

# *Crest to Coast Currents*



## **United Women In Faith Crest To Coast District President's Corner Where does our money go?**

Where does our money go? As President, I hear this question a lot so I will try to clarify this. United Women In Faith is trusted with pledges and donations from individuals, mission partners and other donors dedicated to missions. The National office is committed to careful stewardship of this generous support. Mission giving is divided into five channels of undesignated giving, representing local, national and international work, **(1)Pledge to Mission, (2)World Thank Offering,(3) Special Mission Recognition, (4)Gift in Memory and(5) Gift to Mission.**

Members can also give to projects on the designated and supplementary list. Some administrative costs come out of Pledge to Mission for local, Conference and National support and leadership development.

### **But where does it go?**

**Over 90 National Mission Institutions** serving marginalized and vulnerable communities caring for and involving children and youth.

**Regional Missionaries** focusing on issues of health, gender equality and elimination of violence among women and their support.

**Grants and scholarships**, international and national mission grants totaling \$4,084,488 in 2021 alone!

**Service and Advocacy**, includes work on peace and justice, education, the rights of children, human rights and farm workers' rights.

### **What we do not fund:**

Projects and programs that do not benefit women, children or youth, don't comply with our United Methodist Church Social Principles or are administered by discriminatory organizations.

**We are committed to transparency in our funding sources, especially with our membership.**

As you can see that we are widespread in our service to Women, Children and Youth as the Largest women's organization in the United States. You can find us at [uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/](http://uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/). More details are available by contacting myself or other Crest to Coast board members as well.

We are always looking for new folks to join us in our mission. Ask a neighbor or bring a friend with you to our Unit meetings. They would love to have you. Our District is looking for a few good people to be officers as we have some openings. This is a good way to make new friends and learn more about our organization and have fun in all kinds of events and working on projects. Please contact me or any District officer.

Have a Blessed Lenten Season,  
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P.S. from Sue Raymond - The current (March/April 2024) issue of **response** (pages 28-42) shows all the mission maps by continent, of where the money goes. They do this annually and it really gives a visual way to see how we are in mission "to the ends of the worlds."

# Mission U

Mission u is the annual mission education opportunity for the Pacific Northwest Conference. We meet at Wesley UMC in Yakima, WA, for three days of learning and fellowship. Wesley UMC is our location of choice because of its size, its hospitality, and because it is centrally located for participants arriving from northern Idaho and all of Washington State.

Save the dates of July 25-27, 2024. We will reserve a block of rooms; children and youth are welcome to join, and an age-appropriate curriculum will be provided.

The curriculum for this year's study is entitled: "Welcome Home," by Neomi Fletcher, with Contributors Parker Roberts and Sandra Williamson. The book is available for purchase through the United Women in Faith website: Mission u | United Women in Faith ([uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)). This link opens to the order page for the Adult curriculum book, as well as those for Youth and Children.

Plan to attend this Spirit-filled gathering. We are working to identify opportunities for home hospitality where some may stay in the home of members of the congregation while participating at Mission u.

## Endowment Scholarships for Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!**

**JURISDICTION  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
QUADRENNIAL  
EVENT**

**MAY 9-11, 2024**

**REGISTRATION**

**DECEMBER THROUGH  
APRIL 15, 2024: \$345**

**APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP!**



[WJUMW.COM](http://WJUMW.COM)

The committee voted to offer scholarships with a maximum of \$400. Applicants must have contributions from both the local church/unit and the district. District presidents will contact those women who have already registered and urge them to apply. The application form is available on the website [www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org)

# This Issue's Book

## ***Other Words for Home***

by Jasmine Warga



“*Other Words for Home* is a salve for the world we live in today. It’s a hope-filled story that doesn’t pander, but instead peels back layers of culture and identity, fear and prejudice, exile and belonging, all wrapped around a young Syrian girl—Jude. Choked with equal parts fear and moxie, Jude is a heart trying to figure out how to beat outside the body. I ached for, but simultaneously, found that though our stories are different, I **am** her. **This is a necessary story. We’re lucky to have it in the world.**”      -(Jason Reynolds, award-winning, bestselling author of *Ghost* and *Long Way Down*)

# Upcoming Events

**May 9-11** - Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting  
Anchorage, Alaska

**July 26-27** - Mission u  
Wesley UMC, Yakima, WA

**Sept. 20** - Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting  
Tacoma Community House, Tacoma, WA

**Oct. 18-19** - Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting  
Spokane Valley UMC, Spokane, WA