

# THE SHARING LINE

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## DEB'S DISPATCH

As I write this article today, I am thinking about the importance of **COMMUNICATION**. The way we see the world and each other may be greatly shaped by our communication style. I continue to value the energy and passion that goes into the creation of this quarterly communication tool, "SHARING LINE", that connects and empowers each of us in our journey together as United Women in Faith.

Since the last edition, I have particularly been grateful for the community of leaders involved in preparing for our **2026 Mission u** experience. In July, we will be "Experiencing Emmanuel with Us" as we gather together at "Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center" in Ellensburg, WA. **July 10-12, 2026.** (See pages 3 through 14 for more information.) We are planning for families, adults, youth, and school-age children to gather in an intergenerational setting to share a transformational experience within a beautiful camp setting. Our study leaders have worked diligently to complete their training expectations and are planning their



sessions to bring this time to fruition. Our "Mission u" planning team continues to meet to plan our overall time together, ensuring that each participant feels welcomed, included, inspired, transformed, and renewed as we get to know our Creator in a more intimate context. We will focus on our personal communication with God through large and small group experiences, and our times of worship together will focus on our personal and communal communication with Our Creator and each other. Please, if you have never had the opportunity to experience Mission u, I encourage you to join us. Scholarships are available, and we have worked diligently to keep costs very reasonable for all. **Registration ends May 27th.** Everything you need for registration is included in this "Sharing Line". If you are not able to attend, you might be willing to sponsor another person to attend. What a gift that would be!

Another transforming experience I am excited about is our upcoming Assembly 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 15-17. There are 53 attending from our own

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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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Pacific Northwest Conference. We will be sporting our rainbow scarves for easy identification. Please watch for more exciting communication during and after this event. Together we will “**DREAM IT, BELIEVE IT, DO IT**” and will continue that momentum into our **Conference Annual Gathering** at Hope UMC in Bellevue, **October 23-24**, hosted by our SeaTac Missional District of United Women in Faith. (See pages 13 and 14 for more information and to register.)

In your own communication with others, I encourage you to reflect on the following questions...

- Do I really take time to listen to others?
- Do I prayerfully consider how God is guiding me in my communication with others?
- How am I communicating with others to inspire them as to the passion, mission, and ministry of United Women in Faith?
- Am I open to new ideas as to how God may be leading our organization and me into our future?
- What disciplines are valuable to me in my ongoing personal communication with our Amazing Creator?
- And finally...If I could make one creative/positive change in my communication style with others, what may that look like?

*Serving you in gratitude and humbleness,*

*Deb Avery, President,  
Pacific Northwest Conference,  
United Women in Faith*

## 2026—A YEAR OF REVOLUTION AND CHANGE

No Mission Today reports from the units in the 5 Districts this year.

Instead, a new way to report that is more flexible.

Each unit is requested to write on one or two topics from the **RPMs list** on a

challenge or success in your unit over the past year.

So, we hope for 50-100 broadsheets by Mission u

Please email your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator or President and me, adding your name, unit, and district.

### **RPMs REVOLUTIONS PER MINUTE /STARTABLE**

- **Reading Program** – an inspiring book, or how a library was inspired by you?
- **Resources** – online or
- **Retreat** – Assembly or local?
- **People** – new person or perspective
- **Program** – upcoming or past
- **Publicity** – successful or ineffectual
- **Membership** – declining, merging, beginning
- **Mission** – local, NMI visit to TCH, climate justice
- **Money** – where it comes from, where it goes to

**CHECK OUT THE EXAMPLES OF RPMs ON PAGES 21 TO 23**

### **S—STARTABLE – OUR UNIT STORY**

Get inspired by reading more on the [PNW United Women in Faith website](https://www.pnwumc.org/uwfaith).

Write about your unit – how it applies or applied to you.

It's A little like *Choose Your Own Adventure!* I hope to inspire others by sharing.

This ‘minute’ – meaning small or a record or both – can be short or extensive, with individual units choosing the focus. I know many units may have experienced revolution this year, so learning about the experience in their ‘minute’ could be helpful to others.

I have also described the minutes as ‘broadside,’ a word used 250 years ago for information posters.

*Joan Hackett,  
Education & Interpretation  
Coordinator*

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

**Register for Mission u!**

# Experiencing Emmanuel

**Friday, July 10, to Sunday, July 12, 2026  
at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center**



More information  
& Forms



Online  
Registration Form

**Cost includes 2 nights' lodging  
and 5 meals. Adults—\$150;  
Children (6-12) &  
Youth (13-17)—\$50**

**May 27 Registration Deadline**

Find out how to register at [pnwumc.org/  
uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/](http://pnwumc.org/uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/)

# REGISTER FOR MISSION U 2026!

**FRIDAY, JULY 10, AND ENDS SUNDAY, JULY 12  
AT LAZY F CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER**

An intergenerational transforming mission experience in a camp-type setting.

**Scholarships available:** details on registration and scholarships are available online! Study books are available through Amazon. Type "United Women in Faith" in the search, and Amazon will direct you to the books. It is recommended that all adult participants order their book in advance. They are available now. The study books for Youth and Children are basically used by adults leading those sessions. If you work with children and youth in your own churches, I highly recommend purchasing one for use in that setting.



**Registration, scholarship, and other forms are on our website at**  
[pnwumc.org/uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/](http://pnwumc.org/uwfaith/2026/01/11/mission-u-2/)

## WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO EXPERIENCE GOD WITH US IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE?

This week on Faith Talks, we explore Mission u 2026 and its theme, **Experiencing Emmanuel**. Host Jennifer R. Farmer sits down with two dynamic voices shaping this year's curriculum:

•**Amy Beth Jones** – guiding our children to recognize God's presence early

•**Linda Furtado** – inviting adults into a deeper, fuller knowing of God

[Watch the latest episode here.](#)

Thank you for watching this episode of Faith Talks! For more episodes and other podcasts from United Women in Faith, check out: [uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts](http://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts).

Let's turn our faith into action on behalf of women, children, and youth!

