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Our Mission

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.

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Call to the Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting

“Get Together – Love one Another”



All United Women in Faith are called to gather on October 4-5 at Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, Mississippi, in District 3 (Meridian, Hattiesburg) for our Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting. Our District Superintendents and their spouses will be special guests at the meeting. Our speakers will come from our national division.

We have two Mission Projects for the Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting: Moore Community House, Biloxi, MS need Extra Long Twin Beds Comforters, UWF Members are asked to help with this Mission Project. Please bring this item to the Annual Meeting. Choctaw Mission, Choctaw, MS (Eagle Nest) needs toddlers' underwear's, pullups, socks, and infant clothes also bring those items to the Annual Meeting.

Saturday's Morning Business Meeting at 9:00 A.M. has been streamlined to allow time for all pertinent business including voting on several items by the elected UWF delegates. A National Officer (Soul Care) will discuss/speak to us on how to do a "Soul Care Retreat". We will also install our incoming Conference Officers for 2025. Our Friday night offering will go to Wesley House-Meridian, and Saturday Offering will go back to our Conference United Women in Faith to help meet our Conference UWF pledge. Lunch will follow Saturday Worship and Business Session.

We encourage you to share the information about this very important Annual Meeting with your UWF members, make copies of the Registration Form, and be sure that all your members are invited to attend.

Kathleen Smith, Conference UWF President



Calendar Dates for 2024

Leadership Team Meeting, January 05-06, 2024, Methodist Foundation Building,
Madison, MS

2024 Mission u Committee Meeting February 3, 2024 (Virtual)

Soul Care Retreat (Spiritual Growth) March 1-2, 2024
Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, MS

2024 SEJ Chattanooga, TN, April 19-21, 2024

Mississippi Annual Conference, Millsaps College
June 20-22, 2024 (No Luncheon this year)

Mississippi Conference Mission u, July 19-20, 2024
Popular Springs United Methodist Church, Meridian, MS

MS UWF Leadership Team Meeting, UMC Foundation August 2-3, 2024

MS Conference UWF Annual Meeting, Central UMC, Meridian, MS, October 4-5, 2024
District 3

MS UWF District Officers Training Event, November 2, 2024, Starkville First, Starkville, MS
District 2

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**MISSISSIPPI UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
2025 BUDGET**

Total Pledge to Mission from District's	\$	52,000.00
A & MD Fund 30% from \$15,600	\$	15,600.00
United Methodist Women's National Office -Pledge	\$	36,400.00
Conference Leadership		
Directory	\$	3,200.00
Financial Reviews	\$	2,400.00
Committee Mettings	\$	2,500.00
Women's Luncheon	\$	2,200.00
Mission Resource	\$	500.00
Total		\$ 10,300.00
Christian Global Concerns		
Conference Mission u	\$	5,000.00
Mission u and Leader Training Event	\$	1,800.00
Total		\$ 6,800.00
Southeastern Jurisdictional		
SEJ Meeting	\$	2,000.00
SEJ A&MD Fund	\$	500.00
Assembly	\$	-
Total		\$ 2,500.00
Social Action		
Legislative Event (grant money)	\$	1,500.00
Total		\$ 1,500.00
Spiritual Growth		
Soul Care Retreat	\$	2,000.00
Total		\$ 2,000.00
Membership Nurture & Outreach		
The Beacon	\$	500.00
Women's Forum	\$	200.00
Annual Meeting	\$	5,212.00
Special Mission Recognition	\$	320.00
Total		\$ 6,232.00
District Work		
District A & MD Fund	\$	1,100.00
District Officer Training	\$	800.00
Total		\$ 1,900.00

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
2025 District Pledge to Mission**

District 1: \$3,000.00

District 2: \$5,000.00

District 3: \$5,000.00

District 4: \$11,000.00

District 5: \$10,000.00

District 6: \$13,000.00

District 7 \$5,000.00

Total Pledge to Mississippi Conference:

Total: \$ 52,000.00

Updated 08/01/2024



REGISTRATION FORM

**36TH Annual Meeting of the United Women in Faith
Friday and Saturday, October 4-5, 2024
Central United Methodist Church, Meridian, MS
1004 23rd Avenue, Meridian, MS**

Please mail

**Checks/Money Orders to Berenda Pendleton, 616 Carson Drive,
Byram, MS 39272**

**Registration Deadline: September 13, 2024
Make Checks and Money orders payable to MS Conference UWF**

**Google Docs registration link for Annual Meeting
click here**



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36th Annual Meeting of United Women in Faith

Friday and Saturday, October 4 - 5, 2024
Central United Methodist Church, Meridian, MS 1004 23rd Ave, Meridian,

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United Women In Faith-Attendees



**Hotel Information and Link: Drury Inn and Suites, 112 Highway 11
and 80, Meridian, MS 39301**

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM ONLINE](#)

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, September 4, 2024 to receive your group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rates and availability. Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and referring to your group number 10121697.

NOTE: THIS LINK IS NOT FOR THE LEADERSHIP TEAM. PLEASE NOTIFY BERENDA, IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATION BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 DEADLINE.

**Berenda Pendleton
(601) 259-2013**

Nomination COMMITTEE

Committee on Nominations Report

Nominations Committee met on Friday, August 2, 2024, via Zoom at 5:00 PM.

