



# SeaTac Missional District Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2025

## **REGISTER NOW FOR**

# SEATAC DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, September 27, 2025

"HERE I AM LORD"

Featuring Local Storyteller Debbie Dimitre presenting "Eleanor Roosevelt"

Kent United Methodist Church 1010 SE 248th St. Kent, WA 98030

> 9:00 AM to 1:30PM Cost: \$12 Registration info included

Below is the registration information for our SeaTac District Annual Meeting. I have attached the registration form but since most people don't have printers it is **NOT** necessary to print it out and mail the form to Rachel. All you need to do is provide the registration information below and email it to Rachel Hall. Please register by September 21 so that we will know how many people to plan for the light breakfast and lunch. Rachel will be at the check-in table in the Fellowship Hall between 9:00 am - 9:45 am

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Theme: Here I am, Lord

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Cost: \$12

9:00-9:45 am Continental breakfast, book browsing in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am-12:30 pm Meeting in the Sanctuary 12:30-1:30 pm light lunch in the Fellowship Hall

> Featuring Local Storyteller, Debbie Dimitre Portraying Eleanor Roosevelt



## **Registration Deadline September 21**

You may register by email or mail to our District Treasurer:
Rachel Hall riwamoto@hotmail.com
9265 Points Dr NE
Clyde Hill, WA 98004-1334

You may pay Rachel at the event.

Please make your checks payable to SeaTac United Women in Faith

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## **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: NO ORDINARY WOMAN** Enacted by Actress, Storyteller, Debbie Dimitre Since 1987 N.W. Storyteller/Actress Debbie Dimitre has been entertaining, inspiring, and educating audiences of all ages with her historical and dramatic storytelling presentations. In costume and by the glow of her kerosene lamp, Debbie brings to life women and young girls in American history through story and first-person portrayals in a style that is uniquely her own. Some of her portrayals include such women as Harriet Beecher-Stowe, Nellie Bly, Eleanor Roosevelt, Annie Oakley, Grandma Moses and Rachel Carson just to name a Debbie has performed for schools, Community colleges, Churches, libraries, book stores, historical societies, philanthropic and service organizations, professional women's groups, retired teachers, as well as numerous retirement communities. She has performed for the Seattle Folklife Festival, served on a board of the Seattle Storytellers Guild, been a member of and performed for the Biblical Storytellers Network and facilitated women's retreats. While her family says that she has been telling stories her whole life, what piqued Debbie's interest in women's stories 30 years ago was not just her love of theater but her awareness that her children's school books were ractically void of information about the contributions, courage and bravery of uncounted mothers and daughters in American history. Thus she set about to create a series of one woman presentations. Through careful research and drafting of dramatic and historically accurate scripts, Debbie is able to bring to life these women's stories in very entertaining and engaging ways. $\sim$ As a theater major at both University of Oregon and Portland State Univerity over 45 years ago, Debbie never imagined that she would one day have a one woman production that would take her all over the Pacific N.W. and beyond. A resident of Kirkland, Washington, wife, mother of three adult children, and a grandmother, Debbie says she feels blessed to be living her dream!

# **Presidents Pen**

# "Here I am Lord"

**Micah 6:8** "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".

We are preparing our United Women in Faith annual meeting with a strong program which encompasses our vision for the purpose of United Women in Faith. Our keynote speaker is Debbie Dimitre portraying Eleanor Roosevelt.

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (October 11, 1884 – November 7, 1962) was an American political figure, diplomat, and activist. She was the longest-serving first lady of the United States, during her husband Franklin D. Roosevelt's four terms as president from 1933 to 1945. Through her travels, public engagement, and advocacy, she largely redefined the role. Widowed in 1945, she served as a United States delegate to the United Nations General Assembly from 1945 to 1952, and took a leading role in designing the text and gaining international support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1948, she was given a standing ovation by the assembly upon their adoption of the declaration. President Harry S. Truman later called her the "First Lady of the World" in tribute to her human rights achievements.

