



MISSION MESSENGER

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END OF YEAR CHECKLIST

LOCAL UNITS:

Send Directory information to your District Secretary and Conference Directory Coordinator by Dec. 1, 2024

Submit Reading Program list to District Program Resources Coordinator or Secretary

2024 Mission Today form is due by January 15, 2025 ... send to your District Education and Interpretation Coordinator or your District President

Clean out the local unit's treasury. The conference UW Faith leadership recommends sending an extra gift for the Lucille Raines Residence – send checks made out to United Women in Faith of Indiana directly to Jacki Moore, conference treasurer "Emptying the Treasury" at the End of the Year. The monies given for United Women in Faith are given for mission. However, a local group may discover, toward the end of a given year, that it has more money than it needs to carry it into the first few months of the new year. A local group should keep in its treasury

Legacy Fund

[GET INVOLVED MEMBER LOGIN](#)

Submitted by Rita Gaither-Gant
SOURCE: uwfaith.org

Legacy Fund Story: Ann Davis' Story

The Legacy Fund was created to insure that ministry for women, youth and children would continue. When eight women founded our organization in 1869, they saved pennies to begin building schools and missions. I look back to those beginnings, and what those women sacrificed so that United Women in Faith could be in mission around the world. With the same boldness, fortitude and faith of those founding women, we

can give to the Legacy Fund to make certain our mission of caring for the least of our brothers and sisters will go on for another 150 years. I want to insure that we will serve the women of the future and that we continue to empower women, children and youth.

It is my duty to be faithful and abundant to others. I want to be an example for present and future leaders of the organization.

only the minimum amount necessary to carry it into the first few months of the next year, until members' Mission Giving pledges and gifts begin coming in. (from "Funding the Mission")

District Leadership

Secretary or President send 2025 district standing rules to LaDonna and/or Cathy Program Resources Coordinator or Secretary send local unit Reading Program names to Conference Program Resources Coordinator



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President's Post

Well, it has been a hard couple of weeks, and my toes are cold. Two hurricanes pounded the southeast, I've had bronchitis, and one of my best friends from high school died. And my toes are cold.

But, on the other hand, there is one more bud on the rose bush that should bloom before that freeze finally hits. And the media has been full of photos of the helpers (remember Mr. Rogers said to look for the helpers after a crisis) – buckets from UMCOR, mule trains taking supplies up the mountains of western North Carolina (mule trains!! In the 21st century!! Mule trains!!). And my cough is "breaking up" – you don't need the details on that. And Deb leaves behind lots of smiles, memories, and two of the cutest grandsons ever. And I have several pairs of warm, fuzzy socks to choose from.

It is all how you look at it, isn't it. Think on these things ... not those

things. (see Philippians 4:8)

Have you been using this year's UWFaith Program Resource Book "Food, Faith, and Fellowship"? I've been attending the accompanying "Community Gatherings" each month on UWFaith Digital. Our "local" circle's INTENT is to use the program book but we get going on the Fellowship part and the next thing you know it is time to log off! So, with the Community Gathering we (100 or so women from all over the country) actually talk about the month's program. And then I get the fellowship time with my smaller circle, too. It is all how you look at it.

Anyway, one of the discussion questions for October was "What creates our spiritual connectedness to one another." (page 75) What would your answer be? I find my spiritual connections differ with the "who" and the "when." Communion Sundays are a big connection for me ... all those people sharing

a meal. Spiritual growth retreats like the ones we have in late winter or early spring are a great "when" and I can connect with a different group of "who" each time as we study together. In my circle (geographically far apart but meeting together on Zoom) we connect each month by checking in with each other (to the detriment of our use of the Program Book ...) and laughing together. But those spiritual connections are what builds the body of Christ – the kin-dom. (And if you need a scripture text, try John 13:34-35 or Romans 12:4-5).

Cold toes or warm, we need those connections. How can we help each other connect? It is all how you look at it.

