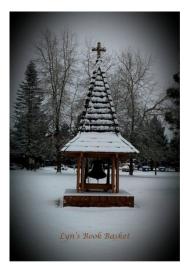
Crest to Coast Currents



Winter 2025



Crest To Coast President's Corner

Fall greetings from Crest To Coast Missional District Women In Faith. We have been busy this year with our District gathering in September and PNW Conference gathering in October, both of which were great. We had over 40 attending our meeting in Centralia, nearly double the year before, with lots of new folks. There were good speakers, good food and lots of meet and greets and re-connecting with friends. We are already looking for a church to host next year. It doesn't need to have a local UWF unit, we can work around that. Please send me your suggestions. It does need to be centralized in the Crest to Coast District, if possible, to give everyone good access. If there is a topic or a particular speaker you would like to hear from, let us know that too. This is your time for sharing with other Units and getting to know other United Women In Faith. We want to make it fun and interesting.

Our Conference annual meeting was also excellent. Our speakers, Jana Jones, our President from National and our Bishop, Cedric Bridgeforth had a lot to present and inspire us with. Rarely do we get them together on our agenda. What a Blessed time we had at this annual meeting. These meetings also provide time to meet people from all around the state and learn more about our organization and what we do, our major mission projects and the Missionaries we serve.

Our Soul Retreats continue to be a success and well received. District officers, Joan Hackett and Sue Raymond are the ones to contact if you are interested in having one at your church. They are in the District

Directory or you can contact me.

I send my best regards for a very Happy Thanksgiving, full of gratitude for all we have been given and a Blessed Christmas season to last all year.

Thank you for your support and generous pledges, Bev Thomas, Crest to Coast District President, Bevthomas@centurylink.net or 360-573-0399



Your Officers Elected at the District meeting

President- Bev Thomas
Secretary- Teresa Rivera
Treasurer- Eileen Costuck
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Membership and Nurture- Joan Hackett
Spiritual Growth- Sue Raymond
Education and Interpretation- Sheree Fitzpatrick
Nominations- Gail Antijunti

Information on 4th Quarter Deadlines

Dear Crest to Coast Treasurers

I want to Thank You all for your support and payments to our Pledge to Mission and the 5 Star areas for 2025. We have met our Full Pledge to Mission plus extra gifts to The Legacy Fund.

My plan is to make our four quarter remittance to Conference Treasurer by the 10th of December. I am expecting to receive World Thank Offerings by the 5th of December. Also if anyone has extra funds to donate for 2025 I will be glad to put them towards our Mission Giving.



To date we did not use all of our AM&D funds so the District Team voted to donate \$200.00 each to Tacoma Community House and Atlantic Street Center. These two groups are the PNW Conference Missions that we all want to support.

Take Care and Thank you again for all your hard work in 2025. I believe that our Crest to Coast Annual Gathering was one of the best events since I joined the C2C Team. Yours in UWF Sisterhood Eileen Costuck, Treasurer

Nominations: New Members Needed

For next year, Gail Antijunti is the chair of nominations.

Open positions that still need volunteers.

- Vise President
- Social Action
- Nominations Committee Member(s)

If interested in filling one of these positions, please call 360-839-7599 cell or 360-256-5916 home or email Gail Antijunti (antijuntigail@gmail.com).

E & I - New Program

At our Annual Gathering in September, we introduced a program called **Revolutions Per Minute** (RPM), that will replace the Mission Today program. Joan Hackett, the PNW Conference Education & Description Coordinator, enlisted the assistance of nine UWF members to share an idea, event, or project regarding one of the nine RPM topics at the gathering.

Representatives from Crest to Coast units shared thoughts on the nine RPMs: Retreats, Reading Program, Resources, Programs, Publicity, People, Mission, Money, and Membership.

Although many of us know about the 1776 American Revolution or John Wesley's faith revolution of 1738, we may not notice the small revolutions that happen every day, minute by minute, through our choices and the Spirit's movement. This new RPM program hopes to capture the steps that each of our units take towards growth, faith, and mission. It provides a framework for sharing and evaluating our progress toward the next revolution.

For more information, you can contact Sheree Fitzpatrick, C2C E&I coordinator, at 360-921-6249 or shereegf@gmail.com.



