

# PACIFIC WAVES

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ANNUAL CELEBRATION

First UMC of North Hollywood

October 18, 2025  
10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Registration on page 5 or online:  
<https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/uwfceleb2025>

IMPORTANT INFO:

Love Gifts

Gift card(s) from Ralphs, Albertsons, or Vons for food, formula, and diapers. We are supporting Casa de Vida Family Crisis Shelter.

D’LTE TRAINING

Training is **VIRTUAL** (online)

You should receive an email from your conference counterpart.

Check your email!



Let's Celebrate

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United  
Women  
in Faith

### Who We Are

The **mission** of United Women in Faith is 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.

The **Purpose** of United Women in Faith is 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 fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The **story** of United Women in Faith dates back to 1869 when eight Methodist Episcopal women formed the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to help meet the needs of women, children, and youth in India. Today, that organization is known as United Women in Faith, with hundreds of thousands of members across the United States and partners around the world.

The **vision** of United Women in Faith is a world in which women, children, and youth can thrive and reach their fullest potential.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

Greetings United Women in Faith Sisters,

As summer comes to an end, our children and grandchildren have started a new school year. I know my granddaughter was excited about starting 3rd grade, being back with her friends, and having a new teacher.

In this season, unfortunately many of our families, friends, and neighbors are facing challenges, fears, injustice, and uncertainty for a future of opportunity for ALL. United Women in Faith has taken on this moment to put our LOVE, and FAITH into ACTION for the injustice that all of us are witnessing. We are standing up and making our voices heard in a BOLD way against INJUSTICE, IMMIGRATION, and HUMAN RIGHTS. We are writing to our politicians, reaching out to community leaders to get food to the needy who are afraid to come to the food banks; standing in solidarity in peaceful protest; and praying.

For our United Women in Faith Cal Pac Conference's four National Mission Institutions:

- ☐ David & Margaret Youth and Family Services and Haynes Family Programs;
- ☐ Toberman Neighborhood Center;
- ☐ Susannah Wesley Community Center; and
- ☐ Calexico Neighborhood House,

They are experiencing challenges within their communities however, despite these challenges they are staying focused on their mission to meet the needs of the children, youth, and families in their communities. They are providing unconditional love, care and support for their families with assistance and comfort against threats to their safety, shelter, and food.

Let us not forget our Deaconesses and Home Missioners who continue to make a difference for women, children and youth in other regions and countries. For the past 156 years, it has been the foundation of United Women in Faith to be committed to standing up to INJUSTICE. Today, we still Put Love and Faith into Action to Change the World.

At this moment, let's keep our National Mission Institutions; children, youth and families in our communities near and far, as well as each of our United Women in Faith Sisters in our prayers.

Blessings & Peace to All,  
Jackie Campbell



# VICE PRESIDENT'S NEWS:

## Your invitation to the United Women in Faith Annual Celebration!

The Annual Celebration for United Women in Faith marks the beginning of a new program year. It is at that gathering that the leadership team is elected and installed and when priorities from our National Organization are articulated for women in our Conference to find ways that are meaningful and effective to fulfill our PURPOSE.

This year our Annual Celebration will be in the North District. The First UMC of North Hollywood has graciously offered to host our event. We will gather on Saturday, October 18, to do the business of our organization, to nourish our spirits with opportunities for spiritual growth and SoulCare, and to celebrate who we are and what we do as United Women in Faith. As we listen, read and learn more about mission, we hope to stir the urgency for us to make real our FAITH, HOPE and LOVE by raising the mantle of ACTION. Our rallying statement is Dream it! Believe It! Do it! By BEING WOMEN OF HOPE AND ACTION in our churches, in our communities and in our world, we will do even a little bit to make life different for people we know, and for those we don't know. May the words of Isaiah 40:31 give us hope and direction as we begin our new year.