*With love and gratitude,  
United Women in Faith*

## UPCOMING MISSION U THEMES

### 2027 Showing Hospitality:

An Exploration of  
Christian Welcome

### 2028 Seeking Healing:

Repentance and  
Reconciliation

### 2029 Seeking Justice:

Retribution  
or Transformation

### 2030 Courageous Faith

# MISSION U 2026 LEADERSHIP TEAM

## DEAN-DEB AVERY



I am blessed to be serving as Dean as we journey together to “Experiencing Emmanuel” at Mission u 2026.

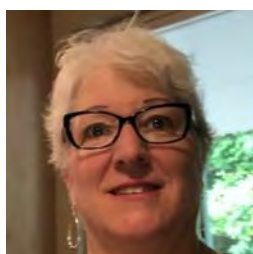
Over the past 40 years, I have been filled with transformational opportunities through my attendance at Mission u, yet I am still filled with excitement to be in this role for Mission u 2026! Some highlights for me have been very special, like bringing 2 of my grandchildren to Mission u over the years and bringing other youth from my home church, Vancouver Heights UMC! It provides a unique opportunity for intergenerational transformation. I appreciate working with an awesome team, and I pray that all attending will be transformed as we “Experience Emmanuel.”

## ASSISTANT DEAN- PASTOR APRIL HALL

I am I am deeply passionate about ministry and serving others. Ten years ago, God called me into pastoral ministry, and since then, I have faithfully followed wherever I have been led. My faith journey has taught me the importance of sharing my personal walk with Christ, because our testimonies help others see how God moves and works in our lives—not only as Spirit, but also as the Savior of our souls. I believe that my openness allows others to see the reality of God’s grace,

guidance, and transformation. My desire is to share the Gospel in a way that reflects Christ’s love, reaching people where they are and encouraging them to see the hope and salvation found in Him.

## WORSHIP SESSIONS -GAIL SIMPSON



This is my 3rd year on the Conference UWF team as Membership, Nurture and Outreach

Coordinator. I have attended several Mission u events in recent years. I have agreed to coordinate the plenary worship sessions for Mission u.

My passion is to help the less fortunate and find ways to make life better for ALL people. Hopefully, you, too, have a passion and are pursuing ways to bring Christ to life in others. I'm glad you chose to attend Mission u and would love to chat with you.

## ADULT LEADER -SHEREE G. FITZPATRICK



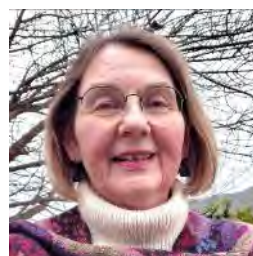
I have been a member of the Methodist church since I was a child, but didn't join the United Women

in Faith (United Methodist Women) until 2003. I have served at both the local unit and district levels in various offices, including president and vice president for the unit, and Social Action, and Education and

Interpretation Coordinator for the district.

I retired as an English/theatre teacher in the Vancouver School District, and continue to substitute teach history and English. I enjoy spending time writing short stories, reading, gardening, canning jam, and visiting my daughter, Felicia, who works in NYC.

## ADULT LEADER-KATHY JOHNSON



I am a seeker of a deepening relationship with the Holy One. I became a certified lay minister in

2019. At the present time, actively participating in United Women in Faith, leading faith-based book discussions, offering regional pulpit supply, facilitating soul care events, and tutoring children in reading skills are among my servant experiences. My life journey helps me appreciate a genuine sense of community filled with kindness and the Spirit within each person. the Pacific Northwest home. My life journey, through challenges and blessings alike, helps me appreciate a genuine sense of community filled with kindness and the Spirit from within each person.

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### ADULT LEADER—TERESA RIVERA

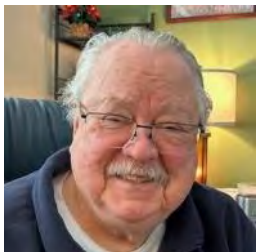


I currently serve as the secretary of the Crest to Coast United Women in Faith district. At Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church, I enjoy participating in our music program in the handbell and vocal choirs. We relocated to Washington from Utah, where I spent many years involved in United Women in Faith and my church in Sandy, Utah.

I love gardening, sewing, and dabbling in oil painting. I look forward to serving where I can make a difference!

### ADULT LEADER—JIM SIMPSON



I am a retired United Methodist pastor. I now know that sharing the good news of

Jesus means living by and sharing the standards that Jesus teaches. I still preach on occasion, but my message is now about living the love and justice of God in order to make the world I live in a better place for everyone.

At Mason UMC, we are redesigning the way we do ministry. Instead of asking others to join us to make our church grow, we are learning how to give ourselves to the least in love to help our community reflect Jesus, his message, and his love. We are in the midst of making our block into a community that includes housing for

the least and the outcast, a place for worship, a place to feed the hungry, and some space for children.

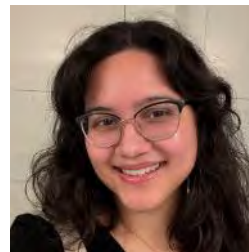
### YOUTH CO-LEADER —BECKY ABSHER



I was raised in West Virginia and moved to southwestern Virginia, where I worked as a science teacher. I

love teaching and learning. I find that when I am teaching, I end up learning. Often, students teach me beyond the superficial subject. They teach me how to be a good human, how to love and walk beside my neighbor, and to give grace freely every day. My life partner and soulmate is April Hall. We are proud parents of two daughters who are both pursuing college degrees. Victoria, and . We have three cats, Zoey, Sasha, and Louie, and a big white 'baciagaloop' labradoodle, called Hoss, who keeps us on our toes.

### YOUTH CO-LEADER —MALINA MALLARI



Hi everyone! My name is Melina, and I am a new Washingtonian, living with my wife and dog in Battle Ground.

We joined Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church a little over a year ago and have fallen in love with the community and the work it does to serve! I stepped back into my faith only a few years ago, so I am excited for the opportunity to bond with new people and grow alongside the youth I'll be working with.

## REGISTRATION COSTS

**COST INCLUDES 2 NIGHTS' LODGING AND 5 MEALS.**

**Adults—\$150**

**Children (6-12) & Youth (13-17)—\$50**

### RV RATES

5 hook-ups behind the barn with water and electricity

5 hook-ups in the parking lot, just electricity.

No dump available on site.

**\$6 price reduction per night per person in RVs**

### COMMUTER RATES

Commuter rate is \$79 for the event.

