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FAITH INTO ACTION THROUGH GIVING...

You will notice an overarching theme in this edition of our "SHARING LINE." As you reflect on our Vision, Mission, and Purpose, I encourage you to look at what inspires you to give of your time, talents, gifts, and graces. We are a Sisterhood that, for over 150 years, has taken the risk of being in the middle of mission action and has joined the ministry of Jesus in God's Mission, like the women in LUKE 8:1-3.

Look at 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-12 which speaks about giving in challenging times..." Since you excel in everything... Faith, Speech, Knowledge, Earnestness and Love see that you also excel in Generosity".

As an organization, United Women in Faith has not merely sent money from a distance. Members have been active in ministry with Jesus and have understood giving as an expression of God's Grace. Our faith has led us to follow the gospel and to support the mission and ministry of Jesus. Today it is just as vital as it was in 1869 to keep our gifts, graces, and hearts focused on God's Call for us. Let us continue to give

out of gratitude for what we have been given so that we will transform our world!

We continue to take very seriously the ethical mandate summarized in MICAH 6:8....to Do Justice, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly! Our Five Channels of Mission Giving (Pledge, Thank Offering, Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, and Gift in Memory) continue to ensure that the work of National and International Mission stays vital. It assures that we continue to INSPIRE through Spiritual Growth and Nurturing opportunities, IMPACT through our Social Action and Justice work, and INFLUENCE as we stay informed through learning opportunities and leadership development. Our MISSION GIVING assures that we continue to support well-trained Deaconesses and Home Missioners. Our money, merging with the giving of our Sisters, enables us to provide ongoing missions where it is needed most.

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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.



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If you have not viewed any of the episodes of “Voices from the Field” on the United Women in Faith website. I would highly recommend these. With the support of Mission Giving, it is an opportunity to hear from those in the mission field about the work they can do because of United Women in Faith. It will warm your heart.

On a personal note, I have been blessed to engage in many “life-changing” experiences through opportunities that would not have been an option without MISSION GIVING. I give my deepest ongoing thanks to you, as local United Women in Faith, for making a difference in my life. MISSION GIVING will ensure that other women will continue to find life-changing experiences through our generosity of Giving for generations to come. I pray that each of you reading this will continue to hear God’s Call to Give for the Transformation of our World. Keep sharing those stories with others about the difference that giving through United Women in Faith has made in your life. I count myself blessed to be able to serve as your president.

As we move into the Pentecost season, may you be open to the winds of the Spirit moving in you as your FAITH leads to ACTION through GIVING.

Deb Avery
Conference President, United Women in Faith
Davery51@q.com

TREASURER’S MESSAGE

The focus for the newsletter is “Money.” Giving is down. It is as simple as that. We in the Northwest have made our pledges to National. But our Pledge amounts are not what they were in the past. We have cut meeting expenses by continuing with some zoom meetings replacing in person meetings. We have a new name, the organization is updating and changing to become more relevant, modern, and efficient. There are churches splitting from the national organization and there are churches and units closing. Members are aging and new membership is not increasing fast enough - just yet! Sometimes funds sit in checking and savings accounts unused maybe saved for good reasons. Maybe most of the giving is for designated projects but little is for the overall running of the organization which is the undesignated mission giving. All are reasons for the changes seen in giving. And they are all happening together in the same time frame.

I am writing all of this to hopefully start conversations about money and giving and what is happening in your unit. Are there areas we can change and try a new idea to raise funds or disperse them differently? Are there conflicts in the group as to where the funds raised should go? Could more be sent to undesignated categories? Do I personally need to reawaken my own interest in the organization and see all the changes and possibilities that are available to me to learn and grow? One thing I do know is there is a lot to talk about and all will benefit from listening to

one another.

Resources that may be useful to your unit and answer questions are “Where the Money Goes 2023” and the “Supplementary Giving Projects 2023.” Some local unit treasurers have them already. If you like I can send them to you in a PDF file or ask your District Treasurers for them.

First quarter giving was 30,888.60 and included 1,183 contributed from Endowment earnings in 2022.

Kendra Smith
Treasurer for United Women in Faith
Pacific Northwest Conference

THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING

Seeing the bigger picture of the impact United Women in Faith has on the global mission as well as here in the States has made me realize our footprint in a world where the least, the last, and the lost are increasing and need our support more than ever. As a non-profit, we depend on the generosity of our women to support these projects no matter where the need and location. We’ve come a long way from mothers collecting money for our organization by charging their children a penny if they left crumbs on the tablecloth. But penny by penny, our foremothers felt the importance of our mission work. If we don’t have extra cash, we do have ways of fundraising for our pledge. Whether individually or by the unit, every penny counts.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES 2023

FIRST, LET'S HEAR ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM, THE SOURCES OF OUR FUNDING...

United Women in Faith is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members as well as mission partners and anonymous donors who have a heart for mission. The national office is committed to good stewardship of this generous support.

The Five Channels of Giving (pictured below) show the various ways that our members give undesignated funds to our organization. When local members give, a portion of the Pledge to Mission is kept by their respective unit and conference for its own administrative and membership development (A&MD) expenses as well as local mission. The remainder of the Pledge and the other channels of Mission Giving is forwarded to the national office. Therefore, our members' giving supports both local, national, and international work aligned with our mission! At the national level, the elected Board of Directors votes on the budgeted spending for each year.

Members can also give to projects on our Designated and



Supplementary Projects List which is updated each year. Visit this webpage to view the list: <https://uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/>

In addition to these sources of funding, United Women in Faith also receives bequests and holds endowments that significantly support our work. We currently have an active Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, which will be an ongoing support of income, ensuring that our important work will always continue.

NOW LET'S LEARN ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY GOES...

Social Action and Justice Work

We mobilize our members to learn about and take action on key social justice issues. Currently, our focus is on climate justice and ending the school-to-prison pipeline.

Education and Leadership Development

We equip women, children, and youth to become leaders in the church, their communities, and the world. Programs include:

- Leadership Development Days
- Mission u
- Reading Program
- Scholarships to students in the United States and internationally

Spiritual Growth and Nurturing Opportunities

We offer resources and programming that enable women to explore their faith and nurture their souls, including:

- Daily Prayer Guide & Program Book
- Bible studies
- Soul care events
- Faith Talks

National Mission Institutions

We support nearly 90 NMIs across the United States that offer vital services to and advocate for women, children, and youth in vulnerable communities. In 2022, more than \$1.6 million was provided in grants to Community Centers, Residential Treatment Centers, and Women's Residences within the network.

