



# California-Pacific United Women in Faith

## PACIFIC WAVES



### Upcoming Events

- October 17
  - Annual Celebration
  - Young Women's: Sweets & Sisterhood
- D'LTE Training
  - You will be contacted by your Conference counterpart

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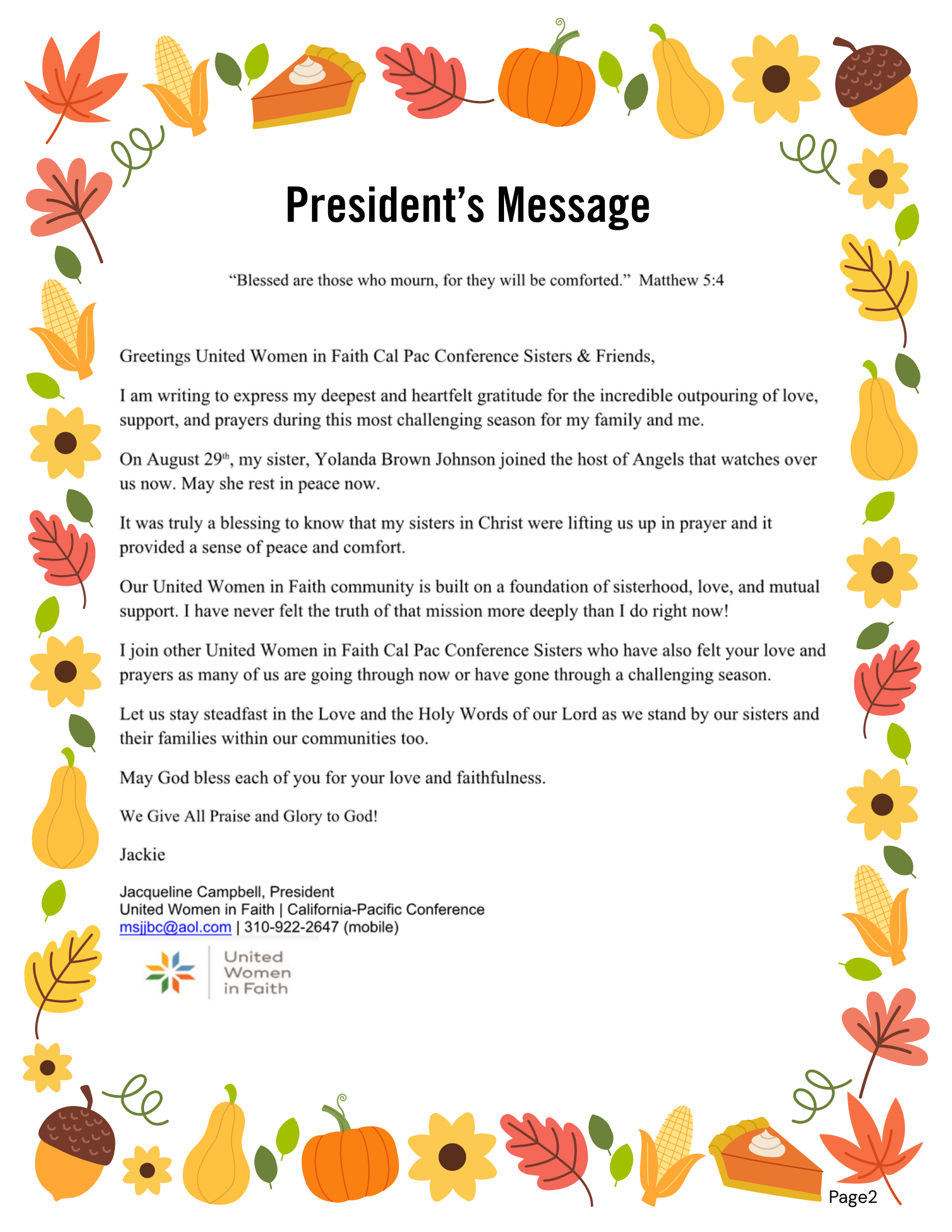
## Who We Are

### 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.



# President's Message

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Greetings United Women in Faith Cal Pac Conference Sisters & Friends,

I am writing to express my deepest and heartfelt gratitude for the incredible outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this most challenging season for my family and me.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, my sister, Yolanda Brown Johnson joined the host of Angels that watches over us now. May she rest in peace now.

