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A President's Perspective

Jeannine Lish, President Puget Sound Missional District

Happy Spring, Dear UWF Sisters!

"June is bustin' out all over"...I love this time of the year with the dogwoods blooming and flowering bushes are radiant with color, the grass is green, and we've actually had a few



warm, sunny days! I'm writing this prior to finishing packing our 29 foot Arctic Fox trailer where Lanny, Gretel (our year-old puppy) and I will be sleeping over in the tri-cities during the UMC PNW Annual Conference (June 13-16).

After 50 years of living in our rambler just using fans to move the air, with the climate changes and warmer days anticipated, we decided to invest in an H-Vac heating/air-conditioning system. We'll see how it does!

April 19-21 was a refreshing time at *Lazy F Conference/Camp* in the hills out of Ellensburg, where our UWF Conference Officers led the District Officers in Leadership Training which we, in turn, passed on to our local UWF leaders who attended the Leadership Training Saturday, April 27th in Edmonds. This was conducted in a 'One-room-schoolhouse' style where all present got to hear about each of the different Officers and

Coordinators' experiences and updates as we're transitioning from *United Methodist Women* to the more inclusive United Women in Faith. I continue to check online for updates, new materials, resources, and information at **United Women in Faith** on your computer.

May 7-12th I participated in the *UWF Western Jurisdictional Quadrennial* held in the Capt. Cook Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. Five Jurisdiction events convened around the nation for spirited worship, engaging workshops and motivating speakers as voting delegates elected their region's representatives to serve a 4-year term on the national <u>Board of Directors</u>. Voting delegates were elected at each of the 55 UWF Conference

Annual Meetings across the nation.

Our new General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Sally Vonner from Texas, mingled with those gathered and participated in the activities, giving many of us an opportunity to get to know her better. What an inspirational speaker and down-to earth woman! Hillites were a field trip to Palmer, AK, where a planned agricultural community, the Colony Project, part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal Resettlement Projects during the Great Depression moved 204 volunteer families from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan to Alaska to try farming in the Last Frontier (on what had been Athabascan land!) The 1-room log building serves as the fantastic Palmer Museum and Visitor's Center. Special music was performed by a combined group of young to old Athabascans in native clothing drumming, chanting, and dancing. Filipinos of all ages from one UMC wore long white skirts with large UMC cross and flame designs and white tops as they sang for us. Their church also provided a delicious dinner for attendees at the close of the Ouadrennial.

July 25-27 will be Mission u in the Yakima Wesley UMC. This year's format will be different, as we concentrate on one study book, *Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher. I hope many of you are planning to participate in this educational learning experience

Our United Methodist Women in Faith, Puget Sound Missional District ANNUAL MEETING is early this year —on Saturday, Sept.7th at the Marysville UMC. Be watching for details and plan to come for this special one-day celebration!

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Contact either of our national mission projects in Washington to invite a guest speaker to your church or arrange for a FIELD TRIP to visit :--ATLANTIC STREET CENTER 2103 S. Atlantic St., Seattle # 206 329-2050 9 – 5pm

114+ Years in service

OR TACOMA COMMUNITY HOUSE

1314 S. L St, Tacoma #253-383-3951 8 - 3:30 open since 1910

OR check out your local food bank, local charitable projects for kids, youth, families.

Let us know what YOU do, ok?

Have a fruitful, safe, wonderful summer. Shalom!

UWF Puget Sound Missional District President Jeannine :Jeannie' Lish: <u>Jeanninelish@gmail.com</u> 425 923-8267 - cell

Our Puget Sound Missional District has secured the Marysville UMC for our District Annual meeting on Saturday, September 7.

We will have our 2nd District Team meeting on Thursday, February 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. by Zoom.

We're still encouraging adding more women to our District Team and will be calling churches to re-engage with United Women in Faith.

Program Resources

Reading Resources

It's a beautiful day and I'll be spending it in the garden, but I am anxious to get back to the book I'm reading which is part of the UWF Reading Program. Lead from the Outside, by Stacey Abrams, is proving to be a thought-provoking read! Stacey Abrams is a former Georgia legislator who ran for governor of Georgia, where she won more votes than any other Democrat in that state's history.