All God's blessings, please!
LaDonna Weber, UWFaith of Indiana,
President

Social Action Connection

Indiana Housing Crisis information. Here is a [video](#) describing the plight of tenants.

After you watch the video, you will be ready to take ACTION. Here is [template letter](#) you can print and send to our Indiana State Policy makers.

Don't know where to send the letter? [Click here](#) to find your Indiana State Legislator. All you must do is type in your address and the search key to find your legislator. Print the letter, sign on the bottom with you name and address, address the envelope and mail.

LEGISLATIVE QR CODE



**Download
the 2025-
2028
constitution
and bylaws
[HERE](#)**



2025 CALENDAR

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

JANUARY

17-18 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
(Fri 7pm – Sat 3pm)
Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park, 451 McCormick's Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN

FEBRUARY

13 LEGISLATION/ADVOCACY DAY
(9:30 a.m.-Noon)
Virtual

MARCH

7 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
23 DAY OF GIVING

APRIL

25-26 SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
(Fri 7pm – Sat 3pm)
Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center
9601 Union Road. Plymouth. IN

JUNE

5-7 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
St. Luke's UMC

20-25 MISSION U
Manchester University

SEPTEMBER

20 SW DISTRICT FALL CELEBRATION
First UMC
Crawfordsville

OCTOBER

3-4 ANNUAL CELEBRATION
TBA

31-2 SILENT RETREAT
Sarto House, Evansville, IN

NOVEMBER

**8 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/
OFFICER TRAINING**
(10 a.m.-3-p.m.)
Virtual

The 2025 theme for United Women in Faith of Indiana will be **Moving Forward With Hope and Grace**. Details to follow in the next Mission Messenger.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Giving Update

	YTD August 2024	YTD August 2023	Difference
Mission Giving	\$ 103,731.61	\$ 117,998.50	\$(14,266.89)
Designated Gifts	6,299.31	6,973.56	(674.25)
Lucille Raines & Special	37,147.86	45,463.36	(8,315.50)
Mission u	4,379.50	5,160.00	(780.50)
Youth & Young Adult Scholarship	2,250.75	2,228.00	22.75
Total	\$ 153,809.03	\$ 177,823.42	\$(24,014.39)

Pledge to National

\$220,000

Year to Date August 2024 Mission giving to National is lower than same time last year by approximately 12.09%. Conference askings as of August 2024 are also down compared to August 2023.

Please continue to give to all the giving categories. As a reminder our Pledge to National is \$220,000 and we are currently at approximately 35% of meeting that pledge. Most of the monies received during the year happen in the 4th quarter so these figures will look better and hopefully be above were we finished 2023.

The Indiana Conference has pledged to contribute \$102,000 to Lucille Raines Residence during 2024 and YTD August we are at 36.42% of that goal at \$37,147.86. Please be mindful to give toward Lucille Raines Residence by remitting the conference asking to your District Treasurer. Any special gifts to Lucille Raines Residence like the boiler project can be contributed by saying the gift is for the "Boiler Fund or as Needed".

As a reminder, as the end of the year approaches, please send in your 2024 monies to your District Treasurer before the end of the year (no later than Decem-

ber 15) so those funds can be sent on to Conference in a timely manner. As you are deciding what monies to send, per the United Methodist Women Handbook 2022-2024, a local group should keep in its treasury only the minimum amount necessary to carry it into the first few months of the next year, until members' Mission Giving pledges and gifts begin coming in. The committee on finance recommends how to use these extra funds. The committee could choose one of the following options:

1. Send the extra funds as additional mission funds (added to your Pledge to Mission).

2. Present one or more Special Mission Recognitions or Gifts to Mission to members or friends of the unit.

3. Make a supplementary gift to "A Brighter Future for Children and Youth," a mission program that receives United Women in Faith National Office funding. Funds given in these ways to "empty the treasury" should be sent to the district treasurer. You can read more about "Emptying the Treasury" from the handbook here on page 13 <https://uw-faithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?pro->

ductID=9868&catid=2199.

