

**Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference United Women in Faith**  
**Meredith Bingham, President**

Greetings and blessings from United Women in Faith (UWF). The mission statement for our organization states United Women in Faith “seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.”

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.”
- 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.

United Women in Faith believes education can transform women and educated women can transform the world. Our educating events include:

- In March we held our first Charter for Racial Justice conference event at John Wesley UMC in Nashville focused on the book *So You Want To Talk About Race*.
- In April we had 32 members attend the SEJ Assembly in Chattanooga. Our women attended inspiring and engaging workshops and renewed soul care. Guest speaker was Rev. Janet Wolf and Music director was Linda Furtado.
- Mission u reaching participants through three new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth, and one for adults. The 2024 study is “The Kin-dom is Among You – drawing us closer to God and One Another.” The UWF for our conference holds these Mission u events at Scarritt Bennett. This event will be held on July 11-13.
- McKenzie First will host our Annual Meeting on September 28.
- Social action events will be held in each district to raise awareness.
- We will gather September 6-8 at Lakeshore for a Fall retreat. There is nothing like gathering at Lakeshore!
- 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.
- Workshops and webinars on personal and spiritual growth through [uwfaith.org](http://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!

This is my fourth and final year as President of this hardworking, spiritual led group of women. It has been an honor and a privilege to do so.