

2024 SOUTH CENTRAL
JURISDICTION

Get Together!

June 21 - 23 St. Louis, Missouri

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Welcome Home!

As we've worked over the past 4 years to plan our 2024 Quadrennial Event, our focus has been to welcome all of our South-Central Jurisdiction Sisters Home! It's been 8 years since we were able to meet in person at the last Quadrennial Event in Oklahoma City. The plans for our Little Rock Arkansas Calling U 2020 Event were halted by the Pandemic and we've longed to Get Together again!

It's our sincere hope that you will join us in St. Louis at the Renaissance hotel on June 21-23. Our plans include opportunities for service at several UBUNTU events on Thursday, June 20 and a hands-on workshop to assemble hygiene kits for St. Louis Battered Women's Shelter on Saturday morning. See details about these events on page 5.

The main focus of the Quadrennial Event is to elect National UWFaith Board of Directors from SCJ and the Jurisdiction Leadership Team that will plan our next event in 2028. Information about our nominees can be found on Pages 9-17.

We've invited several special guests to speak to us about growing our Sisterhood and issues of Racial and Climate Justice. Read about our Community Get Togethers and Featured Guests on pages 6-7.

Friday morning includes exciting workshop choices. Friday afternoon offers opportunities for Nominees and Delegates to "Meet and Greet." And we invite everyone else to "Drop by and Get Together" for Casual Learning Conversations and Experiences. Everyone is encouraged to take time Friday Afternoon for some Soul/Self Care Activities.

Saturday morning, those not involved in the election are offered choices for advocacy training.

That afternoon we can Get Together for Town Hall Experiences to hear from our South Central Jurisdiction Bishops and to learn from Regional Missionaries and National Mission institution workers. See the details about your options on pages 18-21.

Saturday evening we will Get Together to Sparkle and celebrate our Sisterhood! We'll enjoy dinner, music, and a special presentation highlighting the Legacy Fund.

Sunday morning we will welcome and install the 2024-2028 Leadership team and celebrate communion, led by our bishops and conference leaders before we say our goodbyes.

We sincerely hope that you will join us!

Your SCJ UWFaith 2020-2024 Leadership Teams

South Central Jurisdiction 2020-2024 Leadership Team



Ellen Lipsey
President



Cynthia Alfred-Logan
Vice President



Lynne Grandstaff
Secretary/Registrar



Carroll Constant
Treasurer



Lisa Maupin
Chair
Committee on Nominations



Cynthia Harry
Member
Committee on Nominations



Terry Gregory Member
Committee on Nominations



Kelly G. Loeb
Communications

2024 SCJ Quadrennial Schedule of Events

20 THURSDAY

1pm-5pm Ubuntu Service Activity
PREREGISTERED ONLY

2pm-9pm Sign In for the event

4pm-5:30pm Rehearsal (For Saturday Afternoon) Set-ups

6:30pm-9pm Rehearsal (For Friday Morning Opening)

21 FRIDAY

7-9am Sign in continues

9-10:30am Opening Community Get Together – Parade of Banners, Land Acknowledgement, Introductions, Worship, Featured Speaker: Sally Vonner UWFaith CEO

10:45-12:15am Get Together to Explore (pre-registered)
See page 19

12:30-1:30pm LUNCH

1:45-3:00pm Delegates and Nominees- Meet & Greet for Election, Election Orientation See page 11.

1:45-4:00pm General Attendees- Drop by for Conversations and Shared Experiences/ Home Spaces See Page 20

4-5pm Soul/ Self Care--
See Page 21

4-5:30pm Rehearsal (For Saturday Evening Community Get Together)

5:30-6:30 DINNER

7-8:30pm Community Get Together—Focus on Priority Campaigns; Featured Speakers: Liz Lee, Colette Pichon Battle and Paula Woodrow See page 7-8

8:30-9:30pm Rehearsal (Saturday morning)

8:30-10:00 pm Experience Rooms– Films, Games, Chit Chat

22 SATURDAY

8-9am Rehearsal (Sisterhood Celebration)

9-10am Community Get Together--Soul Care/ Worship before Election led by SCJ CON Chair Lisa Maupin and SCJ Communication Kelly G Loeb

10:30am-12pm Election

10:30am-12pm Advocacy and Action Opportunities for non-delegates/nominees (pre-registered)
See Page 21

12:15-1:15pm LUNCH

1:30-3pm Election continues, if necessary

1:30-3pm Town Hall—"This Is Where the Money Goes--Voices from the Field" See Page 22
Speakers include Regional Missionaries & SCJ NMI representatives See Page 22

3-3:30pm BREAK

3:30-5pm Election continues, if necessary

3:30-5pm Town Hall—"Turning the Corner" Bishops' Round Table See Page 22

6:00-8:00pm DINNER--Sisterhood Sparkle Celebration--Excite & Invite with Featured Speaker UWFaith President, 'Ainise 'Isama'u See Page 6.
Legacy Fund Recognition and Appeal Christi Campos See Page 8 (NO CHARGE, BUT PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER !)

8:15-9:30pm Rehearsal (Sunday Morning)

23 SUNDAY

9-11am Closing Community Get Together-- Introduction of New Directors, Jurisdiction Installation, Worship, Communion

Color Codes- Community Get Togethers (Plenaries) Experience and Explore Get Togethers (Workshops Conversations and Activities)

Townhalls

Meals

Rehearsals

Greetings from the Missouri Conference United Women in Faith. We welcome you to St Louis and to Missouri also known as the “Show-Me State”! We plan to show you a good time!

We are so happy to be the host conference of the 2024 “Get Together” for the South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event. We will meet members of the National Staff, Interact with leaders from our National Mission Institutions (NMI), meet SCJ Bishops and hear them speak in a town hall setting, meet our current SCJ leadership and elect the 2024- 2028 SCJ Leadership Team and National UWFaith Board of Directors from the SCJ.

Your 2020-2024 SCJ Leadership Team have worked diligently and met weekly to plan an awesome event for you to learn, share ideas, and have soul care. Our Sisterhood Sparkle Celebration will be one of the many memories you will take home with you.

Please join us! This is an opportunity you will not want to miss!

**Registration is still open!
Meet us in St Louis!**

**Missouri Conference United Women in Faith
Pamela Church, President**



Take a tour of St. Louis!

