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The earth belongs to God! Everything in all the world is his. He is the one who pushed the oceans back to let dry land appear.
—Psalms 24:1-2

WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER?

"BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE AND JOY"

In July I experienced building communities of hope and joy through two events.

First, our conference summer executive committee gathered in person at Selah for a productive business meeting, wonderful meals provided by Selah United Women in Faith, and conversation. We had many special moments including the following two:

- 1) The daughter of Elizabeth Williams brought her to present her report. We celebrated the adoption of her petition at the PNW Annual Conference in June. This is consistent with our climate justice priority and encourages individuals and congregations to divest from the fossil fuel industry, reduce broad-spectrum herbicides to encourage native flowering plants and bolster

pollinators such as bees and butterflies, and avoid Styrofoam and single-use plastics.

- 2) Fran Houser is responsible for Love Ribbons and we voted to appoint her to the board. She sold these successfully at Mission u.

Second, after our meeting, we went to Wesley UMC for Mission u 2022. The theme was "Who Can We Be Together?" This started with an unexpected challenge when Marilyn and Dennis Reid took our beloved dean Carol Mariano to the hospital with severe stomach pain.

Thankfully, she was able to check out Sunday afternoon. Terry Raymond drove her home in her car with Sue Raymond following them. At the church five of us

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THE PURPOSE

The organized unit of 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 United Methodist Church.



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gave her hugs and presented her with roses as she left.

Carol had an excellent script that allowed Marilyn Reid to lead Mission u. The three-day event included plenaries, worship, mission presentations, and even a healing service. Sue Raymond, our Crest to Coast leader, presented an outstanding bent-over woman monologue.

Eight classes on Luke 13 focused on how Jesus responded to social oppression. Each included Bible study, discussion about creating spaces of care, and personal reflection. One session focused on welcoming LGBTQ as leaders in our churches.

On Sunday we worshiped with the Wesley UMC congregation. Pastor Shane Moore preached on "Healing and Restoration in God's Beloved Community." He wished that he could be like Jesus and always stand up to difficult challenges. He cited the eight-woman who gathered in March 1869 as an example. They made a difference by sending women missionaries to provide health care and education in India.

How can we build communities of hope and joy today?

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For further information check out our United Women in Faith website:
pnwumc.org/uwfaith

WESTERN JURISDICTION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Dear United Women in Faith,

This has been a hard year for all of us because most of us are not meeting in person

for our district and conference United Methodist Women meetings. This means the Western Jurisdiction Nominations Committee can't get to know all of you.

In the past, we have come and visited your conferences, but that has not happened. We are asking that you help us out by sending out the Western Jurisdiction Profile to your membership.

Our committee on nominations has the responsibility of finding women within these conferences who are qualified to be in leadership positions and are willing to serve for a term of four years. An important tool we use to do this is our Profile Sheets.

To proceed with our work the nominations committee needs to have on file a record of women and the many gifts and talents they have to offer as United Methodist Women. Filling out the sheet doesn't necessarily mean that you will be asked at this time, but we must have your information for future reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Please see the attached profile form.

You can email me back the profile form dynomont_3@msn.com be sure to put an underscore between

the t and 3.

Or mail it to me (the address is on the bottom of the profile sheet).

Thanks so much on the behalf of the Western Jurisdiction Nominations Committee.

Lynda Montgomery,
Chair of the Nominations Committee

THANK YOU NOTE

I am so grateful for the caring prayers of support for me from those who attended Mission u while I was hospitalized in Yakima--to those who transported me to the hospital and later to my home on Mercer Island, to those who saw that I got the care and things I needed, the love ribbon and roses and a daily report of how things were going. I was very disappointed not to be with you, but I thank you for carrying on without me to make this a beautiful and meaningful experience for all. Special thanks to Marilyn Reid for her gracious leadership in my absence.

Carol Mariano
Mission u Dean

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United Women in Faith, Pacific Northwest Conference

Annual Meeting by Zoom, Saturday, October 15th, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Sharon Delgado
"Climate Justice & Water"



Registration Form

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

District: _____ **Unit:** _____

Please consider making a donation.

Your gift will be evenly divided between *Pledge to Mission* and *Cabin at La Posada*.

