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Mission Messenger

INDIANA UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

September 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me? Hebrews 13:6 NRSV

Recently my sister, Sherry, received a breast cancer diagnosis. After the initial shock from receiving the news, she shared with me that she was not afraid because her faith is strong.

Her concern was for the potential threat this diagnosis posed for her two daughters and me!

Aside from health concerns, there seems to be much to be afraid of these days. The news almost daily has headlines announcing mass shootings, threats to our democracy, rampant racism, wars, pandemics, and stories of children and women being abused.

Often I find myself becoming depressed while watching the news or reading the newspaper.

I wonder what I, one woman, can do to make a difference. And then God reminds me that "the Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid!"

Through United Women in Faith, we have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth who too often find themselves in harms way. Through our giving we support National Mission Institutions that reach out to help those who find themselves in dire circumstances. As we join our voices in protest against laws and practices that threaten the well-being of our sisters and brothers, we take a stand for the least of these.

In spite of what you believe about the 2nd amendment, do not all humans have a right to live without fear of being killed while grocery shopping or going to the mall, do not children have a right to attend school without practicing live shooter drills, do not parents have a right to expect their children to be safe wherever they are?

Is health care a basic human right? Do children have a right to be born into homes where they are loved and cherished? Do we really believe and practice what Jesus taught when he said, "love your neighbor as yourself," "pray for those who harm you," "love your enemies?"

I believe that God is calling United Women in Faith for just such a time as this! We have voices! Let's use them to advocate for all those who face discrimination, threats of violence, poor health care, hunger and homelessness. Let's be willing to sacrifice and live simply so others may simply live.

I pledge to stop letting fear get in the way of doing what is right, to speak up and to join with those who believe in a God who loves, forgives and saves! After all, our God of love and grace will be our Helper!

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Wow, I can hardly believe that we are nearly two-thirds of the way through the year. But, there is no slowing down, as this for many of us is a very busy time as we are preparing for or have just recently completed our annual meetings. And, what a blessing that after two long years of virtual gatherings we are beginning to resume our in-person fellowship. And, adding to the excitement is the array of new resources available through our new website to incorporate into our programs.

We have new material through our Reading Program, new insights through our Faith Talks podcasts, the ability to make connections with others through our Mighty Networks platform, and so much more. Resources that inspire and give you new ideas for topics and activities to keep your programs fresh, spiritually satisfying, interesting, and socially relevant. And to help you navigate it all, we are incorporating into our annual meeting and year end leadership training an introduction to the tools, and some training to acquaint you with all that the changes have to offer you.

During the Annual Celebration, **October 7-8**, you'll hear more about the new program opportunities, and during the November Development and

Officer Training, **November 5th** we will have two representatives from National joining us virtually to introduce the new website and show you how to access all of the great resources.

And, of course while all of the technology is great, we can't forget about the ability to touch and form personal connections with each other - just good old fashion fellowship. So, we'll do that too at the Annual Celebration. Our Friday evening activity will be a time of socializing and celebration to include a few rounds of fun (and free) bingo with prizes as we host Carolyn Marshall, Executive Director of the Lucille Raines Residence (LRR), who will be our speaker for the evening, and a number of the LRR residents in celebration of the LRR 45th anniversary.

So, while it is indeed a busy time of year, it's also an exciting time, and I hope you are feeling the energy in our units and the programming available to us as United Women in Faith to excite and inspire.

I look forward to seeing you
October 7th and 8th.

Blessings,
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Join us at our 14th Annual
Celebration as we celebrate
exciting NEW BEGINNINGS! *

Friday-Saturday, October 7-8, 2022
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
100 W 86th St Indianapolis, IN 46260

**Saturday's event will be live streamed
(in case you cannot attend in person)*

<https://stlukesindy3.online.church/>

All times are EDT (Indianapolis time)

Friday Oct 7th

5:00pm Dinner
6:00pm Program, Fellowship, & Activity

Saturday Oct 8th

9:00am Check In
9:45am Music, Greetings, Announcements
10:00am Celebration, Business Meeting, Elections
12:00pm Lunch and Fellowship
1:00pm Recognitions, Speaker, Offering,
Communion and MORE

Event Highlights

- Speaker: Jessey Mason, Eskenazi Mental Health Center Narcotics Treatment Program
- Rebranding Ceremony
- FUNraiser silent auction of "themed baskets" and more!! (Proceeds will go to the Lucille Raines Residence Accessibility Campaign)
- Bring your reading program books to swap!

