



Mission Messenger

May/June 2026

Margaret Dennis
Editor

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OF INDIANA

President, La Donna Weber

Well, that was fun! And I'm exhausted!!

Assembly 2026 is in the books, and we helped keep it running smoothly. We were the conference with the most first time Assembly attendees! And if you weren't there you need to plan on making it to Richmond, Virginia in four years for Assembly 2030. It is a wonderful time of worship, spiritual enrichment, fun, a glimpse at the UWFaith big picture and a taste of the stories of all the little pictures of work with women, children and youth around the world. We were encouraged to:

DREAM IT – what do you see that needs to be accomplished? How would that look? Who could come together to make that happen? It may not be new, and it may be someone else's dream from long ago but how can you help make it new? Think locally, nationally, globally ... then

BELIEVE IT – how can you articulate a plan? When or where have you seen it happen before? Who can you get on board – who has the same dream and belief? AND THEN ...

DO IT – take that dream that you believe in and make it happen. It may not happen exactly according to your plan, but you will still be putting LOVE IN ACTION on behalf of women, children, and youth!!

Over 150 years ago our organization began by realizing a dream to help women in India through access to education and medical care. Several years later we believed there was a need to include the needs of women in the United States, and eventually our women became leaders in the settlement house movement which was a forerunner of what we now call social work. Along the way we came to realize that providing services (being in mission) was only part of the solution and that advocating to address and change the systems leading to the need for those missions was equally important (still being in mission). We made the switch from "mission to" to "mission with."

This is who we are. We tackle the little problems, and we tackle the big problems. We work at home and we work in the world. Our dollars, our time, and our energy are needed to keep that work going. We feed, we nurture, we educate, we vote, we march, we write letters ... and we worship a God who encourages us to continue the mission.

All God's blessings, please – La Donna

Vice President, Jeanie Park Estep

Indiana Conference United Women in Faith Annual Celebration

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3 at Franklin Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 E Adams Dr. Franklin, IN 46131. (Note the change of location from previously announced)

Plan to join us to reconnect with friends, make some new friends, be inspired and learn something new!

More details will be available soon

jparkestep@gmail.com.

Communication Coordinator, Margaret Dennis

Did you know that we save hundreds of dollars by emailing this newsletter instead of printing and mailing it? For example, in the past 12 months, we made 32,989 contacts (opened emails) at a cost of less than 3 cents for each!

I recognize that not everyone likes electronic mail but by using email, we are able to use more of your funds to help women, youth, and children. It also allows us to reach out to you more frequently (hopefully not TOO frequently) and in a timelier manner.

As always, if you have suggestions on how to improve our communication with you, let me know by email (margdenn@att.net) or give me a call, 812-604-5995.

Important reminder regarding financials

There is to be one checking account in the name of United Methodist Women d/b/a United Women in Faith for each unit. The president of the unit and the treasurer are the signers on the account. The bank will ask for a tax ID number [an EIN] to open a new account. This is held by your United Women in Faith conference treasurer. Please contact her [Carla Gillespie] for the documentation and the appropriate number. Do NOT deposit United Women in Faith funds in a personal account or local church account. Keep all United Women in Faith funds separate from personal and church funds. DO NOT USE YOUR LOCAL CHURCH'S tax ID number [EIN.] For details see *2025-2028 Funding the Mission* (D11309), <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=12529&catid=2196>.

REMINDER: Local Units and District Members should send their pledge contributions to their district treasurer as frequently as possible. The organizations that count on us have financial needs throughout the year.

Send monies with the remittance form which can be found on <https://www.inumc.org/united-women-in-faith/> and on the Forms Links of the e-news.

Language Coordinators, Margaret Dennis & Ashley Flores



I, Margaret, recently had the opportunity to visit the Immigrant Welcome and Resource Center in Evansville. I was presenting a program on Puerto Rico for their After-School Program because the students had been very curious about P.R. after hearing the controversy over the NFL Superbowl Halftime show. It was a blast sharing with these young people about my culture, but more importantly we talked about the importance of respecting everyone's background, race, and culture. When I asked THEM to share about what they remember about their former country, or their parents', they would light up that someone was interested! *It doesn't take a lot to show God's love and grace!*

Education & Interpretation Coordinator, Rae Wallis

Every year United Women in Faith members and units are encouraged to be All Star and Five Star givers. All Star and Five Star **Unit** forms can be obtained from the Conference Treasurer. The revised **member** form is included in this newsletter. "All Star" and "Five Star" giving goes to Mission Giving through the channels discussed below.

