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United Women in Faith with Faith, Hope & Love in Action!

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and rang in the new year with a bang!
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(Picture of Leadership team)



Save the Dates

Cal-Pac Midwinter
February 21, 2026
at Claremont UMC

UWFaith Assembly
May 15-18 , 2026
in Indianapolis, Indiana

UWFaith Luncheon @
June 20, 2026

Cal-Pac Mission u
July 24-26, 2026

Who We Are

What is United Women in Faith?

We are women like you, a powerful, fearless force driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. Join us, because love in action can change the world.

The **Mission** 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** 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.

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

THIS YEAR WE WILL DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!

www.calpacumc.org/luwfaith

A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Happy New Year United Women in Faith Sisters,

As we enter 2026, I am filled with immense gratitude for each of you and the unwavering dedication that each of you bring to our shared mission of improving the lives of women, children, and youth. It has been an honor to walk this journey with you and look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for us in this new year.

Our work is vital, especially in these times where needs are great and our collective strength is needed more than ever. We have been called to be “United Women in Faith”, a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of our communities and the world without hesitation.

We have so much to look forward to as United Women in Faith Cal Pac Conference with welcome our newly installed Conference Leadership Team with new CON Chair; Coordinators for Spiritual Growth, Program Resource, Membership, Nurture & Outreach; Language Coordinators for Korean, Filipino, Spanish, and Tongan Languages; Mission u Dean and Assistant Dean; and new Hawaii District President & Vice President/Program Coordinator and East District President.

In 2026, we will continue commitment to follow the United Women in Faith mission as we embrace Micah 6:8 as “...we Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with Your God.” Mark your calendar for these upcoming United Women in Faith events:

- Saturday, 2/21, 2026 - UWFaith Cal Pac Conference Mid-Winter Event it will focus on the Theme of “Justice is Love in Action” (Please refer to the flyer for Registration)
- May 15 – 17, 2026 – Join us for Assembly 2026 in Indianapolis as we focus on the theme “Dream it! Believe it! Do it!”. United Women in Faith Sisters will embody the theme and focus on justice including racial, climate, and gender justice (Registration is still open)
- July 24 – 26, 2026 Cal Pac Conference Mission u 2026 (Location TBA)

As we enter this new year, let us remember that Together, We Are Unstoppable! Let us continue to put our Love into Action and move forward with Boldness and Grace.

Blessings & Peace,

Jackie Campbell

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REMARKS BY THE
VICE
PRESIDENT

Dream it! Believe it! Do it! What an exciting invitation we're being offered as we cross the threshold into the new year! Register now to join women from across the nation in Indianapolis in May for ASSEMBLY!

2026 unfolds for United Women in Faith for us in the California-Pacific Conference, too, and promises opportunities for women in Southern California, Hawaii and Guam to live our PURPOSE with vigor and affirmation as a vital Sisterhood of Grace, living Love in Action!

To begin the new year, Local Organizations in all five districts will be engaged in leadership training and equipped with tools and resources to understand more deeply about who we are as United Women in Faith.

Our MidWinter Event follows on February 21 in the East District this year at Claremont UMC. We will be highlighting David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, our UWFaith National Mission Institution in nearby Laverne. The event continues to build on our core of Faith, Hope and Love, knowing that the key piece for us is ACTION! Our theme is Justice for Women, Children and Youth: Justice Is Love in Action.

We know that the facets of social justice interconnect a great number of issues and concerns. Join us as we explore just a few of them with the help of a panel of women who have been deeply involved in the issues of immigration and women in transition, all with an emphasis on how our churches have been in mission and ministry to provide safe sanctuaries and sources of help for women, children and youth in challenging situations. You will find the flyer and registration form for this event in this issue.

The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith is our prayer as we embrace who we are. We live each day knowing that we can put our hearts and hands together to make the world different as we work to make justice real for women, children and youth. We pray for a meaningful and joyful 2026 for us all! Stay strong. Be well. ALOHA!