A reminder that the November program is the World Thank Offering, one of the five channels of Mission Giving and supports the overall budget of United Women in Faith. This year's theme will focus on "Favorite Dish Potluck". The program is available to download here <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11694&catid=2177>.

The 2023 Annual Report of United Women in Faith has been made available electronically here <https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2023AnnualReport.pdf>. The report outlines how United Women in Faith continues to Inspire, Impact and Influence the world around us with many facts and figures to greater outline all that our mission money is doing. Also available is the 2023 Treasurer's Report available electronically here <https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2023TreasurersReport.pdf>.

Jacki Moore
Conference Treasurer



SAVE THE DATE!

Legislation/Advocacy Day

Thursday, February 13, 2025

"Climate Justice" & Indiana General Assembly Legislation Updates

Zoom - 9:30AM ET to Noon

Co-Sponsored by



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Keynote Speakers

Crys Zinkiewicz - She is with the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement working primarily with the communications work group, where she is a contributor and editor for the UMCJM Newsletter.



Other Speakers will be knowledgeable of Indiana General Assembly Legislation for Environmental, Children and Housing Issues



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Committee on nominations

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REMINDER

When your local UWFaith unit has a fund-raiser for the Lucille Raines Residence remember that the funds raised need to be sent to your district or conference UWFaith treasurer and NOT directly to LRR. This helps us keep track of how well UWFaith is doing in their support of the residence. Remember that UWFaith of Indiana owns and operates Lucille Raines Residence.

Committee on nominations report

As I am completing my term as Chair of the Committee on Nominations, I am so thankful for the CON Committee members these last 2 years. We did not have as many positions to fill this year as last year as we had several North Central Jurisdiction positions last year plus our Conference open positions. We still has many positions to fill and worked very hard to fill the positions.

Billie Sommers from East District is completing her 4 year term this year and she has been an invaluable help in doing whatever was needed. She also kept my spirits up with cards and emails when I needed a "pick me up"! Trisha Staneart also has been such a help this year. This is her first year on CON but she is going to be using her special skills in 2025-26 working with the Mission U Team as Assistant Dean. Other outgoing officers who complete their terms in 2024 are Jacki Moore - Treasurer, Martha Mihouse - Coordinator Education and Interpretation, Kathy Lentz - Language Coordinator, and Raquel Brown - Assistant Dean Mission U. Thanks to these ladies for their service to Indiana Conference of United Women in Faith. We joyfully celebrated these ladies recently at our Annual Celebration. Thanks also to the ladies who said YES to serving as Officers beginning in 2025. You will find the complete 2025 Indiana Conference United Women in Faith Officer listing in this Mission Messenger.

Blessings to All as we continue to serve Women, Children and Youth in Indiana, Our Nation and Internationally!

Rae Wallis
Chair, Committee on Nominations



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

“All are welcome under the vine”. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken, Micah 4:4 NIV, our theme and scripture verse for this year’s Annual Celebration program. First, let me say thank you to everyone who participated, attended and prayed for this year’s program. And, a special thank you to our host unit St. Mark’s Camel UWF, our North Central District Superintendent Dr. Saneto Maiko, and our guest program speakers. God is truly good.

Our guest presenters blessed us with knowledge about the state of homelessness and the plight of many low income renters; predominately those of color, and seniors, and disabled in Indiana. And we learned that the issues that plague low and moderately low income families in Indiana can be found in urban communities, yes, but rural and suburban communities as well. We were also educated to understand the significance of home, not just as a place of shelter, but as a place of safety and a determinant of one’s health. And to understand the impact that unstable housing can have on children in particular that can adversely change the trajectory of their lives. It can result in limited educational opportunity, limited access to health care, result in food insecurity, poor nutrition, and diminished developmental growth, and increased exposure to unsafe and unhealthy environmental conditions. We heard the statistic for the number of girls, 8000 in Indiana alone in grades K through 12 who are homeless each year due to evictions and that this number is increasing. And we learned that Indiana is one of only five states in the U.S that does not have some form of Renter’s Escrow Bill to protect renters. A protection that is provided in those instances where the courts have determined the Landlord to be derelict in their obligation to provide a habitable rental property when the tenant has met their responsibility and is paying rent and meeting their contractual obliga-

tion. We learned that in many cases this happens most often when the Landlord is a corporation whose only interest is in shareholder profits and not in investing in the community.

