



The Enabler



United
Women
in Faith

We believe
love in action
can change
the world.

The Mission

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.



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The Vision

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

The Purpose

We are:

A community of women whose purpose is to know God; 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.

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Peninsula-Delaware Conference
Spring Event 2023



*SOUL Care
is sacred*



*Soul Care is the intersection of our spiritual
rejuvenation and growth with self
and personal care!*

Greetings to all *United Women in Faith*,

The Delaware District, host for the Peninsula-Delaware Conference **2023 Spring Event** invites you to gather us for the in-person event on **Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 am** at **Avenue United Methodist Church** (Milford, DE).

This year's theme is **"Soul Care: Connecting Heart, Mind & Spirit"** based on scripture found in *1 Corinthians 3:18-20*. We are excited to provide a time where our United Women in Faith can slow down and take a moment to tend to our Souls! We will gather to experience prayer, affirmations, movement, Tai Chi, Embodiment in Nature, breathwork and more.

Our guest speaker for the day is Katie Pryor—Executive for Membership, Nurture and Development. Katie will share with us our new national "Soul Care" initiative and resources.

As United Women in Faith, we work earnestly in our communities and congregations for the betterment of the lives of women, children and youth; we advocate diligently for our social actions issues—now it's time to **REFILL YOUR CUP!** Join us at the Spring Event for a Soul Care "refreshing" by registering at this link:

https://pp.events/pendel_springevent before **Thursday, April 24, 2023**.

We hope you will consider joining us—please register today!

Peace and Blessings,

United Women in Faith

Alfreda Fisher-Dean, President, Peninsula-Delaware Conference

Saleita Robinson, President, Delaware District

**LOWER SHORE DISTRICT
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

APRIL 22, 2023

9:00—11:30 AM

9:00-9:30 AM - Breakfast & Registration

Spring
EVENT &
OFFICER TRAINING

UWIF Updates
Worship

St. James United Methodist Church

8730 Crisfield Hwy.

West Over, MD 21871

Contact information: Betty Washington

240-441-8276



**United Women in Faith General Secretary and
CEO Harriett Jane Olson is retiring in June of 2023.**

Ms. Olson took the helm of what was then the Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries in 2007 and began a 15-year tenure marked by programmatic and structural innovations and bold changes to strengthen the organization and position it for a future of growth and increased impact.

Under Ms. Olson’s leadership the national body, which was already self-funded and self-governing, became an autonomous agency within The United Methodist Church in 2012 when the General Conference approved its separation from Global Ministries after operating as a part of the denomination’s mission board for more than 70 years. The organization also took a step toward regionalization in that year, as the term “national office” was used to describe the former Women’s Division. In 2015 Ms. Olson led the organization in launching a 150th anniversary celebration including the creation of The Legacy Endowment Fund designed to cover the core expenses of mission.

And in 2022, Ms. Olson ushered in a broad refreshing of the organization’s brand that opened opportunities for women to join and participate through an online All Access National Membership option and that introduced the new name United Women in Faith, making clear the organization’s lifetime open door to women within and beyond The United Methodist Church.

An attorney and graduate of Harvard Law School, Ms. Olson was a partner at the Pitney, Hardin, Kipp, and Szuch law firm of Morristown, New Jersey, specializing in environmental law from 1983-1996.

Prior to heading United Women in Faith, Ms. Olson served from 1996-2007 at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville as senior vice president for publishing, responsible for the development, production, and trade distribution of resources from Abingdon Press, Cokesbury and Kingwood Books.

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From 1988-96, Ms. Olson was a director of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship and was a delegate to the 1988, 1992, and 1996 General Conferences. She was elected to the postponed 2020 General Conference by the merged Greater New Jersey Conference. She served on many committees of the former Northern New Jersey Conference, including the conference's task force on sexual harassment policy and Commission on the Status and Role of Women. She was instrumental in teaching and interpreting the landmark *Words That Hurt, Word That Heal* document that identified the need to use inclusive language in the church.

The United Women in Faith board of directors is following the organization's by-law to begin a search process for Ms. Olson's successor.