Nearby Hotel Information

Comfort Inn & Suites North at the Pyramids
9090 Wesleyan Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Call the hotel directly at 317-662-2958 and request
a room in the United Women in Faith of Indiana
group (block #XR8705) at the \$88.40 rate

Deadline: September 5th

*Remember not the former things, nor
consider the things of old. Behold, I am
doing a new thing; ---Isaiah 43:18-19*

Registration Form: (please print legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church: _____

District: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Select all that apply:

Conference UWF officer? _____

District UWF officer? _____

Friday \$15 _____ Saturday \$15 _____

Payment Total \$ _____

Any food restrictions? Please explain.

****Do you need childcare? Please indicate
how many children and their age(s):**

Friday _____ Ages _____

Saturday _____ Ages _____

Send registration and payment by Sept 24th

to registrar:

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Make checks payable to: UMW of Indiana

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:1

I have been in a season of grief. My husband passed suddenly as he was helping me carry the hymnals we used at the Spiritual Growth retreat back into our church. So many of you have traveled this path before me, but I had no idea grief could be so hard. Your love and support, Sisters, has carried me. Our Sisterhood is truly a gift from God.

When I didn't know the way forward, I had the deep assurance that God did and that He had a plan. In those first few weeks, He lead me to sing over and over the phrase

"strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow" from the third verse of "Great is Thy Faithfulness". My season is beginning to slowly change now and a new path forward is emerging.

Many of us feel grief about what is happening to our beloved United Methodist Church. Things are changing and we are uncertain what the future holds not only for our church , but for our United Women in Faith. But God Knows and He has a plan.

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing"

Isaiah 43:18-19

Sisters, we can trust in His faithfulness! Afterall, it is His work that we do through United Women in Faith. This is our **"strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow"**.

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SILENT RETREAT

Last year was my first time to attend the Silent Retreat. I found it to be a beautiful gift. My daily early morning time with Jesus is precious, but oft too short. The demands of the day quickly encroach and I am pulled in many directions. But the weekend of the Silent Retreat was truly a time apart, a holy time, a time of renewal without the world's interruptions. Come experience this amazing gift. ~Cheryl Wilson

Labyrinth at St. Joe Retreat Center, Tipton IN



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2022 Silent Retreat

*Come, my heart says, seek God's face.
Lord, I do seek your face!
Psalm 27.8 (CEB)*

When: October 21-23, 2022

(Registration and check-in is Friday 6-7:45 pm EDT —Indianapolis time)

Retreat starts at 8 pm Friday with 36 hours of SILENCE featuring guided meditations and activities concluding with Sunday worship and lunch

Where: Saint Joseph Retreat and Conference Center

1440 W Division Rd, Tipton, IN 46072

(765) 551-9570

COST: \$200 per participant (Limited to the first 40 to register)

Facilitators: Cheryl Wilson and Lori St. Pierre

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline: *Thursday October 6, 2022*

Name:

Phone:

Address:

City, State, & Zip:

Email:

Church:

District:

Special Considerations: Handicap Accessible:

Yes

No

Special Diet:

Yes

No

IF yes, please specify _____

Accommodations include a single room with private bath for 2 nights and 5 meals:

Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch

Please send completed registration with your check made payable to **UMW of IN** to:

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Cancellation Notice: Please be mindful that United Women in Faith of Indiana incurs certain fixed costs due to contractual obligations. Because of our desire to be good stewards of mission funds, participants are asked to give at least 14 days notice of cancellation prior to the date of the event.

²⁸ *Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of
the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow
weary;*

*his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He
gives power to the faint*

*and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even
youths will faint and be weary,*

*and the young will fall exhausted, ³¹ but those
who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they
shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and
not faint. ~Isaiah 40:28-31*

The amazing grace of God continues to surround the ministry of the Lucille Raines Residence. We continue to celebrate the work that God is doing in the lives of our residents as they seek to heal and recover from their addictions. One of the gifts of this year has been the production of a book, *A Road to Hope*, that tells the stories of some of our residents as they journey to recovery. We are thankful to Sarah Busch Spearman for this wonderful resource.