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Kara Mark

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## SHARING HOPE WITH LOVE GIFTS



We have an opportunity to share LOVE GIFTS with Get Together Foundation's Casa de Vida in the West San Fernando Valley. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and is a BBB Accredited charity. We are asking for gift cards to Albertsons, Ralphs or Vons where food, diapers and baby supplies can be purchased. Casa de Vida is a 90-day family crisis shelter that houses up to 12 families nightly. It offers case management, medical and mental health referrals, parenting classes and help in finding childcare and employment. Casa de Vida provides a safe learning and living environment for families, largely single mothers, to build a more stable future. 60% of families served have experienced violence prior to arriving at the facility. Staff trained in domestic violence care and trauma are on-site 24/7 providing care, comfort and security for vulnerable children and parents. Your gifts are needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.







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# California-Pacific Conference



## BEING WOMEN OF HOPE AND ACTION

*United Women in Faith :  
Dream It! Believe It! Do It!*

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration

October 18, 2025  
10:00 am—2:30 pm

First UMC  
of North Hollywood  
4832 Tujunga Avenue  
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Please consider bringing a "Love Gift" of a gift card(s) of any amount from  
Ralphs, Albertsons, or Vons for food, formula, and diapers.  
These will be shared with Casa de Vida Family Crisis Shelter.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 | Lunch & Refreshments served**  
**Register online at <http://www.calpacumc.org/uwfceleb2025>**

**Registration deadline is October 9**

**Make check payable to Cal Pac United Women in Faith**

**Childcare available upon request.**  
**\$25 refundable deposit per family is required.**  
**Please notify Registrar.**

**Register and send form & check to: Lisa Kadowaki, 2255 Ascot Place, Camarillo, CA 93010-4607**

**For questions: Contact Lisa at [smidgetslk@gmail.com](mailto:smidgetslk@gmail.com) or 805-236-3370**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

UWF District \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Registrar info: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_)

Indicate any food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian? \_\_\_\_\_



# Candle of Commitment 2025

The Cal-Pac United Women in Faith Candle of Commitment represents the cost of our mission work to women, children, and youth in the U.S. and countries around the world.

The candle will burn at the Cal Pac Annual Celebration on October 18, 2025, as a way of honoring the Mission-Minded Men and Women in Our Life.

The candle will burn for one minute for a minimum gift of **\$16.56** per honoree.

Gifts can be given by a Local Organization or an Individual.

**Names must be submitted by: (check with District Treasurer)**



*Cut here and keep the top half for your records.  
One form per person to be honored and please type or print neatly.*

**Name of Honoree:**

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

**Person/Local Organization submitting the name:**

**Amount:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO YOUR UWFaith DISTRICT TREASURER:**

**Use District Treasurer Address**

**ALONG WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO: (use your district name)**

# TREASURER:

*Dear Sisters,*

*Here we are at the end of August with hot days ahead.*

*We have attended Missionu in Long Beach and/or Hawaii. Hoping everyone had a great time at Missionu.*

*Now it's time for all Districts and Cal Pac Conference to hold their Annual Celebration and install returning and new officers. This is the time that each District will approve the Budget and Pledge to Mission for 2026.*

*Candle of Commitment for this year is \$16.56 per minute. The form is located here in the Pacific Wave. All names must be submitted to the District Treasurer by the deadline per the District Treasurer request. This will allow time to print the names in the Cal Pac Annual Celebration booklet. Your district treasurer information is listed below.*

*Our pledge to Mission for 2025 is \$125,000. We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and have sent Mission funds to National of 32% as of August. The remaining is 68% which equal approximately \$84,000. We only have a few months to meet our pledge. Let's all reach out to the local units and let them know where we stand.*

*If you have any questions, I am always available to assist the Local Organization and/or District Treasurer's.*

*Remember we want everyone to help in our Mission to support Women, Children, and Youth thought out the world.*

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# COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

The end of another exciting conference year is fast approaching and the Committee on Nominations would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to Sylvia Coussa, CON member, class of 2025 and Margaret Hummel, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, for their time and dedication in serving our conference. Their contributions made a meaningful difference and their service is deeply appreciated.