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**United Women in Faith**

# ANNUAL GATHERING

## DREAM IT, BELIEVE IT, DO IT



**Special Guest:**

**Debbie Dimitre**

**As Suffragette, Alice Paul**

**DOWNLOAD THE  
REGISTRATION FORM**



United  
Women  
in Faith

**OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2026**

**HOPE UMC**

1934 108<sup>TH</sup> AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

### **SCHEDULE**

**Registration:** Friday, October 23, at 3:00 PM

**Program Start Time:** Friday at 4:30 PM

Dinner at 5:00 PM

**End Time:** Saturday at 1:00 PM

### **REGISTRATION FEE — \$35**

Please note that the registration deadline is

**September 14, 2026**

*The registration fee covers Friday dinner,  
Saturday snacks and Saturday lunch.*

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Hotel 116, a Coast Hotel Bellevue**

625 116th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA, US

**Participants are responsible for registering themselves!**

*The hotel includes breakfast.*

**We have reserved a block of rooms.**

King: \$150 per night (incl. tax);

Two Double Beds: \$162 per night (incl. tax).

**Reserve your room by:**

**Booking online:** <http://coa.st/UnitedMethodistWomen>

or calling the hotel directly: (425)-455-9444

Please use the group name *United Methodist Women's Group*.

# Annual Gathering Registration Form

Pacific Northwest United Women in Faith

October 23 & 24, 2026

Hope United Methodist Church – 1934 108th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE—SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Name for your Name Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an officer? Yes  No  If yes, position \_\_\_\_\_

Home hospitality needed Yes  No

**Dietary:** We will work hard to accommodate most diets by providing various options. Gluten-free and diabetic choices will be available.

**Food Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need childcare?** Yes  No  If yes, please note the ages and number of your children:

Infants \_\_\_\_\_ 2 to 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ 4 to 5 years \_\_\_\_\_

6 to 8 years \_\_\_\_\_ 9 to 11 years \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(Please bring a name badge holder if you have one.)*

**Can we use your photo in promotional materials?** Yes  No

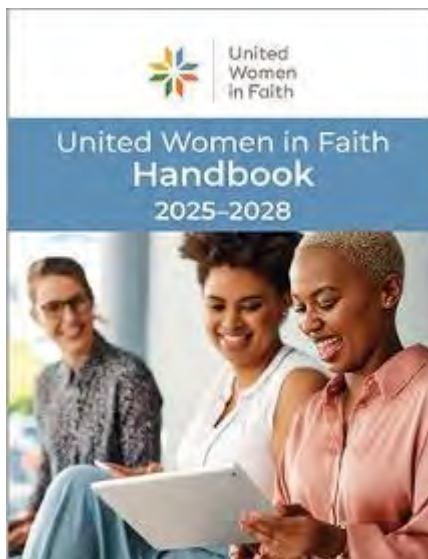
### REGISTRATION FEE—\$35

Make checks payable to PNW Conference United Women in Faith

**MAIL YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND A CHECK TO**

**Sharon Stovall, Registrar**

## GET YOUR UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH HANDBOOK 2025-2028



**[Order Your 2025-2028 United Women in Faith Handbook!](#)** This comprehensive guide contains a wealth of information and resources essential to all organization members.

This handbook is a valuable resource and overview of the opportunities available through United Women in Faith. You'll find practical tips, mission funding guidelines, program and resource descriptions, and best practices for elected leaders and members. Discover our mission and vision, driven by a shared commitment to spiritual growth, creative fellowship, education, and advocacy, putting love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

**Download the Constitution and Bylaws [here](#).**

**Download the Roles and Responsibilities [here](#).**

## RACIAL JUSTICE – MARCH 11, 2026, OMAK

Immigration and Customs Enforcement began operations in March 2003 as an agency of the Department of Homeland Security. NOW has 20,000 enforcement personnel in 400 offices with a budget of \$8 billion.

Hiring process: Transparency and communication can take up to a year. Illegal aliens can become legal if they have been a religious worker.

There are many other divisions of ICE, such as the CIS Center for Immigration Studies and the INTR International Network for Immigration Research, to name a couple.

The Greater NW News ([greaternw.org](http://greaternw.org)) published an article on January 8<sup>th</sup> of this year on the Immigration Crisis and A Faith Response; United In Faith COALITION, a collaborative network of people of faith to Educate and Activate, training, building awareness, and support for our neighbors.

WAISN, Washington Immigration Solidarity Network, will guide volunteer trainers in how to be engaged and responsive community members in “Know Your Rights,” both yours and the immigrants, on

how to document ICE actions, whistle alerts, how to make a report to the HOTLINE, and what to do and not do as a bystander.

February 4<sup>th</sup>, an article in our local newspaper talked about Gov. Ferguson calling actions by ICE “un-American” and wanting to propose a bill to not allow masks on ICE agents. What and how is your community being affected?

Patrick Sciven wrote on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, “Being wise as serpents, innocent as doves in an outrage-driven world.” Everything in our public life right now is designed to provoke a reaction. Silence is treated as complicity, and restraint is mistaken for indifference. I am 100% supportive of people marching for justice, love, peace, and sanity.

We could go on and on, but prayers are definitely needed. You do the research! Our unit had much to say.

*Blessings,  
Marsha Aufenkamp  
Omak President,  
District Membership, Nurture &  
Outreach Mission Coordinator,  
& Conference Nominations Chair*