We continue to move forward with Love Lifted Me, our accessibility campaign. The goal for the campaign is \$750,000. The purpose is to make the residence more accessible and to replace the elevator in our six story building which can no longer be repaired. We are grateful for the pledges made and the funds that have already been given.

We experienced a great sadness this summer when there was a fire in the building and one of our residents lost her life. We continue to hold her family in our prayers. We are grateful to

God that there were no other victims and that the fire was contained and did not do more damage. We praise God for the fire fighters and others who provided help and support. We will have some significant expense for restoration from the fire damage.

When the United Methodist Women of Indiana established the Lucille Raines Residence to assist people recovering from addictions, there was a real need for this ministry. In the forty-five years that Raines has been a resource for recovery, the need for such ministry has increased greatly. In these difficult times it is a challenge to be in ministry and to find the funding to continue. God is always faithful and has always provided ways for ministry to continue and that has always been true for Raines. Now, as United Women in Faith, we have the opportunity to continue to be part of God's way for ministry to continue at Raines and in many other ways.

Next spring we will have an anniversary event to celebrate forty-five years in ministry. We look forward to having many more anniversaries to celebrate God's work in the lives of people recovering from addictions. Watch for the announcements and join us in celebrating what has been accomplished and looking forward to the amazing future God has for all of us as we mount up with wings as eagles, run without weariness and walk with God.

REV. PAULA YOUNG MAYBERRY
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ACCESSIBILITY CAMPAIGN FOR LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE

The Raines Residence is in critical need of elevator replacement. The ability to secure parts for the current very obsolete elevator has become difficult/almost impossible, resulting in the elevator frequently being "down" for lengthy periods. Not only that, because of the aged architecture, significant structural changes are needed to accommodate a modern elevator. Our Challenge Goal is \$750,000.

A brochure with more information has been sent to conference and district officers, unit presidents, as well as pastors and church leaders. Please share this mission with your UWF sisters, family, and friends for discussion of sending a generous offering to the *Lucille Raines Accessibility Campaign*. If it will help, we are happy to come in person to share the Raines' story so you can experience what a difference your giving will make.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent need. Feel free to contact an Accessibility Campaign team member if you have questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Among other team members, members of UWF serving on the team are Cathy Burris, Kathie Clemenz, Alice Crouse, Bonnie Elam, Carolyn Marshall, Cindy Reynolds, and Cheryl Wilson.

A pledge card is included for your convenience.

Online giving can be made at www.lucillerainesresidence.org.



Please complete this response card and mail to:

The United Methodist Foundation
of Indiana
8401 Fishers Center Dr
Fishers, IN 46038

If including a check, please make it payable to: "The United Methodist Foundation of Indiana", memo: "Love Lifted Me Accessibility Campaign"

My prayerful estimate is \$ _____

I plan to give by:

☐ one-time lump sum ☐ monthly ☐ other _____

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

☐ check if you would like information for making a gift of stock



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BECOME A LEGACY BUILDER TODAY.

An exciting new phase of the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign has begun, called Legacy Builders. A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Women in Faith by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Women in Faith's 150 years in mission and its 150 years to come. Become a Legacy Builder today at: [Legacy Fund | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](https://uwfaith.org)

I would love to visit your local unit, district meeting, or church to share the wonderful story of our Legacy Endowment Fund.

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

I hope you have your slate of 2023 officers approved by your Leadership Team. These names need to be shared with your District membership 30 days prior to your fall meeting. As you take a sigh of relief for a full slate completed, don't sit on your laurels too long! 😊 You need to begin looking at officers for 2024!! I'm sure some of you will still be adding names up to the time of your meeting or even after. You can still vote on names at your Annual Meeting. Be sure your president asks for names from the floor; however, these people must be at the meeting and agree to have their names on the slate. You as the nominating committee will meet with this person/persons to check for tenure. Voting will then need to take place later in the program. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Calling all bold, spiritual women. We are United Women in Faith, a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. We invite you to join us, because love in action can change the world. ~United Women in Faith [UWF_Brochure.pdf \(umwmissionresources.org\)](https://uwfaith.org)