International Mission

We support international partners that are enhancing the capacities of local and regional women leaders and supporting economic development programs for women and youth. We support Regional Missionaries and personnel serving in their home regions with the church and ecumenical and grassroots partners in educational and empowerment programs. Our international work empowers women and youth to find local solutions and make positive, measurable changes in their communities.

Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laypeople who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together they form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.

Organizational Support

Funds are also used to support services that are critical to making

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the programs listed above possible. These services include:

- Board and staff development
- Fundraising
- Accounting and financial services
- Grants and scholarships administration
- Human Resources
- Information technology
- Event planning
- Communications and publications

WHAT WE DON'T FUND

United Women in Faith does not fund projects and programs that:

- Don't benefit women, children, or youth
- Don't comply with our UMC Social Principles
- Are administered by discriminatory organizations

Here is [more information about our finances...](#)

In addition to the work mentioned above, we also own and operate the Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN) located in New York City across the street from the United Nations; and the Brooks-Howell Home Retirement Home, originally founded for deaconesses located in Asheville, NC. These operations are primarily funded by the rental and service fee income that they derive and are overseen by some of our national office staff.

Each year we release an Annual Report which describes the work we were able to do together and includes our audited financial information. You can read notes from our key leaders, see pictures and stories about projects, view the financial reports, and imagine the

possibilities for the coming years! In addition to the work we do with our members on training, service, and social action, we award grants and scholarships to deserving organizations and individuals. The recipients and purposes of the grants and scholarships are released each year in our Grants Disclosure.

Visit the webpage below to view multiple years of our Annual Reports and Grants Disclosures. <https://uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/>

DAY OF GIVING UPDATE

\$398,839 has been raised for the 2023 Day of Giving to the Legacy Endowment Fund! A final total will be shared at the beginning of May.

Support for the Legacy Endowment Fund honors the spirit of the women who founded this organization and helped build a permanent resource to support the programs and ministries that we all hold so dear – activities like Mission u, Leadership Development Days, climate and racial justice work, and grants for our National Mission Institutions. Your gift to Day of Giving for the Legacy Endowment Fund builds a strong tomorrow for United Women in Faith.

If you have already given, many thanks! You can still give to the Legacy Endowment Fund. Visit United Women in Faith to make your secure donation. **You are changing the world. The future is now!**

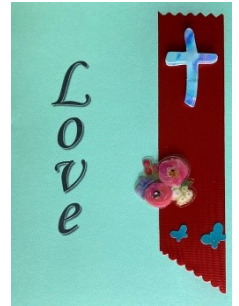
<https://uwfaith.org/give/?form=Dayofgiving>

Marsha Aufenkamp
Legacy Liaison and Seven Rivers
President

GET LOVE RIBBON CARDS AND SUPPORT MISSION GIVING

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

We are the only Conference to have a Love Ribbons ministry, a lovely way to celebrate our friends and family while supporting the United Women in Faith mission.



The conference executive team voted at their winter meeting to increase the cards cost of each card to \$2.00 as a way to increase mission giving). Love Ribbon income is part of Mission Today and included in *The Pledge To Mission*. Units must go to their District Treasurer for supplies and purchases, and credit goes to your unit.



ENCOURAGE PURCHASES!

There is a wide variety for all occasions. I'm here to help in any way I can! **With God, Anything Is Possible!**

Fran Houser
timandfran1952@gmail.com
Phone 509-882-4239

You can contact us about Love Ribbons through our website. <https://www.pnwumc.org/uwfaith/resources/love-ribbon-cards/>

World Thank Offering

A Month of Giving...an Attitude of Gratitude

Each day, give a small amount to your World Thank Offering box.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Blessed by attending church today? Think of those blessings; add a coin for each.	Every day counts! If you got out of bed this morning, add \$1.00.	Have close friends who bless your life? Add a coin for each visit with a friend this week.	Plenty of food to eat? Give a coin for each can, box, or bag in your pantry.	How many pairs of glasses do you own? Add a coin for each pair.	Had coffee, tea, or a soft drink today? Add a coin for the many choices that you have.	Children in your heart? Count up the kids you love, and make a gift for each of them!
Were hymns sung today? Hum one and remember other beloved church tunes; add a coin for each.	Watch television today? Add a coin for each tv show you watched.	Have family members who bless your life? Add a coin for each family member.	More than three pairs of shoes in your closet? Add a coin for each pair.	Had a breast exam this year! Way to go! Deposit \$1.00.	Visited a garden and smelled the flowers? Add a coin per garden or flower.	A nickel for every window you have in your home today and a dime for every door.
Vitamins or medicine? Add a coin for each pill you take.	Internet access? Blessings for connecting; add a coin for email and the web.	Pets in your life? Add them up, and give a coin per animal!	States you visited in your life? Add a coin for each state or country.	Visited the dentist this year? Add 50 cents for a healthy smile.	Cell phone, regular phone? Count your connections...add a coin for each phone.	Own a car? a bike? a scooter? a wheelchair? Count the wheels and multiply by 5 cents.
How many times you have been in church this week? Ten cents per "time".	Books or magazines you've read this month? Add 25 cents for each.	\$1.00 for each random act of kindness you perform this month.	Enjoying the Fall season? Deposit a dime for every time you noticed God's creation this month.	Isn't electricity wonderful? Count the lamps in your home, and add a coin for each.	A warm bed is a gift that many in the world do not have. Add a coin for each bed in your home. DO...add \$1.00.	Over 1.2 billion people in our world don't have access to clean water. I DO...add \$1.00.
Money in your savings account? Divide it by 10, 100, 1,000, or more, and make a gift to your box.	Have you seen or heard any birds or wildlife today? Add a coin for each bird or animal.	Over 2 billion people around the world live on less than \$2.00 a day. Give \$2.00.	Plants in your home? Add a coin for each bit of greenery.	Letters or cards in the mail? For each piece of mail today, add a coin.	Celebrate with joy the most precious gift of all...Jesus Christ! Make a special gift today.	An extra treat for my World Thank Box. Give generously!

You can surely think of other ways that God's abundant grace touches your life...each and every day. Put your World Thank Offering box in a place where you will see it often...and make spontaneous gifts throughout the year for God's blessings.