Ms. Abrams is the first black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States. She has gone on to found multiple organizations devoted to voting rights, training and hiring young people of color, and tackling social issues at the state and national levels. Educated at Spelman College in Atlanta, she completed law school at Yale.

Stacy Abrams was raised by parents who stressed education and service to others. As a result, she began to see the need to improve the lives of many people. Her family's mantra was the "Trinity for Success: go to church, go to school and take care of one another."

Her theory when faced with a problem is this: 1) What's the problem?2) Why is it a problem? 3)How do you solve it? Too often, I think, we barge into the problem without thinking things through.

My favorite quote so far in the book is: "When we refuse to name our obstacles, we can never find a way around them." Maybe I'll just read another chapter before I go out to the garden!

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UWF Reading Program

Books are available on Amazon or at your local library.

FROM THE WEBSITE

The 2024 Reading Program
Catalog is now available to download in

English, Korean, and Spanish!

https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catID=2178

You'll also find some new **enhanced features** we hope you'll enjoy:

☐ An expanded selection of books offering more choice for readers.
☐ A larger number of youth and children's book selections, including several intentionally paired sets to facilitate intergenerational programming.
☐ A new virtual page at bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith where you can

browse and purchase most of the 2024 Reading Program books while earning 10% back to United Women in Faith to support our work.

Books can be found at the local libraries or bookstores and online sources, like Amazon. If someone reads at least one book, it can be counted as participation.

There are four plans.

Plan 1, five books from each category; Plan 2 is10 books, Plan 3 is 15 books, and Plan 4 is 20 books.

At the end of the year, at the Annual Meeting (September) certificates will be awarded to readers who have met these standards.

For those in the reading program, it's essential that you check in with your readers at your church this summer.

Reports of who has read, even one book, are due to Helen Smith, helen@geraldsmith.com, or 360-387-5362 before August 8. Collectively, our district readers read over 120 books last year. I'm hoping that this year will be a higher total! Certificates will be awarded at the September 7 district meeting at Marysville United Methodist Church.

Helen Smith Program Resources Coordinator



Plan 1: 5 books a year

Read one book from each category and regular reading of "response" magazine.

Plan 2: 10 books a year

Read two books from each category and regular reading of "response" magazine.

Plan 3: 15 books a year

Read two books from each category, plus "5" additional books from any category and regular reading of **"response"** magazine.

Plan 4: 20 books a year

Read two books from each category, plus "10" additional books from any category and regular reading of "response" magazine.

Reading Program

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books. There's something for everyone—the Reading Program is available for:

- Adults, youth, and children
- Enlightening subjects in diverse genres, including:
- Education for Mission
- Leadership Development
- Nurturing for Community
- Social Action
- Spiritual Growth

Response magazine and the Faith Talks **podcast** are part of the Reading Program.

Ask questions if you cannot locate the books you want.

https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=10846

Book Sharing

We encourage you to reach out to other churches to find some of the books on the list if you cannot find them at the local library. We realize you do not all have access to electronic versions of the books, so we are still reading real books.

Social Action

FROM THE WEBSITE (please check the website for all the instructions and details.)

Social Action | Corridor District United Women in Faith (corridorumw.org)

Are you a new Social Action Coordinator?

You have signed on do the following 9 things. Here's what you need to do and some resources to help get you started!

1. Be Prepared to Complete the Social Action Report Each Year

- 2. Make kits for UMCOR (#22 on the Local Unit Mission Today Form for UMW Presidents)
- **3. Support Organizations from the Corridor District Project List**
- **4.** Collect Box Tops for Educations

 Count Box Tops for your Social Action Report, then give them to any local school.
- 5. Attend the Mission Encounter for the Corridor District!

Currently the District Mission Encounter is in the planning stages. More info will be provided later.