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Cal-Pac Conference UWFaith Vice President



United Women in Faith

CAL-PAC MIDWINTER

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Justice Is Love in Action



Immigration



Ministries in local churches



Navigating transitions in life

REGISTRATION: \$25

REGISTRATION AT 9:00 AM

Registration due February 12, 2026

Register and send form & check to: **Freda Low 8437 Village Lane Rosemead, CA 91770**

For questions | Child Care Info: Contact Lisa at smidgetslk@gmail.com or 805-236-3370

Love Gift: Target and Walmart Gift Cards and/or Feminine hygiene products, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, dental floss, and face wash are always needed.



SATURDAY

21 February 2026



PROGRAM

10:00 am - 2:30 pm



CLAREMONT

UMC



LOVE GIFTS

David & Margaret

TAKEAWAYS : • Compassion • Action • Understanding • Interconnection

Name _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

UWF District _____ Local Church Name _____

(Registrar info: Date Received _____ Amount _____ Check # _____)

Indicate any food allergies: _____ Vegetarian? _____

Treasurer's Message



Dear Sisters,

Season's Greeting!

We have just enjoyed our Cal Pac Annual Celebration at First UMC of North Hollywood. UMC on October 18, 2025. This was the time we installed our new or continuing officers for 2025-2026. As I continue to serve as your Treasurer, I would like to welcome 2 new District Treasurers. We have Crystal Ward for the North District and Meleane Fangupo for Hawaii District. Continuing Treasurers are Myra Richardson for East, Barbara Hartell, West and Joanna Schwend, South District. These women have answered the call to oversee your District Finances; I do want to say the 3 continuing Treasurer have done a fantastic job over the years.

At this time, I am finalizing our pledge to National. At the end of August, we were at 32% of our pledge of \$125,000 for 2025. Hoping to have 100% at the end of the month. Final pledge amount will be in the next Pacific Wave.

The training for District Treasurers will be held on January 7, 2026, at San Dieguito UMC, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024. All local/unit treasurers should plan to attend the Local Leadership Training in your district in January. There is good information to learn.

Please refer to the additional page for the list of 2025 Candle of Commitment names that were not listed in the 53rd Annual Celebration Book.

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

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

Sending you love, peace, and joy this Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

District Treasurers:

East – Myra Richardson	(951) 218-7933	myrahalsey@aol.com
Hawaii – Meleane Taumoepeeau	(808) 753-6568	touikat@aol.com
North – Crystal Ward	(626) 354-9411	crystalward721@gmail.com
South - Joanna Schwend	(619) 203-1476	jwschwend@yahoo.com
West – Barbara Hartell	(310) 645-1367	bhartell@yahoo.com

Cal Pac Treasurer

Freda Low, (818) 601-9142, email: Freda.eastumw@gmail.com

	2025 Candle of Commitment	
Name	Local Organization	District
In Honor		
Cathy Brocker	Shepherd of the Valley UWF	East
Atina Pascua	Doris Lee	Hawaii
Denise Pierson	Doris Lee	Hawaii
Maxine Wheeler	Doris Lee	Hawaii
Mikael Lindahl	Shepherd of the Hills UWF Mission Viejo	South
Pastor John Riingen	UWF National City UMC	South
Patrick Snedeker	UWF National City UMC	South
Mikael Lindahl	Shepherd of the Hills UWF Mission Viejo	South
Patrick Snedeker	Shepherd of the Hills UWF Mission Viejo	South
In Memory		
Betty Kuhns	Redlands First UWF	East
Cathy Olson	Redlands First UWF	East
Frances Wilbur	Redlands First UWF	East
Gail Anderson	Redlands First UWF	East
Jan Fowler	Redlands First UWF	East
Karen Jensen	Redlands First UWF	East
Mary Lou Russell	Redlands First UWF	East
Winne Stephany	Redlands First UWF	East
Annie Szot	Sherman Oaks UWF	North
Joyce Rose	Sherman Oaks UWF	North
Melba Abedelaziz	Sherman Oaks UWF	North
Inez Hopewell	Santee UWF	South
Kay Belchamber	Santee UWF	South
Lorraine Aubrey	Santee UWF	South
Marilyn Kemper	Santee UWF	South
Marion Davis	UWF First UMC San Diego	South
Nancy Knox	Santee UWF	South
Rev. Martha Kogle	UWF Foothills UMC La Mesa	South
(no name submitted)	UWF San Carlos	South

Coordinator

MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

The Season of Giving

Every day is a day of Thanksgiving!! During the months of November and December our attention focuses a little more intentionally on GIVING. As we move through the Advent season in a spirit of preparation and anticipation for the coming of the baby Jesus, be reminded that we do this “again, and again, and again.” And in that same manner we are called to be “Jesus bold” again, and again, and again, and extend ourselves in giving through love in action.