DO YOU REMEMBER *LIMITLESS 2013*?

"United Methodist Women WANT YOU to attend Limitless Lazy F May 17-19, 2013,

From each District

3 Teens Ages 14-17

3 Young Adults, Ages 18-30

Why: To inspire and ignite young women in your districts to get more involved

How: Learn through breakout sessions, service projects, special speakers, and awesome worship.

Commitment: Registrants need to have a commitment to social justice and to commit to attending a District or Conference Meeting or Mission u. in 2013-2014."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW IN 2023?

From Vancouver District

Abby Niehaus is actively involved at Vancouver Heights UMC in the area of Social Justice and Christian Education. She is an active member of the Administrative Council representing the young adult voice.

Professionally, Abby is a certified caregiver for differently-abled young adults as she works with them one-on-one in a variety of ways.

Amanda Hutchinson is now the Virtual Meeting Planner for National United Women in Faith after serving as a District Officer, Western Jurisdictional Secretary, and as Registrar and Youth Leader several times at Mission u.

I asked each participant to write a highlight or learning from the weekend and one thing they will do after for UMW.

Amanda wrote, "Limitless was a ton of fun. I learned a lot about the history of UMW and explored some of their current work in mission. There was a great discussion *about poverty and homelessness, their causes, and what we can do with Rachel and Liz from Mary's Place. I'm looking forward to familiar faces at Mission u."*

From Seattle District

Megan Mills received a B.A. from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta and a Master of Fine Arts from Boston University in 2017. She moved to New York in 2017 to work as a Costume Designer until 2020. She's now a Clinical Research Coordinator at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York.

Lauren Davis is now a Democratic member of the Washington State House of Representatives for the 32nd District and a Behavioral Health Non-Profit Executive.

Lauren wrote, *"I am so grateful to UMW for an amazing experience of Limitless. As a member of a church with very few young people, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to network with other young women in my district and the Conference more broadly. If my program book that is covered with notes is any indication, this weekend has inspired countless ideas about how I can truly put my faith, hope, and love in action."* Grace UMC Seattle.

If you know where any other 2013 Limitless attendees are now, please let me know.

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS AND PASSION TO SHARE?

Is yours the heart of a servant but just not sure about what's the right path to take? Why not consider serving on the Conference Leadership Team, where serving women, children, and youth takes top priority? There are several positions open, and an entire team just waiting to hear your ideas about how to put faith, hope, and love into action.

Are you a numbers cruncher and would be great as our treasurer, or how about working with local units and districts to compile an accurate count for membership as mission coordinator for membership, nurture, and outreach? Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation could be the spot for you to encourage others to attend Mission u and become Mission Today units. Do you see in others what it takes to be a good leader? The nominating committee has a spot for you.

Is God nudging you to find a place where your skills can be used, but you're still unsure where? Let's talk; you can call me anytime at (509) 830-1960. I can send you job descriptions for all the open positions. I am grateful for all the blessings from the friendships I have made through United Women In Faith and desire to share them with you. Won't you join us?

*Love and Peace,
Linda Key, Chair
Committee on Nominations*

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN JURISDICTION TEAM

Much is happening as we get closer to the General Conference. United Women in Faith has 14 pieces of legislation to present, some to drop per relevancy, and some to be revised since the Book of Resolution expires every eight years. A Charter for Racial Justice would not be presented since Alaska Conference has already done so. More to come with specific information after the upcoming Board meeting.

Now is the time to explore and use the United Women in Faith website, uwfaith.org. For example, webinar links can be found if you cannot attend the one scheduled. Women's Speak Sunday is near, and beneficial information can be found. Don't forget uwfaith.org/resources/ to find what you want.

Know that our mission giving is down across the conferences. That, coupled with the disaffiliations of churches, has caused a severe shortfall in operating expenses for the organization. We must consider this a challenge to turn it up on our commitment. Along with all other conferences, we must give out of faith.

Currently, there are about 6.5% of churches disaffiliating in the US. It seems much higher in some areas of the USA, but it is not. This is why all conferences are creating an Outreach Action Plan. Our conference will create an up-to-date plan. In this time of change, we want to make all units feel connected.

Churches with no units need to be reached out to as well.

We have a new set of deaconesses

and home missionaries to be consecrated. If you would like more information about this fulfilling program, go online or contact svickory@uwfaith.com.

My report is before the Board meeting, but you will get updated information afterward. Please pray for our organization. Interviews for a new CEO are being conducted after Harriet Jane Olson announced her retirement.

Thank you for all you do for this organization.

Blessings for abundance in your world.

Stell Wallace
Western Jurisdiction Board of Directors
PNW Conference
Seven Rivers District
Ellensburg UMC Co-President
United Women in Faith

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND FOR GIVING

- An expression of God's grace (Luke 8:1-3)
- Love the poor, hear the cries of the oppressed, protect the victim and welcome the stranger (Micah 6:8)
- All resources, natural and financial, are from God (Psalm 35:1)

**RECEIVE TEXT UPDATES FROM NATIONAL
TEXT FAITH TO 20503**

HELP US HONOR HARRIET OLSON

RETIRING GENERAL SECRETARY / CEO OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

You are invited to honor Harriet by sending her a Gift to Mission card, care of the National office at:



United Women in Faith
attn: Harriett Olson
475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1500
New York, NY 10115

Each card has a message on the back of the card to indicate that a Gift to Mission has been given in the recipient's honor through United Women in Faith. Every greeting card puts money into mission!

You can also give a gift here:

<https://uwfaith.org/give/?form=tributehjo>

WESTERN JURISDICTION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you need to reach someone on the Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team, you can find a directory [here](#).

SEND A CARD TO JENNI YEOH

Jenni Yeoh's husband, Rev. Keat Yeoh, has many health issues that keep her from participating with us. She would love to hear from you!

Jenni Yeoh
1323 N Bridgeview Dr,
Tacoma, WA 98406

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2023 SPIRITUAL RETREAT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

THE EXECUTIVE TEAM MET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 28



Pacific Northwest Conference Executive Team (Left to Right)

Back Row: Deb Avery (President), Fran Houser (Love Ribbons); Sara Krum (Social Action), Marsh Aufenkam (Nominations Committee Member),

Middle Row: Jenny Bygland (Secretary and Communications Coordinator), Bev Thomas (Crest to Coast District President), Cecelia Malm (National Director of Development), Linda Mills (SeaTac District President), Judy Dirks (Inland District President), Ja net' Crouse (Endowment Committee Chair), Kendra Smith (Treasurer)

Front Row: Sharon McDaniel (Spiritual Growth), Marilyn Reid (Mission u Dean & Program Advisory Group), Sharon Stovall (Spiritual Retreat Registrar), Joan Hackett (Membership Nurture & Outreach for Crest to Coast)



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SPIRITUAL RETREAT: CELEBRATING WOMANHOOD





Mission u

JULY 21-23, 2023
WESLEY UMC, YAKIMA WA

REGISTER FOR MISSION U 2023!