2026 Conference Pledges

- Pledge to Mission
\$200,000
- Pledge to Lucille Raines
Residence \$102,000

1. **Pledge to Mission:** This is your own personal pledge to Mission Giving and can be any amount. This is the foundation for Mission work through United Women in Faith turning Faith, Hope, and Love in Action. Money you give for Mission Giving supports 229 missions in 30 countries, 90 are in the United States. United Women in Faith do not fund agencies who do not benefit women, children and youth, do not fund agencies who do not comply with the UMC Social Principles, and do not fund agencies administered by discriminatory organizations. All missions funded by UWFaith are listed in the *Response Magazine* in the March/April issue of the even year and always available on the website at uwfaith.org/what-we-do/what-we-fund.
2. **Special Mission Recognition** -\$40 Minimum – This is a chance for you to recognize someone special who has made a difference in your church or community. It can be a man or a woman and does not have to be a UWFaith member. You will be sent a Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate to send to that person.
3. **Gift to Mission Cards** - \$5 Minimum. These are greeting cards to honor someone for Christlike Mission Service. Cards are available from your local or District Treasurer for Thank You, Birthday, Congratulations, Peace, and Thinking of You.

4. **Gift in Memory Cards** – You can dedicate an amount in memory of someone who has passed. Any amount can be given. These can be also obtained from your local or District Treasurer.
5. **World Thank Offering** – This offering is usually done in November. Any amount can be given, and all goes to Mission Giving. It is a way to thank God for the blessings you have received.

In addition to the 5 channels listed above for “Five Star Women/Units”, “All Star Women/Units” of our Indiana United Women in Faith are asked to fund state priorities which include:

1. **Lucille Raines Residence** - \$17 per Member – Many of those living at LRR, are actively engaged in rebuilding their lives from substance abuse and need to live in a supportive, caring, and loving environment. It is owned and operated by the United Women in Faith of Indiana. (Note: Talk, Tours, and Lunch (TTL’s) are offered to learn more about the mission. The cost is \$15 which covers lunch. If your Unit or group is interested, please contact Jodie Little, Executive Director, at Raines. Her email is jodielittle@lucillerrainesresidence.org. and the Raines phone number is 317-636-3328.)
2. **Mission u** - \$2 per member. These monies are used by Conference to train speakers, purchase supplies and other expenses. (Note: Due to UWFaith Assembly in May, we will have a one-day Mission Express in each District this year. More information and registration forms are included elsewhere in this newsletter.)
3. **Youth and Young Adult Scholarship** - \$1 per member. This money is used as a scholarship to assist youth and young adults attending a mission or education project. If it is a UMC sponsored or UWFaith project, the young person can receive an award of 15% of their cost if it is approved by the Youth and Young Adult Committee. If the project is not a UMC or UWFaith project, if approved, the youth or young adult can receive 12% of their cost. Applications can be found in the Mission Messenger and on line <https://www.inumc.org/united-women-in-faith/>.
4. **Assembly Offering** - \$1 per person in the year prior to the UW in Faith National Assembly. This is used for our Conference offering at Assembly, which is held every four years.

Our mission is powered by women like you. Women who pray, show up, and give what they can of their time, resources and finances. Please reach out to me at raewallis@comcast.net if I can be of any assistance in Districts and Units in explaining *Where the Money Goes!* raewallis@comcast.net

Important reminder regarding communications

You should be receiving monthly *Mini Messengers* in your inbox, as well as your District newsletter as needed, and these Quarterly *Mission Messenger* newsletters.

Do NOT unsubscribe from any Constant Contact newsletter related to United Women in Faith. The Conference, Districts and Social Action

coordinator all use the same account so if you “unsubscribe” you will not get ANY emails from ANY of our groups. Instead, you can “Update Profile” at the end of any of our emails to select which lists to be on. If you ever have any questions, just email me at margdenn@att.net and I will help you figure it out!

Resources Coordinator, Sara Mayes

REMINDER: If you have not turned your list of readers from last year (2025), it's not too late but the clock is ticking down to be recognized in the conference program book.

I always try to let you know if I'm reading a good book. I am reading The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall and Douglas Adams with Gail Hudson, and the theme goes along with last year's Mission u. Douglas is interviewing Jane about her journey through her life and includes many amazing and not-well-known stories! I had always connected her with chimps, but her passions were broader: all the animals of the Earth and the problems with the climate. Jane Goodall had hope for our environment and animal survival in the future. Jane says the most asked question she gets from people is "Do you honestly believe there is hope for our world?" She always answers "truthfully, yes!" That's what attitude we all need to have, positivity! Happy Reading!

