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Our CalPac Conference Offering Basket for the Assembly Abundance Table. The fruits and seeds represent the regions of our conference.

PRESIDENT

“...To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6:8

Greetings United Women in Faith Sisters & Friends,

We Are Unstoppable! This still resonates with me after returning from my first Assembly! As your Cal Pac Conference President, I left inspired because as United Women in Faith, we are “a force for justice, compassion and transformation”. It was amazing to join eighty-three of our Cal Pac Conference Sisters that made up the total of over 3,000 sisters across all the Jurisdictions.

At Assembly, we were all inspired by the Keynote Speakers Stacey Abrams, and her mother Rev Carolyn Abrams. It was a blessing to experience the Soul Care Retreat; witness the Commissioning of Deaconess & Home Missionaries; the Table of Abundance with baskets filled with items from each UWFaith Conference that represented their regions; and on Sunday the Closing Worship Service with an empowering call to action message and Communion.

As I reflect on what is happening within our districts, we are advocating for social justice to create innovative ministries that uplift the communities that are struggling and may live in fear. Here’s an example of our advocacy for social justice. Many of our UWFaith sisters from the South District have been actively on the ground protesting and advocating for immigrant families at the Federal Building in San Diego. They were featured in the recent Response Magazine.

We are a movement of Faith, Courage, and Action. I truly believe that as we see the needs within our communities and the world, we continue to “Dream It, Believe It, and Do It” then WE Are Unstoppable!

I hope to see you at the UWFaith Luncheon at the UMC Annual Conference on Friday, June 19 and at Mission u 2026 at Bell Memorial UMC on July 24-26.

Thank you for your faithfulness, prayers, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our mission of social justice. I continue to be truly honored to serve alongside all of you.

We Give All Praise and Glory to God!

Jackie

Jacqueline Campbell, President
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VICE PRESIDENT

The title of our sermon in church today was “Ill-Prepared for the Unpredictable,” the scripture being about the five bridesmaids who were unprepared with enough oil for their lamps. The premise of that scripture differs from my personal experience on this day, but the title captured me.

We had a small plumbing problem that exponentially expanded to what will become major renovations to a whole side of our house! The house was built in 1959, and the deterioration of the cast-iron pipes going out to the city system in the street was actually predictable, but totally unexpected. With each passing day, the plumbers uncovered additional system failures that now require a complete overhaul of our entire plumbing system that is in danger of collapse; repairs are necessary, as are the redesign of rooms affected! Needless to say, this development was unexpected, and we were totally unprepared!

So amid the displacement of items on shelves and in closets in the rooms and the furniture in existing spaces, getting around our house has been a challenge. So what do we do about it? Of course, it’s devastating, but in all truth, we know that this too shall pass. Not comfortably, but it will pass.

I have to admit that I’m at fault for not being better prepared for all the things that are on my plate right now. Like those bridesmaids, I really should have been busy at work clearing all of the required tasks on my list when I had the time. I guess we all have to be prepared for the unexpected, but it’s hard to do that when you have leisure. Perhaps for me, the lesson is to be conscientious when I’m able to be so, rather than wasting away the days and hours, not even considering the unexpected.

The joy is that I have people to work with who helped me through these crunch times. Plans are just about in place for the luncheon at Annual Conference. We hope you will join us at La Quinta Resort on June 19. Yes, you can still register! As promised, the prices of meals have been made more affordable to us, thanks to benefactors who have been generous. It will be a full 1 1/2 hours together, and we hope you will join us to be ASTONISHED! by United Women in Faith!

Our next gathering is at Mission u in July at Bell Memorial UMC in Rowland Heights. The logistics are different from what we usually expect, so let’s all be prepared to welcome this new experience with an attitude of curiosity and eagerness!

The next major conference event is our Annual Celebration on October 17. Laguna Country UMC has graciously offered its hospitality for the event, and we look forward to celebrating together in the South District.

There’s lots happening, as always! Let’s be prepared and ready for even the unexpected and unpredictable adventures that are waiting for us! Let’s let the United Women in Faith continue to ASTONISH! everyone with God’s love and wonder!

Kara Mark, Vice President
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Click here - calpacumc.org/about/ac2026/](https://calpacumc.org/about/ac2026/)

Limited seats still available. Register at the link above now.



ASTONISH

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
LUNCHEON**

SAVE THE DATE:
June 19, 2026
Held at Annual Conference 2026
La Quinta California (near Palm Springs)
49499 Eisenhower Dr, La Quinta, CA 92253

Mission U
July 24 -26, 2026



Experiencing Emmanuel



BELL MEMORIAL UMC

INROWLANDHIGHTS

**Lodging: Best Western Inn
(with Breakfast)**

**Registration:\$150(Covers Fri. dinner,
Sat. lunch & dinner)**

FOR REGISTRATION : CLICK HERE

Registration ends on
June 30

BOOK ORDER: HERE

For Hotel Reservation:

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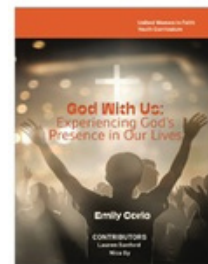


Mission u will explore the times in the Bible when people experienced Emmanuel, or “God with us.” What can we learn from these Emmanuel encounters in the Bible to help inform our discernment of faith, hope, and love in action?