It was truly a blessing to know that my sisters in Christ were lifting us up in prayer and it provided a sense of peace and comfort.

Our United Women in Faith community is built on a foundation of sisterhood, love, and mutual support. I have never felt the truth of that mission more deeply than I do right now!

I join other United Women in Faith Cal Pac Conference Sisters who have also felt your love and prayers as many of us are going through now or have gone through a challenging season.

Let us stay steadfast in the Love and the Holy Words of our Lord as we stand by our sisters and their families within our communities too.

May God bless each of you for your love and faithfulness.

We Give All Praise and Glory to God!

Jackie

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# Vice President's Corner

BOLDLY. LOVE. ACT. SERVE TOGETHER.

United Women in Faith gather to BLAST into a new year that launches us in LOVE and nurtures us in LEARNING, LEADING and LAUGHTER, creative fellowship, mission education, spiritual growth, social action, and so many other facets of our amazing organization! Join us on Saturday, October 17, at Laguna Country UMC for our Annual Celebration! As we begin a new year for United Women in Faith, we want to celebrate our Sisterhood of Grace and look forward to exciting plans for the new year!

The flyer and registration for Annual Celebration are in this newsletter. Please register early so we can appropriately plan for a big BLAST! Watch for details about D'LTE, training for District Officers.

As we move on to the new year, we remember that the past year has been a challenging one, personally and collectively. We share prayers for Jackie and her family as they remember with thanksgiving and joy the life of her sister Yolanda. Jackie has felt the power of our prayers and is appreciative of the support that the United Women in Faith and the United Methodist Church have provided. Let us continue to be sensitive to the family's need for privacy.

We keep our five Districts in the CalPac Conference in prayer as we each celebrate new Leadership Teams and priorities for our districts.

We continue to be in prayer also for personal, community, domestic and global challenges. Everyone seems to be facing situations close to our hearts, some known and some yet unsaid. Let's keep the well-being of us all in our prayers.

Let it be well with your soul. Amen.

BOLDLY. LOVE. ACT. SERVE TOGETHER.

Kara Mark  
Cal-Pac UWF Vice President  
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**REGISTRATION: \$25**

REGISTRATION AT 9:15 AM  
Registration due October 8, 2026

<https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/uwfannceleb2026>

Register & send form & check to "Cal-Pac United Women in Faith": Freda Low 8437 Village Lane Rosemead, CA 91770

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

Gift cards for Calexico Neighborhood House, our National Mission Institution (Food4Less, Target or Walmart)

Love Gifts for New Entra Casa of toiletries, paper goods or gift cards (more information in Love Gifts flyer)



**SATURDAY**

17 October 2026



**PROGRAM**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm



**LAGUNA COUNTRY UMC**  
24442 MOULTON PKWY,  
LAGUNA WOODS, CA  
92637



**LOVE GIFTS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

# Love Gifts Make a Difference!

Your kindness and support help our neighbors in need.  
♥ Thank you! ♥



## New Entra Casa

Hope ♥ Healing ♥ A New Beginning

We are collecting the following items:

- ♥ **Gift cards** (Gift cards – Grocery Store is fine such as Vons, Ralph's, Food 4 Less)
- ♥ **Paper goods** (paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, and cups)
- ♥ **Feminine hygiene products** (pads, tampons, and disposal bags)
- ♥ **Cleaning supplies**
- ♥ **Some gently used luggage** as they eventually leave us to their new destination after treatment and they need to pack their things
- ♥ **Amazon gift cards** are nice as well as they can be used to purchase specialty items and group/art materials



## Calexico Neighborhood House (CNH)

We are collecting:

- ♥ **Gift cards**  
(Food4Less, Target or Walmart)



Together we can  
make a lasting impact!

Good Food Good Vibes

Real Connections Last

# SWEETS & SISTERHOOD

Dessert, conversation & a little time for us.

## SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 17, 2026

PLACE:  
Laguna Country UMC

AUDIENCE:  
For Young Women

Because life is better together.



## Candle of Commitment 2026

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 17, 2026,**  
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.