Make your check payable to PNWUMW, and mail it to PNW Conference UWF Treasurer, Kendra Smith, at
17420 93rd Ave NE, Bothell, WA 98011-36.

Break-out Room Choice: (Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice below).

- A ☐ "Top 12 actions for the Creation Justice Movement for United Methodists"
Led by Elizabeth Williams, a Creation Justice Movement Leader.
- B ☐ "Investing Responsibly as Climate Citizens"
Led by Julia Frisbie of Faith Foundation NW.
- C ☐ "Community Gardening"
Led by Rev. Jenny Partch, Earthkeeper and pastor of Highline UMC.

Download this registration form, fill out the fillable fields on your computer and
email it to PNW Conference Communication Coordinator, Jenny Bygland, at jbygland@kentmethodist.com.

You can also download and mail your registration form to
Kent UMC, C/O Jenny Bygland, 11010 SE 248th St, Kent, WA 98030.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

I'm sitting in my cool downstairs writing this article on July 30th thinking about climate change and all the ramifications of its effects. The focus of the Annual Meeting in October will be Climate Justice and Water. I hope you plan to attend. It will be a Zoom affair again this year. Look for the registration form in the newsletter. As for financial business, we will be looking at the Budget for 2023 and our Pledge to Missions as a conference. We are meeting our midpoint goals after 2 quarters of giving. As we continue to come out of the pandemic and have more events and meetings in person some of our expenses will increase. Our giving has been good because of low expenses. Please keep this in mind as you make your pledges and

donations to United Women in Faith.

We are in the midst of the many changes that come with a name change. Yesterday I received a new General Council of Finance and Administration (GCFA) Inclusion Letter that is needed to take to the bank to add the doing business as (DBA) information to the account. Both of our names will be on the accounts. I will let you know when this is accomplished. Please continue to use *PNW Northwest Conference of UMW* when you sent checks to the conference account.

Some are having difficulty in finding materials using the new website www.umwmissionresources.org/content I am finding it easier to use and locate items of interest to me.

Once you have it up on your screen save it to find your favorite items. Also, the new vendor supplying the SMR pins has a quick turnaround. Send the information to your District Treasurer and she forwards it to me. I will do the order the day I receive the information. Your district treasurer will send the new update certificate to you. Do not send pin orders directly to the National office.

Please ask questions if you are unsure of what to do or where to go to find information on all of the changes.

Kendra Smith

*Treasurer for United Women in Faith
Pacific Northwest Conference
206-390-9736*

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from extremely hot Walla Walla!! As most of you know, I have been busy organizing the program for our Conference United Women in Faith annual meeting which will take place on October 17th, by zoom. If you haven't registered yet, please do so! We have an awesome keynote speaker, Rev. Sharen Delgado from California tuning in and breakout room speakers continuing the conversation regarding climate justice, water issues, creation justice, and community gardening.

If you have read the "featured" book report, you will notice that I wrote it. I think having watched Deaconess Cindy Johnson's video about her

calling in the Brownville, TX area where she lives and works, spurred my campaign for us to send warm blankets to those who had nothing more than a piece of blue tarp to cover themselves where they slept on the ground. I am sure we sent several hundred, for which I am very grateful. Then, Cindy told me about the "La Posada Project". This would be something that would be a blessing to many, over many years, different that a blanket, a gift card, or a meal. I put it out there to all the districts, asking each to contribute \$1000. Five districts, at least 10 units per district, 10 women per unit, or more = \$10.00/per member. Well, it didn't quite work out that way but as

of this writing, we are close to making our goal! If you would like to donate, connect with me (Hay_77@hotmail.com) and I will tell you how to make out the check and where to send it. I can't thank you enough, and certainly, Cindy is extremely grateful. As of this writing, we are the only conference that has responded. I am proud to be a member of the Pacific NW Conference United Women in Faith.

Blessings,

*Linda Hay,
Vice President*

SHOWER MINISTRY IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA



In 2020 I was attending Alaska Pacific University. Part of the curriculum is to present a senior project to show what you have learned and what you are planning. My passion project was centered around the stigma of homelessness. I wanted to find a platform where the individual who was experiencing homelessness would be humanized. Where someone would be seen as a person, not just a homeless person, but an individual. At first, the thought was to interview people on camera and have them tell their story, any story they want. No script, questions, just a chance to tell what they wanted to tell. But then I realized what I was doing was just taking something and not doing anything in return. I started watching videos trying to find something out of the box that could be a part of this idea.

