



## *Timely Reflections*

INLAND MISSIONAL DISTRICT  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

### **PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS**

In the last Timely Reflections issue I left you with a challenge, "Where is God Calling You as a United Woman in Faith?" Whether we are new to our organization or a very long time member this is an important question for us all to ponder. I referred to Inspire, Impact and Influence and each of us can do these things in our daily interactions, from our homes, in our community, in our UWF gatherings. We can touch one person or a very large group at a time. I am still feeling all three after a powerful Conference Spiritual Retreat at Lazy F Camp with a total of 80 women from many borders (including Washington, D.C.). Rev. Shalom Agtarap led us in Celebrating Womanhood, several women shared their talents and experiences in a variety of workshops, periods of intentional silence provided needed time for reflection in a special setting of God's creation—all taking us away from our daily routines and hustle-bustle of "to-do's" and demands. Thank you, Sharon McDaniel, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator, for coordinating the event, and Sharon Stovall, event registrar, for making sure everyone had a bed! Thinking ahead, plan to meet missionary Katherine Parker at Spokane Valley July 8 and attend Mission u in Yakima July 21-23. Invite a friend to be "inspired, impacted, and influenced" and perhaps become one of your at least two new members of your Unit. Our sisterhood is meant to be shared with all women of faith. Who is waiting for your invitation?

Blessings,  
Judy

**MAY 2023**

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### **THE PURPOSE**

**United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.**

## Find United Women in Faith on:

**WEBSITE:** uwfaith.org pnwumc.org/uwfaith

**INSTAGRAM:** Instagram.com/uwfaith

**PINTEREST:** Pinterest.com/uwfaith/created

**TWITTER:** Twitter.com/uwomenfaith

**YOU TUBE:** Youtube.com/user/uwfaith

**FLICKR:** Flickr.com/photos.UMWomen

## MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH

The member dashboard launch is being delayed to later in May for technical reasons discovered in the final round of testing. This delay means that the Unit Survey that was set to launch with the member dashboard will be accessed through the website in the first week of May. Also, you and the Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators should expect to have the Unit Survey link sent by the first week of May, too. Please advise members of these changes should they inquire. When we meet in May, I will have more details about the release date. We are sorry for the delay.

## CALENDAR 2023

|               |                      |               |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| July 21-23    | Mission u            | Yakima        |
| July 29       | Inland Dist. Board   | Sandpoint UMC |
| September 16  | District Ann. Mtg.   | Sandpoint UMC |
| 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.

[facebook.com/uwomenfaith](https://facebook.com/uwomenfaith)

[Facebook.com/pnwuwfaith](https://Facebook.com/pnwuwfaith)

## SAVE THE DATE

### INLAND MISSIONAL DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN

#### IN FAITH

#### ANNUAL MEETING

THEME: "INVITE, INSPIRE, INFLUENCE,  
WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?"

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Hosted by

Sandpoint United Women in Faith and  
Bonners Ferry United Women in Faith  
Sandpoint United Methodist Church  
Sandpoint, Idaho

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

Become a Mission Today Unit in 2023

[Newly Updated Guidelines!](#)

What is Mission Today?

Mission Today serves to energize United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study, and action by:

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### Mission Today Unit Requirements

**Set a goal early on and check the boxes inside this brochure as you complete each item!** The complete list is on the reverse side.

- **Gold Units** need to complete at least 12 of the criteria, 6 of which must be marked with a ★
- **Silver Units** need to complete at least 6 of the criteria, 3 of which must be marked with a ★

(Units that have under 15 members, use half of the above-mentioned numbers in all categories) The recording period to become a Mission Today Unit is from September through the following August.

**Complete and send the form on the reverse side to your District Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation or designated person by August 15**

## MISSION COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION POSITION

**Mission Education & Interpretation** increases the power and effectiveness of United Women in Faith by:

- Helping members understand the mission and outreach ministries of the church;
- Emphasizing the need for continued financial support for the programs and mission of the United Women in Faith;
- Discovering ways to educate and interpret the mission and social justice priorities of United Women in Faith, and inviting the talents of new members;
- Promoting the use of *response Magazine* and *New World Outlook Magazine*, utilizing these resources as part of United Women in Faith's outreach to local units.

The Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator relates to the Other Mission Coordinators in the following ways:

- The Mission Coordinator for Social Action to expand traditional concepts of mission;
- The Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth to act on our Biblical and theological foundations for mission and mission giving; and
- The Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach to promote and interpret mission education and mission giving to individual members.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Mission u—July 21-23, 2023, Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA**  
“Living the Kin-dom” Explore the Lord's Prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. It is an invitation to take a deeper look at prayer and its role in our faith journeys.