As we continue to grow, strengthen and build our United Women in Faith leadership team, the Committee on Nominations is seeking talented, committed and passionate members to join our conference team. This is a great opportunity to contribute more deeply; help shape the conference's direction and make a lasting impact. Whether you have prior leadership experience or are looking to step into a new role, we welcome your interest and energy.

There is always something inspiring and uplifting happening with UWF, join us.

In Service,

Committee on Nominations







California-Pacific Conference  
United Women in Faith Officer  
Nominations for 2025-2026

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Committee on Nominations

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Mission u 2026

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Language Coordinators to serve First Appointed 2-year term Filipino Language: TBA  
Korean Language: TBA  
Samoan Language: TBA  
Spanish Language: TBA  
Tongan Language: TBA

Young Women's Coordinator to serve First Appointed 2-year term: TBA

Charter for Racial Justice to be elected 2025-2026: APPOINTED

\*\*\*By virtue of office held: President, Social Action, and CON Chair are additional members.

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# SECRETARY:

## A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings my Cal-Pac Sisters,

Although I have been your secretary for almost a year, this is my first article as your new Cal-Pac UWFaith Secretary and I want to thank both conference and district leadership for your support as I learn my new job.

To get me started, I was invited to participate in quarterly meetings with other conference secretaries led by Susan Moberg, UWFaith National Secretary, where I have been able to participate in discussions about what's required of the conference secretary, and share experiences, expectations, and challenges.

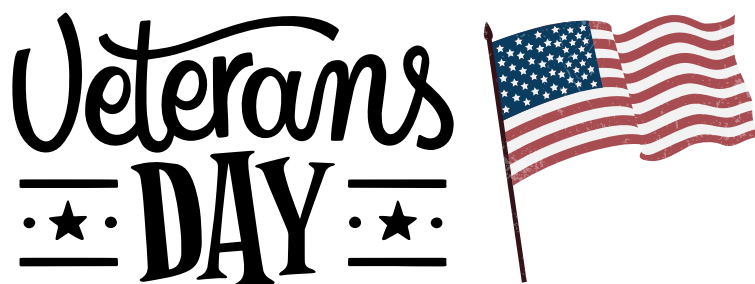
During this last year, you have provided me with contact information that I was required to provide to Susan Moberg, and at her direction, and with your support, there were more responses to the national surveys than ever before!

As we approach the new year, with elections, new officers will be assuming their positions. District Secretaries, please send me your new officers' contact information by the Conference Annual Celebration on October 18, 2025, so that I can meet the National deadline.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year and hope to fulfill all of the duties as your secretary.

May God bless all of us as we work to fulfill our call to service as UWFaith.

Tina Pool  
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# PROGRAM RESOURCES:

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us fixing our eyes on Jesus.”

Hebrews 12 :1-2 NIV

Dear Sisters,

Glory and honor be to God for your dedication to our call to serve our Risen Lord, even though life may have its challenges. Thank you to those who were able to go to the Mission u 2025, a chance to learn ways to connect with Christ by studying his word.

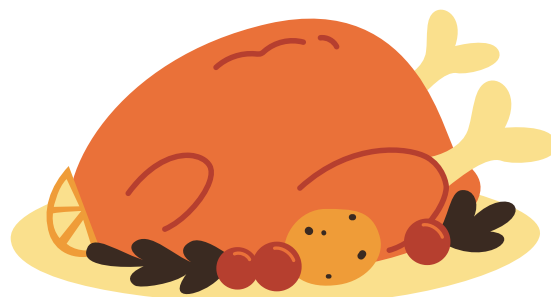
September is when the Districts have their Annual Celebrations followed by the Conference D’LTE and Annual Celebration. One of the ways to grow our faith is through the reading program. This may be done individually or by forming a book club that uses the recommended books by National. Local Organizations that have book clubs get more readers and end up winning the reading program banner and/or the trophy. Please make sure to record all books read because if you read 5-20+ books from the reading catalog, then you get a certificate. Please make sure you are reading from each of the five recommended categories. The reading program report form is in this Pacific Wave. You turn in your report to the District Resource Room Manager. The cutoff date is December 15 before the Christmas preparations take over our lives. Don’t forget to read response magazine. There is a box to check if you had read response this year.