**Submit form and check to District Treasurer by Sept 14, 2026**



*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's Message*



*Dear Sisters,*

*What a HOT summer it has been. As we move towards fall to start celebrating the holidays it should be cooler weather.*

*Candle of Commitment to "Honor" or "Gift in Memory" of a special person or group are due to the District Treasurers by September 14, 2026. The cost is \$16.56 to burn for one minute. See the flyer attached. Contact your district treasurers for any questions at the information below.*

*Our 2026 pledge commitment to National is \$110,000. As of July 2026, we have sent 49% towards the pledge of \$110,000. We are in the last quarter of the year, and we need this last push to make the 100%. Be a 5 Star unit by pledging to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition Pin, and World Thank Offering. Keep in mind that local units should send their final pledges to your District Treasurer by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 to process for 2026. All local units please stay connected with your District Treasurers for any assistance.*

*Mark you calendar for the Conference Annual Celebration event on October 17, 2026 at Laguna Country UMC location 24442 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.*

*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 Treasurers.*

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

### District Treasurers:

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### Cal PacTreasurer

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# Secretary

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

Greetings United Women in Faith

How did you like the conference directory?

When I published it back in the spring, I went with what I had at the time. Soon afterwards, new updates arrived, along with corrections. These changes were made, but I wanted to get as many as possible before an updated version was published. So, I had this idea to make it available at the Cal-Pac Annual Conference for updates, where it was left at our display table. I also took it to our luncheon on Juneteenth. The final effort was to send it to Mission u. Unfortunately, neither of the efforts were very successful! So, this is another reminder for you to look at the directory and send me any corrections, if you haven't already. The original directory is available online at <https://online.fliphtml5.com/qnnvd/jabn/>. I plan to publish an updated directory in October which will (hopefully) include 2026-2027 major conference events dates.

As some of you know, UWFaith conferences distinguish themselves at Assembly. Some may wear matching t-shirts that identify their conference, others may wear scarfs, while others may dress in a specific color; and in the past, CalPac has worn kukui nut leis. This year, we still had the necklaces, but we also had buttons to identify us. With the help of Vera Tom, who provided the basic design, and Joni Arlain, who refined it, I ordered these buttons for us to wear. Most everyone liked them and wore them proudly all during Assembly. I still have a few left, if you're interested.



I have continued to meet with the UWFaith national secretary and my sister-conference secretaries, where I continue to stay updated on what to do, when to do it, and where to find resources on how to do it. At the last meeting, Susan Moberg asked us to remind you of the Quarterly Leadership Training (*Unstoppable Member Growth Campaign*) on September 17.

I will be continuing as your secretary for another term, so don't be surprised if you hear from me!

May God bless and keep us as we continue to serve in His name.

Tina R. Pool, Secretary  
California Pacific UWFaith  
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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!**

The Crenshaw United Women in Faith are bringing back our fun-filled fundraiser -

**'A Taste of Our Missions'**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
— Save the Date! —

Good Food.  
Great Fellowship.  
Greater Purpose.

DELICIOUS FOODS  
WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, October 18**, for an afternoon filled with a variety of foods, time to fellowship, and an opportunity to see the good things we do for women, children, and youth.

Please see:  
Eva Bryant, Karen Green, Peggy Loeb, Pattye McGee,  
Renee Mifflin, Erika Mitchell, Sandra Parks,  
or Raemon Pool for tickets.

Supporting Women, Children, & Youth

Thank you for your support. ♥

Crenshaw United Women in Faith

**California-Pacific Conference  
United Women in Faith  
Officer Nominations for 2026-2027**

***To be elected for 1 additional year***

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North District

**California-Pacific Conference  
United Women in Faith  
Appointments for 2026-2027**

Open, Membership, Nurturing, & Outreach Coordinator

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North District

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West District

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West District

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Hawaii District

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East District

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North District

Laddie Perez-Galang, Class of 2028

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West District

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West District

Open, Korean Language

# MISSION EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

## INTERPRETING MISSION

by Joni Arlain

In Googling “how we interpret mission” this is the response that is given: “A mission is interpreted as an organization’s or individual’s core purpose and present-day objective, defining what you do, who you do it for, and why it matters.” It further offers “Key Elements of a Mission” as:

- The Present Focus: Unlike a future-focused vision, a mission centers on what is happening right now.
- Core Action: It answers how you show up daily and the specific value you create.
- Clear Alignment: It acts as an organizational compass to guide choices, behavior, and priorities without confusing buzzwords.”