Legacy Fund Coordinator Rita Gaither-Gant

As of March 31, 2026 the Indiana Conference has given \$ 261,429.98 to the Legacy Fund. This amount is the most contributed from Conferences in the North Central Jurisdiction.

Blessings and thanks for a job WELL DONE.



Gifts to The Legacy Fund Endowment Fund build a financial resource that ensure United Women in Faith can carry out its vital programs and activities for many years to come.

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New York, NY 10017
800-278-7771

legacy150@uwfaith.org

Give online:

<https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>

Together, we are building legacy!

Mission u Dean Maureen Mauzy



Your Mission u Team has been busy getting ready for this year's Express events. Remember, there will be no multi-day Mission u because of a very active year with Assembly.

Instead, you will be able to pick among 5 one-day events to attend. Or, you may choose to attend multiple sessions since we have three amazing study leaders who will each bring their own unique take on the curriculum. Registration is now open and the form can be found in this newsletter.

- **June 20** - Southern Rivers district - Paoli UMC 794 E. SR 56, **Paoli**
 - Study Leader: Margaret Dennis
- **July 18** - Northern Lakes district - Hebron UMC, 202 W. Church St., **Hebron**
 - Study Leader: Pauline Neal
- **July 25** - Eastern Rivers district - Waynedale UMC, 2501 Church St., **Ft. Wayne**
 - Study Leader: Rev. Dr. Cindy Reynolds
- **August 22** - East Central Heights district - Location TBD
 - Study Leader: Rev. Dr. Cindy Reynolds
- **September 12** - West Central Plains district - Congress St. UMC, 2010 Congress St., **Lafayette**
 - Study Leader: Pauline Neal

Visit <https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/> for more information on the curriculum and <https://www.inumc.org/united-women-in-faith/> for updates on our conference events.

Social Action Coordinator, Lori Chambers

Tell Congress to Block Funding for Relocation and Major Overhaul of the U.S. Forest Service

In March of this year, Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins announced a sweeping restructuring of the U.S. Forest Service, including moving the agency's headquarters from Washington, D.C. to Salt Lake City, Utah. For those of us who care deeply about protecting creation, radical changes to the Forest Service (which manages 193 million acres of forests) is cause for deep concern.

Forests are critical to the health of God's good creation in countless ways. They provide habitat for millions of our fellow creatures. They provide much of the oxygen for the planet and slow climate change by absorbing over 15 billion tons of CO₂ each year according to NASA. They act as giant filters to keep water clean for human and other life across the globe. And they are balm to our spirits.

On its [website](http://www.fs.usda.gov), www.fs.usda.gov, the U.S. Forest denies that the reorganization will result in any major disruption of the agency's conservation mission.

For additional thoughts and a possible model for your communication with your representative and senators, see [this sample letter](#).

Please Pray for Pastor Sunil Kotian's Family

According to Mary Cartwright (Indiana Conference UMC Immigration Chair) Rev. Sunil Kotian family are facing possible deportation. Rev. Kotian has permission to stay, but the status of his family remains uncertain.

<https://www.wthr.com/article/news/local/irvington-united-methodist-church-hopes-to-keep-pastor-amid-immigration-issues/531-7e6df470-eef2-4153-a46c-8ec4189deb6a>

Primary Elections

Here are some numbers provided by Mutually Assured Democracy (MAD Voters).

Our Primary elections had **improved turnout** from prior years! While we still have lots of room to grow, it's certainly worth celebrating.

- **17%** - An average of 17% of eligible voters voted in this primary election, compared to 14% in 2024. That's a 21.43% improvement!
- **367,485** - Number of Hoosiers who voted in the primaries this year.
- **\$12,000,000** - Advertising amount spent by outside political groups against seven anti-redistricting senators — 24 times the total amount spent in the 2024 primaries.
- **96%** - percentage of contested State Senate races, meaning nearly every Senate race will have at least two candidates on the ballot in November, a 94% improvement from 2024! This will offer voters more choices than they have had in decades.
- **70%** - percentage of contested State House races with at least two candidates on the ballot, a 41% improvement from 2024! Ballot vacancies may be filled until July 3.

June Prayer Vigil for detainees at the Miami Correctional Facility

The June Prayer vigil was not announced at the time of the writing newsletter. Please watch when the date when it is announced and please make it your intention to attend. Please pray for our immigrant neighbors who have been detained for no reason and are facing deportation or being held at the Miami Correctional Center.