## OMAK UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH'S RACIAL JUSTICE CLUB TIMELINE

2010	1st year	Studied the <a href="#">Charter for Racial Justice</a> and shared articles from newspapers.
2011	2nd year	Discussed and shared the book, <a href="#">Fellowship of Love: Methodist Women Changing American Racial Attitudes, 1920-1968</a> , by Alice Knotts, a UMW historian on discrimination of gender and race.
2012	3rd year	Studied and discussed Justice for Our Neighbors ( <a href="#">JFON.ORG</a> ), now Immigration Law & Justice Network ( <a href="#">iljnetwork.org</a> ). Lawyers helping immigrant families. Also, <a href="#">sentencingproject.org</a> offers alternatives to mass incarceration.
2013	4th year	Discussed the United States' southern border wall and fences.
2014	5th year	Studied the <i>Book of RUTH</i> , including downloadable resources from UMW.
2015	6th year	We delivered a sermon to the congregation on immigration and civil rights.
2016	7th year	Studied the effects of the " <a href="#">Doctrine of Discovery</a> ." Endorsed in 1493 by Pope Alexander, this doctrine contributed to the much suffering of the America's Indigenous peoples, including "The Trail of Tears," and more.
2017	8th year	Studied about Juneteenth and the <a href="#">Emancipation Proclamation of 1865</a> .
2018	9th year	Discussed " <a href="#">The New Jim Crow</a> " book, by Michelle Alexander, about the treatment of blacks versus whites in the legal system.
2019	10th year	Discussed <a href="#">Leymah Gbowee</a> , Nobel Peace Prize recipient, who is a Liberian peace activist responsible for leading a women's non-violent peace movement, <a href="#">Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace</a> , that helped bring an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003.
2020	11th year	Discussed the " <a href="#">School to Prison Pipeline</a> ," directing non-white children and youth, even as young as 6-year-olds, toward detention facilities in our country.
2021	12th year	Studied the KKK's (Ku Klux Klan) history in Washington State. This organization is still active in Washington.
2022	13th year	Read about missing indigenous women and girls (sex trafficking) and native American children who died at boarding schools.
2023	14th year	Discussed the UMW book <a href="#">Racial Justice Timeline, Important Moments of Racial Justice History in the United States and United Methodist Women</a> .
2024	15th year	Read <i>Back to the Book</i> by Alice Knotts, featuring 14 chapters on the lessons learned from the journey from 1920 to 1968, as well as changing attitudes and WARN (Washington Anti-Trafficking Response).
2025	16th year	Study and discuss "Immigration in the Bible."
2026	17th year	CE Immigration Customs Enforcement. See the <a href="#">greaternw.org</a> article from 1/27/26, "Crisis: A Faith Response." Educate & Training, and the Governor's call to action. <b>United Women in Faith now has a downloadable <a href="#">Racial Justice Engagement Opportunities</a> list to build awareness</b>

# NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

## CREST TO COAST DISTRICT

Greetings from Crescent To Coast Missional District, what a beautiful Spring we are having.

We are busy, however, working on our **Fall Gathering, which will be September 19, 2026, in Shelton, Washington.** More information to come in our save-the-date flyer, out soon.

We have welcomed Karen Yaeger as our new appointed Social Action person. She will be officially installed in the position at the Fall Gathering. Karen is a member of our White Salmon Unit.

We are excited to have a new unit in Crest To Coast after many years, started by Kay Richardson, the new President at Shelton UMC in Shelton, Washington. Kay recently joined our District board, not having her own unit. She then decided to start her own, and she did. We will celebrate this new unit at our Fall Gathering in Shelton. They will be hosting our event and jumping right into things with both feet. We are so pleased with the enthusiasm they bring and hope this is just a start to new units added to our District.

We are working to implement the RPMs program in our units and to answer questions, etc. Joan Hackett has written an article in the Sharing Line addressing this new program, which replaces the Mission Today program, which is also on our PNW United Women in Faith Conference website.

We continue to set up Soul Retreats as requested, having had four successful ones last year.

Some of our members are getting ready for Assembly, and we are already looking forward to Mission u at Lazy F in July. This is a busy and exciting time for Crest To Coast.

*Bev Thomas,  
Crest to Coast District President*

## INLAND MISSIONAL DISTRICT

There has been a considerable change in the composition of the Inland Missional District over the past year. We have gone from 13 units (on paper) down to 8 this year. We are grateful for many years of UMW/United Women in Faith service in the Grangeville unit, but after the deaths of key members, they no longer feel the unit is sustainable and have asked to close it. With the formation of the New Connections UMC, two prior units (Lewiston and Clarkston) have rolled into one unit. Two other churches have also become part of the New Connections church. Asotin has its own United Women in Faith unit, which has chosen to remain a separate entity for now but will likely roll into New Connections in time. A 4<sup>th</sup> church rolling into New Connections didn't have a prior United Women in Faith unit, but will hopefully now enjoy the opportunities of their new unit formation. Two other smaller units have combined as well- Fowler and

Audubon (now just known as the Audubon unit). We have 4 units with under 6 people regularly participating and 4 units with 20+ members.

It's a season of considerable change, but our units continue to forge ahead, busy with local mission work and activities that help with meeting their pledge to mission in United Women in Faith. Despite the challenge of fewer units, IMD came close to meeting their pledge to the mission of \$20,000, falling less than \$ 1,000 under our pledge (though other donations may have gone directly to National via online donations). We also have 5 women from the district who are eagerly awaiting a fantastic experience at Assembly in May.

## LOCAL UNIT "REVOLUTIONS" UPDATES:

**Audubon Park** has a connection with Mission Community Outreach Center and supports the center financially and with donations for their outreach to families in need of clothing, coats, blankets, and diapers. Additionally, several of the United Women in Faith ladies volunteer at their church's community food bank- and the church recently received a grant to establish a new walk-in refrigerator! They've lost some members in the past year or two, and the decision to combine units with Fowler has provided a better connection with

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the happenings of the district and conference, as well as better attendance at activities. United Women in Faith member pledges fund their pledge to mission annually.

**Community (CDA) United Women in Faith** has started a working young women's Bible study that has evolved into an evening United Women in Faith circle! They are working on a weekly exercise-related activity for members, such as walking, etc. They financially support local community needs- like a children's center for abused children in crisis, as well as holding 3 events with the local mobile food bank Second Harvest, serving hundreds of people at each event, and working together with other community members to serve the families attending. At Christmas, they make gift bags for their shut-in United Women in Faith members, and many members volunteer annually for Pride Day. They meet their annual pledge to mission with a very successful annual rummage sale.

**New Connections** is forming this year and figuring out how they want to function as a new entity. They have some great plans for local mission work and for raising their pledge to mission funds for United Women in Faith, including a bazaar held annually in November. They have a "brunch bunch" circle, a "craft and Sew" circle, and a very active reading program group that meets monthly. Two volunteers from the unit assisted the local YMCA with an MLK awareness event in January,

and another couple of members raised \$250 with a cookie sale and donated it to 2 national Mission Institutes who help women who are escaping human trafficking.