Gifts in Honor

Gifts in honor of Harriett Jane Olson's more than 15 years of service to United Women in Faith are gratefully received. To make a gift to The Legacy Endowment Fund, which builds a permanent financial resource for all of United Women in Faith work, visit uwfaith.org/legacy. To make a gift to one of United Women in Faith's targeted giving opportunities or "where most needed" visit uwfaith.org/give. Be sure to check the box marked "gift in honor or memory," and when prompted provide the name of the honoree. For questions, please contact the Development Office at 212-870-3705 or legacy150@uwfaith.org.



United Women in Faith 2020-2024 Board of Directors

Our board is composed of 25 members—all United Women in Faith members— dedicated to shepherding our success across these key areas: program policies, finances and property, and executive staff.

Purposefully structured to meet the needs of women organized for mission, 20 board members are elected by member delegations in five regional jurisdictions, while an additional five are selected through a nomination process designed to ensure diversity of age, race, language and physical ability. Our leadership also includes our valued Program Advisory Group, created to give voice to the membership into the programs and initiatives of our organization and provide meaningful connection across the denomination.

This group provides representation from each of the Annual Conferences and from six general agencies, regional missionaries, deaconesses and home missionaries, as well as the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

Board Executive Committee

President: ‘Ainise ‘Isama’u | California Pacific Conference

Vice President: Cynthia Rives | North Texas Conference

Secretary: Bethany Amey Sutton | Greater New Jersey Conference

Chair of Governance Committee:

Daryl Junes-Joe | New Mexico Conference

Chair of Finance Committee: Heidi J. Careaga | Wisconsin Conference

North Central Jurisdiction

Ruby Anderson | Michigan Conference

Dawn Armstrong | Dakotas Conference

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Jana Jones | Mountain Sky Conference

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Haejin Ban | North Georgia Conference

Deloris Carhee | North Georgia Conference

Betty Helms | Alabama-West Florida Conference

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Debra Payne | North Alabama Conference

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Cynthia Rives | North Texas Conference

Louise Niemann | Great Plains Conference

Additional Members

Heidi J. Careaga | Wisconsin Conference

Magdala Edmond | Florida Conference

‘Ainise ‘Isama’u | California Pacific Conference

Bethany Amey Sutton | Greater New Jersey Conference

Pearl Thomas | Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference



WE DID IT!

Drum roll, please!

\$398,839 has been raised so far for the 2023 Day of Giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund!
A final total will be shared at the beginning of May.

Support for the Legacy Endowment Fund honors the spirit of the women who founded this organization and helps build a permanent resource to support the programs and ministries that we all hold so dear – activities like Mission u, Leadership Development Days, climate and racial justice work, and grants for our National Mission Institutions.

Your gift to Day of Giving for the Legacy Endowment Fund builds a strong tomorrow for United Women in Faith.

Ways to give include:

- Becoming a Legacy Builder by pledging to make a monthly donation of \$18.69 or more.
- Become a Friend of Legacy by making a gift of \$5,000 or more. For more information, please contact Development at 212-870-3705.
- Joining the 1869 Society by making a planned gift through a will bequest, gift of stock or securities, or donation of other non-cash assets.

If you have already given, many thanks! **You can still give to the Legacy Endowment Fund.** Visit [United Women in Faith](#) to make your secure donation.



COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS



Greetings Sisters in Christ, This is Robin Waters Moore your new Chairperson on Nominations.

Hoping everyone is having a Blessed year so far, and I hope we will continue to have a Awesome Year on the Peninsula Delaware Conference, But I want you to know I'm on the Hunt for a Secretary on the Conference Level, and I'm praying that God will tug on someone's heart strings.

To step up and fill the position. Looking forward to Serving you to the best of my Ability.

Your Sister in Christ



2023 Peninsula-Delaware Conference Team

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(Open)

(Open)

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MISSION u

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MISSION u Nominations Members

Beth Parker - Delaware District

Brenda Gaines-Blake - Upper Shore District

Sonya Jeff - Upper Shore District

Marie Kenney - Lower Shore District

Mission Giving Award 2022



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This certificate is presented to the

Peninsula-Delaware Conference

in recognition of reaching

118% Mission Giving for 2022!