We also learned that this type of land owner purchasing is not only impacting renter families of meager means who may be paying upwards of 40 or 50% of their household income in housing costs to rent a property that it not fit for habitation; infested with pests, mold, disconnected utilities or even raw sewage bubbling up through pipes, but it is also impacting the ability of first time home buyers to get into the housing market and begin to build generational wealth.

So we were enlightened on the problem, but then we were educated on what we can do to help bring about a solution. We’ve begun a letter writing campaign to our Indiana General Assembly State Senators. We are advocating for the passage of Senate Bill 277 out of committee to receive a full vote on the floor of the Indiana State Senate. We are asking all UWF to get engaged, locate your Senator and his or her mailing address which you can find simply by using the QR code below and putting in your address, and then sign your name to the letter that is provided and address and mail your envelop. It’s that simple to get involved, stand in solidarity with your other UWF sisters of the Indiana Conference, and make your voice count on this issue. And for a larger impact get your church, your UWF unit or other organizations to which you are affiliated, your friends and family activated to do the same. And on Monday, November 18 we are going to host, along with the Indiana Conference and others, a Town Hall meeting in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana to talk with local legislators and the community about this issue. It will be an opportunity to show area representatives that their constituency cares about providing protections for renters

and providing safe, affordable, habitable housing to vulnerable populations in Indiana. All Are Welcome Under The Vine, we said it loud and clear during our Annual Celebration and we are going to continue that mantra until it reverberates all across Indiana and in the Indiana General Assembly. Micah 4:4 NIV, says “Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken”, and on this issue, the United Women in Faith of the Indiana Conference are answering.

We wish to thank our sisters of the North East District for their support of the pending November 18 Town Hall Meeting. In addition to the housing issue, during Annual Celebration’s Friday evening program we were blessed to learn about Dr. Maiko’s mission work in Africa and how a number of United Methodist Churches are supporting the good work that is being done. We also heard how we too can offer support in that effort. Dr. Maiko prayed a blessing over the many donations that were collected to benefit homeless families during the program. All of the Annual Celebration presentations and presenter contacts will be shared on a google drive link here <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CxXOU9ako6ztgQ-Y1ArO2HTGHLt8J6-Ni?usp=sharing>.

Sisters, remember the November 2nd Leadership Development program, 10am -12pm Eastern. We will have National Representatives provide training on using the technology forums; the website and Mighty Networks which have expanded in content since their role out two years ago, and we’ll hear about membership and the myriad of ways we can be members of this great organization- so come and learn. Blessings,

Stacey Moore and Sherrae Davis
Co-VPs UWF Indiana Conference



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Have you heard the latest about Mission u 2025?



Location: Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana

Dates: Friday, June 20 - Sunday, June 22, 2025

Theme: Practicing Hope Together

Needed: Children (ages 4 to 11)& Youth (ages 12 to 17) for faith filled learning & activities, meeting new friends, and experiencing college dorm life!

Childcare: children under 4 is FREE

Other Options: Mission u Express events will be offered again this year!
Watch for locations and dates in your area!

If you've never been to Mission u check out this video

<https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/>

Hope to see you at Mission u 2025!

Lori St Pierre, Dean of

Mission u

Mission u Officers - 2025

Trisha Stanearth-Assistant Dean Barbara King-Registrar Lora
Ward-Business Manager



United Women in Faith demonstrate their commitment to the PURPOSE through their Prayers, Presence, Participation, Gifts and Service.

PRAYERS

Used the Prayer Guide at each meeting to pray for mission personnel and projects. *

Communicated with at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Guide during the year.

