United Women in Faith

Indiana Conference 18th Annual Celebration

October 2-3, 2026
Franklin, IN

Walking by Faith Together

FRIDAY NIGHT @ Otterbein SeniorLife



Bev Kennedy & Roger Smith led us in music. It was delightful to have soothing piano music as we dined! After dinner, they led us in mission songs to set the tone for the evening's program.

Martha Millhouse, Joella Patterson, and Shirley Hensley shared their stories of working in mission. A few thoughts:

Martha: Sometimes opportunities just come up. It is important to go when called. Everyone has something to contribute. God will use your gifts, even when you don't know what those are! *Look and ask, "how can I help?"*

Joella: I got involved in mission because I didn't know any better. Just do it. Those around you see the joy and difference you make. Do whatever needs to get done. *Eighty-nine is not too old to go on a mission trip!*

Shirley: Teach by example. Give to others. Do for others. We can all make a difference. No task is too small or menial – they are all important and helpful. Encourage the next generation so they learn about the joy of serving. Mission opportunities are all around us – in our backyard and around the globe. *Where does God want YOU to be involved?*



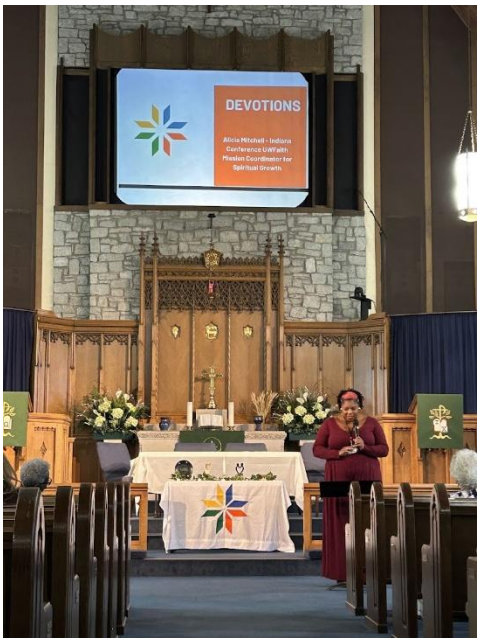


Soul Care

Margaret Dennis led us in a Soul Care exercise designed by Alicia Mitchell. *"Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself."* Saint Francis de Sales. We were given time to remember who we are, what we love, what matters to us – our lives hold stories. WE matter.

Saturday @ Franklin Grace UMC





LaDonna Weber, Conference President, welcomed everyone to our Annual Celebration. Alicia Mitchell led us in a devotional, reminding us that we don't need to know ALL the steps ahead, we just need to take the NEXT faithful step!



Felicia Stewart installed and affirmed the 2027 Conference Leadership Team.



Social Action Panel, moderated by Lori Chambers on *Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline*.

Mass incarceration is a failed public policy. It does NOT make us safer.

Practical steps:

- VOTE for people who align with your values.
- LISTEN to people who are affected by incarceration.
- VOTE NO on Public Question 1 in November.

RESOURCES

Dr. Michelle Daniel Jones, Constructing our Future, https://www.constructingourfuture.com/

Cecelia Whitfield, Use What You've Got Ministry, https://www.usewhatyouvegotministry.org/

Maranda Williams, REFORM, https://reformalliance.com/

Mutually Assured Democracy (civic engagement for Hoosiers) https://www.madvoters.org/

Live Free Indiana (livefreeindiana.org) "The Cost of the Cage" short film https://youtu.be/OSII3BFatKI?is=VBsQGM5dXUnfYevu

Our offering raised over $1,700, to be split evenly between Mission Giving and Lucille Raines Residence.

Perfect Praise, liturgical dancers from University UMC, Indianapolis, opened worship with a moving performance.

Our inspiring day culminated with a Love Feast.

Thank you to all who made this day amazing!



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