JULY 21-23, 2023, WESLEY UMC, YAKIMA, WA

JOIN US AT MISSION U AS WE EXPLORE THE GOOD NEWS AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR LIVES!

Spread the word.....Mission u early bird registration is set to open May 1...\$125.00 early bird until June 30!

Welcome to 2023 Mission u, a transformative experience designed to recharge and refocus your faith. Offering study on biblically grounded curricula, Mission u motivates, informs, and enriches our commitment to creating a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

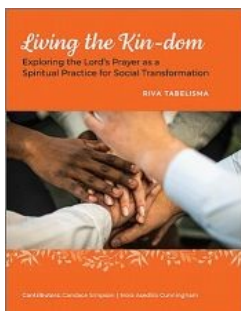
CURRICULUM

Purchase your Spiritual Growth Study Book in advance as they will not be sold at Mission u. The curricula we will be using are available for \$14.99 each plus shipping at uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/.

ADULT CURRICULUM

Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation

This curriculum explores the

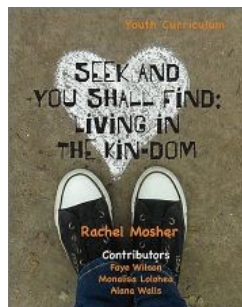


Lord's Prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. It is an invitation to take a deeper look at this prayer and its role in our faith journeys. Moving from personal to communal application, the curriculum explores how the Lord's Prayer helps us "live the kin-dom" and become a reflection of God's love to the world."

YOUTH CURRICULUM

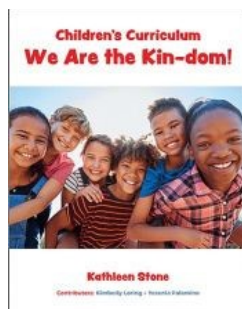
Seek and You Shall Find: Living In The Kin-Dom—Youth Curriculum

In this youth curriculum, the overarching theme is teaching youth to find the kin-dom within the world around them and how to live what they have learned. Each of the eight sessions builds upon the one before it to introduce participants to finding the kin-dom in the world around them and how to tell others about the kin-dom.



CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM

We Are the Kin-dom!—Children's Curriculum



Through this curriculum, children will explore kingdoms, build a kingdom together as if it were an earthly realm, and think about things that earthly kingdoms do. Children will then explore God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. The final goal of this curriculum is to see all of us working together with the Holy Spirit to share whatever we have, like that little boy, to build a "kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven."

REGISTRATION

The Registration Form with the registration cost, deadlines, scholarship, and hotel information is available by clicking on the link below.

REGISTRATION FORM

Copies of the Scholarship, Youth Covenant, Covenant for Responsible Adults, Children & Youth Medical Release, and Flyers are available pnwumc.org/uwfaith/resources/mission-u-forms/.

HOTELS

We have two hotels reserved for Yakima:

- Home2 Suites by Hilton
2420 W. Nob Hill Blvd.
Yakima, WA 98902
509-574-7840
Room rates: \$165
Group name: PNWUWF
- Comfort Suites
3702 Fruitvale Blvd.
Yakima, WA
509-249-1900
Room rates: \$159
Group name: PNWUWF

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STUDY LEADERS

ADULT STUDY LEADERS



Katherine Parker: 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.” Katherine’s work in Nepal involves the development of frameworks for reflection in an action-reflection process of community transformation.

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 their fullest potential.



Yvonne Agduyeng was born in the Philippines, immigrated to the United States as a child, and grew up in Kent, WA. She holds a biology and

anthropology undergraduate degree from Western Washington University and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. Yvonne was commissioned in 2016 as a Global Mission Fellow (GMF) of the Global Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) and served in Germany working alongside refugees and the migrant ministries of Bremen United Methodist Church until 2018. After her time as a GMF, Yvonne served as a local pastor for Vegesack United Methodist Church for one year. She hopes her experience as a missionary will bridge her passion for serving the local church and commitment to justice through mission work. Yvonne serves as pastor at Redmond UMC. During her free time, Yvonne enjoys yoga, hiking, reading, and calligraphy.



Ronda Cordill

Ronda has lived in Eastern Washington all her life but has traveled internationally with United

Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) for the last 20 years. She received a Bachelor of Nursing degree from WSU and worked in various nursing positions for more than 40 years. With a focus on pediatrics and community health, Ronda has worked in schools, intensive care, infection control, and employee health. She taught at Gonzaga University for ten years. Besides working for UMVIM, Ronda is currently serving as the school nurse in two schools in Eastern Washington.

Ronda completed her Master’s in Public Health in 2010, which led to her work in developing a Diabetes Program in Liberia, West Africa, in 2012, which has served more than 2000 people in rural Africa. Ronda has served as the UMVIM Western Jurisdiction Coordinator for the past six years, which created a desire to learn more about the theology of mission and serving. That learning brought her to discern her calling and to commit her work to the service of God as a Deaconess in 2021.

YOUTH STUDY LEADERS



Lyn Rush

My name is Lyn Rush. I use she/her pronouns. I was born in the Philippines and former Amity English teacher in

mainland ChinaGBGM. Through that mission work, I met someone that made me come to the U.S. through marriage and to whom I happily married in April 2006 to this kind-hearted husband, Erik; we are blessed with two kids; a 14-year-old girl and an 8-year-old boy.

I finished my Bachelor of Arts in English and Christian Education at Asbury College – Philippines took my MA in Educational Management (few Credits) at Saint Louis University—Philippines. This part of higher education was interrupted due to being a traveling nurse to School American Missionary needing a kidney transplant to the USA, attempt 2 of continuing MA, mission application approved to go to China,

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3rd attempt to continue, immigration papers for a fiancé visa to be married approved. I believe God still has a purpose, and I remain in Thy provisions, and constant love never fails.