Merriam-Webster Dictionary’s definition of “interpret” is: “1: to explain or tell the meaning of: present in understandable terms.” It also says, “3. to represent by means of art: bring to realization by performance of direction.”

Our **Mission Today Criteria** highlights opportunities and tools that help us to not only educate ourselves on the mission focus of United Women in Faith, but also ways to interpret mission. That is, to “represent by means of art and bring to realization by performance AND direction.

We are now in the third quarter of this year 2026. Our **Mission Today Criteria** (MTC) has sixteen (16) action items, seven (7) of which are marked by an asterisk (\*). To receive recognition as a Mission Today Criteria Local Organization (LO), you need to meet eight (8) of the criteria, with four (4) of them being items with the asterisk. As a reminder, completed forms are to be submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup> for local organization recognition.

Using the MTC as a guide, these are ways that we “interpret” our work in mission. If you recite the UWFaith Purpose at your meeting you have fulfilled one MTC, and a starred one (\*) at that! Do at least 2 members of your local organization subscribe to **response** magazine? Do you use at least 2 programs from the Program Book at your meeting? Did at least 1 member of your LO **other than a Conference or District officer** participate in a Mission u Study in person or virtually? All of these are part of the MTC list.

Our 2026 Mission u included a “Thinking of You” Greeting Card Interest Group, where participants wrote greeting cards to home missionaries and missionaries. We had 8-10 participants, and we completed about 48 cards. So, the local organizations represented by those members can receive credit for #12 on the MTC list. Members’ participation in the Reading Program is on the MTC list, as well as being a Five-Star local organization for contributing to ALL FIVE channels of Mission Giving.

Our commitment to the mission work of United Women in Faith is seen through our Mission Today Criteria, and through our financial generosity. Looking back at **2025**, our September/October 2026 **response** magazine provides the Giving Report on pg. 37 for all conferences. The Cal-Pac UWFaith giving report was: \$125,000 in pledges, \$154,086.02 to Mission Giving, \$10,274.06 for Designated Giving, and \$16,305.23 to The Legacy Fund, for a total of \$180,666.11. Deaconess Christi Campos, our UWFaith Executive for Development and Donor Relations, in her article in this same issue of **response** magazine wrote, “I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again. God is good and United Women in Faith members are generous.” (pg. 34) Our generosity was also evident at Assembly 2026 where a starting goal of \$100,000 was capped by monetary donations of more than \$420,000 throughout that weekend to support Mission Giving and The Legacy Endowment Fund.

We ARE blessed to be a blessing! Gratitude abounds as we continue to live our Purpose through our generosity, advocacy, and service. YES, we believe Love in action CAN change the world. Let us DO it, LIVE it, and continue to BE UNSTOPPABLE!!



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## Cal-Pac Conference United Women in Faith 2026 MISSION TODAY CRITERIA

To become a Mission Today Local Organization, the Local Organization (LO) must meet **EIGHT (8)** of the following criteria, including a minimum of **FOUR (4)** of those marked with an Asterisk (\*).

**Return to your District Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator  
no later than December 15, 2026.**

**DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_

District Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator's

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Organization Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CRITERIA**

- ☐ 1.\* Use the Prayer Guide at EACH general meeting of the LO to pray for persons in mission & for our mission work with women, children, & youth.
- ☐ 2.\* The LO will lead their members in the United Women in Faith Purpose EACH meeting.
- ☐ 3.\* The LO will make and meet its pledge to mission.
- ☐ 4.\* The LO will add at least TWO members to its roll.
- ☐ 5.\* The LO will have at least TWO members subscribing to response magazine. (Order from the Mission Resource Center)
- ☐ 6.\* The LO will use TWO programs from the Program Book each year.
- ☐ 7.\* At least ONE member of the LO other than a Conf. or Dist. officer took Mission u Study in person or virtual class.