Your generous giving supported our Just Energy 4 All and Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaigns; leadership development for women and youth around the world; program grants to our National Mission Institutions; and so much more.

With Gratitude,

Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary/CEO

Peace,

Tamara Clark, Treasurer/CFO

Greetings Pen-Del UNFaith!

*Thank you for exceeding your pledge
and giving \$28,191 in 2022!*

*Your gifts to our shared mission
are appreciated. Please continue
to encourage your members to
give of their time, talents and
treasures in 2023. Collectively,
we make an extraordinary impact
on communities everywhere. So let's
do it!*

Peace...

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE
TREASURER'S REPORT
April 15, 2023**

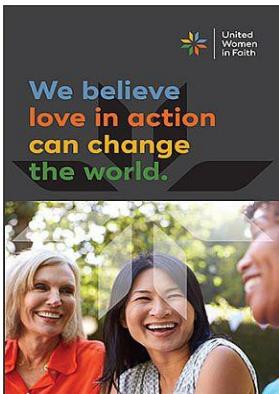
	INCOME							
	District	District Pledge	Pledge to Mission Amount Paid	District A & MD	A & MD Amount Paid	Conference A & MD	A & MD Amount Paid	National
0%	Delaware	\$ 17,000.00						
0%	Lower Shore	\$ 7,000.00						
0%	Upper Shore	\$ 5,000.00						
	Direct Giving							
	Conference							
0%	TOTALS	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Received A & MD						\$ -	
	Spring Event Offering -							
	Spiritual Growth Retreat Offering -							
	Annual Event Offering -							
	Total Income						\$ -	
	EXPENSES							
	Conference Officer Expenses:				Budgeted			
	Travel/Meals							
	Supplies/Postage				\$ 15.00			
	Mission Resource Mailings 1 @ \$35.00				\$ 35.00			
	Special Mission Recognition - Retired Officers				\$ 200.00			
	Jurisdiction (1% of Pledge)				\$ 223.30			
	Mission u				\$ 1,100.00			
	Conference Program Expenses							
	Annual Meeting/Honorariums				\$ 100.00			
	Annual Meeting Offering -							
	Spiritual Growth Retreat/Honorariums				\$ 100.00			
	Spiritual Growth Offering -							
	Spring Event/Honorariums				\$ 100.00			
	Spring Event Offering -							
	National Events & Jurisdiction Events							
	Assembly				\$ 100.00			
	Assembly/Jurisdictional Offering				\$ 50.00			
	Jurisdiction Quadrennial				\$ 100.00			
	Charter of Racial Justice				\$ 100.00			
	Miscellaneous Expenses							
	Audit				\$ 750.00			
	Delaware Franchise Tax				\$ 25.00			
	Zoom Account Renewal				\$ 149.90			
	Contingency Fund - NC-Name Change				\$ 41.80			
	Grand Total A & MD				\$ 3,190.00			
	Checkbook Balances 3/15/2023							
	Operating Account				\$ 15,936.85			
	Bi Annual Account				\$ 8,160.40			
	Mission u Account				\$ 12,424.39			

Hello United Women in Faith of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

I am your new Program Resource Coordinator. First, I would like to thank Frances Johnson for all of her years and contributions to this position. As an avid reader, she kept us up-to-date with all the new books in the Reading Program and other resources such as Response Magazine (now in print and digital) and other related materials. Thanks, Frances!

Program Resource Coordinators are no longer called “The Book Lady”. When we revamped last year going from the United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith, many resources are now offered for downloading in a digital format. New direction; new brand language.

But it’s all good! What’s out there and what’s new:



All of these items can be found on our new website uwfaith.org under Resources or go directly to uwmissionresources.org. There will be a **new webstore** coming in the spring so all links pointing to uwmissionresources.org will change. When the new webstore goes live, all links will have moved to the new location.