IMPORTANT: Sign up to receive Social Action Messages! If you would like to receive timely information about our Social Action priorities, make sure to "UpdateProfile" at the bottom of your Constant Contact email and select to receive Social Action Messages, or email me directly and I can add you. Lochambers1122@gmail.com.

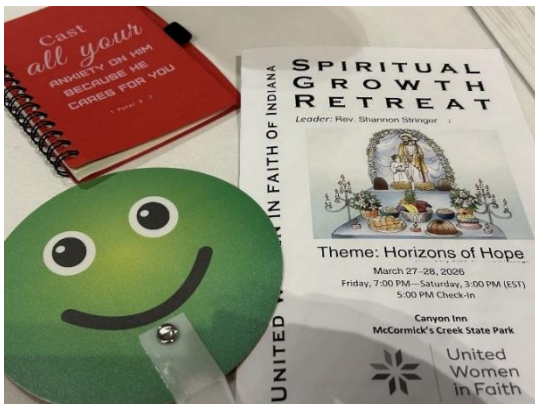
Creation Justice Tips (from umcreationjustice.org)

Stop using Styrofoam. This single-use "convenience" has its raw materials extracted from the earth, leaches harmful chemicals into hot food or drink, adds to the volume of methane from landfills, and exposes production workers to permanent nervous system damage. **Switch to reusable containers** for food and drink.

Creation Justice Tips (from umcreationjustice.org)

Lead the next generation to love nature. Create a scavenger hunt or play I Spy that is age-appropriate for your children, grandchildren, or neighborhood children. Invite them to observe and wonder. Add a sketch pad and colored pencils or allow them to use phone cameras to document their treasures from the day. Talk about God’s call to us to take care of creation.

Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Alicia Mitchell



Are We Still Hoping???

Reflections from the “Horizons of Hope” Spiritual Growth Retreat

Two months later, the echoes of our retreat still linger.

The prayers. The quiet. The laughter around tables. The sacred pauses. The courage to release what was heavy and receive what was holy.

“Every story in the Bible contains hope — and its cousin, faith.”

During our Horizons of Hope retreat at McCormick’s Creek, we gathered not simply to “feel better,” but to practice hope together. We learned that hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is spiritual formation. Hope is a discipline. Hope is something that can be cultivated daily.

Sometimes hope is not the glaring thing. That does not mean it is absent. We were encouraged to look for God sightings — small reminders that God is still present, still moving, still working.

Release • Receive • Return

Release — Surrender to God what is distracting, discouraging, or heavy.

Receive — Become quiet enough to receive what God is offering.

Return — Return to the world differently — more grounded, more aware, more hopeful.

“The ministry is the interruption.”

Hope often grows when we pause long enough to truly see the people in front of us. To listen. To

notice. To become more aware of how God may be working through ordinary moments.

Wake up each morning and envision one hopeful thing for the day.

Look for God.

Look for goodness.

Look for life.

Look for the helpers.

Look for hope.

Learning to Pray Hope

One meaningful practice Rev. Shannon Stringer shared during the retreat was the structure of a Collect Prayer. Many participants found this prayer model grounding because it helped make prayer feel both intentional and personal.

Address of God — Naming God

Acknowledgement of God — What is true about God

Petition — What do you need from God?

Aspiration — Why? For what purpose? So that...

A Collective Prayer of Hope

Heavenly Father,
Emmanuel,
Creator,
Abba,
Father God,
Gracious Lord,

You who extend grace and forgiveness,
Who know and see all,
Who guide us,
Care for us,
And provide all we need.
You are our Friend and Creator,
Who loves me and loves us all, Who knits us
together.
Holy One,
You alone are able.

Give us the wisdom to see the hope You give. Help
us to recognize hope now —
in this time, in this place, in this world.

Bring us:

Protection,
Guidance,
Support,
Patience,
Forgiveness, And hope.

So that we may have peace.
So that our world becomes a more loving
community.
So that our eyes may see the hope of God in the
world.
Help us know what You would have us do.
Help us share what You have given us with others.
Help us serve as needed, That Your hope would
fill our world.
Amen.

We also extend deep gratitude to Rev. Shannon
Stringer for prayerfully leading and guiding this
sacred weekend. Through reflection, spiritual

practices, honest conversation, and gentle
wisdom, Rev. Shannon helped create space for us
to release, receive, and return with renewed
vision and hope.