- 6. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice (#5 on the Local Unit Mission Today Form for UMW Presidents)
 - Read Books and articles about other races and cultures.
 - Sponsor an inter ethnic event between two or more units.
 - Recruit women of color to be members and officers of the unit.
 - Write elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, lowincome programs, civil rights, etc.
- 7. Join the United Methodist Women's Action Network, receive and respond to legislative information at least 3 times a year (#16 on the Local Unit Mission Today Form for UMW Presidents)

UMW Action Network

<u>UMW Action Network Registration Form</u> (paper form to print and mail in)

Action Alerts Registration Form

Online Action UMW on-line Communities on Social

8.Participate in the Campaign for Children in At Least One Way (#17 on the Local Unit Mission Today Form for UMW Presidents)

Do at least one of the following:

 Unit co-sponsors, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath promoted by the <u>Children's Defense Fund</u>. This is a service highlighting the needs of children.

- Participate in mentoring or tutoring program with children
- Write letters, email, or call congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children's issues.
- Attend a local school board meeting and do research on how our schools are funded

The United Methodist Women's web site has great tips on how to influence your state legislator.

9. Go Green! (#18 on the Local Unit Mission Today Form for UMW Presidents)

Take the pledge to be a green unit! Fill out the pledge <u>Be a Green Unit; Take the Pledge p.1</u> / <u>Be a Green Unit; Take the Pledge p.2</u> Keep it visible as a reminder of small steps you can take to make towards big change. Share the list with your unit.

10. Bonus — make changes in your own community to support the Priority Issues of United Methodist Women

Make changes in your own churches and communities to support the priority issues, which are

- 1. Climate Justice
- 2. Maternal and Child Health
- 3. Ending Mass Incarceration and
- 4. Ending Economic Inequality

Mission Today

FROM THE WEBSITE (check the website for all the information, this is just the headers.)

MISSION TODAY 2023-2024

MissionToday-draft-2023-2024-.pdf (susumc.org)

<u>united women in faith mission today - Search Videos</u> (bing.com)

The purpose of Mission Today is to provide a planning tool to energize United Women in Faith to

be more involved in mission through prayer, study, action, and outreach.

A Local Organization is a unit or a subgroup such as entire church or circle/s. Membership includes local unit membership, district membership or online membership. (All Access membership) INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CIRCLE COMPLETED ITEMS IN EACH of 5 CATEGORIES (NEW OPTION SELECTIONS IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAN COUNT AS ONE REQUIREMENT IN ANY OF THE OTHER CATEGORIES) I. Mission Giving

- 1. The Organization made and met its pledge to mission.
- 2. The Organization participated in FIVE-STAR GIVING (more information also available uwfaith.org/give) Pledge to Mission Special Mission Recognition Gift to Mission Gift in Memory World Thank Offering
- 3. The Organization supported financially or in-kind local/SUS Conference missions (school, Meals on Wheels, food pantry, homeless shelters, Mission Central, Children's Home, etc.)
- 4. The Organization supported financially or in-kind National Mission Institutions, such as: Neighborhood Center, Red Bird Mission and McCurdy School

II. Spiritual Growth

- 1. At least one member wrote or sent cards to 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- 2. At least one member read a book, viewed/heard accepted media from the Spiritual Growth category in the Reading Program.
- 3. Had a Call to Prayer and Self Denial Service/Program
- 4. Held a Spiritual Enrichment Day/Spiritual event within their unit, or at least one member attended a cluster, district or joint-district spiritual event*
- 5. Used the Prayer Calendar in some way in a meeting. 6. The unit had a Bible study or a speaker on prayer or spirituality.
- 7. At least one, but preferably most members have "liked" United Women in Faith on Facebook and joined and "liked" our Susquehanna Conference UWF Facebook page.

III. Education for Mission

- 1. The Organization used at least one program from the Program Book during the year.
- 2. At least one member of the Organization subscribed to Response Magazine.
- 3. The unit used Response some way in at least one meeting, newsletter or other means of communication. (i.e., shared an article or based a program on one issue)
- 4. The Organization participated in one mission study from Mission u* (studies from the current year or past 5 years.)
- 5. At least one person earned a Plan 1 certificate in the Reading Program.
- 6. At least one member read a book or viewed/heard other accepted media from the Education for Mission category of the Reading program.