United Women in Faith has experienced its own kind of growing pains through all the challenges that we have faced in recent years, including changes in our church as a denomination, the name change for our organization – something I learned at our Annual Celebration this year has happened 25 times. And then there was the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, and in this year 2025 the disturbing decisions that our government has made, wiping out support to aid those marginalized and in need. All of these have had an impact on the life of United Women in Faith, but they have not altered our commitment to inspire, influence and impact, holding steadfast to our belief that “love in action can change the world.”

United Women in Faith is MISSION GIVING. We have a better understanding of the “total programs of our organization as mission giving becomes particularly important as funds are received and disbursed. Without mission education, advocacy for the marginalized does not take place. Without continual spiritual growth, social action becomes shallow. Without a solid supportive community, women are unable to care for their own needs and the needs of others.”

For 2025, the National office set a target goal to increase conference giving to \$6.61 million. That is \$392,129 or 6% increase over the 2024 pledge, which breaks down to \$7,540 by conference. Our national office reports that “as of October 31, 2025, United Women in Faith has received \$2.7M in Mission Giving. We are \$218,790 behind where we were last year. In comparison to our 2024 numbers, we are approximately 7.28% below in Mission Giving, and 14.08% in Pledges.

As we close out the year 2025, may we remember that Mission Giving turns faith and love into action. That is our “mission education and interpretation.” Our “gifts support programs like Soul Care, Mission u, leadership development, and national campaigns for climate justice and ending mass incarceration.” Our mission giving supports our outreach to our National Missions that serve women and children in 35 states, Washington, D.C., Canada, and Puerto Rico (4 of which are in the Cal-Pac Conference). Globally, we have 1 mission outreach area in Middle East, 25 mission outreach areas in Africa, 11 mission outreach areas in Europe, 21 mission outreach areas in Asia and the Pacific Islands, 6 mission outreach areas in South America, 4 mission outreach areas in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. As United Women in Faith this is what we do. That is love in action!

We have been turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world for 156 years. **You can be a part of the ever-growing mission of United Women in Faith locally, nationally, and internationally through the FIVE CHANNELS OF MISSION GIVING. You are encouraged to review our United Women in Faith 2024 Annual Report found at <https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2024AnnualReport.pdf> for a full overview of our accomplishments and work throughout that year.**

As we look to 2026, let us embrace our theme for Day of Giving 2026 – ‘Grace in Abundance.’ Day of Giving, March 23, 2026, is our opportunity to gather as one sisterhood in faith to thank God for the continued grace shown to United Women in Faith. We look to the following scripture: **2 Corinthians 9:8** *And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may be able to do good for every good work.”*

May this season of Advent and the coming gift of Christmas be filled with joy and peace for all, and may we be witnesses of God’s unconditional love as we continue to live the purpose and mission of United Women in Faith. **Indeed, we are blessed to be a blessing!** (Genesis 12:2)

With Joy & Appreciation,

Joni Arlain

Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator



Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Christmas Greetings!

I have joined the Cal-Pac UWFaith Team again as your Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator. Something new and exciting for me.

I know it is difficult to gain new membership into your local units. I encourage everyone to find creative ways to nurture current members and cultivate new ones. Use your senses to seek out new members: LISTEN to what is being said or discussed - LOOK for those seeking for something.

Reach out...connect...build a relationship...invite.

And, remember our PURPOSE:

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

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Peace to all,

Lisa Kadowaki

805-236-3370 cell/text



LIMITLESS

WHAT IS LIMITLESS?

Limitless is a United Methodist Women Life Mentoring Program for Young Women.

This UMW ministry is designed for youth, young adults, and young women of faith to actively engage in ministry and motivated by faith, hope, and love in action by becoming involved within our Young Women Ministries; Local churches; Communities; Districts; Conference; Global Ministry; but most importantly is our UMW Missions.