A Closing Word of Gratitude

We extend heartfelt gratitude to every woman
who participated, helped, prayed, showed up,
shared honestly, and helped make Horizons of
Hope such a sacred and meaningful experience.
Thank you for bringing your stories, your
presence, your laughter, your tears, and your
willingness to hope together.

A special thank you to the Conference Committee
and to Cheryl Wilson for your continued support,
encouragement, and belief in the importance of
creating spaces for spiritual growth, healing, and
renewal.

To those who desired to attend but were unable to
make it this time, please know we still hold hope
for you in this season. You were thought of, prayed
for, and remain part of this community of hope.

As we continue forward together, we look ahead
with anticipation to the Silent Retreat this
October, another opportunity to pause, breathe,
listen, and encounter God in deeper ways.

Until then... keep looking for hope. ♥



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.” — Romans 15:13

Lucille Raines Board President Cheryl Wilson

Lucille Raines is on the Move

Exciting things are happening at the Lucille Raines Residence (LRR), and you are invited to be a part of it! Thank you so much to those who gave the “face-lift” donations to renovate 12 residents room. They are such warm and welcoming places of hope. The 10 rooms that are still in need will be able to house the residents on our waiting list once donations are received to complete their update.

Our next plan is to have a total assessment of the building infrastructure. It is important to identify any potential problems, and then to develop a phased plan of renovation that will be staged over 5-6 years. We need to be proactive in the care of our building. The estimated cost of this assessment alone is \$30,000. After we know the needs, a capital campaign will begin to procure funding.

United Women in Faith of Indiana are asked to contribute at least \$17 (per member) for the general support of the Lucille Raines Residence.

Daily operational needs will always be a priority. Residents do pay rent, but the majority of the budget comes from donations.

Lucille Raines is a life-changing ministry that is owned and operated by the United Women in Faith of Indiana. Miracles happen there in that supportive, faith-filled, family-like atmosphere. Please consider donating to the room face-lift, the building assessment, or the daily operations. By sending your donation through your local treasurer, you help to fulfill our yearly pledge to Raines. To become a monthly supporting member or to donate with a credit card, use the UWFaith Vanco website at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZ57/home>.

Visit lucillerrainesresidence.org to learn more!

Your prayers and your financial support make you a vital part of God’s ministry at LRR.

Love in action is
UNSTOPPABLE



2026 INDIANA MISSION COLLECTION



Your congregation can join us in transforming lives, both globally and locally!
We will collect life-changing items for Midwest Mission during the 2026 Conference.

WHAT TO COLLECT (COMPLETE KITS & INDIVIDUAL ITEMS)

HOME CARE KITS

- Liquid household cleaner - 56-80 oz. total (no spray bottles)
- Dish soap - 42-64 oz.
- Liquid laundry detergent - 100-150 oz. total
- 1 Scrub brush
- 1 Five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid

PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 Bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz.
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz.
- 1 One-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 Donation for toothpaste and carrying bag

Find Kit lists and instructions at midwestmission.org/kits

MOST-NEEDED ITEMS

Layette gowns and sleepers (0-6 months), reusable day and night pads, and gently used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, splints, braces, boots.

OTHER ITEMS

Anything listed in the 2026 Kits and Projects Brochure will be accepted (scan QR code).



DROP-OFF DETAILS

Drop off donations at Annual Conference at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis.
The truck will be open on Friday June 5th from 8am-7pm.



IDEA FOR YOUR CHURCH

1. Choose the Kit(s) you want to focus on
2. Have people collect items for several weeks, and drop them off at the church – bonus if you get the community involved!
3. Have a packing event where your church comes together for a time of fellowship and Kit packing

Find shopping lists, instructions, and videos at midwestmission.org/kits

Right now, there is a great need for supplies for Personal Dignity Kits, Home Care Kits and medical supplies such as wheelchairs, foldable walkers, and canes. These simple items bring dignity, comfort, and hope to people recovering from disaster, displacement, and poverty around the world. There are also Permanent Collection Sites around Indiana that are open all-year-long. You can see those sites [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Chantel Corrie at chantel@midwestmission.org.

2026 Calendar of Events

Indiana UMC Annual Conference

June 3-6

St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis

Mission u Express

June 20 Southern Rivers

July 18 Northern Lakes

July 25 Eastern Rivers

August 22 East Central Heights

September 12 West Central Plains

District Fall Gatherings

September 12 Eastern Rivers

September 12 Southern Rivers

September 12 West Central Plains

September 19 East Central Heights

September 19 Northern Lakes

Annual Celebration

October 2-3

Franklin UMC, Franklin

Silent Retreat

October 16-18

Tipton, IN

Conference and District Leadership Training Events

Tentative date November 7, Virtual

[2028 North Central Jurisdiction Gathering](#)

June 8-12, 2028

Sioux City, South Dakota



What an incredible experience!!