IV. Membership Nurture and Outreach

- 1. At least one member attended their District Annual Meeting*
- 2. At least one member attended the Conference Annual Meeting*
- 3. The unit welcomed at least one new member during the year.
- 4. Conducted or participated in a worship service to promote United Women in Faith.
- 5. At least one member read one book or viewed/heard other accepted media from the Nurturing for Community category of the Reading Program.
- 6. At least one member called on other members on a pantry, distributing clothing, food, health information, etc. 8. At least one member volunteered at Mission Central or Neighborhood Center.

V. Social Action

- 1. The Organization had a program or event on at least one of the Priority Goals: (2020-2024) Racial Justice/Criminalization of Communities of Color and Climate Justice/Just Energy For All. See the Program Book for ideas.
- 2. At least one member participated in advocacy of one of the Priority Goals.*
- 3. At least one member listened to two "Voices from the Field" podcasts.
- 4. At least one member attended one "Energy Justice 4 All" webinar.

- 5. .Wrote to your elected officials on issues that relate to Women, Children and Youth or visited your elected official.
- 6. The unit used the Social Principles in some way as a program, study, bulletin insert or newsletter article.
- 7. The unit used the Charter for Racial Justice as a program or study.
- 8. At least one member read a book or viewed/heard other accepted media from the Social Action category of the Reading Program.

*virtually or in-person (NEW OPTION: SELECTIONS IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAN COUNT AS ONE

REQUIREMENT IN ANY OF THE OTHER CATEGORIES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Participated in leadership training, any level*
- 2. Contacted district or conference counterpart to present a program in your unit*
- 3. Read one book or viewed/heard other accepted media on Leadership Development category of the Reading Program



Gold Unit: Complete at least 16 of the criteria, 10 of which must be marked with a star.

Silver Unit: complete at least 8 of the criteria, 4 of which must be marked with a star.

There are many things you can do to earn "credits" for Mission today and for many of us, we are just learning about them. Here is a link if you need a reminder. This link is especially for Pacific Northwest conference and has the information on where to send your accomplishments and receive a certificate.

Mission Today Brochure Puget Sound 2023 (pnwumc.org)

This is all we have so far.

NOTE: CONTACT PERSON IS CHANGING— STAY TUNED.

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY

Looking forward to all of our churches updating their officer, pastor, and addresses for the new District Directory. Contact Pat Rudd, Secretary, at scarpat@frontier.com. Please respond by August 8, 2024

Spiritual Growth

Some ideas for spiritual growth.

Opportunities-for-Spiritual-Growth.docx (live.com)

FROM THE WEBSITE

As it fosters **spiritual** growth and develops leaders, United Women in Faith seeks to improve the lives of women, children and youth in the United States and internationally. United Women in Faith advocates on peace and justice, economic inequality, education, the rights of children, human rights and farm workers' rights.

Spiritual growth is a journey with many twists and turns. But there are clear stages we can recognize on our path to spiritual wholeness.

Spiritual growth can be achieved in many ways. There is no prescribed path that leads to <u>enlightenment</u>. In addition, the journey can sometimes feel like two steps forward followed by three steps backward. The stage you are at is not necessarily that important. However, it is nice to check where you are on your journey to **see how far**

you have come and what might be round the next corner.

The following stages of spiritual growth are only guidelines. You may be at different stages in different aspects of your life. There are many different interpretations of the stages of spiritual growth and no one right path or way. However, I believe understanding the processes and stages can help us move forward and make the journey a little smoother.

So here is my interpretation of the stages of spiritual growth:

- 1. A complete absence of awareness and connection to your spiritual self
- 2. A recognition or remembrance that there is more than the material world
- 3. Spiritual curiosity a thirst to find out more about the spirit and our spiritual self
- 4. Spiritual exploration and study
- 5. Developing a spiritual practice
- 6. An acceptance of yourself and others.
- 7. Spiritual maturity

Each one of them will change us and prepare us for further growth. The dark night of the soul is often triggered by loss. This may be a loss of security, a relationship or loved one, or a more material loss such as homelessness or redundancy. If you experience such a dark period it can be a challenging and lonely time. It can be valuable to reach out for help at times like this. Be reassured that you will get through this process and gain something valuable from it in the end.