In California, there is a company that transforms public transportation buses into mobile showers. They work with the city to use city water; they also offer to help set these up in other states. They will help with planning and implementation. After seeing this I was excited! I started researching it and talking to anyone who would listen to me talk about showers. One day a friend said, "It's too bad you can't use the disaster relief shower trailer that the conference owns to do this." I had been going at this for months and had not even once thought about using the shower trailer, so I emailed the pastor of the church where the trailer was housed and we started a conversation on what it would look like to use the trailer and how we could be in mission together. But of course, there was not any funding to be able to launch the showers. But I

was determined to make this happen. I realized I don't own a vehicle that can tow the trailer, but my brother does. He graciously let me borrow it! So, the first day, we pulled the trailer 45 minutes to my house to hook it up and see how to work everything...and water is pouring out of the bottom of the hot heater and the pump is spewing water out all over! I am not a plumber, so I was not sure what to do, I called around and no one was willing to look at it because it was not in a home and it was not technically a motor home. I felt defeated, but I had a friend whose husband is a plumber, he looked at it. But he did not have the correct tools to work on the type of piping that was in there. Then my brother again came to my rescue, I called him upset and told him I would be getting his truck back ASAP but there was a problem with the trailer. He reminded me that his best friend and he buy houses and fix them up, and use that kind of piping! They were able to get it up and running. But this was how the first year went, something would get fixed, and another thing would break. Luckily, I have an amazing younger brother, husband, and neighbor who are all willing to come over and help with the repairs.

I have been reaching out to different churches around the Anchorage area to set up the trailer at their location and offer showers, but I have not gotten much response and was feeling discouraged. But then Anchor Park UMC's church council voted that I can use the showers in the

church during the winter to offer free showers, which is amazing as the shower trailer is not winterized to run year-round. But there was no response from other area churches in 2021.

In June 2020 there was a big upheaval in the unhoused community in Anchorage, during COVID-19 one of the event arenas that is owned by the city had been used as a safe indoor space to house the unhoused. But at the end of June, it was closed, there was not a plan in place for where the over 200 individuals were to relocate. The mayor decided to open the campground at the edge of town and allow people to camp and waive the cost, so almost 200 people were moved into the neighborhood where I live. This included families of young children, adults, teenagers, those who are differently abled, etc. all moved into a campground that has been neglected since the 1970s. There were no plans for meals, shelters, case management, or any services at all. This space is far from any other services that anyone could need, the closest grocery store is about a mile and a half away.

The Anchorage Coalition to End Homeless called an emergency meeting of the church which had been part of the Emergency Cold Weather Shelters to set up a few locations for weekly lunch distributions. I volunteered at the church I work at and also volunteered to bring the shower trailer to other locations to offer people showers. Twice a week I have been located at a church near a greenbelt, from 11 am-2 pm we have

had showers and free lunch for anyone who wants to participate. Each week there has been new people come over and say they heard they could take a shower and were excited the water was hot, and there were fresh clean towels. There have been individuals that come each time I am there and are so excited to take a shower. We have averaged about 10-15 showers per day, there is no time limit so some people take longer than others, but they all appreciate having the opportunity. Just think of how you feel after taking a shower when you haven't had a shower in a day or so...

The current supplies I have available are a combination of donations and what I have found on sale. The soap, shampoo, conditioner, and mouthwash were donated by a company that sells to the hotels, they had a shipment where the boxes were damaged and they couldn't see it. The towels are a combination of me finding a great deal at a second-hand store and church donations. Toothbrushes and toothpaste were donated by another individual. I wash the laundry at a laundromat once a week. The biggest cost is gray water disposal and gas. I have been paying to have the water picked up daily because the trailer is not designed to be hauled with water in it, so after

each day I have a company that comes and pumps the water. The trailer is now stored at Birchwood Camp which is 15 miles from my house, which is 1/2 the distance it was before, so it's closer.