St. Louis has a wealth of treasures to enjoy right here in town. For out-of-towners, welcome to the area. It begins with a \$5 unlimited Metro Day Pass — and ends almost anywhere you want to be. To plan your trip and pay your fare, download the [Transit app](#)! For only \$5, you can get a Metro Day Pass with unlimited rides on MetroBus and MetroLink. Have trip planning question?

Contact Metro Transit Information at 314.231.2345 (phone) or 314.207.9786 (text), available 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information- <https://www.metrostlouis.org/exploring-stl/>

PRE EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

UBUNTU

Thursday June 20, from 1-4 PM, we will have three opportunities to serve locally in St. Louis. And on Saturday morning, from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM one of our advocacy workshops will assemble hygiene kits to benefit another – Life Source Consultants, Inc. .

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House is a multipurpose, faith-based community center in relationship with the United Methodist Church. Their mission is to empower individuals and families to move out of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. We aim to assure that a new generation of children has the support needed to be successful in school and in life. Learn more at <https://lessiebatesdavis.org/>

Epworth Youth Family Drop-in Center services homeless and at-risk youth in the St. Louis area with a safe space and valuable resources.

<https://www.epworth.org/services/epworth-drop-in-center/>

Epworth Residential Center provides a highly trained, dedicated 24-hour team of youth advisors, licensed therapists, recreational coordinators, case managers, and nursing professionals offering a stable, structured environment in which youth ages 11 through 18 can grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

<https://www.epworth.org/services/epworth-residential-services/>

Life Source Consultants, Inc exists to help physically and emotionally scarred individuals, regardless of age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, circumstance, or race. With a mission to work towards effecting positive change in the area of domestic and sexual violence in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

<https://www.lifeforceconsultants.org/index.html#services>

Hygiene Supplies In-gathering for Hands on Advocacy

The following items will be needed to assemble Hygiene Kits on Saturday morning in the Hands-on Advocacy Workshop. (Even if you are not participating in this workshop, please bring an item or 2 to support this activity.) Full size items will be used for the Women’s Shelter kits. Travel size items will be used for the Youth Drop-In Center kits.

SHAMPOO CONDITIONER
BODY WASH BODY LOTION
TOOTHPASTE

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

Sally Vonner

**National United
Women in Faith CEO**

**Opening Community
Get Together**



We are excited to have Sally Vonner , General Secretary and CEO of United Women in Faith join us for our Opening Community Get Together!

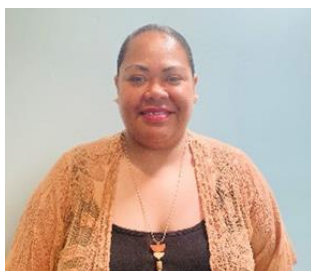
Sally Vonner (she/her) is a woman of faith and purpose as a leader, mother, sister, and friend to many. She has been the Sally has served other areas of the United Methodist Church (UMC) leading women's retreats, as jurisdictional conference delegate or alternate (2008, 2016, 2020), immigration assistance and reform, community development and dismantling racism at jurisdiction and conference levels. Presently she serves on the boards of The Wesley campus ministry at Texas A&M Commerce (as alum) and the New York Justice For Our Neighbors.

She is a graduate of SMU/Perkins School of Theology with a M.Div. and Women's Studies Certification. She previously served as the Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for the North Texas Conference. Sally is a member of First UMC Grand Prairie (TX). She enjoys spending time with her young adult children, Wesley and Lessie, reading and traveling

'Ainise 'Isama'u

**National United
Women in Faith
President**

**Saturday Evening-
Sisterhood Sparkle
Celebration**



We are thrilled to welcome our National United Women in Faith President, 'Ainise 'Isama'u to our Sisterhood Sparkle Celebration where we know she will be Exciting and Inviting us in our United Women in Faith journey.

'Ainise writes, 'Greetings and Malo e Lelei! Kuou tuku ha Fakamalo mo fakafeta'i kihe 'Otua Mafimafe kihe tauhi 'ofa kuo ne fai ma'mku mo kitutolu hono kotoa. My name is 'Ainise 'Isama'u and what an honor it is to be with you all! I thank God for the opportunity and blessing! My United

Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) story began with a conversation with Brenda Tuita, who was the California-Pacific Conference United Methodist Women Limitless Young Women Coordinator, regarding an event for UMW. The conversation led to talking about Limitless. That's when I attended my first conversation with the West District Limitless team. As we know, Limitless is a UMW Life Mentoring Program for Young Women. To be brutally honest, I admit I was a skeptic at first because growing up, UMW wasn't exactly my "cup of tea." I thought it to be a group of seasoned women who gathered and talked about things from 1869, had long drawn-out meetings and spent time in a circle just sewing their life away. Little did I know that attending a conversation with Limitless would lead me to be a United Methodist Women member for the rest of my life. Today, I am a mother of an 8-year-old girl, a wife, a friend, a mentor... a leader. Since that conversation life hasn't been the same. Almost everywhere I go I meet someone with a United Methodist Women connection. I always feel welcomed and like I have a place at the table. I have served on the district level and also on the conference level. I still remember how nervous I was to send out my first newsletter to all United Methodist Women of the California-Pacific Conference. My nervousness was automatically put to peace because I never felt alone. As the former Communications Coordinator for Cal-Pac Conference UMW, the lessons I learned in this role taught me so much about being organized, working with women of all ages and making sure information is sent out in proper time. Trust me, there were many learning curves, but the California-Pacific Conference UMW Team were amazing teachers from day one. It's not really that they taught me, but they embraced me and showed me the way while allowing me to have my own voice. These women have stepped into my life to continue showing me. This group of very special women ... bold, courageous, daring and loving women opened their hearts and mentored me.

Liz Lee

National United Women in Faith Director for Mobilization and Advocacy

Friday Evening Community Get Together



Elizabeth Chun Hye (Liz) LEE serves as United Women in Faith's Director for Mobilization and Advocacy, strategizing and developing programs and structures to support members and women to new levels of leadership and advocacy within the organization, church and society. She provides strategic support to the Just Energy for All and Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline campaigns. Liz most recently served as the organization's Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice and Climate Justice Lead and is

a contributing author in *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action* (2022). Liz represents UWFAith at the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility and the US Climate Action Network, where she also serves on its board.

