



Timely Reflections

INLAND MISSIONAL DISTRICT
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Two recent events brought to my mind Faith Stories: the privilege of leading worship including providing the message on Luke 19:1-10 and All Saints Day Sunday. I asked my congregation, "What Is Your Zacchaeus Story?" Mine has included so many "saints," the last 34 years including treasured United Methodist Women sisters. Faith journeys, if we were to draw them as a road, may contain valleys, plateaus, mountaintops, even potholes and detours that challenge us but I doubt often are a steady forward-moving easy incline. Personally, I never had to climb a tree, sturdy or otherwise, as Zacchaeus did to see Jesus. Long before I knew or thought of "faith stories or journeys," God placed people in my path leading me toward passions for racial justice and missions. We have so many opportunities, through technology now, to see Jesus through our missionaries serving around the world, justice work for our climate, persons working hard to reduce the school to prison pipeline, and much more. Mission u and Assembly informed and challenged us. We look forward to an enriching Spiritual Retreat in the spring and Western Jurisdiction in 2024. We are blessed to be a part of a special sisterhood that so many women have yet to know. I challenge you to write or review and add to your faith story. Note the occasions that impacted you and persons with you. Look around you. See who you could invite on the journey and who needs **you** as a companion.

Blessings on your way,
Judy Dirks,
President

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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.

BOOK REVIEW

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama grew up on the South Side of Chicago. She attended a high school designed to attract highly qualified students from the north and south sides of Chicago. Getting to the school involved ninety minutes of travel each way on two different city bus routes as well as a transfer downtown. This is an excerpt of part of the ride in her own words.

“Chicago was a much bigger city than I’d ever imagined. I got a long slow view of the South Side in what felt like its entirety in the gray light of early morning. Every morning I’d switch buses downtown at Michigan Avenue at the height of rush hour where we passed bank buildings with big gold doors and bellhops standing outside the fancy hotels. I watched men and women in smart outfits carrying their coffee to work.” Although her school counselor told her she was not “Princeton material” six months after her appointment with the counselor she received a letter offering her admission. There were so few black students she always felt conspicuous. After Princeton she attended Harvard Law School. She kept achieving until she got a job with a law firm in one of the buildings she used to pass by as a South Side kid riding the bus to school. This is where she first meets Barack Obama and eventually becomes the First Lady of the United States.

READING PROGRAM

Have someone in your Unit check out UWFaith.org for the Reading Program. There is information about the program. You can print a list to be filled out for books read. The new books for 2023 have pictures and descriptions of what they are about. The list is too long to print out. Happy reading.

Charlene Mullis
Secretary of Program Resources

MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

A New Year’s Challenge

When we attended the Assembly this last April we heard from National United Women in Faith president ‘Ainise ‘Isama’u. She offered the TURN IT UP! CHALLENGE. She hoped that every attendee would recruit 2 women brand new to United Women in Faith by January 2023. I am passing this challenge on to each of you. Let’s look around and see if there is someone that might be interested in United Women in Faith. This could include our friends and neighbors, newly retired women and especially young women. We will learn more about how to report our new members in January. Together we can TURN IT UP!

Sue McGovney
Membership Nurture and Outreach

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CALENDAR 2023

February 4	Inland Dist. Bd.	Zoom
April 21	Inland Dist. Board	SVUMC
April 28-30	Spiritual Retreat	Lazy F
July 21-23	Mission u	Yakima
July 29	Inland Dist. Board	TBA
September 16	District Ann. Mtg.	TBA
October 21-23	Conference Ann. Mtg.	C2C
November 11	Inland. Dist. Board	Zoom

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE helps us promote



upcoming District, Conference, Western Jurisdiction and National Events. It is also a great place to share and learn about Social Issues and Action Alerts. Help us utilize this tool in our mission work by sharing local events or social issues that you are aware of.

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Facebook.com/pnwuwfaith

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FLICKR: Flickr.com/photos.UMWomen

TREASURER

Ladies, I realize today as the snow was falling that we are fast approaching the season of Christmas and the end of another year. As of September 30, 2022, our received income for Pledge to Mission was \$11,274. Our commitment for 2022 Pledge to Mission was \$22,000. Appears we are facing a shortfall in making our Pledge to Mission by the end of the year. Would you please consider giving some extra to your pledge by year-end. Thank you for your generosity.

Roberta Headley,
Treasurer



SECRETARY



Susan Henderson

Susan is a life-long resident of Spokane Valley, Washington. She met her husband, Tim, at their 30th high school reunion and married a year later in 1997. Susan has two daughters and Tim has 4 sons. They have five grandchildren. Susan retired in 2010

after teaching elementary school for 40 years in Central Valley School District. She attended Spokane Valley United Methodist Church as a child, became a member in 1982, left for a time, then returned in 1997 to attend church with her husband. She has served on the Staff Parish Relations Team, Nurture and Education, Auction Committee and taught during VBS. After retirement, Susan joined Rachel Circle serving as Sunshine and currently as Program Chairman. Susan is currently serving as Secretary for the Inland Missional District. She loves to go camping with her family, host holiday family gatherings, and create albums that document family history.

Susan Henderson,
Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS

Please fill out the form and send your new officer list for 2023 to Susan for the 2023 Inland Missional District directory. This information is important to me for mailing the newsletter, The Timely Reflections and for the district officers to contact their counterparts in the local units.

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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

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