We are also encouraged you to use the digital resources that are available on the Mighty Network.

May the love of Christ be with you all as we enter the fall season.

By Sophia Blankson

Happy  
Thanksgiving



# MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION:



## *Mission Giving in Action*

*"...our love should not be just words and talk;  
it must be true love, which shows itself in action."*

1 John 3:18 (Good News Trans.)

Mission is the one-word focus of what United Women in Faith is all about. In 1869, eight women in Boston grew a network and funds large enough to send Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain to India. That was the beginning of a legacy of love that we, as members of UWFaith, continue to support and make real through our pledges and gifts to mission.

Through articles in Response magazine, Faith Talks and Voices from the Field podcasts, our National Missions (we have five in the Cal-Pac Conference), Mission u experiences and more, we see the impact of our Mission Giving! **That's Love in Action!!** In **response** magazine there were articles that showed actions that have been taken, that were made possible through the support and undergirding of UWFaith – such as how our deaconesses demanded justice in the Philippines and how their work led to the arrest of a ruthless president \*response, March/April 2025). Or maybe the article about Bethlehem Centers, our National Mission Institution in Nashville, that showed us how vital Mission Giving is to the seniors who depend on them for their next meal and the children who learn there (response, May/June 2025). Did you see the story about Imayam Social Welfare Association in India, where we are helping to decrease the school dropout rate and let young women know they don't have to fall victim to child marriage and abuse? **Yes, our Mission Giving made all of this possible!**

When we combine our pledges and gifts to mission with those of our sisters from within our conference, we fuel mission that transforms lives! **In our Cal-Pac Conference, we make a difference** in the work of our National Missions: Callexico Neighborhood House, Toberman Neighborhood Center, David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, and The Susannah Wesley Community Center; along with our work as the Women's Auxiliary to the USC Arcadia Hospital.

Sisters, as we witness what is happening in our communities, nation, and the world, we know that there is more work to do and more love to share. Our Cal-Pac Conference UWFaith has been impacted in the past decade by the re-alignment of our districts from eight to five, the Covid pandemic, as well as changes within the United Methodist denomination.

Through all of this, with our pledges we are in loving solidarity with thousands of women of faith who are ensuring that United Women in Faith's vital mission efforts here and around the world continue for another 156 years and beyond.

Will you share your love by fulfilling your pledge early this year and/or increasing your giving, thereby helping our conference meet its yearly pledge? The need to make mission possible is as great as it has ever been. We know that together we can fill some of the gaps left by these difficult financial times that have resulted from all of the recent changes.

**We stand on the shoulders of our founders, the eight women that gathered** together for tea and made a commitment to begin the legacy of love that we continue to honor and live out. As we reflect on the difference that we have made and will continue to make through our mission giving, may we be encouraged to be bold, and be a part of the "good trouble" that manifests in the "beloved community" on earth as it is in heaven.

As your Mission Education & Interpretation coordinator and as a member of our sisterhood, **gratitude abounds** to everyone for all we do individually and collectively as United Women in Faith to put love into action and honor our commitment to Mission Giving as we **do the work to inspire, influence and impact! To God be the Glory!!**



With Blessings, Joy & Appreciation,

**Joni Arlain**

Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator

Cal-Pac UWFaith

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# SOCIAL ACTION:

We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. We connect spiritual women to act boldly for justice and transform communities. Thank you to everyone who attended the interest group on Immigration with Monalisa Tu'itahi and the "Never Give Up" film screening. We also had good attendance at the "Push-Out: The Criminalization of Young Girls in Schools" screening. We will be scheduling a book study in the next few months as well. I appreciate all of your input and participation. Please continue to provide suggestions.