Prior to United Women in Faith, Liz served as the Director for Young Adult Mission Service at Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, developing over 100 global and national partnerships. Liz worked at the World Council of Churches' United Nations Liaison Office, focused on human rights, gender justice, migration, Indigenous People's rights, and climate displacement. Prior that that, she worked as a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs (New York) and a Williams in China Fellow at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Asian Human Rights Commission (Hong Kong). Liz has served on boards and executive teams, including Nexus Korean American UMC Network, Global Youth Connection, and Ecumenical Women at the United Nations. Liz is active at HA:N UMC and serves as its chairperson of its Church and Society committee. Liz was recognized by Sojourners as one of ["10 Christian Women Shaping the Church in 2020."](#)

Colette Pishon Battle

Vision & Initiatives Partner, Taproot Earth

Friday Evening Community Get Together



Friday evening in our Community Get Together, as we focus our attention on Climate Justice, we will welcome Colette Pishon Battle to share her expertise on Just Energy 4 All. Colette is a generational native of Bayou Liberty, Louisiana. She founded the Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy and led the development of programming focused on equitable climate disaster recovery, global migration, community economic development and energy democracy for more than 17 years in the Gulf South. Colette

now serves as the Partner of Vision & Initiatives at Taproot Earth, a global climate justice organization working for a world where all people can live, rest and thrive in the places they love. She serves on the governance council of the Southern Movement Assembly, co-chairs the national Water Equity and Climate Resilient Caucus with PolicyLink, serves on the steering committee of the Ocean Justice Forum, and is a lead architect of the 5-state, multi-issue initiative Gulf South for a Green New Deal. Colette also helped to develop the 13-state Southern Communities for Green New Deal with the Southeast Climate & Energy Network and the Red, Black & Green New Deal, the national climate initiative with the Movement for Black Lives.

In 2022, Colette received the William O. Douglas Award- recognizing individuals who have made outstanding use of the legal/judicial process to achieve environmental goals, particularly those with national significance and received the the Catalyst Award from Rachel's Network for her environmental leadership as a woman of color. Her TED Talk on climate migration was ranked in the top 10 TED talks of 2020. And she was named a 2019 Obama Fellow for her work with Black and Native communities.

Colette chaired the 2021-22 Equity Advisory Group of the Louisiana Governor's Climate Initiative Task Force. She currently serves on the Kataly Foundation's Environmental Justice Resourcing Collective as well as sits on the boards of the US Climate Action Network, Center for Constitutional Rights, Highlander Research Education Center, and Healthy Gulf, serves on the steering committee of the Resilience Roadmap Project.

Paula Woodrow

Oklahoma Indian
Missionary
Conference Spiritual
Growth Officer

Friday Evening
Community Get
together



Also at our Friday Evening Get Together, we anticipate learning much from the insights and experiences Paula Woodrow (Kiowa-Cherokee) will share with us as we focus on Racial Justice- specifically Bringing Awareness & Justice for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women. Paula currently serves as the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference UWF Spiritual Growth Officer. Former positions include Local UWF President for JJ Methvin, Southwest Region OIMC UWF President, OIMC Vice-President, OIMC Mission u Assistant Dean, OIMC Mission u Dean, and OIMC UWF Social Action Chair. She is a former SW Region OIMC Lay Leader

and has taught the Basic Course for the SW Region Lay Servant Ministries training event. She served on the OIMC Board of Laity during her time as SW Region Lay Leader. She has served on the Committee of Nominations for the SW Region. She also served on the Board of Trustees for the SW Region of the South District of OIMC during her tenure as SW Region UWF President and SW Region Lay Leader.

Paula lives in Anadarko, OK with her husband David and her daughters Stephanie and Stacie. She attends Ware's Chapel UMC where she serves as a Certified Lay Servant.

Christi Campos

National United
Women in Faith
Executive for
Development and
Donor Relations

Saturday Evening
Sisterhood Sparkle
Celebration



Saturday evening at our Sisterhood Sparkle Celebration, donors to the Legacy Fund will be recognized by Deaconess Christi Campos. On Friday afternoon, during our Home Space Conversations, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about Estate planning and giving around the Kitchen Table.

Christi is commissioned to serve as the Executive for Development and Donor Relations for the National office of United Women in Faith and works primarily with The Legacy Endowment Fund and the 1869 Society planned giving program. She is a regular writer for Response magazine and other National office

communications. Christi has over 30 years of development and management experience working for social service agencies. A long-time member of the Missouri Conference, Christi has served as Kansas City North District President, Conference Vice-President and Nominations Chair, South Central Jurisdiction Nominating Committee and as a certified lay speaker.



Visit the "Charter for Racial Justice Corner"

The South Central Jurisdiction of United Women in Faith is deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice. We must strive to be in right relationship with one another; we work together to transform the church and world, following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. The SCJ Leadership Team has ensured that all phases of our work include consideration of the Charter for Racial Justice.

We are a blended piece of fabric woven tightly together in hopes of changing the world landscape, enabling all of God's children to be valued and celebrated with our unique gifts and talents.

As part of the 2024 Event please visit the "Charter for Racial Justice Corner" to explore the ways United Women in Faith in the SCJ brings attention to this commitment.



Nominees for South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team

These sisters have been nominated by our Committee on Nominations. Nominations from the Floor will be accepted from May 1 to June 7, 2024. The process for nominating someone from the floor will be sent to our Voting Delegates by email. Any additional nominees will be shared prior to the Quadrennial Event.



President
Stacie Hawkins
Texas Conference

UW Faith Leadership/ Volunteer Experience

Served in leadership roles at all 5 levels of United Women in Faith. First office was as local secretary at Windsor Village and has served as a member of the national Board of Directors 2012-2020. Served as the Texas Annual Conference United Women in Faith vice president.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of the Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston where she has served in several ministries, the Altar Guild, United Women in Faith, and the New Membership Assimilation Team. Elected as a member the Texas Annual Conference General Conference delegation and has served on various boards and committees, including Wesley House-Houston.