Assembly 2026 Website now open

May 15-17, 2026 Indianapolis, Indiana

Registration opened September 1, 2025



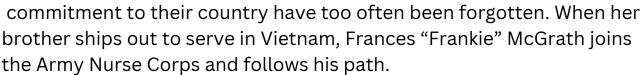
Program Resources

Here is the link to the page with the 2026 reading program catalog: https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catID=2178

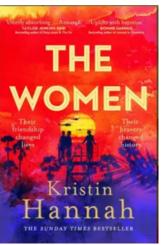
This edition's book categorizes as "Nurturing for Community."

THE WOMEN KRISTIN HANNAH ST. MARTIN'S PRESS (2024)

This celebrated novel is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and



The last person who recommended this book to me said to NOT use it as a bedtime book. She tried and put the book down after 4am (when she completed the book).



Reading Program

Ladies, last year, only a few of you participated in this program. I was told that many do not understand what books are included, how to report, what is needed to get a certificate.

Certificates are awarded to participants (smaller), and those who reach a level. There are 4 program reading levels.

- Level 1 Read 1 book from each category
- Level 2 Read 2 books from each category (the first 5 plus 5 more)
- Level 3 Read 5 additional books from any category (15 books total)
- Level 4 Read 5 additional books from any category (20 books total)

The categories for reading books are

- Education for Mission
- Leadership Development
- Nurturing for Community
- Social Action
- Spiritual Growth

The full list of books with descriptions is available in a <u>pdf download</u>. Note: You / your unit do not need to own the book. Check your local library for many of the books. Most libraries have enough to reach either level 1 or 2. Books from the current year's catalog AND the last 4 catalogs count as long as you haven't already read them. Bonus books count double - read one book and get credit for two!

<u>Lists of reading program books available at local libraries</u>.

- FVRL Fort Vancouver Regional Library
- TRL Timberland Regional Library
- PCLS Pierce County Library System
- Smaller libraries in the area will be added as time allows.

Note: This is an ongoing project. Some are done, the rest are still being worked on.

Please Note: People who do NOT have access to a local library paid by their taxes can get a Non-Resident card. They will have to pay for it.

There are other ways that you can get credit for the reading program. You can also receive Reading Program reporting credit for:

- Listening to the Faith Talks podcast: 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for 2+ episodes
- Listening to the Voices From the Field podcast: 1 credit in Education for Mission for 2+ episodes
- Reading response magazine: 1 credit in Nurturing for Community for reading one year (6 issues)
- Being part of a Mission u or Keyhole Missiology study:
 - 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for reading a Mission u study on your own
 - 2 credits in Spiritual Growth for joining a Mission u study together with others, as a leader or participant
- Movies and television programs based on current Reading Program books are also eligible for credit. In determining the category for credit, identify the category of the original book and apply credit for the film to the same category.

Record the books that you have read on the official form or in any way that is convenient for you. What you need to report to your program resources person (or directly to me) is your name, church / unit, total number of books read, level reached.

Notes

- If you read the children's books to your Sunday school class or other child(ren) then you AND they get credit for the book.
- Children, Youth and Men are allowed to read as well. If their reading is reported, it adds to the credit given to your church / unit.
- If you do not belong to a unit, you can let me know your reading and I will get you credit and a certificate.

Lyn Milner Program Resources 360-609-0503 lmilner2016@gmail.com

United Women in Faith

Our Vision

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Our Mission

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.

We believe love in action can change the world

We have opportunities for membership within our lo9cal churches and individual membership "all access" to help women connect with other women around areas of justice, soul care, and spiritual growth.

We encourage you to explore the many opportunities for making a difference

Through our partnership with Faith Action Network, Legislative Advocacy events, our ongoing work addressing our Charter for Racial Justice, and our focus on justice issues such as breaking the school-to-prison pipeline, maternal health, food insecurity, climate care, and more, we continue to be challenged to ask the "hard questions" and take action individually, locally and globally.

<u>Spring Sharing Line</u> (Conference Newsletter)

Calendar of Events

2025

September 20 - Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting, Centralia UMC

October 17-18 - Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting, Bothell UMC, Bothell, WA

2026

May 15-17 - Assembly - Indianapolis, Indiana

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and I will remove you if I can. If you are on the list due to an office you held, please let me know the contact information for who now holds that office. I want to make sure that the newsletter goes to the appropriate people.

Thank you, Lyn Milner.