I have started a [Go Fund Me](#) account to help pay for water disposal and gas for my brother's truck, one day I will buy my own. My long-term goal is to make this a full-time job being a non-profit and to build a few of my own self-contained shower vans/buses that have tank heaters and are designed specifically for Alaska's weather. I know this is not the biggest solution to how we are to solve the problem of helping those who are unhoused, but this is something I can do. Because at the end of the day, a shower, clean socks, etc. can brighten up someone's day. And that small thing shows that we see you and we care about you. And isn't that what Jesus told us to do?

Jennifer Miller



NOMINATIONS REPORT

Greetings!

We are looking to fill several positions as soon as possible. We have a Vice President, Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation. Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach, and one opening on the Committee of Nominations. I know that there are many of you that would be perfect for one of these positions and would be a great asset to our Conference Leadership Team.

Please prayerfully consider where you might best serve and contact me with any questions you might have. I have served on the Conference team for ten years and consider it such a gift and privilege to advocate for women, children, and youth. Please join me and the other Conference leaders to make a difference by putting our faith, hope, and love into action. You may contact me at Lmkey1021@comcast.net or 509-830-1960.

Blessings and Peace,

*Linda Key
Chair of the Committee on
Nominations*

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2022-2023

The Pacific Northwest Committee on Nominations is pleased to present the following slate of nominees to be elected at the Conference Annual Meeting.

| OFFICE | OFFICER | TERM OF OFFICE |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| President: | Deb Avery | (1 st year of 2-year term) |
| Vice President: | Open | (1 st year of 2-year term) |
| Education & Interpretation: | Open | (1 st year of 2-year term) |
| Membership, Nurture & Outreach: | Open | (1 st year of 2-year term) |
| Committee on Nominations: | Marsha Aufenkamp | (1 st year of 4-year term) |
| Committee on Nominations: | Janice Catrell | (1 st year of 4-year term) |

CONTINUING IN OFFICE

| | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Treasurer: | Kendra Smith | (2 nd year of 2-year term) |
| Communications Coordinator & Secretary: | Jenny Byland | (2 nd year of 2-year term) |
| Spiritual Growth: | Sharon McDaniels | (2 nd year of 1-year term) |
| Social Action: | Elizabeth Williams | (2 nd year of 1-year term) |
| Committee on Nominations Chair: | Linda Key | (2 nd year of 2-year term) |
| Committee on Nominations Member: | Carol Gruen | (3 rd year of 4-year term) |

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE AND TERM OF OFFICE:

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| Conference President—Chair | Deb Avery | (2024) |
| Language Coordinator (Appointed) | Marilyn Reid | (2024) |
| Committee on Nominations Chair | Linda Key | (2023) |
| By Committee on Nominations: | To be elected by the membership | |
| Executive Board Member: (continuing) | Open | |
| District President: continuing | Open | |
| Member-at-Large: (continuing) | Sharon McDaniels | (2023) |
| Member-at-Large: (elect) | Elizabeth Williams | (2023) |

OFFICERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| President | Ja net' Crouse | 3 + years |
| Vice President | Linda Hay | 1 year |
| Secretary of Program Resources | Janice Catrell | 4 years |
| District President | Marsha Aufenkamp | 4 years |

ASSEMBLY UPDATE



PACIFIC NORTHWEST ATTENDING UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ASSEMBLY 2022

Orlando, Florida

GROUP PICTURE (not in order)