REGISTRATION THROUGH JUNE 30

FOR REGISTRATION (\$150): [CLICK HERE](#)

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2026 MISSION u

JULY 24 – JULY 26

Bell Memorial UMC

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SCHOLARSHIPS!

We provide a limited number of scholarships to provide financial assistance towards the registration fee for the 2026 Mission u.

Applications are available to women living within our Conference who are seeking a spiritual, educational, and supportive community experience.

15 Adult Scholarships @\$150.00 each

5 Child/Youth Scholarships @ \$75.00 each

Mission u is a transformative experience designed to recharge and refocus your faith. Offering study on biblically grounded curricula, Mission u motivates, informs, and enriches our commitment to create a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 21, 2026

[2026 MISSION u SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINK](#)

MISSION u REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2026

[MISSION u REGISTRATION LINK](#)

For questions or additional information please contact Joni Arlain at jdvina@gmail.com or via text at 323.360.1529

SECRETARY & CON

NEWS from your Secretary.



Proverbs 16:3 'Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established'

Greetings United Women in Faith

By now you should have received the 2026 CalPac UWFaith Directory. My last article contained a link to the online version, with a promise that the pdf format would be emailed soon; it was sent out with the April issue of Pacific Waves. There were some updates submitted after the deadline that I know about; since then, I've heard that there were some other errors, but I haven't received any corrections, although the Directory contains instructions to send any updates to me or your district secretaries. For your convenience, there will be a paper copy of the Directory that you can review and submit changes to at the UWFaith table at Annual Conference. (Word is – you'll get a cookie for your help in making our Directory correct and complete!) My goal is to publish an updated directory in July.

As I mentioned in the last issue, the directory is a way for us to find like-minded and geographically close UWFaith members to be resources to share our goals to inspire, influence, and impact. So, please do your part to keep it updated, and therefore useful. The Directory is available online at:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/qnnvd/jabn/>.

For those of you that I didn't see, I was at Assembly. And in preparation, I had buttons made to identify all of the 80-plus attendees from the CalPac Conference. They were sold for \$5, with net profits going to mission giving. As usual, I relied on Joni Arlain for input and support. I want to thank Vera Tom for the beautiful design that was used as a starting point and Joni for the modifications she made. There are some leftover buttons that will be available for sale at annual conference and subsequent conference events while supply lasts.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the UWFaith luncheon at Annual Conference.

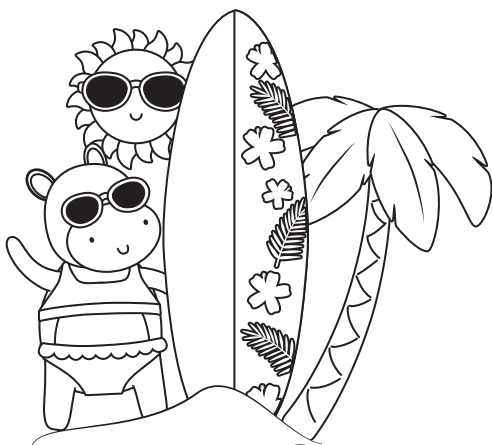
Blessings,

Tina Raemon Pool, Secretary
California Pacific UWFaith

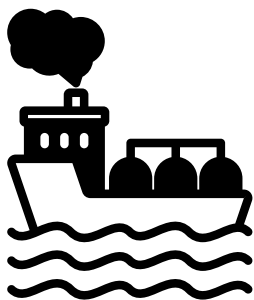
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We are rapidly approaching the time when my fellow committee members will be out in force, asking if you are interested in a position on the Conference team. Fair warning, they are persistent, as am I. So, consider it, pray on it, and let us know if you are interested. There will be interest forms at both Annual Conference and at Mission u, if you are thinking about it. You never know what can happen! If you have any questions, my email is curlylocks13@att.net.

Sheryl, Committee of Nominations Chair
California Pacific UWFaith



TREASURER



Treasurer's Message



Dear Sisters,

May/June, what an exciting time of the year. We celebrated Mother's Day, Father's Days, Graduations, and of course the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

As we continue this year our next event is Mission u which will be held at Bell Memorial UMC on July 24-26, 2026. For more information refer to the flyer attached to this newsletter. Following Mission u we are planning the Conference Annual Celebration in October 2026 and training for all leadership officer for districts. More information will be available in the next Pacific Waves.

We are on a slow start receiving our Pledge to Mission funds this year. So far, we have received 25% of our pledge to National United Women in Faith of \$110,000 for 2026. All local units please stay connected with your District Treasurers for any assistance.

The "Fantastic" news is that in 2025 California Pacific Conference United Women in Faith met our pledge at 123%. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!!!!

If you have any questions, reach out to your District Treasurer listed below. In addition, 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 throughout the world.