Mission u introduced 3 new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults— all focusing on a shared biblical theme. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented and biblically-centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to “learning together for the transformation of the world. Refer to our Mission u report regarding this year’s program.

Mighty Networks: This is a private United Women in Faith site; where you will have access to digital resources. The link is: <https://uwfaith.mn.co>

- Program Resource, Daily Prayer Guide, and Mission u training
- It has polls, prompts, posts, and questions that can bring more people into conversation in a private space just for our community.
- You can direct message.
- You can save posts, comment and reply to comments on posts, and "heart" posts.

Bridge: A collection of resources from across the organization is housed on the digital platform Bridge. The link: <https://unitedmethodistwomen.bridgeapp.com>

Learn more in Bridge Courses and PPTs on Navigating Change – National Membership Model – Soul Care Retreats

THE READING PROGRAM

What's "NEW?"

- Eligible books to be counted in 2023 are from the 2018 through 2023 reading lists.

Dual-period term for 2021-2022 is counted as one season

- 2021 list encompasses the 2022 selections older catalog lists can be found under the downloads section. Get books from libraries, local or, online bookstores

- Create your own lending library at the church or within your unit. The fulfillment center does not store or sell any books except for the ones under the Mission u program.

Where to get books: We encourage you to get books at your public library, from your favorite local bookstore or through an online retailer. United Women in Faith does not stock nor sell most of the books directly. Audio access: You are always welcome to use audiobooks, if that's an easier way for you to access the material.

Participation: Anyone can participate in the Reading Program and all can receive a certificate for participating. Bonus Books count as two books, including the mission studies. Faith Talk podcasts are counted in Spiritual Growth. You must participate or listen to two Faith Talks podcasts. If you listen to three, it will be counted as a Bonus Book. Catalogs: go to the downloads on the estore: umwmissionresources.org

Keep an eye out for notices regarding the new webstore, too.

Movies: These movies and documentaries will also count toward the Reading Program:

1. Just Mercy
2. The Hate U Give
3. Hidden Figures
4. Pushout

Children and youth books also count and can be found within each of the categories. Reading to the young people in your family (and friends) counts as well! **Even they can get credit by listening!** *Be creative and get them reading!*

Keep in mind even with the New Wineskins, New Name, and New Brand, we are still the United Women in Faith whose vision is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Blessings,

Eunice Roberts

**COMING
SOON**
Mission u 2023

Get Ready!



Did you know that right now, in every Jurisdiction and within each Conference...**Mission u 2023** planning is underway!

GET READY, GET READY, GET READY!!!

We are excited to implement a new model for Mission u in 2023 and beyond, with one curriculum being written for adults, one for youth, and one for children developed each year. The curriculum will focus on a central scriptural and/or theological theme, and incorporate spiritual growth, social action, and the global context of the church.

The United Women in Faith Mission u theme is **“Living the Kin-dom”** !

The United Women in Faith Mission u 2023 theme is *s“Living the Kin-dom”* ! *In this first year of Living the Kin-dom, we will explore the*

heart of the good news of the kingdom. Why do preaching the good

news of the Kin-dom and acts of curing and healing seem to go hand in

hand (Luke 9: 2, 11)? If the kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed (Mark 4:26-29), like yeast (Matt 13:33; Luke 13:20-21), or like hidden treasure (Matt 13:44) what kind of kingdom was Jesus ushering in? How did this kingdom compare to Rome, the ruling empire of his day? And why do we prefer kin-dom over kingdom?



Why wait? **GET YOUR MISSION u RESOURCES** in advance! In preparation for the Mission u season you can find the Children, Youth and Adult studies on the UWFaith Mission Resources page.