Deaconesses: Lynn Swedberg –not pictured Disabilities

Rhonda Cordill and husband Gordon UVMIM

Myrna Salapang-Duncan

Crest to Coast: Deb Avery, Joan Hackett, Sue Raymond,

Inland: Judy Dirks, Sharon Stovall, Sue McGovney, Linda Hansen

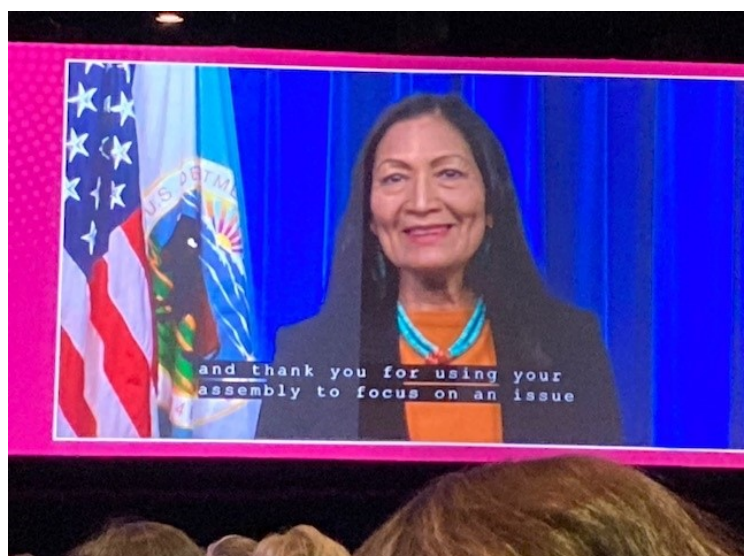
SeaTac: Linda Key, Marilyn Reid, and Husband Dennis

Seven Rivers: Marsha Aufenkamp, Janet Crouse, Fran Houser, Estella Wallace,

Nadine Griffin, Sharon Stark, Robin Inlow, Joselyn Matheny,

Kay Forsythe, Cordelia Koelsch





ASSEMBLY LEGACY BANQUET, MAY 21, 2022

NORIKO LAO AWARD ACCEPTANCE

At the beginning of Legacy, Noriko being a professor and analyst, was concerned about giving accuracy and I know she bugged the accounting department but she was still one of the biggest givers, and her enthusiasm was contagious! I and many others joined the 1869 Society too because of her. We were blessed again by Noriko!

*Marsha Aufenkamp
Pacific Northwest Legacy Liaison
Seven Rivers District President*

THE 1869 SOCIETY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What exactly is the 1869 Society?

In the Spring of 2018, United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith established the 1869 Society to thank and honor individuals who have named United Methodist Women's or United Women in Faith's Legacy Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of their will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. We decided upon the name "1869 Society" since it was the year of our founding. Those individuals who remember The Legacy Endowment Fund through a planned gift demonstrate a particularly thoughtful and generous way to connect their personal legacy with our organization's future.

Why did you establish the 1869 Society?

For many years, United Methodist Women has been remembered in people's wills and estate plans. And we have benefitted from this generous support. As awareness grows of the variety of ways to contribute philanthropically to United Women in Faith, we believe that this type of giving will increase in the years ahead and we want to recognize these donors.

What do I say to other people who ask me about the 1869 Society?

If you are a member of the 1869 Society yourself, ask others to join you. If they want to learn how they can become a member, they may contact the Development staff in the national office at 212-870-3705 or by

emailing legacy150@uwfaith.org for further details.

Can I be anonymous?

Absolutely! Consider though that your membership could encourage others. In this way, you are supporting the mission, programs, and future of United Women in Faith by witnessing to additional creative ways of making a gift. Remember that some people may ONLY be able to contribute through a bequest, for example, and you are helping to bring this possibility to mind for them.

What if I change my mind?

When a gift is revocable (e.g., a bequest), you can change your mind. If there are new circumstances in your life that you would like reflected in your will differently, just let us know of the change. Also, if you are unsure, please feel free to call us for a confidential conversation.

How will my gift embrace the future?

At its heart, the 1869 Society is a way to say, "thank you" and to let you know how grateful we are for your thoughtful support. We extend our gratitude to you on behalf of all the

women and children we serve. Your planned gift will grow as part of The Legacy Endowment Fund. Proceeds from the invested funds will endow future core expenses so that even more money can be directed to support and grow vital mission work throughout our country and the world. The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanently invested Endowment Fund, that will forever be a source of income for United Women in Faith. You will leave a Legacy.

Do I need to update my Estate Planning with the new name?

No, you do not. United Methodist Women is now doing business as United Women in Faith and will continue to accept gifts to United Methodist Women, as well as United Women in Faith.