Career and Community Experience

Career includes 22 years at Texas Southern University, where she started as a Senior Accountant, and currently serves as Director of Human Resources



Vice President
Pamela Pinkerton-
Whitley
Central Texas
Conference

UW Faith Leadership / Volunteer Experience

Served as a youth study leader for UMW Regional Schools, now Mission u. Past East District President. Currently serving as the Central Texas Conference UW Faith President.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of Grace Methodist – Metroplex and serves as Admin Council Chair; Media Chair and teach a college age Sunday School class.

Family and other details

Wife, mother of four, grandmother of seventeen and great-grandmother to one. Hobbies include sewing and crocheting, however what enjoys most is writing. Self-proclaimed “journal-holic”.



Secretary
Peggy Arensdorf
New Mexico Conference

UW Faith Leadership / Volunteer Experience

Active in United Methodist Women (UMW)/United Women in Faith (UWF) since 1983. Served in the local unit and currently serves as president. Also served as an officer and representative for the Albuquerque district and on the conference level served as the secretary, chair of nominations and treasurer. Also served as the conference Legacy Fund Liaison. Appointed in 2021 to the Board of Trustees for McCurdy Ministries, a National Mission Institution (NMI) located in Española, New Mexico where she chairs the Bylaws and Policy Committee.

Career and Community Experience

40 years working for the federal government; started as a contract specialist for the Air Force. Career included purchases and system acquisition for plans and mission systems and with the Inspector General of the Air Force participating in gathering data and writing reports that were geared to improving the acquisition workforce; a contracting inspector for Air Force agencies and centers, and program manager for two software systems used in the inspection process across the Air Force. Retired from this work in 2020.

Family and other details

Aunt to four nieces and two nephews and spouses and 4 great-nieces and 5 great-nephews,



**Treasurer
Lela Luxen
North Texas Conference**

UW Faith Leadership / Volunteer Experience

Joined United Women in Faith in 2018. Served as Treasurer for the North Texas Conference in 2019. Since retirement, she has served in various roles with her Circle and local unit.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of First United Methodist Church in Richardson, Texas and treasurer for Methodist Dallas Medical Center Auxiliary.

Career and Community Experience

Retired from full-time employment of over 40 years as a CPA.

Family and other details

Married for 22 years to husband, John Luxen and has one adult son, Jeff Boen.



**Shelly Lee
Chair Committee on
Nominations
Arkansas Conference**

UW Faith Leadership / Volunteer Experience

Member of United Women in Faith for 47 years. Helped start a young women's circle in McCrory, AR in 1976 and then moved on to District and Conference leadership. Currently serves as president for her local unit at her present church, which she helped restart after years of inactivity.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Currently the Chairperson of the Arkansas Conference Committee on Nominations. Serves on the district level as the Central District Disaster Response Coordinators and on the Central District Leadership Team. Volunteers with her husband for Methodist NOMADS. A member of Pinnacle UMW, she works with the Food Pantry ministry, sings in the choir, substitutes as a Sunday School teacher and serves on the Administrative Board. Recently, received the Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award given annually by the SMU Perkins School of Theology in Dallas to a lay person.

Career and Community Experience

Career in public service spanned over 40 years, managing two long-term care facilities, developing community services and overseeing quality assurance efforts for the State of Arkansas.



**Marjorie Franklin
Member, Committee on
Nominations
Louisiana Conference**

UW Faith Leadership / Volunteer Experience

Served in numerous positions on the Local, District and Conference level including the Louisiana Conference UWF President in which she served 2 - 4 year terms. Currently the program coordinator in her local unit and on the Board of Director for the Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Active member of Warren United Methodist Church in Lake Charles, La and a certified Lay Servant for the Lake Charles/Acadiana District. In her local church, she is currently serving as the Lay Leader, Worship Leader, Council Chairperson and Sunday School teacher.

Career and Community Experience

Retired from Davita Dialysis as an Administrative Assistant for 33 years.

Family and other details

Celebrated 50 years of marriage to her husband Melvin in 2023. They are the proud parents of 2 daughters and grandparents of 2 grandchildren.



Jana Miller
Member Committee on
Nominations
Missouri Conference

UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of UWF for approximately 31 years and has served at the conference, district, and local level in many positions with the latest one being president of the new Northwest District.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of the Missouri Annual Conference and a 40+ member of the Warrensburg First United Methodist Church.

Career and Community Experience

Retired from education teaching middle school math while also teaching computer and math review classes to adults in the summer. Served two years as a professional development leader for the state of Missouri. Last educational stop was as a math teacher and tutor at the University of Central Missouri.

Family and other details

Free time now consists of two grandchildren, quilting, and UWF. Mother to twin boys, Travis and Logan and two daughters-in-law.



Priscilla Patterson
Member Committee on
Nominations
Rio Texas Conference

UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Vice-president of the local United Women in Faith unit and serve on the United Women in Faith conference committee for the Rio Texas Conference.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of El Buen Pastor UMC in Edinburg, Texas where attends Sunday School and sing in the choir. Also serves as Church Council Chair, Finance Committee Vice-president, belong to the SPPRC committee and Nominations Committee. Serves on DCOM and the Pastors/Laity Hispanic Ministries Committee for the El Valle District. Member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Board and committee. Elected as a member of the Rio Texas Annual Conference General Conference delegation and served on the Board of Directors Methodist Children's Home.

Family and other details

Father was a United Methodist Minister and has grown up in the Methodist Church all her life.

The 2024-2028 Committee on Nominations has one additional vacancy to be filled. If you have a suggestion, or are interested in serving, please contact Lisa Maupin, Chair; Cynthia Harry, Member or Terry Gregory, Member.

MEET & GREET THE NOMINEES

The Committee on Nominations will host a "Meet and Greet" for Director Nominees, SCJ Leadership Team Nominees and SCJ Voting Delegates on Friday, June 21 from 1:45-3:00 PM in Lambert ABCD. (Same location as elections) 20 director nominees, selected by 11 of the 12 SCJ conferences, will be available for one on one questions and discussion. If you are a voting delegate, get acquainted with these future leaders by reviewing the nominees videos, photos and biographies on our website at umwscj.org. in advance of the event! Their photos and condensed biographies are also in this newsletter. Come to the meet and greet prepared to discuss the future of UWFaith! Also at this event, a test vote will be conducted to check devices and credentials in advance of the election.