Closing thoughts

It is essential to embrace each stage of our spiritual journey and not try to rush on to achieve the next. Wanting to move quickly towards enlightenment is often an ego need rather than a spiritual one. While your spiritual journey may be difficult at times, many of the problems we experience often do come from the needs of our ego for outward success and recognition. Embracing each stage, fully entering the experience we are having and accepting ourselves as in the perfect place in our journey at each and every

moment can make the process of spiritual growth smoother and less challenging.

Nominations

Nominations – is a team of people that contact members of local churches, starting with the President, to find enthusiastic people, willing to be part of a team, and tell about the wonderful work of the district team, and fill positions that are part of our bigger service of social action, program resources (book reading), treasurer, newsletter editor, Spiritual Growth, Education and Interpretation, Membership-Nurture-and Outreach, and President, Vice President, and Secretary. an important part of how we keep our numbers up and find new members. This team takes people that are positive, resourceful, and can explain this group's goals and mission.

It is important to tell others why you are here and why you stay. Our District team is a wonderful group of ladies. Right now, we need some roles filled. It is a great place to talk to everyone on the team and see if there is something they are willing to take on, at the district level, and work as part of the greater team at District level.

At the District, we are looking for:

- COORDINATOR OF EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION.
- COORDINATOR OF MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH, and
- 4 NEW MEMBERS FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE.
- COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

Here are some thoughts:

Zoom is now available for meetings. Two people can share a job on the District Team. If you're not a leader, be on a team that decides things. Be creative.

If you like people, you will like this District Team.

We are open to all and we can have representatives from the North, South, East, or West. We want all our churches to be involved.

Joining the District is a greater and adventurous endeavor for people in the local groups.

We may be looking for you

Hear Ye, Hear Ye Let's Hear from Our Churches

Colby United Methodist Church United Women of Faith

Colby United Women in Faith Celebrate Graduation. The Colby United Women in Faith celebrate graduates each year in June. This year, our graduate is Lucy Beltran who graduated June 8, 2024, from South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, WA. Lucy has been attending Colby United Methodist Church for more than 10 years and is a beloved member of the church. She lives with her grandmother, Alanna Adelman and is planning to attend Job Corp for further training and education.

Colby United Women in Faith celebrated Lucy on June 2, 2024 at our fellowship following Sunday church services. Pictured below is Lucy and her grandmother. Well done Lucy!

Deanna Bedell Colby United Methodist Church



President, United Women in Faith Port Orchard, WA

Coupeville UMC United Women of Faith

Mission Work Behind the Scenes

The ladies are in full swing, working on many projects for our Christmas bazaar all year long giving support to our community and around the world... please drop in anytime on any Monday 9-12 for fellowship and supporting each other with our many talents.



Tuesday, May 14 was the last UWF meeting before our summer break. We had a well-attended salad luncheon with Jeannie Lish, District President of Puget Sound UWF, as our keynote speaker. She spoke about the current conference that was held in Anchorage, Alaska.

Kathleen Flower was awarded a certificate at the meeting for having sold over \$3000 worth of See's candy for the annual spring candy sale. Hooray Kathleen!!!

Currently, the ladies are working on Christmas bazaar projects and planning on attending Mission u to be held July 25 -27th in Yakima, Washington, at the Wesley United Methodist Church. The theme this year is Living in the Kin-dom.

Judy Good President, Coupeville United Women in Faith

Marysville UMC United Women of Faith

This past month in May, our United Women In Faith group in Marysville hosted a Spring Tea. We welcomed Deanna Bashour from the Marysville School District Connections Center to tell us about the program. The Connections Center is where foster youth, unaccompanied students experiencing homelessness, and families in transition can have a soft, supportive, and safe place to land to get the information and resources they need to make their lives better. We raised over \$1000 for the Connection Center at our Spring Tea. It was great to get together and have tea, treats, and learn about how to support others in our community.