## **Social Action Priorities**

These can be included in your annual meetings.

Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline. These are easy click-to-act advocacy opportunities.

<https://p2a.co/vUKRTtL>

**Action:** [Tell Congress: Ban Corporal Punishment In Our Schools!](#)

Children deserve safe and supportive schools where they can learn and grow. The use of corporal punishment in schools undermines student safety and well-being. United Women in Faith joins leading organizations across the country to urge passage of The Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2025, a federal bill which would prohibit the use of corporal punishment in schools receiving federal funding.

**Action:** [Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools](#)

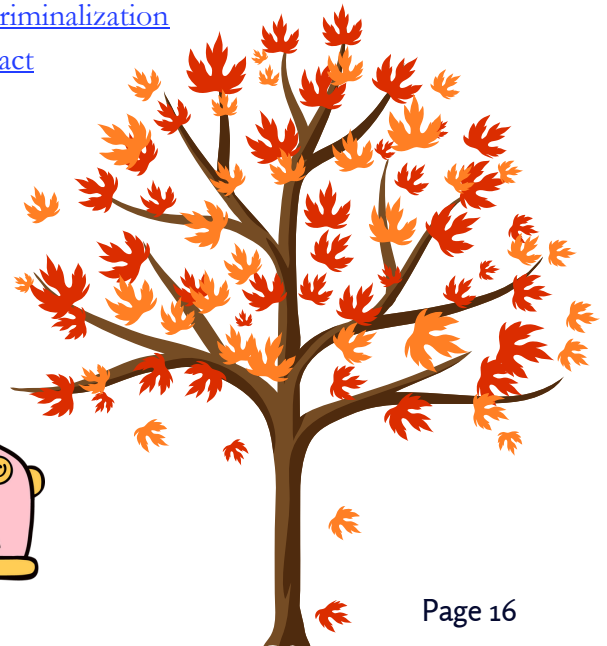
When we choose criminalization over counseling in our schools, we are doing the very thing Jesus warns against: causing little ones to stumble. By responding with suspensions, expulsions, or even arrests, we increase trauma, fuel cycles of poverty, and push students out of school and into the justice system. The Gospel calls us to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline. The federal government can do this by passing The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act.

<https://win.newmode.net/unitedwomeninfaith/counselingnotcriminalization>

<https://win.newmode.net/unitedwomeninfaith/endingpushoutact>

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# LEGACY:

2 Corinthians 9: 7 (NRSV)

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Dear UWFaith sisters,

It is a pleasure to let you know the latest total for the Legacy endowment Fund reported by the Legacy Development Team. As of June 30, 2025, the Legacy Endowment Fund is \$50,469,466. Per the May 2025 Legacy Conference Giving report the fund total was \$50,080,788. The summary of the latest conference and jurisdiction donations can be found in the June issue of the Pacific Waves. As of this writing, Legacy Liaisons have not received a conference giving report later than the May report.

Per the Legacy Liaisons meeting I attended August 14, 2025, the three ways to donate to the fund contributed to the achievement of this impressive total. These are the ways to contribute to the fund:

- Become a Legacy Builder by making monthly donations of \$18.69.
- Become a Friend of Legacy by making a gift of \$5000 or more, contact Development at 800-278-7771 for more information.
- Join the 1869 Society by making a planned gift through a will bequest, a gift of stock or securities, or a donation of other non-cash assets.

I know some of you attended Mission u in July. I hope you visited the Legacy Fund information table and took some of the material to get information about the fund. Many thanks to you who donated to the fund at the table and purchased the cookie recipe at the North District table. You are helping the conference contribute to the new total by donating \$127. The money has been sent to the United Women in Faith.