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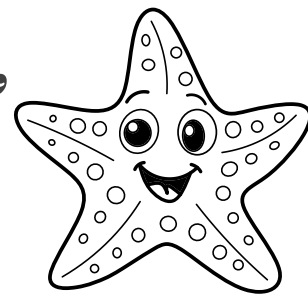
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MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION



OUR MISSION WORK IS UNSTOPPABLE

by Joni Arlain

Our United Women in Faith 2026 Assembly is in the books! I was fortunate to attend this quadrennial gathering of our organization, and indeed it was a blessing. Being a part of this global gathering of women committed to put love in action is life transforming. It provides an opportunity to see and experience the big picture of the work we do and how UWFaith impacts the lives of women, children, and youth. And what a big picture it is!

The 2026 Assembly theme, “**DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!**” was evident throughout the event. That’s how we **MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!** The variety of workshops (50) touched on so many subjects, the evidence of why UWFaith is a “**sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation.**” Through my continued experiences with UWFaith, and now with renewed affirmation through participation in the 2026 Assembly, I can confidently say that **United Women in Faith IS** “driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood, working to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. And we invite you to join us.” “We seek 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.”

My 2026 Assembly experience included participating in the “Mission Giving and the Art of Generosity” workshop, which was facilitated by Suzanne Toma, Director of Development, and Mollie James-Vickery, Operations Officer. One reference that was recommended – that I plan to read – is Henri Nouwen’s book, “A Spirituality of Fundraising.” Our Mission giving makes mission happen in all the areas of focus of UWFaith, as shared in the previous paragraph. The mission and vision of UWFaith seeks to respond to the Need, the Solution, and the Impact. That is our Call to Action!

Webster’s dictionary defines fundraising as “the organized activity of raising funds.” Another definition shared in the workshop presentation was “fundraising is the gentle art of teaching others the joy of giving.” For me that brings to mind the words in Acts 20:35, “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And, Proverbs 11:25, “Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” Indeed, there is joy in giving for we are blessed to be a blessing.

In his book Henri Nouwen shares, “You won’t become poorer; you will become richer by giving. We can confidently declare with the Apostle Paul: You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.” (Cor. 9:11) “When we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts will reach out beyond our own chronological existence. Indeed, if we raise funds for the creation of a community of love, we are helping God build the kingdom. We are doing exactly what we are supposed to do as Christians.”

The March/April 2026 issue of **response** magazine included our current “Love in Action” maps, showing all the areas where we are active in our mission work. We, as UWFaith, currently support “mission in 38 countries. In addition, we support 35 states, Puerto Rico, Washington, D.C., and Canada. Yes, we **MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!**

Our “mission education & interpretation” is manifested through UWFaith’s Five Channels of Giving, the Legacy Foundation, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, and Day of Giving (March 23), the designated giving avenues for us to live out the purpose, mission and vision of United Women in Faith. However, giving at any time is always welcome.

Though the numbers are not available for this writing, our Cal-Pac UWFaith exceeded the 2025 pledge. At the 2026 Assembly, the giving surpassed the goals for the Legacy Foundation. Yes, we are blessed to be a blessing! May we continue to be **UNSTOPPABLE** in our Mission Giving and live the art of generosity with Joy and Thanksgiving. To God be the Glory!

SOCIAL ACTION

[Social Action Newsletter article 5/31/26](#)

Let me know if you have any questions or need assistance in fulfilling the criteria in 2026.

Social Action Priorities

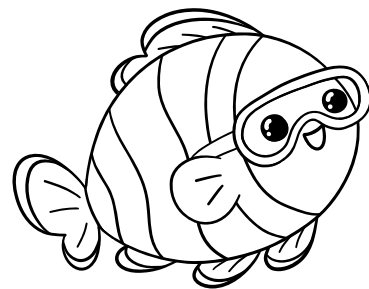
These can be included in your annual meetings.

Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline. Here are ways that you can get involved based on your level of involvement (member, unit, district, etc. <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/mass-incarceration/interrupt-the-school-to-prison-pipeline-resources/>)

Sign up to get information about events, activities, resources, and invitations for action: <https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/#sign-up-form>

Just Energy for All. Here is the link to the ways you can get involved.

<https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/just-energy-4-all/resources/>



Racial Justice Engagement Opportunities

United Women in Faith first adopted the “**Charter of Racial Policies**” in 1952. We worked on ratification at multiple levels of the organization and readopted an updated version in 1962. Throughout the years, we lobbied The United Methodist Church to officially adopt the Charter, seeking to bring its commitments to the full body of the church. The Charter was first received by the General Conference in 1964 and first included in The Book of Resolutions in 1980. Since then, it has been updated and readopted regularly by delegates to General Conference. From the 1950s to the present, the Charter has been a core part of our identity.

<https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/RacialJusticeEngagementOpportunitiesEnglish.pdf>

Further Resources

United Women in Faith has recently made available additional educational materials. These are also available for download and for sale through the UWF website in the **Resources** section. You can also learn more about our Social Action priorities through the Reading Program and Faith Talks.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Greetings, Cal-Pac UWFaith members!

The Reading Program is thriving. Many recommended books were prominently displayed and available for purchase in a large exhibit hall section at Assembly 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana, held May 14-17. Several authors were there to meet attendees and sign their books.