This is my 3rd year of training with Mission U as a facilitator and co-facilitator for children and youth. I love traveling, which has helped me to become the designated private transporter for my kids and the daughter of two eye surgeons in Vancouver for about three years since the pandemic and post-pandemic. Being a full-time mom and everyday transporter to two different schools, I enjoy reading, Facebooking, texting for Youth connection, and Facebook Messenger prayer connection with my UWIF support group that inspires me why join UWIF inclusive work and walking when kids are dropped off as my meditative soul care and self-care being a long haul COVID-19 survivor. This year's pride was for me to finish the Stephen Ministry training of more than 52 weeks. Whew!!! Be well. Be peace. Be gracious and keep shining for the Lord Almighty.

*Peace Making Without Limits—
Matthew 5:9*



**Myra Dela Cruz
Salapang-Duncan**

- Born in Banga, Aklan, raised in Tatay, Rizal Philippines on October 5th 1976.
- Married to

Jeffrey Lewis Duncan and blessed with two lovely daughters, Lorraine Maria, and Lucille Avery.

- She is currently residing in Yakima, WA.
- Graduated from Harris Memorial College in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts Major in Christian Education.
- Served as CE Deaconess from 1998- 2002 at Marikina United Methodist Church.
- In 2002, appointed as Project Coordinator for the Board of Church and Society, Philippines Annual Conference East.
- 2003- Project Assistant for the Asuncion Perez Memorial Foundation Inc.
- 2004 – English and Music Teacher at Good Samaritan Christian School of Good Samaritan UMC
- 2005-2007 – Studied at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO, through the Scholarship of World Council of Churches and Eden Seminary.
- 2005-2014- Worked at Kingdom House in St. Louis, MO, as After School Program Instructor, Lead Teacher/ Supervisor of the Early Education Department.
- 2015-2018. – Served as Children's Ministry Director at Chillicothe UMC in Chillicothe, MO.
- 2016- 2018- Graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University, Wesley Seminary, with a Master of Arts in Ministry, Specializing in Children, Youth, and Family.
- 2018-2022- Lead Teacher at Enterprise for Progress in the Community. Yakima WA
- 2022- present – After School Data Manager at Educational Service District 105 in Yakima, WA.
- Transferred Deaconess affiliation from the Philippines to the US in 2019.

- Treasurer – 2019- present Harris Memorial College Alumni Federation
- Secretary-Treasurer 2020- present Washington- Oregon Harrisians and Company.
- Member 2018- present – Yakima Symphony Chorus.

CHILDREN'S LEADERS



**Sue and Terry
Raymond**

Sue and Terry have taught the children's mission study in their local church in Georgia since the 1990s. Sue taught the classes at the North Georgia Conference since they were first offered in 1997, and they led the classes together after Terry retired in 2004.



They have watched a couple of generations of young people grow in their commitment to God and mission involvement. Terry served as the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, and Sue served as Conference UMW President. Together they served on the Disaster Response Committee and managed the conference Disaster warehouse. Since moving back to their home state of Washington in July of 2021, they have joined and become active at First UMC Olympia. They are looking forward to their second year facilitating the children's class at the PNW Mission u!

*Marilyn Reid
Dean of Mission u*



Registration Form – Mission u, July 21-23, 2023

Wesley United Methodist Church — 14 N 48th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908

Name for your Name Badge _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Can you open MS Word documents (Word.docx or PDF)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Church _____

District _____ Conference _____

Status: Is this your first time attending Mission u? Yes ☐ No ☐

(Check all that apply): Pastor/Clergy ☐ Lay ☐ UWF ☐ UMM ☐ School Staff ☐

Are you a UWF Officer? Yes ☐ No ☐ Check all that apply: Local ☐ District ☐ Conference ☐

Gender (optional) _____ Age Group: 8-11 ☐ 12-17 ☐ 18-35 ☐ 36 and over ☐

Dietary: Meals are served in a buffet style. The caterer will work hard to accommodate most diets by providing a variety of options. Gluten-free and diabetic choices will be available.

Food Allergies: _____

Meals included: Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner.

ADA needs: We are happy to help you prepare for an enjoyable experience! Please share your challenges or concerns. If we don't know before the event, we may not be equipped to assist:

If childcare was offered, would you need it? Yes ☐ or No ☐ Ages _____

Do you need a lanyard for your name badge? Yes ☐ or No ☐

Children and Youth registrants: Completion of the [Medical Release Form](#) and [Covenant for Responsible Adult Form](#) is mandatory for attendance. Youth must complete [Youth Covenant Form](#). Find the forms here www.pnwumc.org/uwfaith/mission-u-forms.

Can we use your photo in promotional materials? Yes ☐ or No ☐

Can National Division use your contact information? Yes ☐ or No ☐

Study Books: Spiritual Growth Study books are available for purchase online at uwfaith.org/resources/. Books will not be sold at Mission u.



Registration Form – Mission u, July 21-23, 2023

Hotel Information

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Home2 Suites by Hilton | 2. Comfort Suites |
| 2420 W. Nob Hill Blvd. | 3702 Fruitvale Blvd. |
| Yakima, WA 98902 | Yakima, WA 98902 |
| 509-574-7840 | 509-249-1900 |
| Room rates: \$165 | Room rates: \$159 |
| Group Name: PNWUW | Group Name: PNWUWF |

Registration Cost

Early Bird Price — \$125.00 — May 1 to June 30, 2023

Regular Price — \$150.00 — Forms postmarked between July 1 and July 7, 2023

FUNDING PROVIDED BY

Local Church/UWF	\$ _____	from: _____
District Church/UWF	\$ _____	from: _____
Conference Church/UWF	\$ _____	from: _____
Personal Check	\$ _____	from: _____
Total:	\$ _____	Participants are responsible for the difference.
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____	Make checks payable to <u>MISSION u</u>

*Pre-payment, including scholarship funds, is required. *NO payments accepted at Mission u.

Mail completed a registration to:

Linda Mills, Registrar
12431 SE 198th Pl
Kent, WA 98031

For questions, call or text Linda at 206-399-2302 or email: wmil1218@aol.com

A confirmation letter will be emailed to you. If you indicate you do not have an email address, the letter will be mailed to you.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available for up to \$125.

(See above for registration cost)

Scholarship Deadline June 30, 2023.

Please apply to your Local Church/UWF and District UWF first.