Nominees for National United Women in Faith Board of Directors

These nominees were elected by their UWFaith Conferences. Quadrennial Event Conference Delegates, appointed by their conferences, current National Directors and Program Advisory Group members from SCJ, SCJ Bishops and one representative for Deaconess/Home Missioners will select four Directors to represent South Central Jurisdiction.

Tanya Barlow
New Mexico
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Local Unit Vice President, Conference Vice President

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Adult Sunday School Facilitator, Children's Church

Career and Community Experience

Retired Physical Therapist(2020)

Family and Other Details

Spouse, Edward, is a retired UMC Clergy

Cathy Blackwood
Arkansas
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Served conference leadership positions: Arkansas Conference UWF President, Vice President, Treasurer and Mission u Treasurer. District leadership positions include: Northwest District Treasurer, District President. Currently serving as treasurer for local UWF unit at Central UMC Rogers

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of Central UMC in Rogers, AR. Member of the Missions team, secretary for the Church Council, and is a certified Lay Servant. Member of the Northwest District Board of Church Location and Building. Served as a member to Annual Conference and Northwest District as a Member-at-large. Currently serving as an at-large member of the Arkansas Conference Board of Laity

Career and Community Experience

On staff part-time as bookkeeper for Central UMC and Church Administrator at Grace UMC in Rogers.

Marleene Calvin
Arkansas
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Served the Local Unit as President, secretary and treasurer. District positions include Secretary, social action coordinator, nominations and chair nominations. Conference positions include Secretary, social action coordinator, nomination, chair nominations and delegate for the SCJ. Served as Assistant Dean, Dean, Secretary, Business Manager and Assistant Registrar for School of Christian Mission and Mission u.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of McCabe Chapel United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Serves the local church as a communion steward, trustee member, SPRC committee member, choir member, usher, administrative board secretary and lay member to Arkansas Annual Conference. Participates in the PASSPLUS program, distributing school supplies, hygiene and food baskets to low-income families in the community. Served on the conference nominating committee, Arkansas Conference Secretary Global Ministries and on boards and agencies in the former North Arkansas Conference. Currently serve as treasurer for Arkansas Black Methodist for Church Renewal.

Career and Community Experience

Retired from AT&T in 2008 with 35 years of service. Member and volunteer at Patrick Hays Senior Fitness Center where lead several classes. Member of the Hays Commission and currently serve as the Vice Chair.

Family and other details

Married to Jonathan and we have one daughter.

**Carolyn Cobb
Northwest Texas
Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Held many positions in United Women in Faith at the local, district, and conference level. Currently serving out my four-year tenure as Conference President.

Career and Community Experience

Background is commercial agriculture and 40 years of teaching in a public high school

Family and other details

Lives on a farm in the Texas Panhandle

**Karen Dunlap
Great Plains
Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Circle Secretary, Circle Chair, Local Unit Chair, District President and Vice President, Great Plains Conference President; Mission u instructor, and Co-Dean.

Career and Community Experience

Chief probation officer in North Central Kansas and Research Associate in Kentucky

**Pat Dye
Oklahoma Indian
Missionary
Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Holds the position of Chair of Spiritual Growth of local unit. Holds the position of Conference Secretary of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of New Hope Indian United Methodist Church in Dewey, OK of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Family and other details

Enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

**Linda Elms
Northwest Texas
Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Joined United Methodist Women shortly after that became the 'new' name. Served many positions: conference president, conference spiritual growth, conference program resources, business manager for South Central Regional School of Mission, two years as Program Advisory Group, VP for the South Central Jurisdiction and as registrar for the South Central Jurisdiction Meeting the following Quadrennium as well as various district and local offices.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Elected as 1st alternate delegate to General Conference in 2012 and 2016 as well as Jurisdictional delegate both those years. Currently serving on the Conference Laity Committee.

Career and Community Experience

Retired public school teacher and have worked in churches as the Children's director.

Family and other details

Loves to travel around, accompanying daughter as she does volunteer work with her professional organization.

Rosie Farmer
Missouri
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Over 10 years as Missouri Conference Communication and Technology, Dean of Mission u 2024,

Career and Community Experience

Scoutmaster for Girls Troop in BSA, Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters Kansas City(8 years), Baby Grace Foundation, a ministry in the Kansas City area for families with small children to offer grace, diapers and necessities: 4 years as secretary of the Founding Board, currently works with local Buckner Chapter of Baby Grace

Family and Other Details

Rosie resides in Buckner, Missouri with her husband, Patrick, and her furry children, Otis, Aria, and Nacho. She is a member of Buckner United Methodist Church. Master of Fine Arts in Theatrical Design University of Missouri-Kansas City where she currently works in Student Affairs; previously employed by local school district (17 years) Enjoys reading, cross stitch, painting.

Cheryll Felder
New Mexico
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Served as President, Co-Present, Vice President and Secretary Program Resources in local Unit. At the District level, served as President and Vice-President. Served as President, Chair Nominations, Nomination Committee member, member of Charter for Racial Justice for the Rio Texas Conference. Served on the Core Planning Team Additional Member of the South Central UWFaith Jurisdiction.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of Myrtle Avenue and St. James UMC. Served as the organist for Myrtle Avenue and St. James – Myrtle for over twenty years and currently the pianist for Tobin Park UMC in El Paso. Chaired of the One Board and Administrative Council at the local church level. Member of the Engaging team for the New Mexico Conference, Chair for the Conference EMLC/Race and Religion Committee and member of the Wesley Foundation Board – University of Texas at El Paso

Career and Community Experience

Employed as the Executive Director of Administrative Services where I am responsible for the Department of Student and Parent Services. 40 year career includes: District Attendance Office, ESL teacher, Chapter I teacher, Elementary Counselor, High School Counselor, High School Assistant Principal, High School Principal; and 7 & 8 Social Studies teacher in Socorro ISD. I am looking forward to retiring in May with over 40 years of service.

Family and other details

Mother of one adult son. Enjoys reading, music,, family history research, traveling, listening to music, gardening, and watching movies.

Charlotte Gooday
Oklahoma Indian
Missionary
Conference



UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Sunday School teacher for 2 to 10 years old, for the past 17 years and a Lay servant for the past two years.

Career and Community Experience

Elementary Teacher for 35 years at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Family and Other Details

Native American from the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Ft. Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma. Member of Little Washita United Methodist Church located in Fletcher, Oklahoma. I'm a grandmother to 6 grandchildren.