The 2026 Mission u curriculum books for adults, children, and youth were also available as we explored the exhibit hall. Along the way, we reconnected with old friends, made new connections, and walked the corridors carrying our practical gray Assembly tote bags. We soon filled them with freebies from each vendor, mission or ministry table.

UWFaith members, children, and youth continue to read, not only our recommended books (see UWFaith.org – Program Resources catalog of books, the four plans and five categories) to select enlightening books. Also, regularly read **response**, the official magazine of our women and their work in Mission, nationally and internationally. We receive one (1) credit in the category of Nurturing for Community as we regularly read **response** throughout the year.

During our Cal-Pac photo session at the 2026 Assembly, we were informed that 80 plus Cal-Pac participants were registered. We were regal in our Hawaiian kukui nut necklaces. We enthusiastically worshiped, prayed, sang and proclaimed the Assembly theme, “Dream It, Believe It, and Do It” W- E ARE UNSTOPPABLE.” As women, we are the gifts that will nourish the next generation. Our new acronym “YCMAD” – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Yes, 3000 plus women joined together in Sisterhood is an awesome display of power. We are strong women of all races, cultures, creeds, genders and spiritual traditions, joined together to learn, listen, teach, share, and renew our hopes and strengths.

My most memorable event was the panel presentation, featuring Georgia State legislator, attorney and Civil Rights activist, Stacey Abrams, along with her mother Rev. Carolyn Abrams. They shared wisdom, history, and hope for our future as a country if we all do our part. We must VOTE, advocate for democracy, and put Faith, Hope and Love into Action for our fellow men, women, children, and families all over this world. Stacey Abrams was also the special guest at the Saturday evening Legacy Banquet, where she shared special greetings and remarks on the current direction in our nation. She presented the ten (10) steps for change in our country. I commend to you her books, included in our Reading Program lists.

An additional highlight at the Legacy Banquet was the keynote speaker, Elizabeth Eckford, 85 years young. An American Civil Rights activist, and one of the nine African American students (Little Rock Nine), who at the age of 15, integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, accompanied by the Federalized National Guard, ordered by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Her story of courage, determination, and perseverance is a powerful testimony in the real-life history of our nation. She continues to speak truth to power.

Cal-Pac UWFaith ladies, read the postings and share the articles online, and in **response** magazine detailing the 2026 Assembly. Make plans to attend in 2030 in Richmond, Virginia. You will be forever changed.

Peace, Power and Blessings,

Claudia Spears

Program Resources Coordinator, Cal-Pac UWFaith

P.S. These were the key scriptures for the 2026 Assembly: Matthew 5:3-16, Jeremiah 29:11; and John 10:10b



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." — Galatians 5:22-23

As women of faith, we often juggle many responsibilities—caring for family, serving others, working, and managing daily challenges. In the midst of life's demands, God calls us to reflect His character through the Fruit of the Spirit.

The Fruit of the Spirit is not something we produce through our own strength. It grows in us as we spend time with God, pray, study His Word, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives.

Love enables us to care for others with compassion and grace.

Joy gives us strength even when circumstances are difficult.

Peace calms our hearts and reminds us that God is in control.

Patience helps us endure challenges and show understanding to others.

Kindness allows us to be a blessing through our words and actions.

Goodness inspires us to choose what is right and honorable.

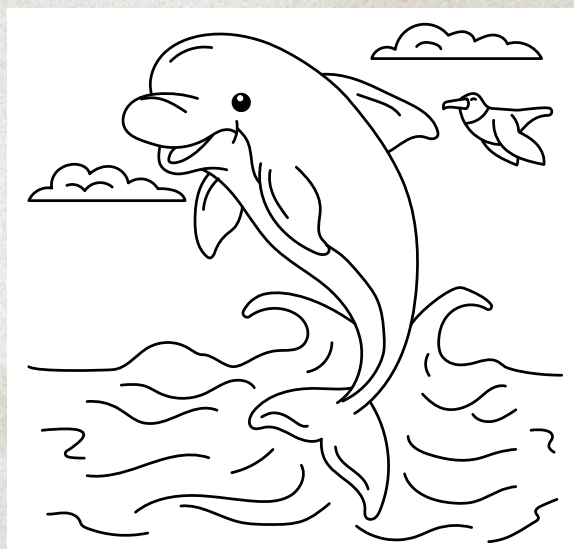
Faithfulness keeps us committed to God and trustworthy in our relationships.

Gentleness reflects Christ's humility and tenderness.

Self-Control helps us make wise choices that honor God.

When we cultivate a relationship with Christ, these qualities become evident in our daily lives. They influence how we speak, serve, forgive, and love. As women seeking to glorify God, let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue growing His fruit within us.

Patricia King, Spiritual Growth Coordinator
United Women in Faith | California-Pacific Conference



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 am now giving you information about the Legacy Endowment Fund from the last Legacy Conference Giving Report I received for March 2026. That report showed the endowment fund total was \$1,522,612 less than the previous report. The numbers I am reporting are per Caitlyn Libby, major gifts officer for National United Women in Faith. As of May 27, 2026 the Legacy Endowment Fund total was \$56,112,338.97, this number will fluctuate with the market. Assembly brought in \$300,896.55. The Legacy banquet contributed \$189,560.89 to the Assembly total.