Scholarship Application available at <https://www.pnwumc.org/uwfaith/mission-u-forms>

Contact: Linda Mills – wmil1218@aol.com – 253-859-2964



Scholarship Application — MISSION U, JULY 21-23, 2023

Scholarships are available for registration **ONLY** up to \$125.

Please check with your Local Church/UWF Unit and District UMW first.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (including Area Code) Home or Cell: _____

Email: _____

Name and location of the Church you attend: _____

Do you plan to share what you learn with others in your church? Yes ☐ No ☐

First time attending this event: Yes ☐ No ☐

Age Group—Children 8 to 11 are free; Youth 12-17 ☐ (all youth are eligible for the full \$125 scholarship)
18-35 ☐ 36-55 ☐ 56 and older ☐

**Scholarship checks from your local church, local UWF unit, or district should NOT be mailed with this Scholarship Application. They should be mailed to the Mission u Business Manager at
Carol Gruen**

2205 Lakemoor Dr. SW,
Olympia WA 98512
gruenc1941@gmail.com

Please list any funds you are receiving from:

Local Church name _____ amount \$ _____

Local UWF unit name _____ amount \$ _____

District UWF name _____ amount \$ _____

Personal Check amount of \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Mission u scholarship amount that you are requesting is up to \$125 _____

**Please complete and mail this Scholarship Application form along with your
Registration Form by **June 30, 2023.****

To: Linda Mills, Registrar
12431 SE 198th Pl, Kent, WA 98031
Email: wmil1218@aol.com if you have questions
Phone: 206-399-2302

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 20 THROUGH 21 AT OLYMPIA FIRST UMC

LIVING OUR MISSION, BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST.

You are invited to attend the United Women in Faith of the Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting.

Paul writes, *"Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward – to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."*
— Philippians 3:14-19 (MSG)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

United Women in Faith's National President, Ainise Isama'u



WATCH FOR YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IN AUGUST!

PROGRAM RESOURCES

I'm writing to invite you to participate in our Conference Book Club. The book club was established during the pandemic. We missed having the social time that came with in-person executive meetings, so we created a space where we could combine light conversation with the book discussion. We have been meeting for a couple of years now, and we enjoy time catching up before we delve into the reading assignment for the week.



We are no longer Conference officers, although we still count Estelle Wallace as an influential United Women in Faith member who holds national office and keeps us informed about what's going on from an organizational perspective.

Each member can choose a book for the group taken exclusively from the United Women in Faith Reading Program. Since books can be selected from 5 years back to include

in our annual reading list, we support an important enrichment program updated yearly.

The book we are currently reading is "Make a Difference: Following Your Passion and Finding Your Place to Serve" by James A. Harnish, an ordained pastor of the UMC. A panel discussion at the end of each chapter includes input from DJ Del Rosario, familiar to many in the SeaTac Missional District.

The new United Women in Faith reading list has been compiled for 2023. Here is a link to the [list of books](https://elcaminorealumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023ReadingProgramBooks.pdf):

<https://elcaminorealumw.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2023ReadingProgramBooks.pdf>

You are invited to join us for a pleasant hour each Friday at 9:00 am. Linda Mills, President of the SeaTac Missional District, is our host, and she can give you the link to the virtual meeting.

Jan Catrell



FAITH ACTION NETWORK 2023 SPRING SUMMITS

SUNDAY, MAY 7 (3-5 PM) OR JUNE 4 (3-5 PM)

Register now for our online Spring Summits on two Sunday afternoons: May 7 and June 4. We want to hear from every corner of our state, so we have opted for virtual meetings. We plan to follow

up with smaller, in-person cluster meetings and regional gatherings this summer and fall.

Join us for Spring Summits to hear the legislative session recap and strategize in small groups on the issues you care about. Let us know if you'd like to help facilitate an issue breakout group!

[Register Here](#)

CLASS OPPORTUNITY: SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE CHURCH

JUNE 19 – 30, 2023

Course Description:

This course explores ministry within the church to those with severe mental illness. Learners will examine the prevalence of mental illness, the difference between the more common mental illnesses and severe mental illness, and the efficacy of treatment for mental illness.

Learners will also explore their personal biases towards those with mental illness and the church's response. This course delves into the reasons behind the stigmatization of those with mental illness and the struggles often experienced during ministry to this particular group.

Finally, learners will have the opportunity to share their own best practices and explore additional options to minister to those with severe mental illness.

Price: \$50



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Ray-Symms holds a master's degree in Organizational Leadership

from Gonzaga University. She is actively involved in the ministry of United Women in Faith as president of both her local church unit and the Puget Sound District. She hosts a blog where she writes on her experiences with schizoaffective

disorder, LGBTQ, and addiction: www.jasmineraysymms.com. Her ministry passion is to help people overcome the struggles in their life through compassion, empathy, and empowerment.

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[IFD318 - Severe Mental Illness and the Church | BeADisciple.com](#)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As I write this article, the Spiritual Growth Retreat is just a little less than two weeks away. We have 85 women registered to participate! I am looking forward to seeing the retreat that has been in the planning stage for so long. The amount of time that so many have given to make the retreat happen makes me think of how United Women in Faith provide so much of their time and money for the needs of women, children, and youth around the world. Planning is underway for Mission U in July and Conference's Annual Meeting in Olympia in October. When we pledge to United Women in Faith each year, we are asked to give of our time, our prayers, and our money. You give so generously of your time at all local, district, and conference levels. Giving of your time helps to bring in funds from fundraising as well as your pledges and special offerings. All this

goes on to the national level to be shared internationally. God asks us to give "not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:07). We must all determine what we can give. Thoughts of one of our local members, who can no longer attend, come to mind along with the story of the "Widow's Mite" from Mark 12: 41-44. The woman I've alluded to lives on a very limited fixed income. When we filled out pledge cards, she pledged to give monthly whatever change she could spare. Like the widow in Jesus' story, she gave more than some of us who gave "out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty." We should give as we are called to give. We can give thanks for all United Women in Faith members and what their generosity accomplishes as a whole.

*Blessings,
Sharon McDaniel
PNWC United Women in Faith
Spiritual Growth Coordinator*

THERE ARE BIG CHANGES ON OUR WEBSITE!

We are always working on keeping our website up to date, <https://pnwumc.org/umw/> and have already made a number of changes, including our conference job descriptions which have been added to our Resource page. Now it's your turn to tell us what would be helpful to you. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see on our website, please contact Jenny Bygland at 206-794-3379 or jbygland@kentmethodist.com. Your feedback is always welcome!

