletter article deadline
	30	WD UWFaith—WestWords newsletter publication
DECEMBER		

SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR LOGO COLORS



Yellow—Life of Christ



Green—Sisterhood



Blue—Faith



Orange—Action



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
SEEKS TO CONNECT AND NURTURE WOMEN
THROUGH CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FORMATION,
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT,
CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION
SO THAT THEY CAN INSPIRE,
INFLUENCE AND IMPACT
LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITIES.

VISION

TURNING FAITH, HOPE
AND LOVE INTO ACTION ON BEHALF
OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH
AROUND THE WORLD.

PURPOSE

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.

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*"We realize
the importance
of our voices
only when
we are silenced."*

Malala Yousafzai

**BE, KNOW, EXPERIENCE, DEVELOP, EXPAND!!!
—THAT'S UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH! —**