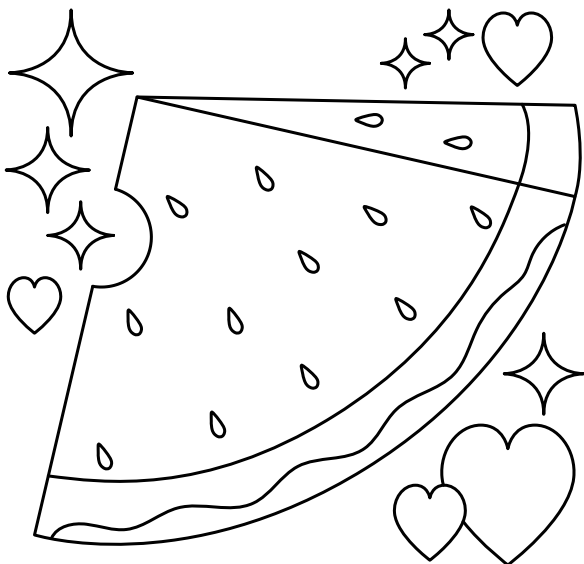
Hopefully, the next Conference Giving report will reflect the correct total for the endowment fund and the updated contribution of the California-Pacific United Women in Faith. I will report those numbers to you in my next Pacific Waves article.

In meantime, please continue to contribute to the Legacy Fund. This can be done by making a one-time donation or contributing in the following ways:

- Become a Legacy Builder by making a monthly donation of \$18.69 or more. I find this way makes it easy for me to contribute to the fund.
- Become a Friend of Legacy by making a gift of \$5,000 or more, contact Development at 800-278-7771 for 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.

Whatever way you are contributing or plan to contribute, your participation is greatly appreciated. Without you there would be no Legacy Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support.

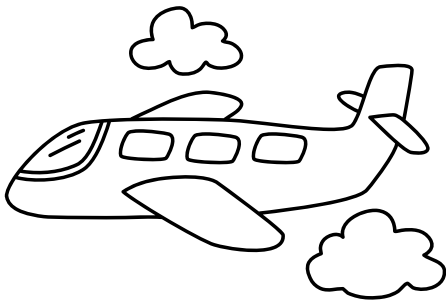
In His service,
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WESTERN JURISDICTION

Well, The Cat's out of the Bag...2028 Quadrennial Event is going to be held in the cultural and economic hub of the Inland Northwest; best known for its dramatic urban waterfalls, whose nickname is "The Lilac City;" you guessed it, it is none other than Spokane, Washington!

We hope you were able to join us at Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 15-17, 2026. The scene was set for the Big Reveal at our amazing "Dream It, Believe It, Do It" Assembly event. Our display exhibit was outstanding, the free giveaways announced and acted as a gentle reminder of things yet to come!



Here's Laddie Perez, our National Alternate Director joyfully manning the display exhibit.



To our left is the Western Jurisdiction team that will be responsible for the upcoming 2028 Quadrennial Event in Spokane. Our theme is "This is Our Story" and will be based on the scripture from Psalm 107:2, 'Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story- Those he redeemed from the hand of the foe...".

Atina Pascua, Vice President and myself are eager to begin as we enter year three of the planning of the quadrennial event.

I ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we begin the process of planning the content and flow of the program. We'll be brainstorming and exploring possible avenues of sharing all of "OUR" unique stories. We will continue to be the UNSTOPPABLE force to offer persons from all walks of life an opportunity to grow with passionate women; filled with a purpose, sisterhood, and action.

I covet your prayers and look forward to speaking with you in-person at our UWF Annual Luncheon in June, or Annual Celebration in October.

Submitted by: Diane Gin, President
Western Jurisdiction



PAG

Assembly 2026: Personal Reflections

Young Mae Kim

Program Advisory Group

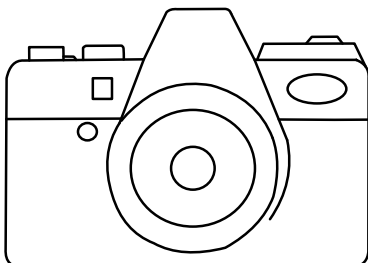
Dream it! Believe it! Do it! Unstoppable Women! United Women in Faith Digital! UWF All Access! Make Mission Happen!

These are some of the key words that I encountered every day, everywhere all throughout Assembly 2026. Yet, what I remember most clearly is what I heard right before I was walking up on the stage to do my 'job' which was to introduce Sally Vonner, our Chief Executive Officer and General Secretary.

You see, the four of us – Diane, Atina, Laddie and I – are called the Western Jurisdiction Team. We are part of the Conference Team but we also have jobs (volunteer jobs) with the Western Jurisdiction. There are five Jurisdictions in United Women in Faith and Diane is one of the Jurisdiction Presidents. Atina is the Vice President so she is Diane's right-hand woman. Laddie is the alternate to the director. There are a few directors in the Western Jurisdiction and when and if an occasion arises, she will fill in any one of the director's spots. I am a member of Program Advisory. I was appointed by the National Office. My job is to support and promote the programs and events by the National and help the National understand the needs of the Conference, District and Local UWF units.