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** Denotes 2nd 2-year term

***Denotes 3rd 2-year term (treasurer tenure)



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2023 Proposed Slate Continued

Committee on Nominations

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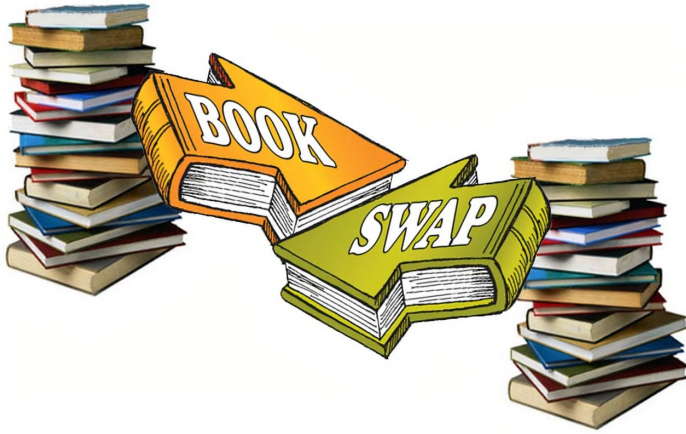
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READ 'EM AND SWAP 'EM!



We will have a 'Swap Table' at the October Annual Celebration Program this year, so please bring your used reading program books and swap them for others. If you liked a book, chances are that someone else will like it too. Spread the word in your districts and keep reading! Hope to see you there!

Also, I will bring copies to the October Annual Program of the new list of reading program books for 2023. National is not posting the new list until sometime in September so we hope to have that ready for you by October.

You will be seeing price increases on resources like the Prayer Guide and Program Resource. Prices haven't increased in the past decade but current widespread price increases of materials in addition to cost of producing have caused this change. Hybrid options have also required investing in digital materials. They are working on offering bundled prices and new, lower shipping options in addition to increasing digital program enhancements. Watch for these new changes and options.

Be sure to get a copy from Lucille Raines Residence of 'A Road to Hope' by Sarah Spearman! It is \$15 and the funds will go for residents emergency use. Sarah interviews 9 LRR residents and it is very good and insightful. We are being very flexible and counting this book towards our reading program in Indiana - either Social Action or Nurturing for Community. Thanks to Sarah for this project!

Remember, the Faith Talks podcasts are plentiful and interesting and approximately 1 hour long. Listening to two of these counts as one Spiritual Growth book. Listening to three podcasts is equal to a Bonus Book in the Spiritual Growth category, and Bonus Books are equal to two books in that category.

Please continue reading and listening in the coming year and share with others to spread all the educational information and programs, as well as expanding your spiritual growth! This year the 2021 and 2022 book selections can be from the 2015 through 2021-2022 reading lists and many are available for Kindle and/or audible. Some of you are reading on a 2-year plan and will report your progress in February 2023 for 2021 and 2022. Others have finished a reading plan in 2021 and already reported it this year. The names of the readers will be posted in the Annual Meeting Program Book. Congratulations to all participants!

In His Service,

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MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE & OUTREACH

Greeting Ladies!

I hope you're having a restful summer, spending time with God, family and friends, and enjoying lots of sunshine!

But I have to say, my favorite season is fall. I love the colors of the leaves, the cooler days and more "routine" schedules. Well I can dream a little, can't I?

Looking forward to the fall season, mark your calendars for the Annual Celebration at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis on **October 7-8**. We've been busy planning a fun, informative and inspiring event! We'll be celebrating the 45th Anniversary of Lucille Raines Residence Friday night with a birthday party theme and Bingo! We're also planning a Silent Auction of themed baskets from different districts across the state. There will also be a few beautiful "surprise items" to be auctioned off as well. Proceeds will benefit Lucille Raines Accessibility Campaign.

On Saturday, we will be hearing a speaker from Eskenazi Mental Health Center to share information about addiction and mental health. Also on Saturday, we will be holding the election of 2023 conference officers, a Rebranding Ceremony, and hear reports from Conference officers. You'll have an opportunity to visit information tables, one which will be a program reading book swap table. Be sure to bring some if you're ready to part with them. Stop by the MNO table to explore the new website and register your membership via ALL ACCESS MEMBERSHIP. You can also register on line [All Access for Existing Members | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#) Be sure and complete the

registration form due by **September 24**. If you need hotel accommodations for Friday night, the reservation at a great rate of \$88 is due by **September 5**! I look forward to seeing you there and enjoying great fellowship!