If you are able, but you are not contributing to the fund, please consider choosing one of the above mentioned ways to support the fund and help the United Women in Faith achieve its goal of \$60 million dollars sooner than later.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Conference Annual Celebration on October 18, 2025 at North Hollywood UMC.

Many blessings,  
Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez  
California-Pacific Legacy Liaison  
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HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN



# SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

Greetings from your Spiritual Growth Coordinator:

I've enjoyed being your Spiritual Growth Coordinator officer this past year. Sharing scripture, poems and prayers with you has been a great experience.

Thank you for your support of the conference team and me this past year.

Also, thank you for your support and prayers for me during the past 6 months while I've been recovering from odds and ends of different illnesses.

And now, once again from Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you PEACE

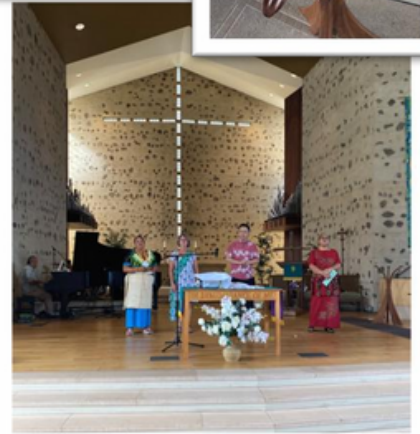
Blessings,  
Margaret Hummel  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator



# MISSION U 2025 HIGHLIGHTS:



Mission u 2025 This year's Mission u experiences were simply amazing! We had a wonderful time at Long Beach with good weather and lots of fun. We had several first-time attendees and even more 10-years-plus attendees. There were a total of 104 women and children! It was a bit shorter this year in order to accommodate our Mission u in Hawai'i, but we were still able to "Practice Hope with Aloha!" The women of the Hawai'i District were magnificent hosts! We had a total of 98 women and children, and it was awesome to witness the Spirit working in our midst. It was so beautiful and even Jesus was able to take in the views of the Waikiki shoreline (see photo). The mainland women went to visit the Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu. Director Joni Chun (on the left in the photo) gave us a tour, and we were bowled over by the amount of good work they are doing there. Plans for Mission u 2026 are already underway and we are all looking forward to gathering together again! Until then, don't forget to practice your hope with aloha!





# WESTERN JURISDICTION

## UPDATES:

Working with the amazing women within our seven Conferences that comprise the Western Jurisdiction has opened my eyes to so many takes of how UWFaith looks like within each of the areas. We come from all walks of life accompanied by different life experiences and challenges. However, the common denominator is that WE all believe in the purpose of United Women in Faith.

During our July 2025 PAG Jurisdiction Cohort Meeting, the Jurisdiction presidents, Conference Presidents, the PAGs and MNO Coordinators of each Conference gathered together one evening and had a “virtual” meeting entitled ‘Growing Together: Powering the Movement , One Woman at a Time’.

This was an important and powerful meeting as it set the tone of National’s vision of growing membership and how we as members are going to be a part of this movement. It is a Four-Year Campaign (2025-2029), strategically planned as we maneuver each step. This year (2025-2026) will be the foundational year: Opening the Door. We will continue to encourage and spotlight Soul Care, Mission u, and Assembly as welcoming doorways into United Women in Faith; building relationships and feeling the kinship of belonging. Subsequent years will highlight Grow the Circle, Strengthen the Sisterhood, and finally LeadHer the Way Forward!

In addition, a new campaign theme was shared, namely **Unstoppable!** Rest assured Unstoppable is not another brand name but rather, think of it as a movement...the wave we are currently on! UWFaith is not just an ordinary Christian women’s organization, but we are spiritually filled, fired up, and never wanting to sit and let things go by; we long to show up for each other in bold life-changing ways. We are not static but a dynamic group of women ready to do the work God has called us to do!