At the Assembly, the four of us had a job of our own. Diane and I both had a role up on the stage. Atina and Laddie worked at the Western Jurisdiction Table in the Exhibit Hall (aka Experience Hall) to promote the 2028 Quadrennial in Spokane, Washington to the members.

I received my job in an email about two months prior to the Assembly. I was to introduce Sally Vonner when she came out to give her General Secretary speech. The National had a script written, and the person in charge of the Assembly had me rehearse with her over the zoom in March. At the Assembly, those of us who were to go up on the stage had one more rehearsal before the actual call.



PAG CON'T

My stage time was on Saturday (the second day of the Assembly) afternoon. Earlier in the day I had a rehearsal, but even with that run-through I was nervous, anxious and scared. My professional background in Korea was TV broadcasting. Still, I was a scaredy cat.

Right before I was to come through the thick black curtain and face the 3,000 eager attendants ready to hear Sally Vonner speak, in the blinding lights and excitement-charged air, the event manager said these words in my ear, "you're like a show host."

A what? Show host? You mean like a game show host? A talk-show host? A QVC host? Alex Trebek? Vanna White? Circus announcer?

In about five seconds I was to go up on the stage, my head was filled with different images of show hosts. Before I figured out what she meant, or pinpoint the image of show host I was supposed to imitate, I was already out there on the stage. And I did my job.

Sally was introduced (by me). The audience was thunderous as she came out. She was powerful in her speech. The response from the audience was tremendous. The passion, the excitement, and the joy was just overwhelming. The audience loved her.

As I am writing this, I realize that what the event manager said to me (you're like a show host) was what we all need to hear and ponder as Christians and UWF members. We have a show to host. A show to promote. A show to sell. A show to protect. A show to show. If you are not comfortable with the word "show" because it sounds too secular and commercial, then replace it with the word "name." We have a name to promote, to proclaim, to protect, and to pass. That name is Christ, and we are his hosts. His ambassadors. His letters to the world. His beloved. His friends.

I had the most wonderful time at the Assembly not because I had my "15 seconds of fame" on the stage, but because I was in the presence of something much greater, much prettier, and much holier than me. I was in the presence of friendship, hope, possibility, and abundance. All unstoppable. All Access. All Immanuel.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship with prayer and service.

I recently attended the World Day of Prayer USA's (WDP) Board of Directors' Meeting in New York. It was one of the two meetings that we have every year. The main purpose of the meeting was to review the 2027 Worship Service and Bible Study materials. Next year will be the 100th year of World Day of Prayer. The theme is "United in Prayer for Justice and Peace" based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Luke 1:39-55. WDP 2026 materials were prepared by the WDP in Nigeria and are still available to order from <https://wdp-usa.org/materials/>.

WDP Grants: Through the WDP offering, women share their resources with women and children around the world. It is the responsibility of the WDP National Committees to determine the use and distribution of the offering. As women are uniting in prayer with women around the world, asking God to relieve their suffering, bring healing, mend brokenness, overcome barriers, and to bring peace, justice and well being; they are also putting together whatever they can give as their offering. In the same spirit, WDP women on the local level, women in denominational women's organizations, and WDP Committee Members themselves give their time and skills as voluntary services to the work of World Day of Prayer. Please visit <https://wdp-usa.org/grants/> for additional information and application.

Origins of World Day of Prayer

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

Women had a strong sense of identification with the needs of women and children and searched for ways to provide support.

Despite strong resistance from all-male mission boards, beginning in 1861 women founded many women's boards for foreign and home missions where they could work directly with other women and children. Women were encouraged to engage in personal prayer and take leadership within their mission auxiliaries and associations. This emphasis on prayer led to annual days and weeks of prayer. In 1887 Presbyterian women called for a day of prayer for home missions and Methodist women called for a week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions. A Baptist day of prayer for foreign missions began in 1891.

Women had a vision of Christian unity that was essential to their exercise of mission. By 1897 six denominations had formed a committee for a united day of prayer for home missions. In 1911 women celebrated the 50th anniversary of women's missionary activity by organizing a series of speaking engagements across the US providing other women with a powerful experience of ecumenical cooperation and fellowship. Women of the six participating denominations wrote a common worship service on a rotating basis and in 1912 called for a united day of prayer for foreign missions.

After the devastation of World War I, women incorporated the conviction that world peace was intrinsically tied to world mission and renewed their efforts for unity. The first Friday of Lent was established as a joint day of prayer for missions and celebrated for the first time on February 20, 1920. Due to the enthusiasm of denominational and interdenominational women's groups, world spread rapidly throughout the USA. In 1922, Canadian women who had begun celebrating a day of prayer in 1895, took up the same date.