The energy of being with around 3,000 women *united* for the same purpose was electrifying! We participated in community gatherings, town halls, and workshops. We listened to amazing and thoughtful speakers from UMC and other faith traditions. We took action by filling out postcards to send to our legislators and developed plans to bring change. We raised over \$300,000 for missions!

Watch for more highlights on our Facebook page, [United Women in Faith of Indiana](#).



United Women in Faith of Indiana Mission u Express



A one-day event to experience this year's Transformative Education event with your sisters in United Women in Faith.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Church/Unit: _____ District: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> UWFaith member | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Missioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-UWFaith member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaconess | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee | |

Register for 1 (or more) session(s) Deadline is two weeks before your chosen session.

\$20 per person – includes lunch

- Saturday, June 20 | Southern Rivers district | Paoli UMC, Paoli | 11am-5pm ET/10am-4pm CT
- Saturday, July 18 | Northern Lakes district | Hebron UMC, Hebron | 10am-4pm ET/ 9am-3pm CT
- Saturday, July 25 | Eastern Rivers district | Waynedale UMC, Ft. Wayne | 10am-4pm ET
- Saturday, August 22 | East Central Heights district | Castleton UMC, Castleton | 10am-4pm ET
- Saturday, September 12 | West Central Plains district | Congress St. UMC, Lafayette | 10am-4pm ET

Free childcare is available on-site, if requested

Names and ages of children: _____

Emergency on-site contact and phone # _____

** Parent/Guardian must provide a sack lunch, including beverages, and any other item needed.

Payment Options:

Check Enclosed: \$ _____

Payable to "UMW Indiana Mission u"

Pay with Credit card (via VANCO <https://tinyurl.com/MUExpress2026> or use QR code) – You MUST complete and send in a registration form.



Email or mail completed form to: Mary Margaret Willbanks, 1300 S Tennessee Ave., Muncie, IN 47302, willthree@netzero.com If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mary Margaret at 765-212-5312.

Optional Adult, Children & Youth Curricula is available for purchase online. Visit <https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/>.

In lieu of hands-on-donation, please consider donating to your local food bank.

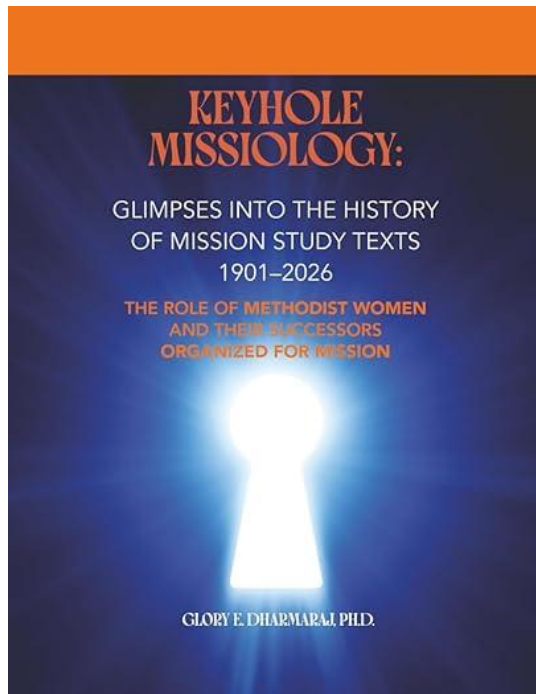
PLEASE NOTE: Pictures and videos captured during the event by conference representatives will be used for news and promotion, including social media. Registering for the event gives permission for one's image to be used. Names of youth and children will not be used with pictures

An evening with Glory Dharmaraj

Join us as Glory takes us through the keyhole!

Keyhole Missiology offers glimpses of selected texts and invites readers to peer through the keyholes of time into rooms filled with vibrant, challenging, and evolving understandings of Christian mission. As we mark the milestone 125th anniversary of our organization, the text offers more than a retrospective; it positions this history in our current moment—where Christianity once studied in distant lands now lives among us through immigrant communities, reshaping faith in a post-Christian West.

Glory's book is an optional Mission u study text and is available on Amazon.