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LETTER OF INTENT

☐ Yes! I have included United Methodist Women or United Women in Faith my estate plans.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of gift:

- ☐ Will / Living Trust
- ☐ IRA / Retirement Account
- ☐ Life Insurance
- ☐ Bank, Brokerage or Other Financial Account
- ☐ Charitable Trust
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

My future gift to support the Legacy Fund:

- ☐ Is a percentage of my estate and is worth approximately: \$ _____
- ☐ Is in the specific amount of: \$ _____
- ☐ I wish to keep the value of my future gift confidential

Donor Recognition choices:

- ☐ I/we wish to remain anonymous and do not want this gift acknowledged in public.
- ☐ I/we would like to be acknowledged as a member of the 1869 Society with the following wording:

Name as you would like it to appear: _____

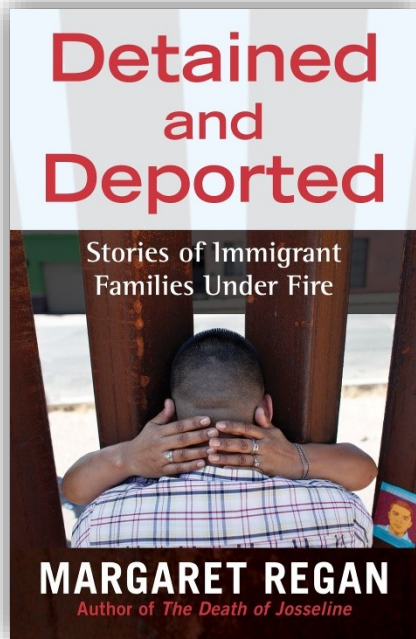
Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the above address.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

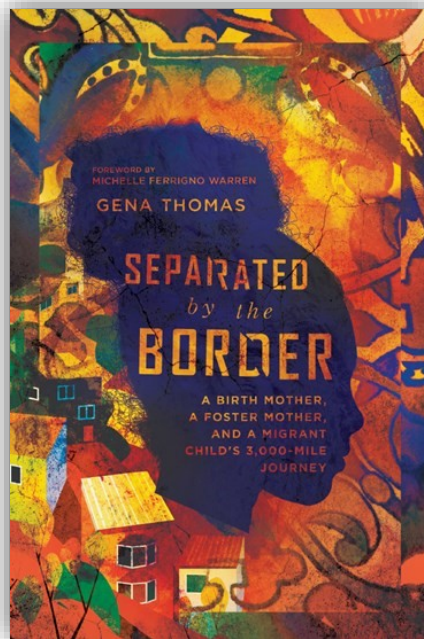
SEPARATED BY THE BORDER, DETAINED AND DEPORTED

These two books were two of the first I read this year. Frankly, I don't remember if I read them before or soon after becoming aware of the work Deaconess Cindy Johnson has and continues to do at the Texas border. *Detained and Deported* was



written by the same author as *Death of Josseline*, a book many of us read several years ago. Both books were hard to read, as a mother, almost unbearable. *Separated by the Border* is the story of a birth mother, a foster mother, and a migrant child's 3000-mile journey from Honduras to the U.S. She was separated from her mother, who was held hostage by smugglers who exploited her physically and financially. The child came through the processing center as an unaccompanied minor. I won't write more about it, as we are all pretty aware of what it was like at the U.S. border, how children were separated from their parents, and as

far as I know, some still are. *Detained and Deported* tells the story of families under fire, those who have been here in the U.S. in some cases for years, working, attending school, marrying, and having families. The author demonstrates the ways that



draconian detention and deportation policies have broadened police powers, and enriched the private prison industry, through the most passive detention and deportation system we've ever had in the U.S.

Now our news channels are focusing on the Ukraine crisis and we aren't hearing much about the families, women, and children who are attempting to escape with the hope of a better and safer life. Please read these books, if you haven't already.

Blessings,
Linda Hay
Vice President

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In July we were once again inspired and challenged by our time together at Mission u. We were challenged to see how Jesus' parables, as told in Luke 13, give us insight into how we as God's kin-dom on earth are to work for justice for All God's children forsaking "damaging theologies and create healthy rituals for abundant living." (*Who Can We Be Together? A Biblical Exploration of Luke 13* by Candace Simpson) Inspiring worship was made possible by many who took part. A special thanks to all who contributed materials and helped set up the Meditation Room. An unexpected contribution from Rev. Golden Neil of his stained-glass art pieces, "Icons of Grief", adds beauty to the room. Thank you to Rev. Danielle Ramsey for the Vesper service and the youth who did a beautiful job of leading us. The Morning Praise in the beautiful summer air of the church courtyard was enhanced by the music of Pastor John Go and his daughter Gloria. Voices raised in song are one of the most inspiring parts of worshipping with a large group at Mission u.