**Asotin's local unit meets** monthly at the Lion's Club (their church closed and was combined into the New Connections church, but they have elected to remain their own local unit in Asotin). They plan to periodically do some activities with New Connections United Women in Faith and will join them for their Fall Bazaar fundraiser to raise funds for local mission work and for their pledge to Mission for United Women in Faith. Their annual local mission focus includes making Christmas boxes for people in need.

**Bonnors Ferry** has been quite active in their local community and in their gifts to Mission for important United Women in Faith priorities throughout the nation and world. They hold a biannual rummage and bake sale, which earns over \$1500 for mission! They have a children's clothing closet that serves parents in crisis from domestic violence and can outfit them and their children who must leave their home quickly to stay safe. They collect socks for their local senior center and serve their 'Caring Community' with toiletries for those in mental crisis.

**Davenport** has a very popular annual cookie tray sale and donates the funds to local organizations in town. They enjoy dinners together, regular meetings, and in spring, they start working to fundraise with soup luncheons held for the local Lions' Club at their community hall. In December, they give their funds to

United Women in Faith, Heifer Project, and to other local organizations like Shalom Ministries in Spokane. They are busy women, and I can attest that they really know how to make a good pie!

**Rockford's** major effort in Spring is the making of children's quilts (50!) that are donated to 5 local charities. Considering that they have 6 members in their unit with a few additional helpers, that is quite a feat! It's a great bonding time for all who participate. They have also done a pie booth at their local fair in the past, though they are finding 3 days at the fair to be quite taxing with limited manpower. They are trying to find ways to fundraise with less up-front expense and with limited physical resources. They are excellent readers with the reading program. They are engaged with racial justice efforts and are looking forward to visiting a CDA-based JC Whitehouse museum representing several native American tribes in North Idaho. They also took a great day trip to Whorley, ID, to tour the MARIMN Health Coeur Center for health and wellness, a Native health center with wonderful community resources (primary care, gymnasium, Olympic- sized pool, water slides, lazy river, etc.) for the local Native community.

**Spokane Valley United Women in Faith** has been fundraising through "eat-in / take-out" meals twice a year. They serve a Fall harvest meal and a spring Easter dinner. Generally, with prudent shopping and donations, they can net about

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\$1000+ at each of the 2 occasions for gift to mission pledges for the unit. They also provide a soup luncheon 6-7 times a year for an outside Eastern Star group and donate the money earned from those luncheons to their gift to mission pledges. They work hard to keep their donations and gifts to mission to a 60/40 split for national UWF/local United Women in Faith priorities. Additionally, they are enjoying 3 annual book club gatherings throughout the year. Each circle chooses a book and hosts a gathering for discussion. One circle has even opted to listen to the audiobook weekly, leading up to the discussion with the whole unit. Twice yearly, they meet as a whole unit for a Christmas gathering in December and for a Lilac luncheon in May.

**Sandpoint United Women in Faith** celebrated women's history this month with a luncheon and program event for women from the district. We heard about their local food and community resources for those in need, and we enjoyed a game that tested our knowledge of women's history! They served a lovely luncheon as well. Their fundraising efforts for mission include a potato bake with desserts and a raffle of blankets. They also enjoy doing regular local mission work, including sending appreciative Christmas cards (191!) for the employees of three nursing homes in their area. They also provide Valentine's Day Bags every Feb for Priest River Ministries (advocates for women in vulnerable populations in crisis). They meet their pledge to mission through individual donations as well as

donations from attendees at their events.

*Robin Gregory,  
Inland Missional District President*

## PUGET SOUND MISSIONAL DISTRICT

Greetings Sisters!

In January, our Standing Rules Committee of 4 met via Zoom four times as we updated our 2020 version. With three more Zoom meetings lasting 1 ½ + hours each, we considered our task completed, & emailed it to our District Team. After feedback, we will be submitting the work to our Conference Team.

- Jan 6 Our PSMD Leadership Team met via Zoom, planning for our upcoming District Local Leaders Training (LLT) event.
- Jan 7 Our Arlington United Church (AUC) Women's Bible Study resumed.
- Jan 9 I joined Planet Fitness, just a quarter mile from home, hoping to get back in better shape!
- Jan 10 I participated in our PNW Conference UWF Zoom meeting 9-1 PM.
- Jan 27 our new District Treasurer, Janet Church, & I met at BECU to switch our District's financial accounts from BoA.
- Jan 29 Had a short District Team Zoom meeting to clarify records for our Treasury.
- Feb 3 Our PSMD Team met via Zoom, continued planning for our LLT, to be held in the Snohomish UMC, with local

President Glenda Clemans serving as our local contact.

- Feb 5 watched a webinar "Compassion & Choices; end of Life", with the National Director of Legislative Advocacy.
- Feb 12 Drove to Olympia for FAN (Faith Action Network) Interfaith Advocacy Day; our new Dist. Secretary, Tricia Bate & I participated in the meetings, & observed the House & Senate in action.
- Feb 21 Watched the 7 AM UMC Wesleyan Mission "Serve Joyfully"
- Mar 10 PSMD Team Zoom meeting; will have a guest speaker at our LLT!
- Mar 12 Toured our local VOA Community Resources Center in Arlington; The Director will be speaking the 15th in AUC; our local AUC "Lunch on Us" Fri. noon meals for homeless/low-income folks works closely with them.
- Mar 16 Final Zoom PSMD Team meeting finalizing LLT plans.
- Mar 21 9 to 3 PM, LLT had Keynote speaker, Anna Broome, a Pastoral Intern at Gig Harbor UMC, sharing "Leadership & Stepping Up". Had good sharing during breakout sessions. Attendance was around 40; watched a short video about "Assembly 2026" in Indianapolis, IN.
- Mar 28 Attended Bothell's shortened "Soul Care Retreat" tying in music & fine arts. Judy Jewell, Beth Bryant, & I attended.

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Participation was sparse, due to rallies taking place in many communities objecting to the current political scene & the 'war' in the middle east.

- Mar 28 Supported Youth Dynamics by attending their annual fund-raiser "Stilly Valley Lockdown", held in Smokey Point Community Church.
- Mar 29 Gave the Children's Message at AUC, showing pumpkin seeds that were opening like little bird beaks, how sprouts were growing out of the seed, gave samples of toasted pumpkin seeds, & bites of my home-made pumpkin bundt cake.
- Apr 3 Watched online a Social Justice Brief.
- Apr 7 PSMD Team Zoom meeting. Confirmed our Annual Gathering (AG) to be Sat. Sept 26th at Arlington United Church. Bill Pritchard will serve as our Tech guy.
- Apr 18 Plan to participate in the Conference Team Zoom meeting.