~Becky Hall Co-President Marysville United Women In Faith





Snohomish United Methodist Church United Women of Faith

Time for Tea-- Spring Tea at Snohomish United Methodist Church Sponsored by United Women in Faith

It was "Time for Tea" on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the Snohomish United Methodist Church. Around sixty women, daughters, and granddaughters got together to enjoy, tea, fellowship, lunch, and a

Fashion Show. The Spring Tea started in 2014, skipped the pandemic years and returned last year.

There is no charge to attend, but those attending are asked to bring finger foods to share. The kitchen crew plates and



arranges the food for the meal. Before lunch there is an on-going raffle, at \$1.00 a ticket. Tickets were sold by three of our granddaughters. Items in the raffle have all been donated and are either new or

gently used. There were vintage dolls still in their original boxes, vintage Starbucks coffee mugs, hat and scarf sets, a picnic basket, and jewelry to name a few. The gifts covered three sixfoot tables and we raised \$388 to be given to two local charities. Last year we donated to Mathew House and to the fund to help restore Maui after the fires. We will vote on this year's recipients



1930's Dress

when we meet again in September.

Our United Women in Faith members volunteer to host a table for the event. We had eight hostesses, plus a table for the models who join us for lunch.

1970s wing dress

Each hostess brings everything to set her table, so

no two tables look alike. Each hostess furnishes her own round table cloth, napkins, dishes, including tea cups, silverware, center piece, and tea pot. It is so fun to watch to see how each table takes on a different personality. At my table I used tea cups that belonged to my grandmother, so the cups are around 70 to 80 years old. I could be wrong and they could be closer to 100 years old. She's not around any longer for me to ask.



Great Grandma's Tea Cup

Our Mothers Wore." The Clothes covered the 1930s to 1970s. It was interesting to see no zippers in the 1930's. Men's pants had zippers then, but it took till the late 1930s to early 1940s for zippers to be used in Women's clothing.

The main entertainment was brought to us by Lynn Gough, Creative Director of Supercalifragillistic Fashion Shows. This year featured "Clothes



Included in the show was "Rosie the Riveter".

Carolyn Janssen has been the chairman of all the Teas. We thank her for providing all of us with such a fun way to spend a Saturday with friends and family. Glenda Clemans President, UWF Snohomish United Methodist Church.



1940's Rosie the Riveter

Snohomish United Methodist Church Change effective September 2024

Snohomish UMC reports that they are receiving a new pastor, Drew Frisbee. He comes from up north where had two churches; Bayview and Central. He said during a video that Central will be having three churches in one., a Methodist, a Lutheran and an Episcopalian.

When notices go out about our September 7 meeting, maybe extra special invite to the three churches that UW in Faith welcomes all women

JOB: Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Could you be this person?

- You do not have to be a United
 Methodist to be a member of United
 Methodist Women.
- It can take at least five invitations for someone to accept when you invite them to see what United Methodist Women is all about!
- Nurture your current membership while inviting others to join you on our journey.
- What do you love about UMW?

DISTRICT TEAM OPENINGS

We are very open to your creativity, and you can join as a team. You could try out the job and see if it's a good fit.

JOB: Education and Interpretation Could you be this person?

Leader holds primary responsibility for interpreting the impact and importance of Mission Giving as an act of faith and commitment. Leader empowers women to understand, interpret and participate in United Women in Faith's mission with women, children and youth, and outreach of the church, as well as engage in raising funds for mission and outreach.

She will: a. understand and interpret United Women in Faith mission projects and concepts of mission, working closely with the finance and program committees to ensure that members are well-informed about what happens to their gifts and what ministries are made possible through their Mission Giving; b. promote and interpret the need for Mission Giving to fund the total mission program of United Women in Faith, including ministries with women, children and youth, leadership development, spiritual growth, service and advocacy, and transformative education

Communication Coordinator and Newsletter Editor needed.

MS Word
Cut and Paste
Organization
Staying in touch with churches
Stay in touch with District Officers
Help with all communication
Sending Newsletter to Conference coordinator

Ask questions

4 newsletters issued a year.

You could be the person we are looking for.

Mission u – coming soon

It's Not Too Late to Register for Mission u!

Register by June 30, and get the Early Bird discount.