Lynne Grandstaff
Central Texas
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of United Women in Faith for over 30 years. Served at the local level as Circle Chair, Treasurer and President. Served in the District as a member of the Committee on Nominations, Secretary and President. At the conference level has served member of the Committee on Nominations, Coordinator for Education & Interpretation and President for the Central Texas Conference UMW. Currently serving her final year as Secretary for South Central Jurisdiction UWFaith Leadership Team.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

For Central Texas Conference, currently serving 12th year on the Board of Ordained Ministry and is a member of and secretary for the Board of Trustees. Member of the CTC Connectional Table and serves as recording secretary for the Unification Location Team. A member of Red Oak FUMC, she teaches the adult Sunday School class, is former Chair, member of the Outreach Hospitality and Mission Team, sings in the choir, coordinates the Church Directory, and enjoys helping with VBS every summer.

Career and Community Experience

Served on PTA boards for a total of 16 years, and as a Trustee for Red Oak ISD for 15 years and was a founding board member of the ROISD Education Foundation and currently serves as the secretary. Belongs to the Rotary Club of Waxahachie as a member of the Board and Secretary.

Family and other details

Married to husband, Hugh, for 51 years. Together, they own and operate hlh&r, Ip Metals Recycling in Waxahachie, TX. Have 2 grown sons, 2 daughters-in-love and a granddaughter, 4 year-old Miriam.

Cynthia Harry
North Texas
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of the 2020-2024 South Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith, Committee on Nominations (CON). Served on the North Texas Conference UMW CON for 4 years and as Chair for 2 of the 4 years. Held the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Spiritual Growth Coordinator in her local UMW unit. Served the Metro District UMW as a member of the Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Committee.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. A Certified Lay Servant and served the local church as Age Level Coordinator, and as a volunteer with the Food Pantry, Vacation Bible School, and the Children's Ministry. An active member of Sunday School, the Mature Adults Ministry and Lay Member to the North Texas Annual Conference (NTC). Received an award from Garland National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for being a dedicated lay servant/deacon. Honored in 2022 by "By Faith Magazine" as a Crystal Stair Mother of the Year.

Career and Community Experience

Worked in mechanical engineering for over 27 years and a Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Family and other details

Married to Dwight, a Certified Lay Minister in the NTC assigned to Hamilton Park UMC, has 2 adult children, Dwight II and Camille.

Kelly G. Loeb
Missouri
Conference



UWFaith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Communication Team Member, and the Technical Advisor and Website Administrator for the Missouri Conference United Women in Faith.

Career and Community Experience

Employed as the Community Outreach Coordinator for the University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Serves on the community leadership board of the Alzheimer's Association - Heart of America Chapter and in recognition of her community service, Kelly was named Ms. JuneteenthKC in June 2021. She is a member of several philanthropic organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Incorporated.

Carolyn Collins May
Great Plains
Conference



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience
Various Leadership roles at local, district and conference levels

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience
Lay Leader and Lay Speaker at local, district and conference levels

Career and Community Experience
Elementary School through College Educator

Family and Other Details
Lives in Colby Kansas in the Northwest Kansas Conference; graduated from Kansas State University.

Amy Cardwell
O'Neil
Rio Texas
Conference



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience
UWF member from the Rio Texas Conference, Hill Country District, and local unit president in Fredericksburg, TX. Mentors teenagers and raised money to take some of them to UWF Assembly.

Career and Community Experience
Retired as a public servant in education with many years teaching preschoolers with special needs.

Yolanda Perry
Oklahoma
Conference



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience
Worked with the UMW National office as one of the SCJ Guides with the Environmental and Economic Justice team. Teaches and leads at Mission U. Serves as the Oklahoma United Women of Faith Mission Chair and Spiritual Growth-Co Chair at St. Luke's United Women in Faith.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience
Serves as Lay Speaker for Cornerstone OKC. Hired as Pastoral Care Minister at Sunnyside UMC in 2009 and joined the United Methodist Church in 2008. Worked with Kairos Prison Ministry, Kairos Torch and Emmaus Ministry Team.

Career and Community Experience
Retired from a 30 year career at Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City where served as an IV Room technician, trained in quality assurance and worked with the indigent care pharmacy. Currently COVID 19 Coordinator, Pharmacy TB Tech and buyer for the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Owner/Stylist of Divine Divas Hair Salon

**Stephanie Pounds
Texas Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Organized a new unit of United Methodist Women in 2020. Member of Texas Conference leadership team as one of two Communication Officers where she revamped the website, reinstated a regular newsletter, and took care of the Conference social media.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Taught adult and children's Sunday School classes in the local church, accompanied choirs, played the handbells, and served as a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Career and Community Experience

Now retired, spent career in the training field, most of which was at Hewlett-Packard Enterprise as an instructional designer, creating technical product training for sales and support teams, and as a training program manager.

Family and other details

Married to her husband, Jeff, for 40 years. They have two grown sons and five grandchildren.

**Jo Ellen Reed
Oklahoma
Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Held various leadership positions locally as well as at the District, Conference and Jurisdiction levels for United Women of Faith. Previously served as Dean and Assistant Dean of Mission u.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of Sunny Lane UMC since 1972 and on staff since 2009.

Career and Community Experience

Jo Ellen is retired from the State of Oklahoma working primarily at Children's Memorial Hospital.

Family and other details

Enjoys time with her family and on the beach.

**Dorothy Ringer-
Sumner
Texas Conference**



UW Faith Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Serves as the social action coordinator in the Texas Conference and Vice president of her United Women in Faith unit.

UMC Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Member of the Texas Annual Conference Board of Church and Society. Serves as a certified lay servant of the United Methodist Church and the local church's finance secretary. Member of mission teams traveling to Jamaica, Belize, Tanzania and Kenya.

Career and Community Experience

A retired educator who volunteers as a trained trusted health ambassador to educate, engage and raise awareness around public health services and resources. Works with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service to develop and implement educational programs that address the most critical issues affecting Texans. Enjoys gardening and both continental and international travel with family.