“Keyhole Missiology is a tribute to 125 years of mission study texts. It honors the faithful members of United Women in Faith, their Methodist foremothers, and ecumenical sisters who nurtured mission education from camp meetings to Mission u, forming what became the church’s “university without walls.”

Note: You do NOT have to attend this year’s Mission u Express events to participate in this presentation.

June 9, 2026 @ 7 pm Eastern

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81607122569?pwd=eiAWdGbgXGsgvoZQFZWZke6aFZvAYB.1>

The session will be recorded and made available on the UW Faith of Indiana YouTube channel for future viewing.



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YouTube channel @umwindianaconference8365



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Find United Women in Faith Online

United Women in Faith Website: uwfaith.org

This is our primary website. Here you will find the latest news and information about United Women in Faith programs, initiatives, and events. It's where you connect with other members and get involved. You'll also find links to our many resources and the e-store.

Downloads: umwmissionresources.org

Find new brand elements, member materials, programs, and catalogs here.

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.

Facebook: facebook.com/uwomenfaith

If you're on Facebook, be sure to "like" United Women in Faith. Follow the link and sign up so that our regular posts will appear on your home page.

Twitter: twitter.com/uwomenfaith

Do you tweet? So does United Women in Faith! Use the link to find our Twitter account @uwomenfaith. Follow us, tweet with us, and become a part of the continuing conversation around faith, hope, and love in action.

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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INDIANA CONFERENCE

All Star and Five Star Giving Form

Five Star Women give to all five channels of giving below

Indicate Amount Included

Pledge to Mission

Special Mission Recognition (\$40 Minimum)

Gift to Mission (\$5 Minimum)

Gift in Memory (\$5 Minimum)

World Thank Offering

All Star Women – All of the above PLUS these Conference Askings

Lucille Raines Residence (\$17)

Mission u (\$2)

Youth and Young Adult Scholarship (\$1)

Assembly Offering Asking 1 year prior to Assembly only (\$1)

TOTAL

Name _____ Unit _____

Make check payable to your local unit or district.

Give the check and form to your unit or district treasurer.



Volunteer Form

Name _____

USPS Address _____

City/Zip+ _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Other _____

Email _____

Please consider me for: (please indicate if interested in district or conference)

- President (Elected position) _____
- Treasurer (Elected position) _____
- Secretary (Elected position) _____
- Communications Coordinator (Elected position) _____
- Chair, Committee on Nominations (Elected position) _____
- Vice President/Event Planner _____
- Mission u Team member _____
- Committee on Nominations member _____
- Music leaders (pianist/song leader) _____

Please indicate if district or conference for positions below _____

- Mission Coordinator (Appointed)
 - Spiritual Growth
 - Social Action
 - Membership Nurture and Outreach
 - Education and Interpretation
 - Resources
- Other Coordinator (Appointed)
 - Language Coordinator
 - Younger Women's Coordinator
 - Technology Coordinator

Age Under 40 40-60 Over 60

United Women in Faith of Indiana

Tell us about your interests and experience on the reverse side. Thanks!!

January 2026



Volunteer Form

Return this form when finished to the **conference chair of nominations or your district chair of nominations** as appropriate. Now, tell us about yourself and why you would like to take on a leadership role in United Women in Faith of Indiana!



United Women in Faith of Indiana 2026 MISSION TODAY REPORT

WHY? The goal of the Mission Today program is to encourage ALL local units to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Women in Faith by:

- **Energizing** United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- **Increasing** contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go;
- **Encouraging** the use of a variety of mission resources;
- **Expanding** concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

United Women in Faith demonstrate their commitment to the PURPOSE through their Prayers, Presence, Participation, Gifts and Service. Use this checklist to help plan your upcoming year.

Prayers

- Used the Prayer Guide at each meeting to pray for mission personnel and projects. *
- Communicated with at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Guide during the year.
- Held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat or Soul Care event.

Presence

- At least one member (not a conference or district officer) attended a Mission u event. *
- At least two members were added to the membership roll.
- At least two members (not a conference or district officer) attended at least one district or conference event such as an annual celebration, a Soul Care or spiritual/silent retreat, Mission u event, Leadership Development or officer training.