**Adult Study Leaders:** Katherine Parker, Ronda Cordill, and Yvonne Agduyeng; **Youth Study Leaders:** Myra Salapang-Duncan and Lyn Rush; **Children's Study Leaders:** Sue and Terry Raymond

## Mission Education & Interpretation

Expanding the Power of Our National Mission Locally

Pacific Northwest Conference  
United Women in Faith



United  
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in Faith

Join our mission community for the



## Mission Today

- ☐ Make and meet a Pledge to Mission ★
- ☐ Use the Prayer Calendar to pray for people in mission and for mission work with women, children, and youth ★
- ☐ Have two or more members subscribing to *response Magazine* ★
- ☐ One or more members attend Mission u or District Mini Mission u by Zoom ★
- ☐ Two or more members attend a District, Conference, or National meeting/training event by Zoom ★
- ☐ Two or more members attend the Local Leadership Membership Training event ★
- ☐ Become a Five Star Unit by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving: Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, World Thank Offering, or become a Seven Star Unit by adding: Mission Magic and Love Ribbons ★
- ☐ Make a contribution to the Legacy Fund ★
- ☐ Two or more members complete one of the Reading Program Plans, report on one of the books, and encourage members to complete Plan 1 ★
- ☐ One or more members join the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to information on legislative issues. ★
- ☐ At least one member of the unit participates in Legislative Day via Zoom. ★
- ☐ Write to five people listed in the Prayer Calendar, two or more times a year
- ☐ Participate in the Campaign for Children in two or more ways: support a church or community program related to children and youth needs, support the Children's Defense Fund; write, email, or call legislators or other representatives regarding children's issues; learn how schools are funded.
- ☐ Include a mission moment, lifting up and reporting on a mission story from *response Magazine* or *New World Outlook Magazine*.
- ☐ Have a Bible study group during the year, by Zoom.
- ☐ Participate in the "Call to Prayer and Self-denial" offering
- ☐ Invite a District or Conference officer who is not part of the local unit to one or more meetings during the year.
- ☐ Your unit made a contribution to the PNWUMW Conference Endowment Fund, Nome Community Center, or Good Neighbor Settlement House.
- ☐ Two or more members volunteer at a community-based Foodbank, feeding program, or women's shelter.
- ☐ Contribute to La Posada Cabin to be built at the Immigrant center near Brownsville, Texas
- ☐ Donate material items to Nome Community Center, Atlantic Street Center, or Tacoma Community House.

### Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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## READING PROGRAM

The Reading Program Catalog can be found at [uwfaith.org/resources/readingprogram/](http://uwfaith.org/resources/readingprogram/)

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Education for Mission 2023

The story begins in 1932 in a Japanese controlled Korea. Sunja is the young daughter of a Korean boarding house owner. She meets the new fish broker Koh Hansu. They meet secretly at the beach for six months. Sunja becomes pregnant by the fish broker and when she tells him about her predicament he tells her that he has a wife and three daughters back in Japan. He offers to set her up as his mistress and raise the child. She refuses this and goes home to her parents in disgrace. During this time a young pastor named Issak comes to the boarding house suffering from tuberculosis. Sunja and her mother nurse him back to health and he offers to marry Sunja and raise her child as his own. They marry and move to Osaka where his brother lives and he has a post as an assistant pastor. Her son is born and they Name Noa (Noah). They eventually have a son of their own named Mozasu (Moses). Isaak is arrested by the Japanese and imprisoned for several years and is only sent home to die. Noa is an exceptional scholar and wishes to go to University. The only way he can go to college is to accept money from Koh Hansu who is a Japanese gangster. Sunja is not happy but she accepts. His brother is not interested in school and finds a job in a Pachinko Parlor. Pachinko is a Japanese game similar to an upright pinball. He quickly learns how to set the pins in the machines and repair them. He rises up in the ranks to manager of the parlor and then owning his own. During this time Noa learns his father's identity and can't accept that he is a gangster and he has been supported by dirty money and leaves school. He also eventually also finds a job in a Pachinko parlor but is never happy. This story covers the loves and lives of this family during the Japanese persecution of Koreans living there. I highly recommend this book. It is an easy read and a page turner.

Sue McGovney



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United Methodist Women in Faith  
at the Pacific Northwest Conference  
Spiritual Retreat at Lazy F Camp in  
Ellensburg, April 30, 2023.