2023 Mission u

Living the Kin-dom:

**Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual
Practice for Social Transformation**

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 22, 2023

Youth and Adult Studies

**BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
MISSION u & Wellness and Missions Cooperative School**

**LOCATION: Community UMC
1690 Riedel Rd Crofton, MD 21114**

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UWFaith 2023 Calendar Peninsula-Delaware Conference & Districts

January	
7	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am
13	Lower Shore Voice Articles Due
16	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
21	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am
30	Lower Shore Executive Team Mtg.
February	
4	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am
4	Delaware Pop-up Mtg.
18	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am
20	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
March	
4	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am (in person)
18	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
20	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
25	Delaware District Spring Event
27	Lower Shore Executive Team Mtg. And Voice Articles Due
April	
1	Upper Shore Spring Event 9:00 am
15	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
17	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
22	Lower Shore Spring Event (includes Officer Training)
29	Conference Spring Event (in person) host Delaware District
May	
6	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am
15	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
20	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
June	
3	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am
10-12	Pen-Del Conf. Annual Conference
17	Delaware Pop-up Mtg.
17	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
19	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm

July	
	Upper Shore (TBA)
15	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
	Mission u
August	
	Upper Shore Team Mtg. (TBA)
18	Lower Shore Voice Articles Due
19	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
21	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
September	
2	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am
11	Lower Shore Executive Team Mtg.
16	Spiritual Growth/Life Retreat (in person) host Upper Shore District
18	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
October	
7	Upper Shore Annual Mtg. 9:00 am
7	Delaware Pop-up Mtg.
14	Lower Shore Annual/Fall Mtg.
16	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
21	Conference Team Mtg. 9:30 am Virtual
November	
4	Upper Shore Team Mtg. 9:00 am
4	Delaware Fall Festival
	Lower Shore Team Mtg.
18	Conference Annual Mtg. (in person) host Lower Shore District
20	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm
December	
2	Upper Shore Christmas Celebration 12 p.m.
	Lower Shore (TBA)
16	Conference Team Christmas Fellowship
18	Delaware Team Mtg. 7:00 pm



Brewing for a Better Community Event Details

Brewing for a Better Community is a collaborative fundraiser benefiting Neighborhood House. Held at the Carter Farm, this one-of-a-kind event features great food, live music, and selections from Middletown's four craft breweries.

When: Saturday, April 29 from 4 PM to 8 PM

Where: Carter Farm, 818 Union Church Rd, Townsend, DE, 19734

We're looking for event sponsors at one of three levels:

- ➔ PLATINUM // \$1,000 donation (includes 5 free tickets)
- ➔ GOLD // \$500 donation (includes 3 free tickets)
- ➔ SILVER // \$250 donation (includes 2 free tickets)

Prospective sponsors can call or text Alison Windle (302) 753-1792 or Darryl Dickerson (302) 588-9338 for more information.

Ticket Prices:

- ➔ All-inclusive (food, event, beer) // \$75
- ➔ Food and event only (no alcohol) // \$45
- ➔ Children 12 and under // Free (ticket must be reserved)

For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the code or go to: tinyurl.com/Brewing-2023



neighborhoodhse.org

Climate Justice

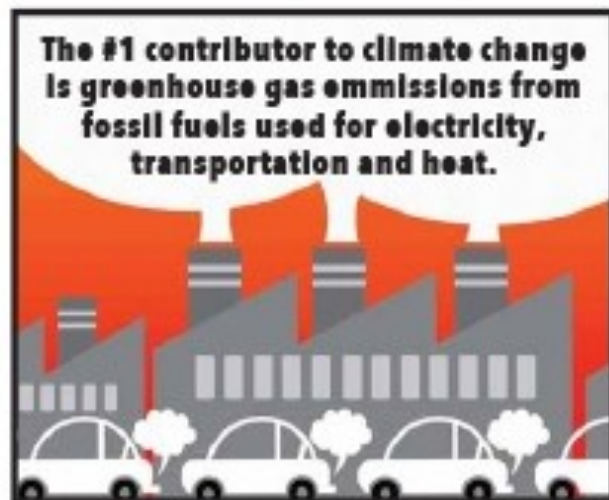
CAMPAIGN: JUST ENERGY FOR ALL



Be stewards of God's creation: Work with companies and governments for clean, renewable energy through a just and equitable transition.



A major contributor to air pollution is the **BURNING** of fossil fuels.



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TAKE ACTION:

uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/just-energy-4-all/