# Social Action

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

It was great to see everyone at Mission u in July. I led the Social Action Interest Group there. I shared about United Women in Faith's Social Action Priorities and the Charter for Racial Justice. I had brochures and buttons to share with everyone who attended. I have more brochures and some buttons that I will bring to the Cal-Pac Annual Celebration in October. I look forward to virtually meeting the District Social Action Coordinators at our training in September.

## Racial Justice Units

Let me know if you have any questions or need assistance in fulfilling the criteria for 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/>

**Take Action Today!**  
**Connect. Learn. Take Action.**  
Join other sisters and siblings. Stay connected to upcoming events and action opportunities.  
Participate in virtual federal advocacy actions. Get inspired to advocate and serve in your local community and beyond.  
[uwfaith.org/mass-incarceration](https://uwfaith.org/mass-incarceration)

  
[uwfaith.org](https://uwfaith.org)  United Women in Faith

## **Voices from the Field: Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

### **National Mission Institutions Support Children, Youth, and Families**

Join us on Tuesday, September 22, at 3 p.m. ET, 2 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. MT, noon PT virtually via Zoom.

[Register](https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=889002&) <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=889002&>

## **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/>



# 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.

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](http://UWFaith.org)

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

# PROGRAM RESOURCES

## Reading Program

Greetings UWFaith-Cal-Pac Readers,

I am still experiencing afterglow from the awesome plenaries, worship services, workshops, and speakers, offered at the May 14-17, 2026, UWFaith Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana. I recommend to you the September-October issue of **response** magazine (the magazine of women in mission). This issue celebrates the 2026 Assembly and provides a powerful, verbal and pictorial overview of this three-day quadrennial event. The theme, "Dream It, Believe It, Do It;" will undergird our organizational activities over the next four years.

The regular reading of **response** magazine is not only inspirational and educational but provides current informational updates for members across our diaspora. We also receive one (1) credit under the category of Nurturing for the Community, whether reading digitally, online, or a hard copy.

Ladies, as you open the September-October **response**, review each section for Assembly highlights. Please read "Responsibly Yours," penned by Sally Vonner, UWFaith General Secretary and CEO. I also recommend as a Spiritual Growth reflection, the Bible study: An Abundant Life (Be the Women Our World Needs Now) by the Rev. Stephanie York Arnold, General Secretary of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of the United Methodist Church. Rev. York served as the 2026 Assembly Theologian in Residence.

Rev. York's sermon message (and question) was: What does this abundant life that Jesus talks about look like? (scripture reference: John 10:1-21). Her message at Assembly, and in this issue of **response**, calls out to us as we are unstoppable in our work as United Women in Faith.

Ladies, Rev. York's article is "Good News," and so is each section of **response**, offering stories that Inspire, Influence, and Impact us as readers and women of faith. "Don't just read **response**, EXPERIENCE it."

Lastly, we still have three (3) months to read the recommended books from our Program Resources Reading Program ([uwfaith.org/programresources](http://uwfaith.org/programresources)) Books from the 2021-2026 reading lists are eligible. Please plan to read at least one (1) book from each category for Plan I. Several readers progress to Plans II through IV. Listed "bonus" books count as two (2) books. The Categories are Leadership Development, Mission Education, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. UWFaith podcasts from Faith Talks and Voices from the Field, and movies based on current reading program books are also eligible for credit. Plan to submit your reading report to your District Program Resources Coordinator by December 15, 2026. If you have questions, please email me at [cjspears1@aol.com](mailto:cjspears1@aol.com).

UWFaith members, researchers state that reading is a stress reliever, which invites a peaceful environment; guards your heart and provides a mental shield. Reading is "soul care." Reading can be therapeutic, lower blood pressure, improve memory, provide clarity and understanding, enhance wisdom, bolster decision making, and stimulate brain cell activity, and build up a "reserve" that will come in handy with brain cell loss as we age. So ladies, WHO KNEW! Here's to joyful READING!!

Peace, Power, Prayers and Blessings, ASÉ,

**Claudia Spears**

Program Resources Coordinator, Cal-Pac UWFaith

# 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 sharing the Legacy Endowment Fund totals per the July 2026 Legacy Conference Giving Report. In the August 20, 2026 email from the Development Team, the fund total was \$56,918,162.86. The total is \$102,469.20 less than the total in the June report, which is \$117,084.58 less than the total in the May report. Per Julissa Ciquero, Development Accounting Clerk, these totals reflect market value price at the time. There will be a new report in September with updated numbers.