The Silent Retreat is also coming up on **October 21-23** at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton! Please see the enclosed flyer/registration form for all the details. Deadline is **October 6**.

Thank you all who have completed the 2021 Unit Survey forms. National uses these surveys to create and design programs and resources to better help us achieve our mission to serve women, children and youth.

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EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION

As you finish out the 2022 calendar year, look at the Mission Today form and look for ideas that you can use in your program planning for your units and circles. Are you up to date on your giving? Do you have members participating in the reading program? Are you using the Prayer Guide and “response” magazine for information on mission institutions and where your money goes? Are you using the UWF website to sign up and/or listen to podcasts of Faith Talks, Justice issues, and Voices from the Field? Start planning a program for World Thank Offering for this fall. Are you an All-Star Woman in your giving? What about being an All-Star Unit?

If you are doing some of the above items, you are completing portions of the Mission Today form. The units that have completed the form at

any level in 2021 will be recognized in the Program Book at the 2022 Conference Annual Celebration. Also, at the October event, you will see a presentation about how your donation to the Youth and Young Adult Scholarship fund was used by a group this past spring.

Share information with your members, invite them to your District and Conference meetings to continue learning how to be involved in mission and in the support of people and programs in the mission field.

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We're a **sisterhood** acting in **faith** to tackle the **hard work** of the **world** without hesitation.

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM NATIONAL

Indiana is a ROCK STAR in conference giving. Although we only fulfilled 75% of our annual pledge of \$310,000. We made the largest Legacy donation of any conference with \$54,551.48 in donations. We had the 10th largest total conference contribution at \$292,373.06.

In 2021, UWF awarded \$3,125,992.47 in grants, \$394,865.71 in scholarships and \$563,630.62 in supplemental gifts.

~Taken from National Director Krishna Heyward's report to the Conference Leadership Team August 13, 2022.



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TREASURER REPORT

With the rebranding came additional opportunities for giving. Targeted giving to three specific areas is an option. The areas are Social Action and Justice Work (support quadrennium priorities), Spiritual Growth and Nurturing Opportunities (programs like Soul Care retreats) and Education and Leadership Development (training leaders). These areas can be funded on the remittance form in the National, International and UMCOR section by listing them by name and project number. Education and Leadership (Project #2737803), Social Action/Justice Work (Project #3019225), and Spiritual Growth/Nurture (Project #2737804).

You can also give electronically with Vanco Faith. The conference has a Vanco site set up for women to give online or with a mobile app. Here is the link to the site <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZ57>. If your district or local unit is interested in using Vanco or receiving more information, please call Vanco at 855-213-3705.

Yes, there are new areas to give, but the five Channels of giving are still ongoing. These channels provide various ways for women to contribute undesignated funds to United Women in Faith. To learn more about "Where the Money Goes" in 2022, you can click the link here https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/Where-the-money-goes_2022.pdf to read more about funding.

The Indiana Conference askings have remained the same for 2022. We are asking women contribute \$12/member to Lucille Raines Residence, \$2/member for Mission u and \$1/member toward the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund.

As owners and operators of Lucille Raines Residence, it is our responsibility to continue to support the facility and our contributions help their mission of transforming lives. Mission u is an engaging educational opportunity each summer that is funded by your contributions. The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund provides scholarships toward work, study or travel experiences that develop leadership in Youth & Young Adult Ministries of Indiana Conference UMC.

When you are giving, please continue to write "United Methodist Women" when sending checks to your local unit, district or conference. We recently received information at the conference level from National on establishing a Doing Business As (DBA) name using "United Women in Faith" instead of "United Methodist Women". Once the conference DBA is established, then the districts and local units can officially switch if desired.