VISION STATEMENT

Limitless Young Women in Action is a diverse community of sisters in Christ to stand for young women of today and tomorrow; promoting spiritual growth through acts of compassion, peace, and justice.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Age Group: 12 - 45

- Have the Passion to serve others
- Have a strong spiritual growth

Limitless has a Young Women's Coordinator and Mentor Representative for each District.

Each district can have a limitless team filled with Limitless representatives but they will only be part of the district team.

Please contact Nicole Nonies (umwyoungwomen@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would like to participate in the Limitless program.

Coordinator

SOCIAL ACTION

Cal-Pac Conference United Women in Faith

2026 Charter for Racial Justice Criteria



THIS IMAGE REPRESENTS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. IT SYMBOLIZES A WORLD OF RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE PEOPLES WORKING TOGETHER SIDE BY SIDE TO CREATE A WORLD IN WHICH EVERY PERSON HAS A VOICE, RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ABUNDANT LIFE. WITHIN THE IMAGE ARE TWO HANDS JOINED TOGETHER TO WORK FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.

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 District Social Action Coordinator no later than December 15, 2026.

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 uwfaith.org
Read: Tools for Leaders: Resources for Racial Justice (174 pages), Books from UWFaith Reading Program, Response magazine. Racial Justice Timeline History of Racial Justice

Coordinators

LEGACY

2 Corinthians 9: 7

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

Dear UWFaith sisters,

I thank each of you who donate to the UWFaith Legacy Endowment Fund. I pray God will bestow many blessings on you. I know you are cheerful givers because on November 25, 2025, the Legacy Endowment Fund Development Team reported, in their 2025 Conference Giving report, the fund total was \$52,455,923.00. California Pacific Conference UWFaith 2025 contribution to the fund to the total was \$8,293.45, \$ 378.75 since the last report. Our cumulative contribution since the inception of the fund was \$352,879.91.

A reminder of the 3 ways to donate to the fund:

- Become a 150 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.

For more information, go to uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund.

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 \$6 million dollars sooner.

Another way to help the UWFaith meet its goal is to donate on March 23, 2026 to the Legacy endowment Fund's Day of Giving. It is the largest fundraiser for the year. Ask your families and friends to support you and UWFaith to meet this goal by donating to the fund that day.

I hope you will be attending the Mid-Winter Event, February 21, 2026. There will be information about the Legacy Endowment Fund and other things the United Women in Faith does to support women, children and youth.

Again, thank you for your continued support. May each of you have a blessed and healthy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

In His service,

Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez
Cal-Pac UWFaith Legacy Liaison
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Coordinators

KOREAN & SPANISH

I am Linda K. Kim, the elected Cal-PAC UMIF Korean-language coordinator. After immigrating to the United States, I became a Methodist while attending Rosewood UMMC in college. I was fascinated by UMMC's systematically activated evangelical mission and by a program that educates women from across the States and strengthens ties between churches. I have been attending LAKUMC Church, founded in 1904, since 1990. I've been a choir member since then, and I have been developing my small faith with loyalty and obedience to praise the Lord. I'm a member of the SPRC and serve as the Lay Leader to Conference. I am from an art college, but I often travel to enjoy the world of the Lord, It also serves as a tour advisor for travelers.

According to the actual situation of most churches and also Korean churches, The number of church members has decreased due to the issues of elderly church members passing away and homosexuality. Young people rarely attend church because they worship via YouTube videos these days. There are several tasks to complete to save the souls of the next generation and to evangelize. I have a heavy responsibility to help the Korean church face-to-face with the UMC and to play the role of a bridge. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13) I pray with faith, challenging.

저는 Cal-PAC UMIF Korean language coordinator 로 선출된 Linda K. Kim 입니다.
미국에 이민온후 대학시절부터 Rosewood UMC 다니면서 Methodist 가 되었습니다.
UMC의 조직적으로 활성화된 복음전도 미션리더와 미국각주에서모인 여성을 교육시키며 교회간에 유대관계를 돈독하게하는 프로그램에 나는 매료되었고 동참하게되었습니다.
미국 본토 1904년도 창립된 최초 한인교회로, 올해 122년된 LAKUMC 교회에서 저는 1990 년부터 섬기고있습니다.
저는 성가대 대원, 다른부서의직책도 맡아 충성과 순종으로 나의작은 믿음을 키워가고있습니다.
목회교구위원회(SPRC) 멤버,연회대표(Lay Leader to Conference)직책을 맡고 있습니다.
저는 미대출신이지만 주님의세계를 만끽하고자 여행을 자주하고있으며,
또한 여행자를 위하여 투어자문 역할도 병행하고있습니다.