California-Pacific Conference 2026 contribution is \$14,189,46; inception to date cumulative contribution is \$375,081.15. Thank you for your continued support of the fund.

Please continue to support the Legacy Fund by making a one time donation at [uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund](http://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund) or:

- Become a Legacy Builder by making a monthly donation of \$18.69 or more. I find this way makes it 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.

Your contributions can also be mailed to United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017. Please let them know your donation is to be credited to the California-Pacific Conference and your district. Or you can send your donation to me and I will send it to National for you: Elizabeth Martinez, 34021 L St., Barstow, CA 92311.

Whatever way you contribute to the fund, you are making it possible for the United Women in Faith to support women, children, and youth locally, nationally, and globally now and into the future. Thank you for your support. Without you there would be no Legacy Endowment Fund.

Blessings and peace,

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# Spiritual Growth

Spirituality generally refers to an individual, personal quest for meaning, connection with a higher power, the universe, or an inner sense of peace, often outside the bounds of organized religion. It prioritizes personal experience, intuition, and universal truths found across various traditions.

Christianity is a structured, historically rooted monotheistic religion centered on the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is defined by specific theological doctrines, communal worship, scriptural authority (the Bible), and a shared creedal heritage.

## Key Differences

- **Source of Truth:** Spirituality relies heavily on subjective inner experience, meditation, nature, and eclectic philosophies. Christianity relies on objective revelation, historical claims, and the canonical scriptures.
- **Community vs. Autonomy:** Spirituality is often practiced independently or tailored to the individual's preferences. Christianity is inherently communal, centering on the Church, sacraments, and fellowship with other believers.
- **The Figure of Jesus:** While some spiritual paths view Jesus as an enlightened teacher, master, or prophet alongside others, Christianity views Jesus uniquely as the incarnate Son of God and the exclusive Savior of humanity.
- **Core Focus:** Spirituality often emphasizes self-realization, cosmic connection, and inner transformation. Christianity focuses on reconciliation with God through grace, repentance, and following the commandments of Christ.

Many people identify as "spiritual, not religious," seeking the transcendent elements of faith without the institutional dogma. Conversely, Christians believe true spirituality is inseparable from a committed relationship with God mediated specifically through Christ and His Church.

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# Western Jurisdiction

We're getting EXCITED! Our Leadership team will soon be traveling to Spokane, Washington this November as we are beginning to actually plan the upcoming Quadrennial Event to be held on April 20-23, 2028, at the Centennial Hotel located in Spokane, right on the banks of the beautiful Spokane River!

We'll be putting our ideas and thoughts into print in hopes of providing a wonderful 4-day get-away for the women of the Western Jurisdiction. We've been thinking, dreaming, and praying BIG with the hopes of finalizing some preliminary goals and steps during our weekend visit this November.

Our mission continues to mirror our UWF Purpose, our focus area encourages members to engage in spiritual growth, social action, and advocacy for women, children, and youth. We believe in putting Faith into Action! Spiritual worship, engaging workshops, and motivational speakers are a part of the quadrennial program. However, the jurisdiction holds additional events where voting delegates elect their region's representatives to serve a 4-year term on the National Board of Directors. It's basically a business meeting with some added perks as we gather together; A sisterhood as members of UWF!

This is exciting!!! Cal-Pac is one of six additional Conferences that Atina and I work with. Our region spans multiple annual conferences which include Alaska, California-Nevada, Desert Southwest, Mountain Sky, Oregon-Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest. Both Atina and I are privileged to work with a number of women who are dedicated and really put our UWF Purpose to its task! This happens every 4 years or Quadrennial, so Atina and I are working with a team of women who share the theme of implementing the theme "This is Our Story", as we begin to put the pieces together for the Quadrennial Event in April 20-23, 2028.

If this is tantalizing your adventuresome spirit, and you are thinking of expanding your horizons, wanting to learn new things, and bonding with a group dedicated women, I ask that you take the time out and fill out the attached profile sheet and submit to Madelyn Bafus, our CON chairperson of the Western Jurisdiction. Her team is looking forward to receiving these sheets as they begin the process of formulating the upcoming Quadrennial Team!