Family and other details

The 2024 Election of 2024-2028 South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team Members and four UW Faith National Directors will begin on Saturday at 10:30 AM in Lambert ABCD. Ballot voting will be completed using smartphones. Virtual Training for Delegates was conducted April 8. A nominee must have 50% plus one vote of those present and voting to be elected. The balloting will continue until 12 PM and then a lunch break is scheduled. Additional Voting sessions are scheduled for 1:30-3 PM and again from 3:30-5 PM. Once the four positions are filled, the election will be closed.

Our electioneers include Sung-Ok Lee, Connectional Officer from our UW Faith National Office, and Josephine Deere from Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Friday 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Let's Get Together to Explore

Preselect during registration. Workshops led by leaders from National, Conference and District United Women in Faith as well as National Mission Institution workers.

Listening Is Loving *Compassionate listening is described as a skill that has the ability to transform relationships and foster deep understanding. It involves engaging with others, paying attention to their words, emotions, and needs, without judgment or interruption. The presentation will provide participants with an opportunity to define and refine skills essential to being an effective compassionate listener.* Dr. Mary Nickson

Smooth Sailing:
Our Soul Care Is Sacred All aboard the SS United Women in Faith! With smooth sailing to nurture our souls, minds and hearts, passengers will take a **fantastic voyage** into SOUL Care and
Seek, Spell Out and Savor SOUL Care
Open, Observe and Optimize SOUL Care
Unveil, Understand and Universalize SOUL Care
Launch, Live and Lead SOUL Care
Disembark with SOUL Care **Souvenirs and Support** Kelly G. Loeb

Let's Get Together to Reconnect UWF & NMIs *What is a National Mission Institution (NMI), and how do NMIs and United Women in Faith work together? Join us to discuss strategies for partnership and practical ways to continue engagement after the workshop ends.* Stacey Ninness
Stacie Hawkins

How Just is My Energy and Why Should I Care? From traveling, to cooling our homes and charging our phones, we benefit from energy. But is the energy that fuels these possibilities just? At this workshop, we will examine our energy sources and examine why women of faith should care about just energy for all. This workshop will also offer concrete ways we can be part of just energy solutions. Liz Lee
Brenda Gullett

Living Into Our Charter for Racial Justice: Is Striving to be an Ally for Racial Justice Enough? Is striving to be an Ally for Racial Justice Enough?
A deeper dive into what it means to be more than an ally for Racial Justice.
Explanation and discussions on what it means to be an anti-racist and the journey to become one. Abby Gutierrez

Reigniting UWFaith Local Organizations—Alive and Ready to Thrive! Come hear about what local units can do to gain new members while inspiring current members. You'll come away with new ideas on how to become a thriving local unit. Learn to be a creative supportive fellowship! Cynthia Rives

Friday 1:45-4:00 PM - Please drop by!

Lets Get Together For Conversations and Shared Experiences at our house.

Go to as many or as few as you like. Some of these sessions are come and go. Others are slightly more structured and will have a designated start and stop time. There will be signs to guide you.

Book Discussion & program resource space-

Visit the "Library" to find ideas, get information, or have book discussions. You can search for seasons and topics, including worship and mission. Get together with other sisters in faith to find new ideas for bible studies or curriculum.

Mary Nickson,
Dana Jobe

Library
(Linberg)

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference--Immersion Experience-

Join Beverly Parker and Josephine Deere as they explain the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Imersion experience. Take this opportunity to connect and learn more about Native American faith communities in Oklahoma.

Beverly Parker

Family Room
(Gatwick)

Prayer Loom-

Pray with your hands by writing prayers on pieces of cloth and weaving them with the prayers of others in the loom. Help us create a visual representation of our conversations with God.

Dee Dee Spivey-
deaconess

Front Porch
(Foyer-
corner))

**Regional Missionaries and National Mission Institutions
(videos/displays/discussions)**

Join our Regional Missionaries and NMIs at their displays as they share information about each of their programs and projects.

Regional Missionaries
& NMI Reps

Front Porch
(Foyer)

Letter/ Postcard Writing

Write postcards and letters to your senators and representatives to express your feelings and concerns about legislative issues

Alexis Robinson
Missouri Conference

Front Porch
(Foyer)

Charter for Racial Justice

Conference event posters/ Stories/ National UWFaith Display

Browse the halls to see what Racial Justice events were planned in the Annual Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction. Walk through a timeline and discover the history of the Charter for Racial Justice.

Displays from Annual
Conferences &
National UWFaith

Front Porch
(Foyer)

Deaconess Home Missioner- Discernment Conversation- Come hear from Home Missioners and Deaconesses about their adventures in individual mission work. You will be able to ask questions and get information from these special women in the field and discern if this is your calling.

Leah Wandera,
Deaconess
& Megan Hale,
Deaconess

Back Porch
(Orly)

Sharing Circles--Post General Conference

Sally Vonner, our General Secretary and CEO of United Women in Faith, will provide information from General Conference and the state of the United Methodist Church

Sally Vonner

Living Room
(Heathrow))

Estate Planning-

Learn how to ensure that your estate planning will reflect your values and support your.

Christi Campos
National UWFaith
Executive for
Development and
Donor Relations

Kitchen Table
(Ballroom-D)

Friday 4:00-5:00 pm

Take an Hour to Care for Your Body and Soul

Choose from this list of activities and spend some time renewing your spirit, relaxing and rejuvenating before our busy day on Saturday.

Meditation	Use your own or the provided materials for meditation.	You choose the place
Prayer labyrinth	Walk and pray through this labyrinth provided by Missouri Conference. Use this time to focus your mind on God and your special prayers.	Outside Yard
Naptime	Nuff said! Grab your pillow and shuffle off to dream land!	You choose the place
Motion- Chair Yoga	Gentle movement to help you relax and unwind led by Caroline Celestine. This popular exercise focuses on breathing, strength, and flexibility.	Assigned room
Pre-School Antics	Release your inner child through “stations” activities led by Glori Siebert.	Assigned room
Pool/ Gym	Enjoy the amenities provided by the hotel for exercise in the pool or at the gym	Pool or gym

Friday 8:30-10:00 PM **Get together for some After Dinner Fun**

Relax and watch a video, play some games or sit and visit a spell.

Saturday 10:30 AM-12 PM **Get together for Advocacy and Action!**

Advance your skills or help with assembling hygiene kits for Life Source Consultants.