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2023 PROPOSED CONFERENCE BUDGET

Leadership	2023	2022
Dependent Care	200.00	200.00
Meals/Lodging	3,600.00	5,000.00
Travel	1,200.00	3,000.00
Postage	150.00	150.00
Supplies/Printing	300.00	300.00
Equipment/AV	250.00	250.00
Annual Conf:Pres	1,000.00	1,000.00
Program Resource/ Prayer Guides	600.00	600.00
Misc	100.00	100.00
Total Leadership	7,400.00	10,600.00
Programming		
Annual Meeting	1,000.00	2,000.00
District Leadership Training	500.00	2,500.00
Literature/ Resources (SPR)	300.00	300.00
Retreats	3,700.00	3,700.00
Social Action	300.00	300.00
Young Women's Event	2,000.00	2,000.00
Misc. Programming	100.00	100.00
Total Programming	7,900.00	10,900.00
Other		
Leadership Dev. - National	500.00	1,500.00
Conf Mission u	15,000.00	15,000.00
Church Women United	400.00	400.00
Financial Reviews	1,000.00	1,000.00
e-communications	1,300.00	1,300.00
Directory	3,000.00	3,100.00
NC Jurisdiction	4,000.00	4,000.00
Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00
Officer Recognition	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Other	30,200.00	31,300.00

Districts A&MD	2023	2022
Central	2,850.00	3,200.00
East	3,325.00	3,375.00
North	7,400.00	7,900.00
North Central	2,550.00	3,000.00
Northeast	5,775.00	6,675.00
Northwest	7,000.00	7,000.00
South	8,390.00	8,390.00
Southeast	4,860.00	4,860.00
Southwest	6,200.00	6,200.00
West	4,500.00	5,400.00
Total District A&MD	52,850.00	56,000.00
Transfers to Reserves		
Assembly/ Jurisdiction	12,000.00	12,000.00
National Events	200.00	200.00
Total to Reserves	12,200.00	12,200.00
Totals	110,550.00	121,000.00

Conference Askings	
Lucille Raines Residence	\$12/member
Mission u	\$2/member
Youth & Young Adult Scholarship	\$1/member

Proposed 2023 Pledge to national	\$220,000.00
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LOVE with all your heart,
 with all your soul,
 THE LORD YOUR GOD with all your mind,
 and love your neighbor as yourself.
MAT. 22:37-39



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MISSION U 2022!

Mission u was virtual again this year and was held the weekend of July 15-17. The event was a great success with 96 participants registering for this ZOOM event. We studied the book of Luke, Chapter 13, led by three amazing study leaders: Rev. Jen Huff, Carol Tiller, and LaDonna Weber. Our spiritual leader, Rev. Judi Marshall, did a fantastic job and the beautiful music was led by Victoria Dumpert (with a little help from her kids!). We couldn't have a virtual Mission u without our tech people. Jackie Hall Moore and Shannon Priddy did an amazing job. I also want to thank our Leadership Team for all their support and a special thank you to the Mission u team: Barb McCoy, Brenda Crawford, Bonnie Elam, and Martha Lewis.

We hope that Mission u 2023 will be in person, led by Cecelia Whitfield. Her team will be looking at new sites to hold Mission u and the possibility of having an in person event plus a mini virtual event. If you or anyone you know would make a good study leader, let Cecelia know. The topic for 2023 will be The Kin-dom of God.

Thanks you for your support the last four years.

ANN CASHNER | DEAN OF MISSION U



SENDING PRAYERS

Prayer for our teachers:

Hello God. As we start a new school year we lift up prayers of blessings over the lives our teachers, their work, and their families. Guide them with your wisdom. May they be empowered by your Spirit to see the needs of their students and to inspire those under their care. We lift up our parents, guardians, and caregivers of our students before you. May they all have a successful year.



ENVIAR OORACIONES

Oración para nuestros maestros:

Hola Dios. Al iniciar este nuevo año escolar elevamos oraciones de bendición sobre la vida de nuestros maestros, su trabajo y sus familias. Guíalos con tu sabiduría. Que sean empoderados por tu Espíritu para ver las necesidades de sus alumnos e inspirar a los que están bajo su cuidado. Levantamos en oración a los padres, tutores y cuidadores de nuestros estudiantes ante usted. Que todos tengan un año exitoso. Amén

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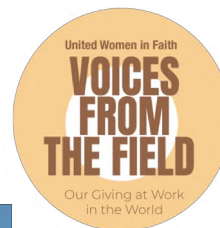
SECRETARY

It is that time of year again. Barb McCoy will begin working on the UWF directory for next year very soon. She graciously agreed to continue this task. She is good at it and she does such a wonderful job. I know it seems too early to think about it but the end of the year will come upon us sooner than we can imagine. Please get your 2023 slate to her and your district secretary as soon as you have it. Here are some links that may be helpful for organizing meetings or keeping records.