So, to kick us off in the right direction, I pray that many of us will be attending Assembly 2026 “Dream It, Believe It, Do It!” Assembly will be held on May 15-17, 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Registration opens September 2, 2025. Start saving your money...Assembly comes every 4 years; here is where we gather as committed women; faithful and empowered to make a difference in the lives we encounter. We come together with an unstoppable sisterhood of love and justice for all.

We will see each other at Annual Celebration and for Cal-Pac we will be gathering at North Hollywood UMC on Saturday, October 18, 2025. I look forward to saying hello to you and hearing about all the good things that are happening within your local organizations! YOU are what makes Cal-Pac so special!



Together with you on the path,  
Diane Gin  
WJ President







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# ASSEMBLY 2026

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Do it!**

**Dream it. Believe it. Do it.**

**Assembly 2026 Registration is Now Open!**

We're thrilled to announce that registration is officially open for **Assembly 2026**, happening **May 15–17, 2026**, in **Indianapolis, Indiana**—and you won't want to miss this powerful gathering of women of faith from across the country!

Our theme for Assembly 2026 is: **Dream it! Believe it! Do it!** It's a call to imagine a bold future, believe in our collective power, and take faithful action together.

We're also excited to share that our keynote speakers will be: **Stacey Abrams**, political leader, voting rights advocate, and bestselling author **Rev. Carolyn Abrams**, retired United Methodist clergywoman—and Stacey's mom!

This dynamic mother-daughter duo will inspire us with their stories of courage, conviction, and faith in action.

Register today at [uwfaith.org/assembly](http://uwfaith.org/assembly). Early registration ends Nov. 30, 2025.

Be part of this unforgettable experience—where faith meets sisterhood, and hope turns into action. Let's come together to dream boldly, believe fiercely, and do what matters most.

See you in Indy!  
—The Assembly Team

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\*You might spot some of your Cal-Pac Sisters too!

## **What to expect at Assembly 2026**

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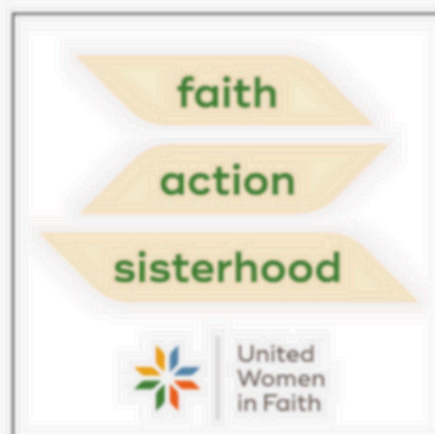
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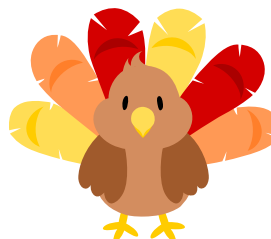


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# COMMUNICATIONS:

Summer time has come and gone by so quickly. We are officially in the “BER” months. I had the opportunity to continue exploring the world and cherished the moments with God. Annual Conference was a great experience especially with everything that was happening. The UWFaith Annual Luncheon allowed us to engage with the theme “Cherish” and connect it with our UWFaith mission/vision and purpose. I was also blessed that Mission u 2025 came to Hawaii this year. The Hawaii District members got the chance to participate in Mission u which they only hear about since it is costly and most are unable to attend in California. I received positive feedback and they hope that Mission u will continue to come to Hawaii more often. I look forward to the holiday season and wish everyone Happy Holidays!

Blessings,  
Nicole Nonies  
California-Pacific Communications Coordinator



P.S. What is your favorite thing about fall season? Any PSL (Pumpkin Spice Latte) drinkers? lol. My favorite thing is all the holidays leading up to winter (Halloween and Thanksgiving) then comes Christmas music. Can you spot the different holidays in this edition of the newsletter?

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