In 1926 women in North America distributed the worship service to as many countries and partners in mission as they could. The worldwide response was enthusiastic. By 1927 the call to prayer was issued for a World Day of Prayer for Missions. The title was shortened to World Day of Prayer in 1928 and that same year, this statement came from the World Day of Prayer Committee: It is with deep gratitude that we recognize the growing power inherent in our World Day of Prayer. A very decided expansion of this prayer fellowship has come during the past year. The circle of prayer has expanded literally around the world. We have learned the great lesson of praying with, rather than for, our sisters of other races and nations, thus enriching our experience and releasing the power which must be ours if we are to accomplish tasks entrusted to us.

Partners:

World Day of Prayer International
World Day of Prayer Australia
Women's Interchurch Council of Canada
Women's World Day of Prayer UK
World Day of Prayer Scotland
Church Women United

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Laddie Perez-Galang
UW Faith National Director (Alternate)

SWCC

It is such a blessing that our Cal-Pac Conference of the UWFaith is living out our mission “... to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.” Each district focuses on an institution for which we perform service. In Hawai’i this institution is Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC).

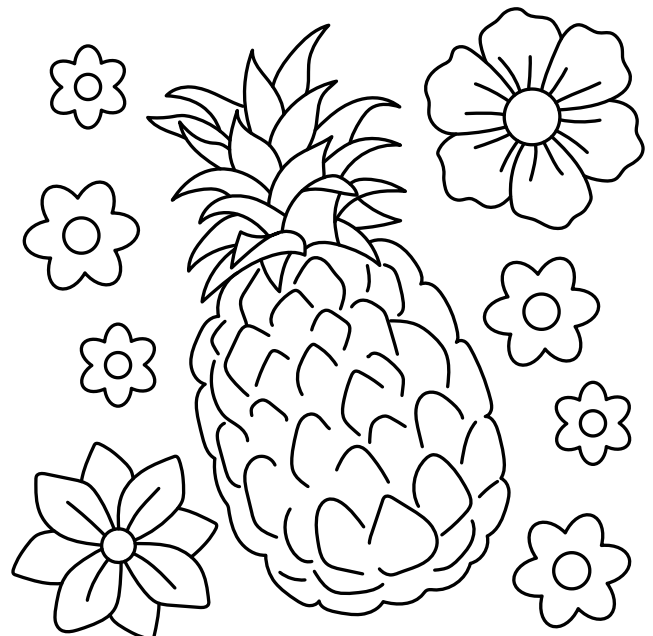
Named after the mother of Charles and John Wesley, and located in the heart of urban Honolulu, this non-profit agency has served the community for over 125 years, empowering youth, adults, and families—many of whom are newcomers to Hawai’i—facing significant social and economic challenges. With a mission to help individuals survive, thrive, and contribute to society, even amidst language barriers and cultural differences, SWCC offers high-quality social services and programs rooted in aloha and respect. Through its comprehensive support, SWCC provides a sense of belonging and hope to those who are lost, hungry, or struggling, fostering self-sufficiency and independence in the heart of this low to middle income community

SWCC has often been the recipient of love gifts from our Hawaii UWFaith family. Just last month, at our MidWinter Event, we collected gift cards and diapers for programs for SWCC.

Many of our Hawaii UWFaith sisters and I have also volunteered to work at their Free Store. The Free Store is open twice a month, on the first Friday and second Saturday. At the Store, families and kupuna (elderly people) that are either on fixed income or other federal funded programs, are able to “shop” for clothes, household goods, toys, small appliances, books and other items that have been donated. The items are free and families and others are able to supplement their households. It makes me feel great to see happy and relieved faces as people leave the center with bags full of “stuff”.

SWCC’s connection to UWFaith has been and continues to be a strong one. As the District President of UWFaith, I automatically am a member of their governing board. As our Mission Institute, SWCC will continue to receive our gifts and services so that it can do God’s work for the Kalihi-Palama community. May it be blessed!

Peace and Aloha
Judy Cramer
Hawaii District President



DAVID AND MARGARET YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Submitted by Diane Garner, Advisory Board Member
David and Margaret Youth and Family Services

Pop Quiz: Can you name the four National Mission Institutions (NMIs) located within the boundaries of the California-Pacific Conference? *

These institutions are on the ground doing the work United Women in Faith holds central to its Purpose: "...to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

During these times of financial constraints, the support they receive from the grassroots of our organization is important. If you are already financially supporting our NMIs through designated giving, THANK YOU! Might you be challenged to increase that support? For those not currently sending financial support through district channels, might you consider doing so this year? This is but one, yet significant, way to continue our important outreach to women, children and youth.