Held a mini-Spiritual Growth Retreat.

PRESENCE

At least two members were added to the membership roll.

At least one member (not a conference or district officer) attended Mission U.*

At least two members (not a conference or district officer) attended a district or conference annual meeting. This could include attendance to districts/conference events such as: district spiritual enrichment day, district Mini Mission u, district officer training, or conference annual spiritual growth retreat., etc. *

PARTICIPATION

At least two members subscribed to and/or read response magazine (including online articles). *

Used at least two programs from a UWF Program Book during the year. *

Conducted at least one Mission u study during the year. *

At least one member is a member of the UWF's Action Network to receive Action Alerts and share with members.

Told a mission story at meetings through sharing "member support" articles (identified by the Mission Giving logo—see other side) from Response.

Included a book review/report on a Reading Program book during a meeting.

At least two members completed one of the Reading Program Plans. *

Initiated a new or expanded an already-existing Local Ministry Program which benefits women, children and/or youth. *

At least two members watch or listen to at least 2 "Faith Talks" or "Voices from the Field", live or recorded on UWF website.

Attended a "Tour-Talk-Lunch" ("TTL") at Lucille Raines Residence or gave in-kind or monetary support beyond the conference asking.*

GIFTS

Made and met its Pledge to Mission. *

Remitted the Conference Asking of \$15 per member. *

Received Five Star recognition by contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving by unit and/or member(s). *

Legacy Fund donation made by unit and/or member(s).

SERVICE

Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice in at least one way during the year. *

Invited a district or conference officer (not a member) to one meeting during the year.

Pledged to care for God's creation by becoming a "Green" local organization.

Participated in at least two events/activities during the year which focused on Current Justice Issues.



WHY? The purpose of Mission Today is to fulfill the PURPOSE of United Women in Faith by:

- **Energizing** United Women in Faith to be more involved in mission through prayer, study and action;
- **Increasing** contacts between local organizations and mission personnel and projects enabling a better understanding of where Mission Giving dollars go;
- **Encouraging** the use of a variety of mission resources;
- **Expanding** concepts of mission, including social justice as mission.

WHO? Every local organization is encouraged to strive for Mission Today status by completing 8 or more suggested criteria as noted to the right.
Find suggestions and ideas for activities below.

CATEGORY

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

NUMBER OF ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED

- 8 (including 4 asterisked items)
- 12 (including 6 asterisked items)
- 16 (including 6 asterisked items)



Mission Giving Logo

Read *Response*, the magazine for Women in Mission, through a subscription or online: [Response Magazine | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#) The Mission Giving logo found in *Response* identifies a program and/or person supported by United Women in Faith's Mission Giving.

Find the Charter for [Racial Justice online: Racial Justice | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)



Racial Justice Logo



Current Justice Issues may be found online: [Serve & Advocate | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)

Go to [Climate Justice | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#) for 13 Steps to Sustainability; ideas for Be Just. Be Green.; and other ways to get involved in UMW's environmental work.



WHEN? Receive recognition for 2024, by returning your completed checklist by January 15, 2025 to:

Your District's Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation or District President

Return completed form (front & back) to:

Deadline for reporting: January 15, 2025
Local Organization
Reporting Officer Name & Position:

District:

Email or postal address:

Phone:



THE LEGACY
ENDOWMENT
FUND

Together We Are Building Our Legacy

Our legacy of
more than 155
years began with
a

few **bold** women determined to change the world for the better.

YOU, as a Sister in Christ, are invited to assure the continuation of our legacy for the next 155 years.

Choose one exciting way to make your contribution to the LEGACY FUND.

1. Join the 1869 Society and share with United Women in Faith by leaving stocks or bonds, property, insurance policy or cash.
2. The Builder's Club is a second way to show your support. Each month send at least \$ 18.69 to the National Office. The \$ 18.69 or more can also be paid in one lump sum or you may have it placed on your charge card.
3. A third way to give is to become a Friend of Legacy by providing a gift \$ 5,000.00 over a 3-5 years period

Please contact Rita Gaither-Gant at gaitrgantm@aol.com or at 317-549-3574 for more details and to get started with becoming a member of The Legacy Endowment Fund.