I will be flying to Indianapolis, Indiana Fri, May 15 for the Quadrennial International UWF Assembly, returning May 17.

**Our Puget Sound District Annual Gathering is on September 26, at Arlington United Church, Arlington, WA.**

Praying for peace in the world, & healing of those who are hurting.

*Jeannine "Jeannie" Lish,  
Puget Sound Missional District  
President*

## SEATAC MISSIONAL DISTRICT

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SEATAC DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
at Kent United Methodist Church

### WE WERE MADE FOR MORE

#### Special Guest:

[Rev. Jan Bolerjack](#) is the pastor of Riverton Park United Methodist Church in Tukwila, where her congregation offers temporary housing and resources, including a foodbank, to new immigrants as well as longtime community members. Reverend Bolerjack will provide us with an update on their community foodbank and their ministry serving new immigrants.



[washingtonstatestandard.com/author/janbolerjack/](http://washingtonstatestandard.com/author/janbolerjack/)

#### Scripture:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

—Romans 15:13 NIV

#### Check-in/Registration

9:00 am-9:30 am

#### Program/Meeting

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Lunch—Cost: \$15

12:00-1:00 pm

catered by Olive Garden

The registration form will be available in July.

## KENT UWF IS HOSTING: Rev. Ama and Rev. Richard Navarro, General Board of Global Ministries Missionaries Serving in Taiwan.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, FROM 1:30-3:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**COME. LISTEN. LEARN. BE MOVED**

*"Hear their stories from the mission field about the hidden reality of migrant workers in Taiwan."*

Light Refreshments will be available.

**Open to Everyone!**

The Rev. Alma Jumada Navarro and her husband, Rev Richard B. Navarro, are Missionaries from the Philippines who serve with the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) ministry in Taipei, Taiwan, in partnership with the General Board of Global Ministries of the Methodist Church. Both were commissioned in 2014, and they serve Filipino migrant workers residing in Taipei, Taiwan. There are an estimated 100,000 Filipinos in

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Taiwan at any given time, a majority of whom are temporary migrant workers. Some 3,000 Filipinos leave their country every day in search of livelihoods abroad. Their ministry is called Ang TANANAN ng NAGDADAMAYANG PINOY SA TAIWAN ("A Home for Filipinos Who Care for One Another in Taiwan. Richard hopes that, in time, this ministry will expand to all parts of Southeast Asia where Filipino migrants are located.

**Alma is an elder of the East Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference.** She received a Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology from Southwestern University, Cebu City, and a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Dasmariñas City. Alma has a special affinity for overseas workers since she herself was once a factory worker there, an experience cut short by a vehicle accident that sent her back home and led her to reevaluate her life's plan. She was strongly influenced toward missionary work by the passage in John 21 where Jesus tells his fisherfolk disciples to cast their nets on the "right side of the ship." "In God's perfect time, He brought me back to Taiwan to reach out to Filipino migrant workers. My stay in Taiwan as a factory worker was the chance for me to know the needs and struggles of OFWs. And so, I and my husband are dealing with these things among the migrant workers with whom we minister."

**Richard is an elder of the East Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference and, for over 16 years,**

**served a series of small and large churches.** Richard holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the Philippine Christian University in Manila and a Master of Divinity degree from the Union Theological Seminary in Dasmariñas City in Cavite Province. Richard says, "A strong sense of covenant with God through Jesus Christ sustains him in good times and bad. "I found real joy inside of me," he says, "when God brought me and my family to be missionaries in Taiwan, despite challenges I face in the ministry. I found something valuable that cannot be exchanged for the most expensive treasures in the world. My faith has totally increased and is getting stronger...My faith tells me that Jesus Christ is enough for me."

*Diana Wilson,  
SeaTac Missional District President*

## JOIN UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH DIGITAL!

Join our community online at United Women in Faith Digital on your computer or phone through the Mighty app. You'll find a place to get new ideas, share questions, and find sisterhood. National offers regular Digital open houses to help you get started, so please go to [UWFaith.org](http://UWFaith.org) and create an account. Once there, you'll also get access to all sorts of resources, including a calendar with upcoming events.

If you need assistance, contact Jenny Bygland at 206-794-3379 or [jbygland@kentmethodist.com](mailto:jbygland@kentmethodist.com).

### WAYS TO GIVE TODAY:

Scan this QR Code to be directed to the giving page.

Text "LEGACY" to 20503



Thank you! Together, we are building our Legacy!

## GET READY FOR THE ASSEMBLY 2026 PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT!

Assembly 2026 is almost here, and we want YOU in the spotlight! Whether you're counting down the days, arriving on-site, or reflecting after the event, your photos and videos bring our sisterhood experience at Assembly to life!

Download the [free Photo Circle app](#) and start uploading your photos today using the hashtags #UnstoppableUWFaith and #Assembly2026. Next week, we'll post instructions for the Dream It, Believe It, Do It scavenger hunt. We can't wait to see your smiling faces!

# NEWS FROM NATIONAL

## DELEGATE ELECTIONS ARE JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

This is to remind you that if you're in the Alaska, Desert Southwest, California-Nevada, California-Pacific, Iowa, Mountain Sky, New York, North Georgia, Oregon-Idaho, South Georgia, Pacific Northwest Conferences, you elect your delegates to the United Methodist General Conference NEXT MONTH.

Most of the deadlines for nominations and declarations of candidacy have passed, but don't worry—all conferences must also take nominations from the floor of the conference.

Our article "[Getting Women in the Room Where It Happens: Becoming a General Conference Delegate](#)" shares more about what it means to be a delegate and why members of United Women in Faith should consider serving in this important role. Happy discerning!

### GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATES

The General Commission on the General Conference met in mid-April and confirmed Minneapolis as the location for the 2028 worldwide meeting, with a possible secondary location, likely in Canada, for delegates unable to obtain U.S. visas.

The conference has been shortened from 10 to 8 days.