*The four NMIs are:

David and Margaret Youth and Family Services, LaVerne, CA
Neighborhood House of Calexico, Calexico, CA
Susannah Wesley Community Center, Honolulu, HI
Toberman Neighborhood Center, San Pedro, CA

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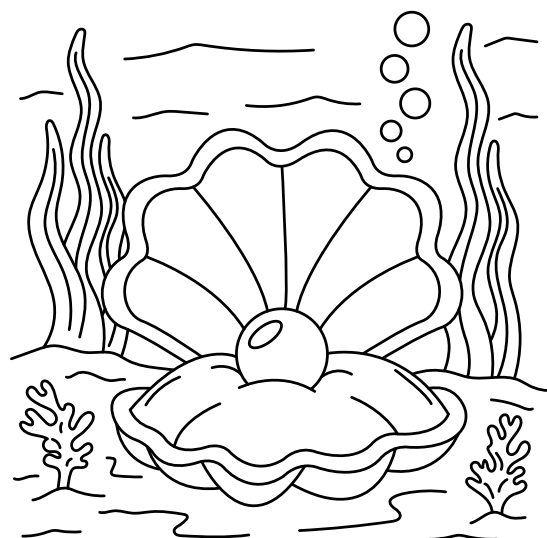
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TOBERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

West District United Women in Faith National Mission Institution:

Toberman Neighborhood Center

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"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Founded in 1903 as a settlement house ministry to assist immigrant families and working-class residents in the harbor area of Los Angeles, Toberman Neighborhood Center, a United Women in Faith National Mission Institution, grew from a small outreach effort into a trusted community institution dedicated to improving the quality of life for generations. With a rich history rooted in service, justice, and community, Toberman continues to respond to the evolving needs of the community while remaining grounded in its mission of compassion, dignity, and empowerment.

Located in the city of San Pedro within the West District of the California-Pacific Conference, the Toberman Neighborhood Center, through many community programs, embodies the mission of United Women in Faith: turning Faith, Hope, and Love into Action.

From after school enrichment and mentoring programs for children and teens, and gang prevention, to family engagement, case management, and food distribution programs, Toberman meets critical needs in the community, with compassion and care. They offer wellness and fitness programs for seniors, holiday assistance for families, educational support, workforce readiness resources, and safe spaces where children, youth, women, and families can learn, grow, and build leadership skills.

The commitment to community members utilizing the services of Toberman is a powerful testament of the center's lasting impact and spirit of empowerment. Many of those same individuals who once were seeking support, guidance or opportunity have gone on to become dedicated volunteers, staff members, supporters and community leaders themselves. Their willingness to give back reflects the cycle of hope, compassion, and commitment to serve others. Toberman Neighborhood Center embodies the Mission of United Women in Faith, reflecting the heart of Christ through mercy, justice, compassion, and service across generations.

Felita Patterson

President, West District United Women in Faith
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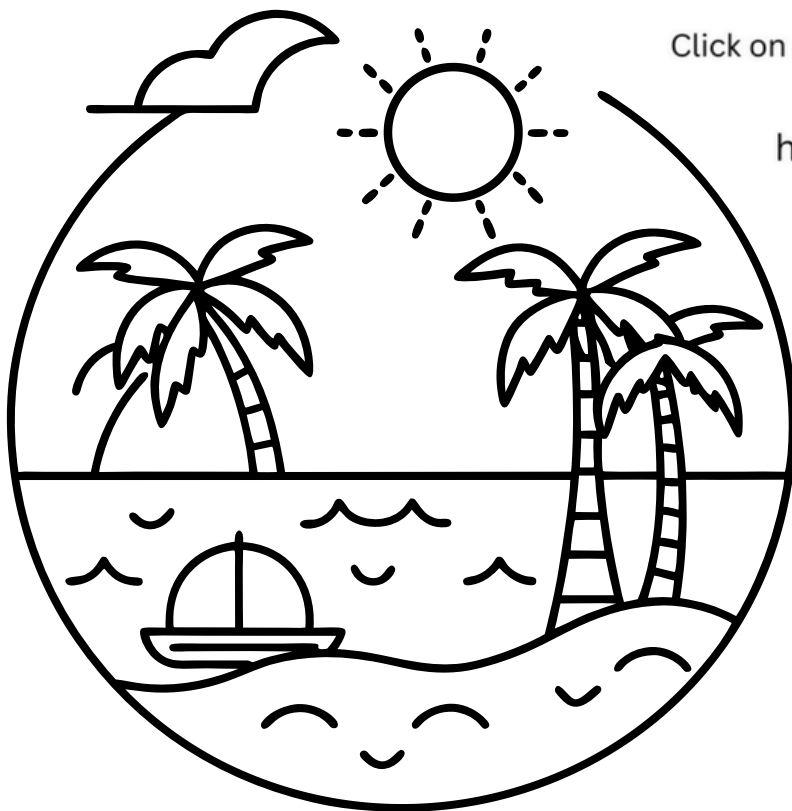
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As we leave spring behind and approach summer time, I look forward to the many upcoming events such as: Annual Luncheon UW Faith at Annual Conference held in La Quinta and Mission U 2026. For those who had the opportunity to attend Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, I look forward to hearing all the wonderful stories and experiences as we begin to prepare for the next one in 2030. I heard it will be in Richmond, Virginia. Also, heard that Western Jurisdiction will be held at Spokane, Washington in 2028. For those who have never been to a Western Jurisdiction and/or Assembly event, I highly encourage you to start saving up for these upcoming event. I can't wait to see you soon at an upcoming conference event for now.

Blessings,
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P.S. One thing I love to do is color spiritually... these are something I enjoy during summer and hope you enjoy coloring and reading this newsletter :)



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