The new address for the Legacy Fund is United

Women in Faith, Church


Center for the United Nations


Attn: LEGACY


777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor

New York, NY 10017

**This master may be copied and cut into 3 forms and given to members of your local unit to keep track of their giving/pledges – also helpful for your local unit treasurer to use.*

 United Women in Faith	All Star & Five Star Giving Form	\$ Amount
Pledge to Mission		
Special Mission Recognition (\$40 minimum)		
Gift to Mission (\$5 minimum)		
Gift in Memory (\$5 minimum)		
World Thank Offering		
All Star Woman – all of the above PLUS these Conference Askings		
Lucille Raines Residence (\$12)		
Mission u (\$2)		
Youth & Young Adult Scholarship (\$1)		
<i>Make check payable to your local unit and give to your treasurer</i>		

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Special Mission Recognition (\$40 minimum)		
Gift to Mission (\$5 minimum)		
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All Star Woman – all of the above PLUS these Conference Askings		
Lucille Raines Residence (\$12)		
Mission u (\$2)		
Youth & Young Adult Scholarship (\$1)		
<i>Make check payable to your local unit and give to your treasurer</i>		

FROM THE SECRETARY

EMBRACING CHANGE

Autumn has arrived and I welcome the beauty of the change of seasons. Each season brings with it the need for tools to adapt. Summer gives way to fall and the dawning of appropriate "tools" /clothing in order to prepare for the season ahead.

It's been said that only thing constant is change. United Women in Faith and its predecessor organizations have historically adapted to changes. We have the "tools" for this season of changes.

As you know, Annual Conference voted to reduce the number of districts in the Indiana Annual Conference from ten (10) to five (5), effective July 1, 2025. The

Cabinet is assigned the responsibility of mapping out the district lines. We will learn more about the new district lines in charge conferences and thereafter. It is reasonable to anticipate that new officers, budgets, bank accounts and standing rules will follow for Indiana Conference United Women in Faith. We understand other conferences have already reduced the number of districts. God is with us in every season of transition and change.

As we journey through the redistricting process, it feels a bit like navigating the road construction in and around Indianapolis. You, like me, may have experi-

enced detours, lane shifts and unfamiliar roads. Just as road improvements are designed to enhance our travel experience, redistricting in our conference is meant to strengthen our mission and ministry in the long term by providing for greater efficiencies in ministry and ensuring faithfulness of stewardship resources.

What remains constant is our mission of putting love into action to inspire, influence and impact lives, especially women children and youth.

Cathy Burriss
Conference Secretary

LANGUAGE COORDINATOR THOUGHTS

Did you know that from September 15th through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month?

I know it spans two months but there is a reason for this. There are seven Latin American countries that celebrate their Independence Day during this time frame. Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes and honors the culture and history of the varied Latinx communities.

This year's Heritage Month theme was "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."

This theme recognizes the contributions and strengths of the Hispanic peoples that came before us and encourages

us to learn from their achievements to enact change in the future.

If you missed the various celebrations this year I encourage you to participate next year.

Several communities have a variety of events which may include exhibits, art, parades, concerts and community festivals which will of course have a variety of Hispanic culinary selections.

One of the ways United Women in Faith honor the Hispanic cultures is by hosting a Faith Talk

highlighting Hispanic contributions to our society. You can find the Faith Talks by searching for "UWF Faith Talks"

and looking for the podcast "Hispanic Heritage".

We have been blessed with a world of many languages, cultures and traditions and as stated in 16th United Women in Faith Annual Celebration's theme "All Are Welcome Under The Vine".

For this, we give thanks to God.