Paragraph 101 of *The Book of Discipline* states that the new *General Book of Discipline*, to be presented by the Standing Committee on Regional Conference Matters Outside the U.S., must be addressed and acted on within the first three days of the conference. Those same first days will also be used for orientation, meetings of the Standing Committee, and a meeting of the new (and one-time-only) U.S. Regional Committee, comprising all U.S. delegates, who will review all legislation directly related to the church in the United States and make recommendations to the full body. Then we'll get to legislative committees and plenary.

You can [read more about the commission's meeting](#) from our friends at United Methodist News.

General Conference delegates are elected at the annual conference. So ... what is the annual conference? Check out "[What Happens at Annual Conference](#)" to learn more. Yes—we need your voice there too!

### LOOKING AHEAD

As the upcoming elections remind us, General Conference 2028 isn't that far away. Here is the general anticipated timeline to keep in mind:

Spring 2027: Most delegates elected.  
July 2027: Petitions submission start date.

September 2027: Petition submission deadline.

February 2028: Delegates receive *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*.

May 2028: General Conference meets.

I will, of course, keep you updated on all things General Conference and how United Women in Faith can help inspire, influence, and impact the church's future. Please let me know if you have any questions, and let me know if you are planning to run for delegate!

*Blessings,*

*Tara Barnes*

*Director of denominational relations  
United Women in Faith*

## MORE FROM NATIONAL

### When is the deadline to apply for the Theresa Hoover Award?

The deadline is July 9, 2026. The Theresa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award is for laywomen ages 21-35 who want to travel in order to explore and study in a country or region other than their own.

The award is named for Theresa Hoover, who served as chief executive of the Women’s Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church from 1968-1990 and was the first African American woman to hold that position or any comparable post in the denomination.

Priority will be given to projects that explore one of United Women in Faith’s social justice priorities,

### climate justice and racial justice.

Applicants should demonstrate concern for and a connection to their communities as well as a recognition of their global responsibilities.

To learn more and obtain the application, contact the United Women in Faith’s grants office at [grants@uwfaith.org](mailto:grants@uwfaith.org) noting the subject line: "Theresa Hoover application request."

Apply today for a [climate justice seed grant](#). Applications due June 17.

Help us [end school pushout](#) and give every girl a fair chance to learn and thrive.

If you're a conference officer, you have a **staff liaison**. Find out who your staff and program advisory group liaisons are [here](#).

Tech tools to help you in your leadership role: Join [Achieve: Tech and Social Media](#) on United Women in Faith Digital.

## FROM THE CHAIR OF NOMINATIONS

Consider whether you will find your place on the United Women in Faith Conference Team.

**Potential Leadership form is on the following page.**

You can find [job descriptions](#) and a [form with fillable fields](#) on the Pacific Northwest Conference website

*Blessings and Peace,  
Marsha Aufenkamp  
Chair of Committee on Nominations  
PNW United Women in Faith*

## UW Faith Conference, District and Unit Leadership Teams

	Conference	District	Unit
Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Chair of CON</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Chair of CON</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Vice President</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Chair of CON</li> <li>• Secretary</li> </ul>
Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President/Program Coor.</li> <li>• Communications Coor.</li> <li>• Membership, Nurture, &amp; Outreach Coor.</li> <li>• Education &amp; Interpretation Coor.</li> <li>• Social Action Coordinator</li> <li>• Spiritual Growth Coordinator</li> <li>• Language Coordinator</li> <li>• Program Resources Coordinator</li> <li>• Conference Legacy Liaison</li> <li>• Other Positions As Determined</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President/Program Coor.</li> <li>• Communications Coordinator</li> <li>• Membership, Nurture, &amp; Outreach Coor.</li> <li>• Education &amp; Interpretation Coordinator</li> <li>• Social Action Coordinator</li> <li>• Spiritual Growth Coordinator</li> <li>• Language Coordinator</li> <li>• Program Resources Coordinator</li> <li>• Other Positions As Determined</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications Coordinator</li> <li>• Membership, Nurture, &amp; Outreach Coordinator</li> <li>• Education &amp; Interpretation Coor.</li> <li>• Social Action Coordinator</li> <li>• Spiritual Growth Coordinator</li> <li>• Language Coordinator</li> <li>• Program Resources Coordinator</li> <li>• Other Positions As Determined</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Presidents</li> <li>• BoD, PAG and Jurisdiction Leaders in conference</li> <li>• Conference Bishop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BoD, PAG and Jurisdiction Leaders in district</li> <li>• District Superintendent (<i>ex officio</i>)</li> </ul>	

## READING THE BIBLE THROUGH LIFE AND MINISTRY



As a candidate for Deaconess, I have been reflecting on how I read the Bible—not just as a sacred text, but as a living Word shaped by my life, my experiences, and my call to serve.

I first encountered Scripture in the life of the church. My grandfather founded Angono United Methodist Church in the Philippines, and as a young girl, I helped a Deaconess in Sunday School and later became a teacher myself. I learned earlier that Scripture is not only something we study, but it is something we live with together.

Growing up as a Filipina in a communal culture, I learned to see faith as something shared. Even as a Methodist among mostly Catholic classmates, I was shaped by respect and openness. These experiences continue to guide me to reading Scripture with humility and a desire for connection rather than division.

When I migrated to the United States, the Bible took on new meaning. Stories of journey, uncertainty, and trust in God became deeply personal. I began to see Scripture as a companion for those navigating change, reminding me

that God is present even in unfamiliar places.

My ministry experiences have further shaped how I read the Word.

On my 70th birthday, I chose to celebrate with children battling cancer at Mary Johnston Hospital in the Philippines. We made it “everybody’s birthday,” giving each child a gift to open. In a space often filled with pain, there was laughter and joy. In that moment, I saw the love of Christ come alive. I was reminded that joy can be healing, and that honoring each child’s dignity is a sacred act.

In another moment of ministry, while serving as a church administrator, I spent time with individuals who were unhoused and seeking shelter. I learned that beyond food or a place to stay, many simply needed someone to listen. Sitting with them, hearing their stories, and recognizing their humanity changed how I understand Scripture. When Jesus calls us to welcome the stranger, I now see faces, not just words.