## [Profile Sheet](#)

Please click above to access the Profile Sheet.

Blessings,  
Diane Gin  
WJ President



**Save the Date!**

**United Women in Faith  
Western Jurisdiction Event  
Centennial Hotel  
Spokane, Washington  
April 20-23, 2028**

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***<https://www.davenporthotelcollection.com/the-centennial/>***

### **What Is a Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event?**

Every four years, all United Women in Faith Jurisdictions hold an event whose primary purpose is to elect members to the Board of Directors. But the Events are much more than that! They have: worship, music, speakers, workshops, an experience hall, soul care, and often an outreach project. They are an opportunity to get together with old friends and make new ones. They may give you an opportunity to explore a community where you have never been before.

Our next Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event will be held in Spokane, Washington, at the Centennial Hotel from April 20-23, 2028.

For more information check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/wjuwf/> or our website at <https://www.wjumw.com/>.

# Experiencing Emmanuel at Mission u 2026

By Sara Munshin, Mission u Dean

It's over! After the last worship and communion had closed, after tables and chairs were returned to their regular locations, after the last trash bag had been taken to the outside containers, I drove home, feeling gratitude and relief.

As our Cal Pac UWFaith President assured me when I was asked to take on this role, I did not do it alone. Major help, especially with the technology and worship, came from the Assistant Dean, Grace Han, who was our site liaison as a member of Bell Memorial UMC. The other key person was our registrar, Lisa Kadowaki of Camarillo UMC. Mission u would not have been possible without their insights and efforts. We also received ongoing support from National UWFaith Office for online registration, and from the CON members for registration on site.

Here is a summary of some of Mission u 2026.

- Through daily worship, enhanced by music videos provided by our national UWfaith office, and our wonderful pianist, Grace Mallare, we experienced three different aspects of our relationship to God: Infinite, Inner, and Intimate. We also were blessed to start our day at the motel with morning worship.
- The study sessions were led by competent and compassionate leaders so that all participants had opportunities to learn, and share. Kudos to those study leaders:

Adult Classes: Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka and Caydene Monk assisted by Cristina Barrientos and Liz Martinez.

Tongan Class: Rev. Alena Uhamaka assisted by Elenoa Fonua

Youth Class: Rev. Bom Kim, assisted by Atina Pascua

Children's Class: Cecil Arceo assisted by Grace Mallare

- Interest Groups

Feedback indicated that participants enjoyed the variety of offerings and the excellent leaders of all sessions.

- Food

Because no kitchen was available, our food committee, led by Diane Garner of Pasadena UMC, had to be creative, and they were! Friday evening, we had a Taco Truck and a Churro Buggy. All the meals were well-received.

## Evening Activities

- During Friday night Move 4 Mission, Deaconess Laddie Perez-Galang taught us to hula. Money collected at this activity was designated to Mission projects.
- Culture Night was led by Perla Baker. We were amazed at the creativity and teamwork she and her team facilitated. Costumes from many countries were created from wrapping paper and modeled for the audience. What fun!.

We DID experience Emmanuel. God WAS with us in the preparation and during the Mission u. That is the blessing of Mission u. God was with us, and will continue to be with women of faith. Hallelujah!





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**Downloads:** [umwmissionresources.org](http://umwmissionresources.org)

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### **Online Community:** **uwfaith.mn.co**

Connect with United Women in Faith members on Mighty Networks, a safe and secure online space to deepen our community and engage digital resources for local programming and transformative education. The platform features the digital Program Resource, Prayer Guide, Mission u curricula, online groups around specific interests, and more.

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### **YouTube:** **youtube.com/uwomenfaith**

Need a video for a presentation? You'll find it on YouTube. Check out the video resources available by following the link. New videos are posted often!

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A lot has happened this year, from MidWinter, Assembly, and the Luncheon at the Annual Conference, to Mission u 2026 and our final event of the year, the Annual Celebration.

As the leaves start to change color, it serves as a wonderful reminder that change can be a good thing. Soon, those multi-colored leaves will fall and winter will be here before we know it, bringing in the new team for next year.

I am reminded of Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Blessings,  
Nicole Nonies, Communication Coordinator  
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