Please mark your calendars for the Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center on April 28-30, 2023. Our leader will be Pastor Shalom Agtarap. The subject will be "Celebrating Womanhood, Looking at Women as thinkers, problem solvers and caregivers, made in the image of God." We have chosen a later date to improve the chances of having good spring weather. Come and join us!

God bless,

Sharon McDaniel
Spiritual Growth Coordinator
United Women in Faith
Pacific Northwest



Join the Pacific Northwest Conference United Women in Faith as we look at the characteristics of women as thinkers, problem solvers, caregivers, feisty, strong, loving, made in the image of God.

Rev. Shalom R. Agtarap, pastor and developer serving at First UMC Tacoma, will lead us.

WHERE: Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center
16170 Manastash Rd.
Ellensburg, WA 98926

WHEN: April 28-30, 2023

WHAT TO EXPECT: Study, Worship, Music, Relaxation, Crafts, Walks & Massages

Registration form is forthcoming

Questions? Contact: Sharon McDaniel
360-724-3246 | sharongarymcdaniel@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

2022 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE CALENDAR

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| January 15 | 10 am – 2:00 pm | Winter Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting | Zoom |
| January 22 | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm | Eastern Washington Leadership Conference | Zoom |
| February 6 | 6 pm (PST), 7 pm (MST) | Idaho Legislative Event Part 1 | Zoom |
| February 10 | | Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day | Olympia, WA |
| February 13 | 6 pm (PST), 7 pm (MST) | Idaho Legislative Event Part 2 | Zoom |
| March 18-20 | | Spring Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting | Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, Ellensburg, WA |
| March 23 | | Day of Giving | |
| March 30 | | Annual Membership Census Due Online | |
| April 2 | | Mission u Training Begins | |
| May 20-22 | | Assembly | |
| June 9-12 | | United Methodist Church Greater Northwest Annual Conference | Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA |
| July 21-22 | | Summer Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting | Selah UMC, Selah WA |
| July 22-24 | | Mission u | Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA |
| September | | Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting | TBD |
| September 10 | | Puget Sound Missional District | Coupeville UMC, Coupeville, WA |
| September 17 | | Inland Missional District Annual Meeting | Spokane Valley UMC, Spokane Valley, WA |
| September 17 | | Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting | West Highlands UMC, Kennewick, WA |
| September 24 | | SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting | Zoom |
| October 13-14 | | Fall Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting | Zoom |
| October 15 | | Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting | Zoom |
| January 13-14, 2023 | | Winter Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting | Zoom |
| April 27-28, 2023 | | Spring Executive Meeting | Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, Ellensburg, WA |
| April 28-30, 2023 | | Spiritual Retreat: Celebrating Women | Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, Ellensburg, WA |
| April 25-28, 2024 | | Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. | Anchorage, AK |

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION

“PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE QUILTING PROGRAM”

Thirty-plus years ago Vera Zimmerman, past Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women President, received a call from a pastor describing a quilt project for AIDS babies. He suggested United Methodist Women might make quilts for the California-based non-profit. Vera wrote in her March 1999 article that it made little sense to her to send quilts to California when there were many needs in Washington and Idaho. The in-Conference project that would supply quilts for small children and babies at risk was affirmed by the Pacific Northwest Conference United Methodist Women Executive Committee in April 1991. The process would be that each District would research groups and agencies in their District of the Conference that serve such children and babies

and who would be willing to gift the quilts to them. They would then be distributed by the districts. The project would emphasize the Campaign for Children. The goal: gifts of compassion and unconditional love and also a better understanding of the problems facing such children.

In the fall of 1991, quilts were displayed at District and Conference meetings. 143 quilts were brought to and displayed at the June 1992 United Methodist Church Annual Conference at the University of Puget Sound. Lois wrote, “Bishop McConnell said that the 1992 Conference session had been gentler, in greater harmony and showed more goodwill than usual.” Each subsequent year quilts have been displayed at Annual Conference. As COVID-19 dictated virtual Annual Conferences in 2020,

’21, and ’22 quilts were still made and distributed by Local Units to places in their communities serving at-risk young children and babies. Some Units have made hundreds. Lois wrote in an article back in March 1993 that she thought over 2,000 quilts had been made and gifted.