At the same time, my journey as a caregiver for my husband continues to shape my faith in quiet but profound ways. In moments of fatigue, uncertainty, and deep love, Scripture becomes a source of strength and presence. I am learning that caring for others also requires caring for my own spirit—through prayer, rest, and intentional soul care. In these daily rhythms, God meets me with grace, renewing my strength for the journey.

Through all these experiences, I have come to understand that we do not read the Bible from a distance. We read as people shaped by our culture, our journeys, and our relationships. I read as a Filipina, an immigrant, a leader, a caregiver, and a woman of faith.

This awareness is shaping my journey as a Deaconess candidate. I am called not only to study God’s Word, but to live it—to embody compassion, seek justice, and honor the dignity of every person I encounter.

As I continue this journey, I trust that God is still speaking—through Scripture, through community, and through the everyday moments where faith meets life.

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

— Psalm 119:105

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn S. Reid*

## DISTRICT SECRETARIES' COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

There is more to the job than taking minutes (although that is your primary task). You will sometimes be the communicator for your district or unit. Decide on your top audiences to communicate with regularly.

### SOME SUGGESTIONS ARE:

- Active members of United Women in Faith in your district or unit
- Nonactive and potential members

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR MAIN FORMS OF COMMUNICATION:

- Website
- Newsletter
- e-newsletter
- Facebook
- texting
- USPS mailings

### DECIDE HOW OFTEN YOU WANT TO COMMUNICATE:

- Monthly newsletter or e-newsletter
- Any time there is a schedule change or cancellation
- Any time there is a new opportunity to volunteer or join an action

You are sharing the work of United Women in Faith and inviting women to a creative, supportive sisterhood. United Women in Faith is a chance to transform through education, develop as leaders, and make life better for women, children, and youth down the street and around the world through service, advocacy, and mission giving.

*Sharon Stovall*  
PNW United Women in Faith  
Conference Secretary

## LEGACY CAMPAIGN GIVING REPORT

Dear Friends,

We wanted to share the March 2026 Legacy Conference Giving Report with you. Please let us know if you have any questions.

The Legacy Endowment Fund Total is **\$53,688,310.00**

For Printable Legacy Materials, please click: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/wSLWms5taETSL822vkJr8HaR/vault>

**Sign up** for UW Faith text communications by texting **FAITH to 20503**

For any questions related to this report, please email directly to [Legacy150@uwfaith.org](mailto:Legacy150@uwfaith.org).

*Thank you for all that you do*

*Development Team*  
(800) 278-7771

## 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 cost of each card is \$2.00. Love Ribbon income is 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*

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



## 2026 PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 10	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. PST	Winter Conference Executive Team Meeting	Zoom
January 25		Idaho Legislative Forum	Zoom
January 31		Washington Legislative Day	Spokane
February 1		Idaho Legislative Forum	Zoom
February 12		Washington Interfaith Advocacy Day	Olympia, WA
February 23		Idaho Advocacy Day at the Capital	Boise, ID
March 23		Day of Giving	
April 18	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. PST	Spring Conference Executive Team Meeting	Zoom
May 15-17		Assembly — “Dream it, Believe it, Do it!”	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 22-24		Pacific Northwest UMC Conference Annual Session	Spokane Valley UMC Spokane Valley, WA
July 10		Summer Conference Executive Team Meeting	Lazy F Camp
July 10-12		Mission u	Lazy F Camp
September 12		Inland Missional District Annual Meeting	Simpson UMC, Pullman, WA
September 12		SeaTac Missional District Annual Meeting	Kent, UMC, Kent, WA
September 19		Crest to Coast Missional District Annual Meeting	Shelton UMC, Shelton, WA
September 19		Seven Rivers Missional District Annual Meeting	Kennewick 1st UMC Kennewick, WA
September 26		Puget Sound Missional District	Arlington United Church Arlington, WA
October 23		Fall Conference Executive Team Meeting	Hope UMC, Bellevue, WA
October 23-24		Conference United Women in Faith Annual Gathering	Hope UMC, Bellevue, WA

**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](http://pnwumc.org/uwfaith).

## OTHER UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH RESOURCE ONLINE

[uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)

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

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

[Flickr.com/photos/UMWomen](https://Flickr.com/photos/UMWomen)

[Instagram.com/uwfaith](https://Instagram.com/uwfaith)

[Pinterest.com/UMWomen/created/](https://Pinterest.com/UMWomen/created/)

[Podcasts and webinars](#)

[response magazine.](#)

[Twitter.com/uwwomenfaith](https://Twitter.com/uwwomenfaith)

[Youtube.com/user/uwfaith](https://Youtube.com/user/uwfaith)

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OFFICERS FOR 2026

**President**—Deb Avery

**Vice President**—Stell Wallace

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**Legacy Liaison**—Carol Gruen

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**Communications**—Jenny Bygland

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**National Director & Program Advisory Group**—Marilyn Reid

**Social Action**—Cecile Corsilles-Sy

**Spiritual Growth**—Janice Catrell

**Committee on Nominations Chair**—Marsha Aufenkamp, Seven Rivers

**Committee on Nominations Member**—Judy Dirks, Inland

**Committee on Nominations Member**—Tricia Bates, Puget Sound

**Committee on Nominations Member**—OPEN, Crest to Coast

**Committee on Nominations Member**—OPEN, SeaTac

**Missional District Presidents:**

**Crest to Coast**—Bev Thomas

**Inland**—Robin Gregory

**Puget Sound**—Jeannine Lish

**SeaTac**—Diana Wilson

**Seven Rivers**—Robin Inlow

## SIGN UP FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER

**THE SHARING LINE** is the newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Conference United Women in Faith published four times a year. Complimentary copies are sent to the following: Pacific Northwest Conference leaders, local unit presidents, District officers, Conference officers, pastors and District Superintendents.

This newsletter is available online at [pnwumc.org/uwfaith](http://pnwumc.org/uwfaith). To receive email notification when new issues are published, or you wish to receive an email copy, send your email address to: Jenny Bygland at [jbygland@kentmethodist.com](mailto:jbygland@kentmethodist.com)

## SHARING LINE DEADLINE

Anything for the **Summer Sharing Line** should be emailed to Jenny Bygland ([jbygland@kentmethodist.com](mailto:jbygland@kentmethodist.com)) by **Friday, July 24**. *Late articles will be included as space permits.*