Websites/Online Resources

- Robert's Rules of Order
<https://www.dvc.edu/student-services/student-life/pdfs/Roberts-rules-SDSU.pdf>
- Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet
http://diphi.web.unc.edu/files/2012/02/MSG-ROBERTS_RULES_CHEAT_SHEET.pdf
- Democratic and Robert's Rules Compared
http://www.democraticrules.com/pdf/INFORMATION_LEAFLET_2015_05_14.pdf
- Democratic Rules of Order: Summary of the Rules
<http://www.democraticrules.com/pdf/summary.pdf>
- Democratic Rules of Order (eBook)
http://www.democraticrules.com/pdf/democratic_rules_shortened.pdf
- MeetKing (an online tool for creating agendas and tracking minutes)
<http://meetingking.com/>
- Twenty-One Tips for Taking Meeting Minutes
<http://www.businesstrainingworks.com/Mechanics/PDF/Free-Minute-Taking-Guide.pdf>
- Professional Church Secretaries' Association
<http://pcsa.ca/>
- After the Deadline (free resource to check spelling, grammar, and punctuation of a text and make suggestions on all, including style of writing)
<http://www.afterthedecline.com/>
- GrammarBook.com
<http://www.grammarbook.com/>

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**2023 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
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Please type or print clearly, the information and return to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator by December 1, 2022. Due to post office mailing regulations, we do need your 9-digit zip code! Check your utility bills for these.

District	_____
Church	_____
Mailing Address	_____
City/State/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

President

Name	_____
Mailing address City/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

Vice-President

Name	_____
Mailing address City/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

Secretary

Name	_____
Mailing address City/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

Treasurer

Name	_____
Mailing address City/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR:

Spiritual Growth

Name	_____
Mailing address City/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

Education & Interpretation

Name	_____
Mailing address City/Zip+4	_____
Phone	_____ Email _____

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Social Action

Name _____
Mailing address City/Zip+4 _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Nurture & Outreach

Name _____
Mailing address City/Zip+4 _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Program Resource Coordinator

Name _____
Mailing address City/Zip+4 _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Chairperson/Committee on Nominations

Name _____
Mailing address City/Zip+4 _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Communications Coordinator

Name _____
Mailing address City/Zip+4 _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Upon completion of this form, PLEASE send a copy to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator:

Barb McCoy
Conference Directory Coordinator
1025 Brandon Way
Fort Wayne, IN 46845-2390
260-637-1842
barb.mccoy@frontier.com

Please send via e-mail
if possible, but USPS is
greatly appreciated and
accepted as well.

Without these names and addresses, your district and conference teams don't know who should receive newsletters, fliers, and special e-alerts. Thanks to all of you for your help in making our Conference Directory as complete as possible.

Criteria for applying:

- 1. Youth & 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 & Young Adults Ministries of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 4. Preference will be given to projects Supported by UWF national, GBGM, and Conference UMC.
- 5. Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Committee
- 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 after January 1, 2023

For Scholarship Team

Date Application Received

Date Application Processed

Date Application Approved

Amount Approved

Notes

2023 Youth & 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 United Methodist Women of the Indiana United Methodist		

SOCIAL ACTION

Greetings to my UWF Sisters~

Please bring your extra yarn (of any color) to the Annual Celebration at St. Luke's UMC on **October 7/8**. Yarn will be given to the Women's Prison where inmates are knitting caps for school children, babies at their nursery, the homeless, immigrants, etc.

Also, mail to me or "definitely" bring with you your photographs with captions explaining your service projects by your unit and district for the Annual Celebration. There will a display at our celebration about the various projects from around the state. This will provide a great "idea sharing time".

Genesis 2:15 tells us to "till and keep" and "cultivate and care for it" our world.

We are not following this if we continue getting our electricity from so many ancient coal plants and letting the coal ash pits to be spewing toxic chemicals into our waterways and land.

