

United Women in Faith
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Greetings and blessings from United Women in Faith (UWF). The mission statement for our organization states: “United Women in Faith 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.”

We support:

- U.S. projects and nearly 90 national mission institutions which are community centers, schools, and residences located around the United States;
- International partners that focus on impacting poverty through enhancing the capacities of local women leaders and supporting economic development programs to provide women with the tools required to make positive, measurable change in their communities;
- Advocacy - Every four years we identify a specific focus for our advocacy in addition to our ongoing work for gender and racial justice and for oppressed and dispossessed communities, with special attention to the needs of women, children and youth. Our current justice campaigns are Just Energy 4 All and Ending Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color;
- And Deaconess/Home Missioner, an order in The United Methodist Church for laity who feel a lifetime call to vocations and ministries of love, justice, and service.

Each district of UWF of the Conference makes an annual pledge to mission to help support these programs. In 2022 we made a pledge to mission of \$120,000 and we are very proud to report we exceeded that pledge for a total of \$203,247.

United Women in Faith believe education can transform women and educated women can transform the world.

Our educating events include:

- In May we held a spiritual growth retreat at Beersheba which was well attended by UWF members and many other women from the conference;
- Mission U, which reaches participants through three new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focusing on a shared biblical theme from a justice perspective. The UWF for our conference holds these Mission U events at Scarritt Bennett. This event will be held on July 13-15 this year and will have programs for youth and children;
- Social action events will be held in each district to raise awareness;
- October 20-22 we will gather at Beersheba for a Fall retreat;
- UWF reading program offers members a way to choose, track and share recommended books through four reading plans in a wide range of subjects and ages;
- And workshops and webinars on personal and spiritual growth through uwfaith.org.

We are a sisterhood that does exceptional work to care for women, youth, and children while empowering and educating for the future. Each district of the conference has a leadership team for that area as well as our conference leadership team. Our hearts and membership are open to all. Join us!