현재 대부분의 교회, 또한 한인교회 실체사정을 보면 연로된 교인과 교단의 동성애자 이슈로 교인들의 교단이적으로 감소되었습니다.
젊은층도 펜데믹여파로 YOUTUBE 영상예배로 교회출석이 드물니다.
차세대들의 영혼구원과 복음전도를 위해 풀어야할 숙제들이 산재해있습니다.
한인교회가 대면하고있는 실정을 UMC 와 어떠한 방법으로 도울수있고, 다리역할을 해야하는지 나의 책임이 무겁습니다.
내게 능력주시는자 안에서 모든것을 할수있다 (빌 4:13) 믿음가지고 도전하며 기도합니다.

Cristina Barrientos is a passionate and dedicated leader who serves at North Hills United Methodist Church as a Sunday school teacher and lay leader. In addition, she holds a bachelors in political science and currently works in the law related field.

Cristina Barrientos es una líder apasionada y dedicada que colabora en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de North Hills como maestra de escuela dominical y líder laica. Además, tiene su bachillerato en ciencia políticas y actualmente trabaja en firma de abogados



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Coordinators

FILIPINO & TONGAN

Perla Baker is a graduate of Harris Memorial College, the deaconess training school in Manila. She was deaconess in residence in a number of churches as the Christian Educator, Choir Director, Drama Director, Student Center Director, and Faculty at the Inter-District Evangelistic Institute. In the 60s she was in a group of church workers who planted churches in the different barrios in her province of Tarlac. Today there are 20 thriving churches in those barrios some producing pastors and deaconesses.

She is presently the president of the Southern California Deaconess Association & Friends. At the South District, she serves as the Chair on Nominations. Perla lives with husband, Jack, in San Clemente.

Perla Cunanan Baker / Cal-Pac UWF Filipino Language Coordinator
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My name is Akosita Tuli Naulivou Faletau, but everyone calls me by D-oo-lee. I thank God for the opportunity to serve with CAL-PAC United Women in Faith. It is an honor to step into my first role as the Tongan Language Coordinator, working with the women of the Tongan United Methodist congregations in Southern California.

I have been a member of Lennox Tongan UMC since 2000, where I serve as the Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministry and as a Sunday School teacher. I have been married for 21 years and am blessed with one son. I look forward to this new journey, trusting God's guidance as I grow, learn, and serve in United Women in Faith.

Tongan

Ko hoku hingoa ko Akosita Tuli Naulivou Faletau. 'Oku ou fakamālō ki he 'Otua 'i he faingamālie kuo foaki mai ke u hoko ko e kongā 'o e CAL-PAC United Women in Faith. 'Oku ou hounga'ia mo fakafeta'i 'i he faingamālie ke u ngāue 'i hoku fatongia 'uluaki 'i CAL-PAC ko e Tongan Language Coordinator, ke ngāue fakataha mo e kau fefine 'o e ngaahi Siasi UMC faka-Tonga 'i Saute Kalifōnia.

Kuo u hoko ko ha memipa 'o e Lennox Tongan United Methodist Church talu mei he 2000. 'I he taimi ni 'oku ou ngāue ko e Talekita 'o e Potungāue Ako Faka Kalisitiane, pea mo e faiako Lautohi Faka Sapate. Kuo u mali 'i he ta'u 'e 21 pea 'oku mau ma'u ha foha 'e taha.

'Oku ou 'amanaki lahi ki he fononga fo'ou ni, 'o falala ki he tataki 'a e 'Otua ke u ako, tupu, pea ngāue fakaongoongo 'i he United Women in Faith.