Hemos sido bendecidos con un mundo de muchos idiomas, culturas y tradiciones, y como se indico en el tema de la 16ª Celebración Anual de las Mujeres Unidas en la Fe, "Todos somos bienvenidos bajo la para". Por esto, damos gracias a Dios.

Kathy Lentz | language Coordinator
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READING PROGRAM NEWS

Happy November everyone! I hope you are enjoying this cooler weather! I am!!! I love sitting outside and reading!!! Fresh air and a book! Great combination!!! It was great to see everyone that was at the Annual Celebration! It was a wonderful time seeing old friends and making new friends! It was a very informative weekend! There was a lot of information to absorb in two days.

As you know the year is so quickly coming to the end. This year has passed too fast for me! Read all you can up to

the December 31 deadline.

I do have a few deadlines to share. The Units should have their Reading Program Participants and the level they completed to their District PR Coordinator by January 31, 2025. The District Program Resources Coordinator should have the complete District participants and Level completed to me by February 28, 2025. This is an important deadline because I have deadlines that have to be met also. We all work together!

I usually tell you about a book I have

read or am reading. At this time I am reading the book "Running". It is a Youth book written by Natalia Sylvester. It is about a young girl whose father is running for President. A book for the times, right?

.Have a Great Autumn and Happy Reading!

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*Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ through
Mission
Opportunities for
Youth and Young
Adults*

Youth and young adults receiving funds from the Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund will be asked to submit a summary of their experiences to the conference organization of United Women in Faith within 45 days of trip completion. Send report to the Conference E&I Coordinator.

Scholarship recipients' contact information may be obtained by contacting the Youth & Young Adult Scholarship Committee.

The Youth and Young Adult Service Scholarship Fund is funded by the giving of each local organization (unit) of United Women in Faith of Indiana.



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OF INDIANA

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

JANUARY 17-18, 2025

Begins Friday 7:00 p.m. EST ~ Saturday 3:00 p.m. EST
Friday Dinner is not included.

Canyon Inn
McCormick's Creek State Park
451 McCormick Creek Park Road
Spencer, IN 41460.
877-922-6966

Reverend Lore Gibson will share
"Finding Courage When the World Ain't Right"

Registration Deadline: December 16

~Numbers 27:1-11 The Message

Cancellation Notice: Per our contract terms, UWF of IN will incur the cost of room and meal cancellations after December 16. Therefore no cancellations will be accepted after December 16.

Registration and payment need to be received by December 16.

Name District
Address Church
City Zip Code Phone Email

Please specify your choice by selecting the appropriate option

- 1 Person in room (1 bed) Saturday breakfast and lunch \$129 for single
2 Persons in room (1 bed) Saturday breakfast and lunch \$85 per person
2 Persons in room (2 beds) Saturday breakfast and lunch \$101 per person
3 Persons in room (2 beds & sleeper sofa) Saturday breakfast and lunch \$86 per person
Commuter (no overnight room) Saturday lunch \$24 per person
Need Handicap Accessible Room Special Diet, Specify

Roommate (1) (2)

Emergency Contacts (Roommate 1) (Roommate 2)

Remember, registration is not complete without payment.



Mail completed registration with check made payable to UMW IN to:

Rae Wallis, 9431 English Oak Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46235 Questions? 317-625-2523 raewillis@comcast.net.

Note: Pictures and videos captured during the event by conference representatives will be used for news and promotions, including social media. Registering for the event gives permission for one's image to be used. Names of youth and children will not be used with pictures

In 2025, this retreat will be repeated at a second location on April 25-26 at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center, Donaldson, IN 46513. Registration material will be available in March for that location.



Please type or print clearly, the information and return to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator by December 1, 2024. Due to post office mailing regulations, we do need your 9-digit zip code! Check your utility bills for these.

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Number of members in the unit. _____

Upon completion of this form, PLEASE send a copy to your District Secretary and the Conference Directory Coordinator:

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Without these names and addresses, your district and conference teams don't know who should receive newsletters, fliers, and special e-alerts. Thanks to all of you for your help in making our Conference Directory as complete as possible.

