

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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United Women in Faith is having a very busy and interesting 2022. This time has been full of changes, growth, new adventures, new branding, and new faith for the future. We have a new name, mission, vision and plan of action which are:

Our mission: We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

Our vision: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to identify harms but also to show God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

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

What we do: We connect spiritual women to act boldly for justice and transform communities.

This year, the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference United Women in Faith embraced the conference merger as well as our name change and rebranding. We have done so with grace and a commitment to continuing our work with women, children, and youth throughout the world. No programs or commitment of funds were dropped or changed from either former conference to execute the merger. I am very proud to say this merger was an easy, faithful process for us.

By the time you read this, we will have attended Assembly 2022 of United Women in Faith in Orlando. This will be the largest in-person Methodist gathering in almost three years and will be a historic assembly filled with worship, special speakers, and learning more about our rebranding.

July 14 - 16 we will gather in Nashville at Scarritt-Bennett for Mission u. A social action event is being planned for August and our fall retreat will be held at Lakeshore September 30 - October 1. All women of the church are invited to these events and we welcome your attendance.

United Women in Faith for the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference will continue to work diligently to change the school-to-prison pipeline, climate change, injustice, etc. We are a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. Driven by God's love, we work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth every day. We show up. We take action. We get it done.