See more pictures in the

Conference Newsletter, The Sharing Line.

**All interested people are invited to  
United Women in Faith Inland Missional District  
“Voices From the Field”**

At  
Spokane Valley United Methodist Church,  
115 N. Raymond Road, Spokane Valley, WA 99206



A workshop facilitated by  
**Katherine Parker, Missionary in Nepal**  
**Saturday, July 8, 2023**  
**10 am to 3 pm**

**(Registration begins at 9:30 am at the door)**

Cost: \$5 donation for lunch at the door

**This workshop will be “A Time of Reflection”  
around these questions:**

Is God calling us to a fullness of life for all in a transformed society?

What does it mean to work together for a common vision?

What does it mean to work in partnership with those  
who do not come from this place of common vision?

What does it mean to be inclusive?

How can we be inclusive in living out our common vision?

How do we build respectful and meaningful partnerships with people in secular society  
while being grounded in scripture and holding on to our own identity as Christians  
engaged in poverty alleviation and social justice?



**Registration due by July 1, 2023**

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Information needed: Name    Address    Phone    Email address    Church    Any food restrictions  
A Free Will Offering Will Be Taken



## Katherine Parker, Missionary in Nepal

Katherine Parker is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, working in community development in Nepal. She serves as a Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Advisor with the United Mission to Nepal (UMN). The ecumenical ministry of UMN has a vision of “fullness of life for all in a transformed Nepali society.” United Methodists have been part of UMN since it was founded in 1954.

Katherine’s work in Nepal involves the development of frameworks for reflection in an action-reflection process of community transformation. The UMN work in community transformation is in five areas: education, health, peacebuilding, good governance and sustainable livelihoods. Katherine has found joy in:

- Adolescent empowerment, including sexual reproductive health and rights, mental health, and menstrual hygiene;
- Dignity for migrant workers; and
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Katherine was previously based in one of UMN’s field offices in western Nepal and now works in participatory research across the organization from a base in Kathmandu, where she is also a part of the UMN leadership team.

Katherine is passionate about the process of linking values to action. She believes in telling the stories of our lives and exploring the stories of our faith. These enable us to articulate our shared values and engage in collective action across cultural and other divisive barriers. Together we can progress towards a world where every person can live to his or her fullest potential.

In Nepal since 2013, Katherine formerly served in Cambodia with the Community Health and Agricultural Development program of the Methodist Mission there. She has been a missionary since 2007. Out of college in 2000, she became a mission intern for three years with the Asian Rural Institute in Japan and Practical Farmers of Iowa.

Native to California, Katherine comes from a family with deep roots in United Methodism on the U.S. West Coast. From a young age, Katherine saw the church as a community of faith where we are spiritually fed so that we can serve in the world. She is the fifth generation in her family to serve through the United Methodist connection.

Katherine attended Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Her Master of Science degree, also in biology, was from California State University in Sacramento. Her graduate thesis was on bacterial contamination of drinking water in rural Ghana.

Katherine’s home church is Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church in Mill Valley, California. She has been involved in the life of the church in many capacities, including as part of the California-Nevada Annual Conference delegation to General Conference, the Conference Board of Church and Society, and a District Council on Ministries. She has been a part of United Methodist Women and an organizer of mission trips. In high school, she served as director of a church bell choir.

# It is Unit Survey Time

United Women in Faith has developed a new portal to be used to fill out your Unit Survey this year. It is open from May 12, 2023, until August 30, 2023.

The survey is intended to be completed by the unit president or All Access group convener. Questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and transform communities.

If you are completing the survey choose the link below and then dive into the questions. Answering the questions will take about 15-20 minutes.

Your responses matter. Your answers will allow the United Women in Faith National Office to:

Deliver more resources on the areas that matter most

Gather engagement data based on region

Celebrate all the work you are doing on behalf of women, children and youth

Your participation is essential. Please consider reviewing the sample so you are better able to gather any necessary information before starting.

If you have questions, please email [membership@uwfaith.org](mailto:membership@uwfaith.org). Or [smcgovney@gmail.com](mailto:smcgovney@gmail.com) and I will help you find the link

The link for the Pacific Northwest is:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pacific\\_Northwest](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pacific_Northwest)

Blessings,  
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## Inland District Officers at Retreat



Enjoying “Celebrating Womanhood Workshop”

Fellowship Time with Coffee and Conversation

Meals in Manastash Lodge



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