Mission u Registration Form

Mission u Scholarship Form

Mission u Forms & Flyers

July 25-27, 2024

Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA

Join us at Mission u as we explore the Good News and what it means for our lives!

Welcome to 2024 Mission u, 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 creating a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

Check out the article on our <u>website</u> for more information, including curriculum and study leaders for children, youth, and adults.

Stay Connected with United Women in Faith!

Please share this email with your district or unit members

To receive email notifications of the latest news, send your email address to:

Jenny Bygland at <u>jbygland@kentmethodist.com</u>

or click on the button below.

Sign-up for United Women In Faith Email Updates



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Registration Form The Kin-Dom is Among You —DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD and one another

July 25-27, 2024 Wesley United Methodist Church - 14 N 48th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908

Name for your Name Badge			
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City	State	Zip	
Phone:	Cell:	l:	
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Status: Is this your first time attending Pastor/Clergy \(\) Lay \(\) UWF \(\) UM Check all that apply: Local \(\) District 5-12 \(\) 13-17 \(\) 18-35 \(\) 36 and over and Ronda Cordill, Deaconess at UMV Meals are served buffet style. The cater variety of options. Gluten-free and dial Food Allergies: Meals included: Thursday dinner; Friday lunch and dinary and dinary are served.	Mission u? Yes O IM O School Staff O Conference O er O Adult Study I 'IM Dietary: rer will work hard to betic choices will be	of O Are you a UWF Officer? Yes O Not O Gender (optional) Age O Leaders: Rev. Cindy Roberts, Lynden U to accommodate most diets by providing	o () Group: JMC, g a
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Hotel Registration Form

Hotel Information Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center 607 E Yakima Ave Yakima, WA 98901 509-454-2455 Cost per night: \$153.46, including taxes and breakfast

Registration Cost Early Bird Price — \$125.00 — May 1 - June 30, 2024 Regular Price — \$150.00 —

Forms postmarked between July 1 and July 11, 2024

No registration fee for children ages 5-12 accompanied by a parent or grandparent

PLEASE LIST FUNDING PROVIDED BY
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Total amount enclosed \$ _______

Make checks payable to MISSION u *Pre-payment, including scholarship funds, are required. *NO payments accepted at Mission u.

Email the completed registration form to wmil1218@aol.com or mail the completed registration form to Linda Mills, 12431 SE 198th Pl, Kent, WA 98031 For questions about registration, call Linda at 253-859-2964 or email: wmil1218@aol.com A confirmation letter will be emailed to you. If you indicate you do not have an email address, the letter will be mailed to you.

Scholarships are available up to \$125.

Scholarship Deadline: June 30, 2024.

Please apply to your Local Church, Local UWF unit, and District UWF first. Scholarship Application available at https://www.pnwumc.org/uwfaith/mission-u-forms
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Remember, you can attend anything.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	
2024				
January 13	Winter PNW UW Faith Conference Executive Meeting	10 am to 2 pm	Zoom	
January 23	Conference officer Briefing		Zoom	
February 9	Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	9 am to 3 pm	Olympia, WA	
April 7	Spring Conference UW Faith Executive Meeting		Zoom	
April 19-21	District/Conference Leadership Training Event		<u>Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center</u> , Ellensburg, WA	
April 23	General Conference		Charlotte, North Carolina	
May 9-11	Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting		Anchorage, Alaska	
June 13-16	Pacific Northwest UMC Conference Annual Session		Central United Protestant Churc Richland, WA	<u>th</u> ,
July 25	Summer Conference UW Faith Executive Meeting	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<u>Wesley UMC</u> , Yakama, WA	
July 25-27	Mission u		Wesley UMC,Yakama, WA	
September 7	Puget Sound Missional District Annual Meeting		Marysville UMC, Marysville WA	
September 20	Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting		Tacoma Community House, Tacoma, WA	
September 21	Inland Missional District Annual Meeting		TBA	
September 21	Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting		<u>Wenatchee First</u> , Wenatchee WA	
September 28	SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting		TBA	
October 18	Fall Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting		Spokane Valley UMC, Spokane, WA	
October 18-19	Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting		Spokane Valley UMC, Spokane, WA	