Participation

- At least two members subscribed to and/or read *response* magazine (including online articles). *
- Used at least two programs from a UWFaith Program Book during the year. *
- Conducted at least one Mission u study during the year. *
- At least two members completed one of the Reading Program Plans. *
- Initiated a new or expanded an already-existing Local Ministry Program which benefits women, children and/or youth. *
- Attended a "Tour-Talk-Lunch" ("TTL") at Lucille Raines Residence or gave in-kind or monetary support beyond the conference asking. *
- At least one member has signed up to receive the [UWFaith's Action Network](#) Alerts or the UWFaith of Indiana Social Action emails via Constant Contact, and shares with information with members.
- Told a mission story at meetings through sharing "member support" articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from *response* magazine.
- Included a book review/report on a Reading Program book during a meeting.
- At least two members watch or listen to at least 2 "Faith Talks" or "Voices from the Field", live or recorded on UWFaith website.

Gifts

- Made and met its Pledge to Mission. *
- Remitted the Conference Asking of \$20 per member, plus Assembly asking of \$1 the year prior to Assembly. *
- Received Five Star recognition by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving by unit and/or member(s). *
- Legacy Fund donation made by unit and/or member(s).

Service

- Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year. *
- Invited a district or conference officer (not a local member) to one meeting during the year.
- Pledged to care for God’s creation by becoming a “Green” local organization.
- Participated in at least two events/activities during the year which focused on Current Justice issues.

To be recognized by your District and Conference, please mark the checklist above as you complete an item and indicate what level was attained as follows:

Category	Number of items for that level	Number of items completed
Honorary Mention	At least 6 (with at least one per category)	
Bronze	At least 8 (including at least 4 asterisked items)	
Silver	At least 12 (including at least 6 asterisked items)	
Gold	At least 16 (including at least 6 asterisked items)	

Local Organization: _____ District: _____

Name and Position of person completing this report: _____

Email or postal address, and Phone: _____

Return completed form by January 15, 2027 to the Conference or District Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Suggested Resources



Read *response*, the magazine for Women in Mission, through a subscription or online: uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine or click [response Magazine | United Women in Faith](#). The Mission Giving logo found in *response* identifies a program and/or person supported by United Women in Faith’s Mission Giving.

Current Justice Issues, including the Charter for Racial Justice, are online at uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/racial-justice/ or click [Racial Justice | United Women in Faith](#)



Current Climate Issues may be found online at uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/climate-justice/ or click [Climate Justice | United Women in Faith](#)

*Making Disciples of Jesus
Christ through Mission
Opportunities for Youth
and Young Adults.*

Youth and young adults receiving funds from the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund will be asked to submit a summary of their experiences to the conference organization of United Women in Faith within 45 days of trip completion. Send report to the Conference E&I Coordinator.

Scholarship recipients' contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization (unit) of United Women in Faith of Indiana.



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2026 Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund

Direct questions to Rae Wallis,
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317-625-2523, raewallis@comcast.net.

Mail applications to 9431 English Oak Dr., Indianapolis IN 46235

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
OF INDIANA CONFERENCE



2026

Youth and
Young Adult

Service Scholarship Fund

Mission Scholarships for
Youth and Young Adults

A Project of United Women in
Faith of Indiana conference

Criteria for applying:

1. Youth and Young adults ages 13-25.
2. Must attend a United Methodist Church.
3. Qualifying persons must participate in work, study, or travel experiences that develop leadership in the Youth and Young Adults Ministries of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.
4. Preference will be given to work with UWFaith national mission institutions, UMC mission sites or advance specials of the Indiana Conference UMC. Preference will also be given to those churches/youth who have not recently received a scholarship.
5. Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Committee. As a general guideline, 15% of the individual's cost will be given for work with UMC missions and 12% for work with non-UMC missions.
6. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, as funds are available.
7. Applications are due at least 6 weeks prior to trip.
8. **Funds will be available January 1, 2026.**

For use by Scholarship Team

Date Application Received _____
 Date Application Processed _____
 Date Application Approved _____
 Amount Approved _____
 Notes:

2026 Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Application Form

Please type or print plainly
one form per group

Individual/Group Name: (circle one please)	# Eligible Youth & Young Adults in group: _____
Parent/Youth Leader name: (circle one please)	Email Address: _____
Home Address:	City: _____ Zip: _____
Applicant's UM Church Name	District: _____
Church Address:	Phone: _____
City:	Zip: _____
Mission Project:	
Indicate whether it is a United Methodist-Related Project and include Project Number (if Applicable):	
Project Location:	
Cost per youth/young adult: \$ _____	
Dates: _____	
Project Objective/Work goal: _____	
A letter of reference from Youth Leader or local church pastor must accompany the application.	
Mail completed form to the Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund Committee at the address on the reverse side of this form.	
Form may be duplicated as needed. Download at https://www.inumc.org/unityed-women-in-faith/	

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