CREST TO COAST MISSIONAL DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the advent of Spring upon us, we are off and running at Crest To Coast with lots of planning going on for visits to Units to offer some help, encouraging Units that are struggling or have just slowed due to the Pandemic and having a slow recovery and to pass on new information.

We made our first visit on April 12, 2023, to White Salmon. President, Secretary, and Treasurer attended. What a joy it was to meet the ladies of White Salmon UMC and share ideas, new information from National, and a lovely lunch. They said it was a boost of encouragement that they needed. It emphasized the importance of these "getting to know you visits." We have more planned for this spring and summer.

Our Membership Nurture, and Outreach chair, Joan, is also working on ideas and events to encourage and increase membership in our Units. We are looking forward to what she comes up with as she has lots of experience and ideas.

We also are starting early on planning for an exciting District Annual meeting in the fall.

We look forward to having Katherine Parker as our keynote speaker, making our Annual Meeting more interesting and increasing attendance. It will be at Vancouver Heights UMC in Vancouver on September 30, 2023, a change from the previous schedule.

We have lost a few more Units this year, so we are actively trying to support the ones we have and be positive about encouraging growth.

*Bev Thomas, President,
Crest to Coast Missional District*

INLAND MISSIONAL DISTRICT FAITH IN ACTION THROUGH GIVING

Bonnors Ferry United Women in Faith, one of 14 active Inland Missional District local units, puts faith into action through many ways of giving. While we give generously financially to Pledge to Mission annually, our giving extends beyond monetary contributions. Spring and fall rummage "sales" offer clothing, kitchen and other household items, tools, books, and more for donation only. Leftover items after a day and a half are picked up by a nearby thrift shop that supports the needs of animals, thus continuing to bless our community. We are responsible for all funeral and memorial meals or receptions with refreshments in a comfortable and beautifully adorned space at no charge, serving five so far this year. Annually we provide UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) with 24 Health Kits and Atlantic Street Center with many handmade Christmas stockings. We sign and decorate greeting cards at various times of the year for patients at State Hospital North, some of whom receive no other mail. This year we

are resuming, following a COVID three-year interruption, our May Community Ladies Luncheon, a served meal for 80-100 women, with a special program. This year's topic, "Look Around, Look Within" on Mental Health (May is Mental Health Month)), will be presented by our own Social Action Coordinator, Gini Woodward, who has vast experience with mental illness and advocacy for mental health. This special event reaches women from many local churches and some with no church connection for supportive fellowship, a spiritual component, education on the topic featured, and an opportunity to share invitations to their upcoming programs. We have welcomed five new members this year, two of whom are now officers, one who has assumed a special role, one who will be attending Retreat, and three others from our unit. Yes, our giving includes time, service, love, and finances, extending far beyond our local unit, whose members are growing in faith together.

*Judy Dirks, President,
Inland Missional District*

PUGET SOUND MISSIONAL DISTRICT NEWS

United Women in Faith is made up of some extraordinary women! The Puget Sound District recently put on a Leadership Development Day for our women. We had some things going against us. We were missing

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some key positions. Some of us do double duty: myself as President and Vice President and Jeannie Lish as Spiritual Growth and Nominations chair. At the last minute, I was unable to attend. But you know what happened? Our women stepped up. Deb Avery, Conference President, ran the sessions for President, Vice President, and Secretary as our District Secretary cannot attend in-person events due to health restrictions. Women filled in where there were openings and helped each other out to put it on.

I confess I had my doubts, but our District Communications Officer, Gay Johnson, felt the need was there, and there was no reason not to fill it. She worked hard to organize everything, and it was a great success. My concerns were unfounded as she found a way to turn our weaknesses into opportunities for strength.

God used these women and faithfully served God on that day. I missed out on the opportunity to be part of this incredible ministry, but I talked to the women who were there, whose only complaint was that it needed to be longer. I heard of the offering collected and that \$375.75 will go to Mission Giving. God was faithful and blessed us abundantly. Praise Him!

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NEWS FROM THE SEATAC MISSIONAL DISTRICT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEATAC DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Trinity United Women in Faith
Making a Difference in the World:

Janice Bronkema, a United Women in Faith member at Trinity UMC in Ballard and our SeaTac District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, shared this story with me that I would like to share with all of you. Several years ago, Trinity United Women in Faith invited a speaker from the Fabric of Life store in Edmonds to one of their meetings. Established in 2009, this store sold items made by artisans from Mali in West Africa. The focus of the volunteer-run store was to help women in Mali, who were begging on the streets, become skilled artisans and eventually form their own cooperative. Due to high rents, the Fabric of Life store closed in 2018, but they were open long enough to enable the women in Bamako, Mali, to form their own cooperative.

Last summer, Janice ran into Carol from the Fabric of Life store, and she informed Janice that the money Trinity United Women in Faith provided at that meeting was enough for them to bring one young woman off the streets and place her in a skill training program. Naturally, Janice's Trinity United Women in Faith unit was thrilled to learn that they provided a path for a woman to leave Mali's streets and lead a better life as a self-supporting artisan. This is an excellent example of a United Women in Faith unit putting "Faith, Hope, and Love into Action."

UPDATES FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AT MASON UMC, TACOMA:

Carol Sprague, the new President at Mason United Women in Faith and our SeaTac District Program Resources Coordinator, shared this story with me. Carol has been attending Mason UMC since she moved to the Tacoma area in 2019, and she was saddened to learn that they were not meeting regularly. In the summer of 2022, Carol began the process of reinvigorating this unit. Since no one else was interested in leading this group, Carol volunteered to be president. They still need a secretary, but their past president offered to help with the finances, and Roberta Larsen has kept Mason's United Women in Faith Reading Program alive. Mason United Women in Faith is now meeting monthly and rotating between Tuesday and Saturday mornings. They started with five ladies at their first meeting, and seven came to their February meeting. One of the new ladies volunteered to do the program for their March meeting.

Carol is focusing their meetings on fellowship rather than on items of business. Coffee and snacks are provided, and each meeting begins with devotion and sharing joys and concerns. She is working with the ladies on program ideas, such as having guest speakers and doing craft projects related to women and children. One of their members has connections with Project Linus in Puyallup, and this is something they are considering. Project Linus is a national non-profit with chapters in

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all 50 states, and they provide handmade blankets and afghan blankets to children who are ill, experiencing trauma, or just needing warmth and comfort. Carol is excited to be helping to grow the Mason United Women in Faith unit. This is another example of United Women in Faith members putting their "Faith, Hope, and Love into Action."