#### As United Women in Faith we have a vision:

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

# Presidents Pen ....continued One mission, many missionaries During this same era, when so many women were held down by prejudice and circumstance, other fearless females across the country were moved to answer the call to stand up for better lives for women and a better world for all. The Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church was formed in 1875. Two strong Woman's Home Missionary Societies were founded in 1880 and 1890. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was formed in 1879 and then the Woman's Missionary Society in the Evangelical Association in 1884. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of women missionary doctors, nurses, and educators all over the world and supporting countless U.S. and international projects and advocating for justice, children, women and disenfranchised communities Core principles To foster a deep, spiritual connection with god and enable women to experience freedom and wholeness through Jesus Christ. To build a creative supportive fellowship of women united in faith and purpose. To develop women as leaders, providing opportunities for spiritual growth, education, and participation in the church and society to expand the understanding and practice of mission through participation in the global ministries of the united methodist church. They serve and advocate for the oppressed and marginalized, particularly women, children and youth. Social justice United women in faith advocates for racial justice, climate justice and other issues working for systemic change through initiatives like the Micah 6:8 pledge Diana Wilson President Seatac District



# PROGRAM RESOURCES

### **BOOK SHARING AT OUR SEATAC DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

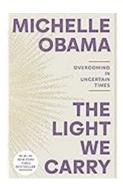
Are there books from the UWF Reading Program that you or your UWF library may no longer wish to keep? How about sharing them with ladies from other churches?

We will have two tables set up at our annual meeting in September.

-Table ONE will be for books on the Reading Program that we personally own or our church UWF library has on the shelves. These would be for "Display Only" to browse to see if you are interested in purchasing them to read for UWF Reading Program credit and to enjoy books from maybe a category you haven't read from recently.

-Table TWO will be a "Sharing" Table for books that you bring that you have read but no longer wish to keep but others may be interested in purchasing them. There will be a free-will donation basket on this table with the monies going to our Mission Giving program.









### **Connect With United Women in Faith Online**

PNW CONFERENCE WEBSITE: pnwumc.org/uwfaith/

**NATIONAL WEBSITE:** uwfaith.org

**FACEBOOK:** Facebook.com/uwomenfaith **FACEBOOK:** Facebook.com/pnwuwfaith **INSTAGRAM:** Instagram.com/uwfaith

PINTEREST: Pinterest.com/uwfaith/created

**TWITTER:** Twitter.com/uwomenfaith **YOU TUBE:** Youtube.com/user/uwfaith **FLICKR:** Flickr.com/photos.UMWomen

### **Resources for Enrichment**

United Women in Faith offers many ways for you to enrich your life, live your faith and put love into action.

Discover inspiring podcasts and webinars that will help you explore how love in action changes the world with every episode.

Voices from the Field <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXgwu0rP3zY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXgwu0rP3zY</a>

Faith Talks, Podcasts & Webinars

https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/

How to Subscribe to Response Magazine

https://uwfaith.org/resources/response-magazine/

New Free Resources Available! <a href="https://uwfaith.org/resources/">https://uwfaith.org/resources/</a>

# MISSION GIVING RESOURCES

Burning a Candle in Honor or Memory Form
Burning a Candle in Honor or Memory Instructions
Gift in Mission & Gift in Memory Card Order Form
Mission Giving Brochure
Mission Giving Pledge Card



### 2024 PNW UMF Conference Calendar

September 28, 2024 SeaTac Missional District

**Annual Meeting** 

Fairwood UMC, Renton, WA

October 17-18, 2025 Fall PNW Conference UWF

Exec.Meeting Oct. 17

PNW Conference Annual Meeting Bothell United Methodist Church Bothell, WA Oct 17 evening-Oct 18

morning

# SeaTac Missional District Officers for the 2024-2025 Year

President Diana Wilson
Vice President Marilyn Hoff
Secretary Maggie Keech
Treasurer Rachel Hall

Education & Interpretation **OPEN** 

Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Social Action Coordinator

Communications Coordinator

Linda Mills

Janice Bronkema

**OPEN** 

Diana Wilson