Today the need continues as does this project. Let’s keep on quilting and plan to share warmth, our prayers, and our love for children and babies at risk in our communities wherever the need exists. We hope that one year these quilts may again be displayed at Annual Conference for all to see before they reach little ones in need. Our Faith, Hope, and Love will surely be known by this Action.

*Judy Dirks,
Inland Missional District President*





LOVE RIBBONS!! LOVE RIBBONS!!

BRING JOY IN THE MORNING, AFTERNOON AND EVENING. IN FACT ALL YEAR ROUND!!

To all District and Units of the Pacific Northwest Conference: I, Fran Houser, will be taking over the duties of making the Love Ribbons cards for the Conference. Susan Chamberlain is leaving our Conference and moving back to California, to be closer to her kids and family. We will miss Susan a lot and I wish her the best in all she is going to be doing on her new journey.

We are the only Conference to do Love Ribbons cards and have been doing them since 2013. Here is a chart of how we have done with the Love Ribbons over the past eight years. Also how the process works.

Remember that the cards cost \$1.00 each and are part Mission Today and included in *The Pledge To Mission*. Units go to the District Treasurers for supplies and purchases and credit goes to your unit.

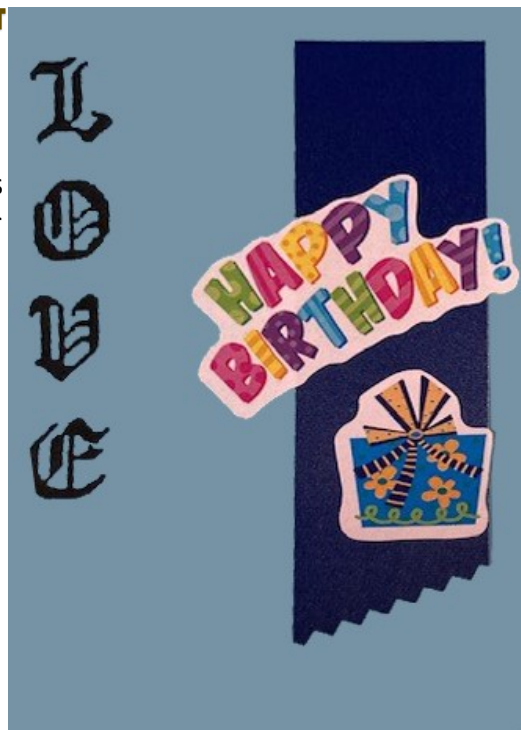
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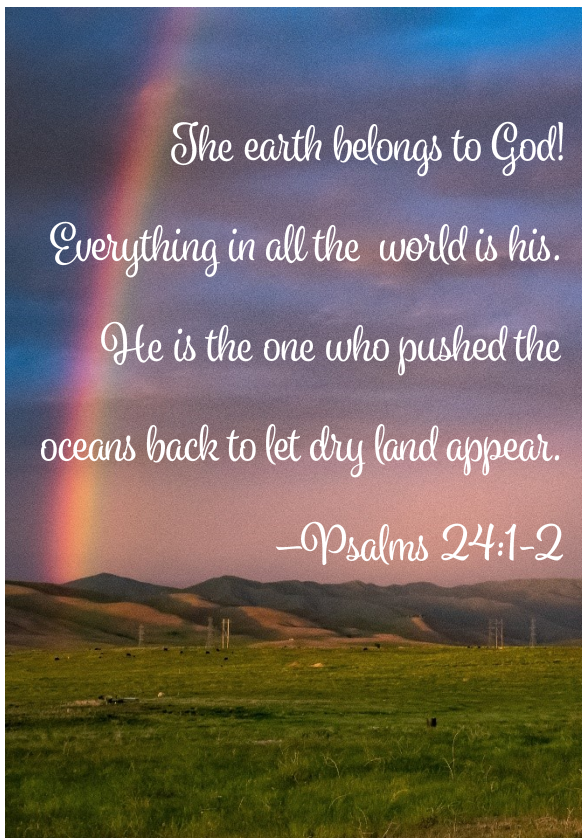
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Anything for the **Fall Newsletter** should be emailed to Jenny Bygland (jbygland@kentmethodist.com) by **Monday, October 24**. *Late articles will be included as space permits. No submissions will be accepted after noon on Wednesday, October November 2.*

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