Advocacy 101- Novice	Have you wondered why United Women in Faith engage in advocacy or what advocacy even means? Join Advocacy 101 to learn the basics of the Five Ws and How of advocacy, from the biblical call to how to participate in advocacy.	Trish Gunby
Advocacy 201- Experienced	Have you participated in a letter writing campaign and/or a legislative visit, and want to do more and be more effective? This session is for you. Join Advocacy 201 to strengthen your skills in advocacy and deepen your advocacy impact.	Ruth Bowen
Advocacy 301- Expert	Are you passionate about United Women in Faith’s social justice issues and want to deepen your collective impact in advocacy? Join Advocacy 301 to share and learn from one another about advocacy challenges and best practices, from expanding the base to sustaining the work in the long game of advocacy.	Elizabeth Lee
Advocacy 401- Hands on	Work on a Hands on Mission project to benefit Life Source Consultants, a domestic and sexual violence crisis center in St. Louis, MO. An ingathering of supplies will be organized and those items will be packaged for delivery to clients at the center.	Norma McKelvy

Saturday 1:30-3:00 PM

Get together for a Town Hall!

Voices from the Field- This is Where the Money Goes!

Come find out what happens with all of your Mission Money. Hear first hand stories from Regional Missionaries and National Mission Institute workers. Learn how your giving makes their work possible, ask questions and be inspired by the breadth and depth of the mission and ministry for United Women in Faith.

Moderator, Sandy Wilder, will be joined by [Frieda Mwebe Mofya](#), Regional Missionary, Democratic Republic of the Congo, United Women in Faith
[Grace Musuka](#), Regional Missionary, Zimbabwe, United Women in Faith, and SCJF National Mission Institution Representatives

Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM

Get together for a Town Hall!

Bishops' Roundtable- *Turning the Corner*

Our SCJ Bishops will share their life experiences and successes in light of the Charter for Racial Justice, diversity, equity and inclusion. Hear how they will support United Women in Faith in their annual conferences and their hopes for the UMC's future.

Moderator, Former National UWFaith President, Yvette Richards will be joined by South Central Jurisdiction Bishops

Saturday 6:00-8:00 PM

Sisterhood Sparkle Celebration!

Get Together to Celebrate! Bring your SPARKLE! Grab a tiara, ruby red slippers, glittery shawl, or whatever blingy fashion statement you like. If you don't have a favorite, use this opportunity to get something new from the fundraising Sparkle Table at the event.

Enjoy dinner and hear an exciting message from National UWFaith President, Ainise 'Isama'u; Rejoice over our newly elected Directors and Jurisdiction Leadership Team. Celebrate gifts given to the Legacy Fund with Christi Campos. Dance and sing with your sisters to tunes led by a DJ. Our MC will be Tammy Holland.

Don't miss the fun as we Get Together for this special dinner and evening of celebrating the wonderful Sisterhood of United Women in Faith!

Telling and expanding our impact stories

Part of our historic beautiful story is our mission giving. Many of our members and units take pride and are passionate about our mission giving and it's impact. It is a key part of who we are and our story. Scholarships are given because of our mission giving. Buildings are built because of our mission giving. Vital programs are developed because of our mission giving. The story is lengthy and impactful.

Through our mission giving at the SCJ Quadrennial meeting our impact and story will continue. It is our legacy and our future. It is a key component of our story.

Think about how you, your district, your conference or your United Women in Faith group might want to participate in this mission giving opportunity. Even if you or others are not able attend this is a perfect way to participate in the story. Get creative. Have your own "get together" moment that focuses on raising funds for mission giving. Give a gift in honor of someone that came before you. Maybe you want to honor someone who is emerging behind you. Use your mission giving to lift up those around you and remember those on whose shoulders you stand.

Ways to give

- Every gift of \$25 is an opportunity to lift up the name of a person who has made an impact on our growth as leaders and persons of faith. Likewise a gift of \$25 is also an opportunity to name and honor an emerging leader in your community, church or conference. Names of persons lifted up will be on display at the gathering as a visual reminder of our community, foundation and future. Think of it in terms of a \$50 total gift with \$25 naming a person who came before you and \$25 for a person who is coming after you.
- Gifts through worship offerings. Collect monetary gifts from around your district or conferences and present them during the worship offerings. Use it as a moment to offer the prayers and participation of your membership in the worship setting. A moment to "bring" the sisterhood to the table and include them whether they are present or not.
- Honor your leadership teams and their work this last quadrennium with a gift to missions in their name. Say thank you, we see you and we honor your impactful story. It is hard work to lead in our churches, district and conferences. Say thank you by continuing the legacy of this organization that taught and allowed us all to lead.

Gifts can be made via the website at <https://www.umwscj.org/> or by contacting the SCJ Treasurer, Carroll Constant.

Your work and your mission giving matters. The gifts and pledges you have already made to your local units, districts and conferences are key chapters to our story. It is what gives us the ability to respond to the needs of the world and to make change as the bold, passionate women of faith we are. Words of thanks are not enough to express the gratitude of the generous mission giving of all our membership.

The impact of United Women of Faith continues as through all of the ways we participate in mission giving. Giving through the SCJ quadrennial gathering is another one avenue for that giving. We are already halfway to our goal of \$6,000 for mission giving. Let's not just meet our goal but work towards surpassing it as we expand the impact of our story!

SCJ GET TOGETHER QUILT
BACKING UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH THROUGH MISSION GIVING

Orange	GPC	Blue	MOC	Orange
NMC	Yellow	UWF LOGO	Green	NWT
Blue	OKC	Orange	OIMC	Blue
CTC	Green	UWF LOGO	Yellow	NTC
Orange	RIO TX	Blue	TX CON	Orange
LAC	Yellow	UWF LOGO	Green	ARK

Layout for Get Together Quilt
 Finished Squares 12x12 inches
 Finished quilt approximately 66x78 inches.

Our Get Together Quilt will be created using blocks from each conference, solid blocks in our UWFaith Logo colors and 3 pieced UWFaith Logo blocks. The unfinished quilt will be on display at the event.

For a \$5 donation to mission giving place your name, or a name you choose to honor, on the back of the quilt. Names will be hand written by the donor or the quilter. Online giving will be available as well as giving at the event.

The quilt will be presented at the Sisterhood Sparkle Celebration.