Any Indiana resident may sign (even if they are not 18 nor a citizen) and join this petition by people of faith who want all of Indiana's utilities to reduce coal plants and start making a transition to renewable energy to help the world and all who live on this planet. Please see the petition on the following page.

One may complete the petition by writing as much info as one desires such as only your address.

We need some form of identification to distinguish between individuals with the same name.

Check the boxes if you would like to receive more information by email or text.

Sierra Club offered to print them for us so their name is on the bottom, but these are United Women in Faith petitions for people of faith. You may print other copies of the petitions and the fliers.

Please have a table by the entrance/exit of your church, display the information fliers, and ask individuals to sign the petitions. There is space for three to sign on one page.

Maybe, you could give the petitions to others and ask them to ask two others to sign and return the petitions to you. Carry them with you. I have asked others at the doctor's office, beautician, etc. Usually others are very enthused about signing. The worst response is "No", but you will never know unless you ask.

If you would like postage for returning the petitions, please let me know the number of pages that you will be mailing so an envelope with the correct postage could be sent to you. Allow enough time for you to mail the envelope to be received by **September 3**. We need the actual signature page and not an email copy of the signatures.

Please mail to:

Carol Tiller
c/o S. C.1100 W. 42nd St. Suite 215
Indianapolis IN 46208

CAROL TILLER-LUCHTMAN | SOCIAL ACTION
csa5305@gmail.com | 317-313-9376



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Indiana is home to more super polluting coal plants than any other state. These five coal plants are among the top 22 worst toxic and greenhouse gas polluters in the nation. Making Indiana one of the largest contributors to climate change in the nation.



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In 2021, the UN Secretary-General António Guterres said that the Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change is “Code Red for Humanity” yet Duke, and AES Indiana have not pledged to retire all of their coal plants before 2030. In addition, AES Indiana, Duke Energy, Indiana Michigan Power and Centerpoint are looking at making significant investments in new gas infrastructure - which will only worsen climate change and delay the deployment of renewable energy, energy efficiency and battery storage.

I am calling on the leadership of AES Indiana, Duke Energy Indiana, NIPSCO, Centerpoint and Indiana Michigan Power to expedite the transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy as quickly and affordably as possible for the sake of our planet and all its inhabitants. Ensure a clean closure of all coal ash ponds.

Sincerely,

Name: _____		
Email: _____	Phone: _____	
Street Address: _____	City: _____	Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to volunteer with the campaign!	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive text alerts	

Name: _____		
Email: _____	Phone: _____	
Street Address: _____	City: _____	Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to volunteer with the campaign!	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive text alerts	

Name: _____		
Email: _____	Phone: _____	
Street Address: _____	City: _____	Zip: _____
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**Welcome! By providing your email and/or mobile number you consent to receive email, cell phone and text communications from Sierra Club, the Sierra Club Foundation, Sierra Club PACs and Chapters concerning news, action opportunities, and other important information about the local Beyond Coal Campaign.*

UWF INDIANA CONFERENCE CALENDAR

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN

2022

October 7-8: Annual Celebration

Friday 5 p.m. supper - program to follow

Saturday 9:45 a.m. - 3 pm.

St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis, IN

October 21-23: Silent Retreat

Friday 8 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. (Registration 6-7:45 p.m.)

St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, IN

November 5: Officer Training & Leadership Development - Virtual

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

2023

January 20-21: Spiritual Growth Retreat

Friday 7 p.m. - Saturday 3 p.m.

Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park

February 2: CWU/UWF Legislative Day - Virtual

10 a.m. - Noon

March 23: Legacy Fund Day of Giving

April 21-22: Spiritual Growth Retreat

Friday 7 p.m. - Saturday 3 p.m.

Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Donaldson,

IN INUMC Annual Conference: TBA

Limitless Events: TBA

Mission u: TBA

October 6-7: Annual Celebration

Friday 5 p.m. supper - program to follow

Saturday 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Community of Hope UMC, Muncie, IN

October 20-22: Silent Retreat

Friday 8 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. (Registration 6-7:45 p.m.)

Sarto Retreat House, Evansville, IN

November 4: Officer Training & Leadership Development - Virtual

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Mission Messenger

INDIANA UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Bonnie Elam
United Women in Faith
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Fort Wayne, IN 46815

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United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

*Faith
Hope
Love*



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