Akosita Tuli Naulivou-Faletau/Cal-Pac UMW Tongan Language Coordinator
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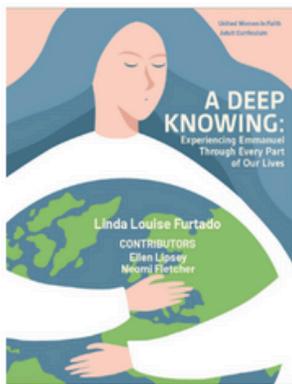
Mission u 2026: Experiencing Emmanuel

Join us at **Mission u** as we explore the theme, Experiencing Emmanuel.

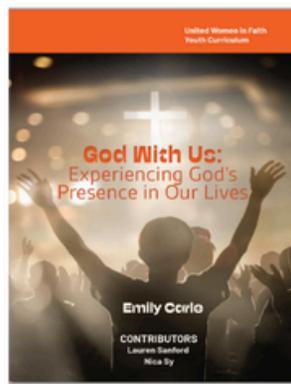
- How do we experience God in times of joy and in challenging times of anxiety, fear, or sadness?
- Can we experience God's presence in community as we work for justice?

Mission u will explore the times in the Bible when people experienced Emmanuel, or "God with us." What can we learn from these Emmanuel encounters in the Bible to help inform our discernment of faith, hope, and love in action?

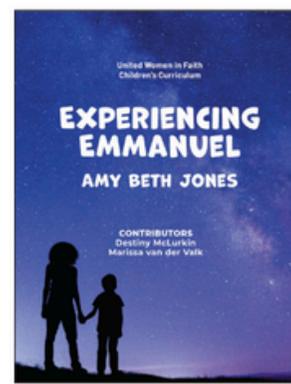
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Beyond our Cal-Pac Conference

Western Jurisdiction

Greetings from the WJ! That's what National calls us when we get together for ZOOM Meetings...I didn't really understand the ramifications of being a member of the Western Jurisdiction until this first year of a four-year commitment!

Your Western Jurisdiction Leadership team is busy coordinating the upcoming official announcement of our 2028 Quadrennial Event at Assembly 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana this May 15 -17, 2026. It's going to be the "BIG REVEAL" and Atina Pascua, our WJ Vice President is taking the lead on this Big Reveal.

So, we're hoping you'll be able to join us as we honor more than 150 years of bold women who have organized, served, and led in Mission! It's a time to Talk, time to Dream, and a time to Build because when women of faith come together; We are UNSTOPPABLE.

The UNSTOPPABLE campaign will be in full swing as we spend time together during Assembly weekend! What is UNSTOPPABLE....it's a growth campaign with a goal of building membership of 500,000 women; it's a four-year journey that is just getting started! We will have growth kits, and Excite & Invite 2.0 Guides, and Tagline assets or resources for all of us to use. National is encouraging and utilizing the All-Access Members digital on-line avenue. But let us be assured our Local units continue to thrive and have such a rich history of building a sisterhood who love God, support each other, as we do mission work on the ground level. We will continue to Lead Boldly...our Conference, District, and local organizations will provide opportunities for all women into this movement of UWF!

The Charter for Racial Justice is definitely a topic that has been milling about in all of our Conferences. We recently had a Winter Check-In with the other 6 Conferences that make up the WJ. Proudly, Cal-Pac is holding up its share of providing activities and events throughout our five districts and occasionally a Local organization will host a type of Racial or Social Justice event for the ladies to learn and participate. I've purposely have made progress in becoming much more active in this area by attending a rally denouncing the treatment of the undocumented.

This year the (2025-2026) theme was Opening the Door. Emphasizing Soul Care, Mission u, and Assembly....of which we are heavily involved!

As 2026 unfolds, I will be attending a 2-day workshop (2026-2027) Grow the Circle. We will be learning how to deepen and expand our engagement by activating the Influence Pathway by offering new leadership opportunities.

There's never a dull moment and we covet your prayers as your Leadership Team moves forward!

In His Service,

Diane Gin
Western Jurisdiction
President



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Goodbye to 2025 and hello to 2026. During this advent season, my favorite thing is the 5 candles we get to light each week and then the Christ candle on Christmas Eve. We are blessed to have this time to celebrate many things. I pray everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and now to welcome the new year upon us. I will be updating the website and linktr.ee as soon as possible. I ask for some patience during the holiday season.

Blessings,

Nicole

Cal-Pac Conference Communications Coordinator



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

from the California-Pacific Leadership Team