*Blessings,
Linda Mills, President
SeaTac Missional District*

2023-2024 DR. GERTRUDE BOYD CRANE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane Scholarship (GBC) is awarded by Oregon-Idaho United Women in Faith. It is intended for women in the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area, specifically Oregon-Idaho, Alaska, and Pacific Northwest Conferences, who are pursuing post-graduate studies toward a vocation in the church, not limited to ordained elders.

The scholarship is granted for a period of one year, with the possibility of renewal. Amounts vary from year to year and may be awarded to several individuals. On average, the scholarships have been \$2,000 each. The application and additional information, including letters of reference, must be received by July 5, 2023. The GBC Committee, charged with selecting recipients, includes United Women in Faith Conference President Chris Mitchell; former conference presidents Rochell Killett, Dixie Jacky, and Rebecca Warren; and Gayle Woods, appointed by the Conference President.

Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane was an ordained elder in the Oregon-Idaho Conference. She was a theologian and professor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. Her students knew her as a teacher, counselor, and one who helped out financially at critical times in her students' lives. In her will, she created a scholarship fund for women taking graduate studies toward a profession in the church. Since 1978 United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith has awarded 100 of these scholarships.

*Rebecca Warren,
Immediate Past President
Oregon-Idaho Conference United
Women in Faith
Chair, Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane
Scholarship Committee*



JAR\$ FOR JAMAA LETU 2023!!

Please consider donating to your local church, designated to Jamaa Letu, between now and June.

If your church meets in person, consider making Jamaa Letu jars for the coin (and bill!) collection and turn them in to your church treasurer. You can also give by check; in the memo, indicate "Jamaa Letu Orphanages" or "Jamaa Letu Scholarships." Your treasurer will send the funds to the conference office in late June or when the funds are received. All the funds donated here will go to support our orphans.

You can also mail your checks to the PNW Treasurer's Office:
P.O. Box 13650, Des Moines, WA 98198.

The money collected will support the operating expenses, such as food, clothing, school fees, utilities, and salaries for the staff.

You can find downloadable Jar\$ for Jamaa Letu handouts [here](#).

2023-2024 Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane Scholarship Available

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Scholarship amounts vary yearly and may be awarded to several individuals. On average, the amount has been

\$2,000. Sign and send, electronically or via USPS, the completed application to Rebecca (Becky) Warren, GBC Scholarship Chair, 7066 NE Irving Street, Portland, OR 97213. Be sure to save a copy for yourself. If you have questions, please call Becky at 503-593-2807, or email beccanaturalist@gmail.com

The application and all additional information must be received by **July 5, 2023**. Applicants should expect a response by August 1, 2023.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Completed application
- Transcripts showing completion of a bachelor's degree (not required from current GBC scholarship recipients. However, a transcript showing satisfactory progress during the previous year must be submitted by current GBC scholarship recipients.)
- Please include a current photo. If you are granted a scholarship, you give us permission to use your photo for non-commercial purposes (not required from current GBC scholarship recipients)
- A brief statement concerning your financial needs.
- Your name on each page submitted as part of your application

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church Membership: _____

Pastor's Name and Address: _____

How long have you been a member of your local church? _____

What kinds of responsibilities have you held in your local church? _____

EDUCATION

Name of College: _____

Date graduated: _____ Degree: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Academic Honors: _____

Other schools attended (beyond high school), including dates and addresses: _____

Graduate school you will be attending: _____

Mailing address of the school: _____

FINANCES

What do you estimate your expenses to be? _____

Will you be receiving financial aid from others? _____

Please list the amount of loans, grants, etc.: _____

GOALS

What are your goals, including current vocational plans, reason(s) for desiring graduate study, and reason(s) for choosing the school you plan to attend? _____

What other information (e.g., present activities, interests, skills) about you would be helpful to us in making the decision? _____

REFERENCES

New Applicants are to have three references:

List three adults who have known you for several years (e.g., your pastor, a church leader — someone other than a family member). Ask them to send a letter of recommendation for you to: Rebecca (Becky) Warren, GBC Scholarship Chair, 7066 NE Irving Street, Portland, OR 97213. Their letters must be received by July 5, 2023.

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Name _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Renewing applicants for a 2023/24 GBC Scholarship are to submit the following:

- Your most recent transcript; and
- A current letter of reference

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUMMARY

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 2023, TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Completed application form, including a statement of goals
- Three letters of recommendation (for new applicants)
- Photo of applicant and permission to use a photo in publicity (not required for current GBC scholarship recipients)

2023 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 15	10 am – 2 pm	Spring Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting	Zoom
January 19-21		Leadership Development Days	Zoom
January 21		Eastern Washington Legislative Conference	Online
January 22	7 pm (MST)	2023 Idaho Leadership Conference #1	Zoom
January 29	7 pm (MST)	2023 Idaho Leadership Conference #2	Zoom
February 9	9 am – 3 pm	Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	Olympia, WA
April 27-28		Spring Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting	Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, Ellensburg, WA
April 28-30		Conference United Women in Faith Spiritual Retreat	Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, Ellensburg, WA
June 4-6		Alaska Annual Conference	Hybrid
June 8-11		Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference	Hybrid
June 13-15		Pacific Northwest Annual Conference	Hybrid
June 15		Greater Northwest Annual Conference Closing Session	Hybrid
July 20-21		Summer Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting	Wesley UMC, Yakama, WA
July 21-23		Mission u	Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA
September 16		Inland Missional District Annual Meeting	Sandpoint UMC, Sandpoint, ID
September 16		Puget Sound Missional District	Bothell UMC, Bothell, WA
September 16		Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA
September 23		SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting	Kent UMC, Kent, WA
September 30		Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	Vancouver Heights UMC, Vancouver, WA
October 20		Fall Conference United Women in Faith Executive Meeting	Olympia First UMC, Olympia, WA
October 20-21		Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting	Olympia First UMC, Olympia, WA
May 8-11, 2024		Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting.	Anchorage, Alaska

CHECK THE [CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE](#) FOR THE LATEST UPDATES.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK



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. Find this information and more at our website: pnwumc.org/uwfaith.

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