Virginia Case, Chairperson
Annie Cassidy
Margaret Gipson
Jeanette Moore

Disaffiliations hit us hard last year and we appreciate Board members who served an extra year. Thank all of you who submitted recommendations and all of you who supported us with your commitments.

Slate of Officers for 2025

We respectfully propose the following nominations for positions for the Leadership Team for the year 2025:

Vice President–Virginia Case

Secretary–Angela Griffin

Secretary of Program Resources–Gwendolyn Coffee

Membership, Nurture, and Outreach–Ruby Lovett

Spiritual Growth–Laura Gillom

Committee on Nominations:
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations–Cecelia Davis

Nominations Committee, Class of 2025–Annie Cassidy agreed to serve another year. Class of 2025 now has 2 members.

Class of 2027– Mary Simpson and Mary Hamptom Wise.

This gives the Committee 6 members with the Chairperson as the tie breaking vote.

Mission u–Dean–Margaret Gipson
Assistant Dean–Dorothy Carter

These names will be presented at the Annual Conference Meeting in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Case, Chairperson, Committee on Nominations



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE
TALENT BANK INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE
LEADERSHIP**

Date: _____

Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell or Home

Local Church: _____ UMC (Yes or No)

Racial/Ethnic Group: _____ Employed: (Yes or No)

Nature of Employment: _____

Experience in UWF or UMW

Local: _____ District: _____

Conference: _____ Other: _____

Areas of Interest & Concerns: _____

Special Talents and Skills: _____

Ability to be Away from Home or Employment

Full Day: _____ Weekend: _____ Extended Time: _____

Other Significant Information:

**If Person Filling out form is same as the Person Named
Complete the Following:**

Considered Position: _____

Can we consider your name for any position on the Conference UWF Executive
Committee: (Yes or No)

Year: _____

Signature of Person Submitting Information: _____ Date: _____

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Approved by:

Local President: _____

District President: _____

Education and Interpretation

Deadline for Mission Minute, Local Mission Today and Candle Burning reports have been extended until August 31, 2024. District Presidents were provided copies of these fill in forms last week of June.

Toya Allen, E&I Coordinator

Standing Rules Committee

Standing Rules On page 76 under B. Committees, we will add for clarification:

The 11 core Leadership team members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, Communication Coordinator, Social Action, Membership, Nurture, and Outreach, Education and Interpretation, Spiritual Growth, and the Chairman of Nominations, all appointed officers, nomination committee, and all those serving Beyond the Conference will be compensated for lodging, meals, and travel. All receipts and vouchers must be present to the treasurer within 30 days after the meeting.

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C. Meetings

An Honorarium will be given to churches who host a conference event not to exceed 100 dollars; all refreshments will be the responsibility of the host church and district.

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District Leadership Training

2a. The 11 core members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, Communication Coordinator, Social Action, Membership, Nurture, & Outreach, Education & Interpretation, Spiritual Growth, and the Chairman of Nomination Committee will be paid for travel, meals, and lodging for this event.

These 11 core members count as the trainers for this event. All of those attending trainings such as District Presidents and other district officers will not receive compensation from the conference for trainings. They will receive compensation for travel and lodging from their districts or at their own expense.

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Assembly and SEJ Meetings

2a. The conference will pay expenses for the 11 core Leadership Team Members (as stated above) and those members who have been nominated to serve. Anyone else attending these meeting will be responsible for their expenses and all other cost associated with these meetings.

Page 85 – H. Financial Policies

6. Travel expenses for Mission u Administrative

Committee members: Dean, Assistant Dean, Registrar, Secretary, Business Manager, and Conference President; attending a Conference Mission u shall be paid at regular conference rate.

All other members of the Conference Leadership team, including appointed members and District Presidents will have their expenses paid by their respective district or at their own expense.

Submitted by Standing Rules chair, Cecelia Davis

Arlean Hall Mission Grants

Minutes of July 23, 2024, meeting held at 1209 Lyncrest, Jackson, MS.

The Arlean Hall Board of Directors met at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, to decide on recipients of the 2024 mission grants. Three members, Martha Currie, treasurer; Sonya Erickson and Kay Barksdale, president; were in attendance, with the other five, Cecelia Davis, secretary; Jean Ricks, Berenda Pendleton, Kathleen Smith, and Henrietta Brown, sending their preferences by e-mail or telephone.

The group addressed several concerns which will be discussed by the full committee in person at the January meeting: meeting dates for the board; conflicts of interest; necessity for signatures of pastors/directors, specific name and purpose for proposed mission program, and accurate details of matching funds.

Minor changes in the guidelines for the grants and requirements for the grant recipient reports will be added to the 2025 applications if approved by the board.

Twelve applications were approved by the board, totaling \$22,700.00. See attached copy.

Submitted by

Kay Barksdale, Chairperson

2024 Arlean Hall Grants

Church/Agency	Project	\$ Request	Awarded
Choctaw Mission	Fill a Backpack	\$2,350	\$2,350
Choctaw Mission2	Operation Christmas	\$2,500	\$2,500
Galilee-Treadwell UMC	Higher Ed project	\$1,000	\$500
Gautier FUMC	Backpack buddies	\$2,500	\$2,500
Grace UMC	Honey in the Rock	\$2,500	\$2,500
Gulfside Assembly	Lifeskills development	\$2,500	\$2,500
ICC Tupelo	Campus support	\$500	\$500
Moore Comm. House	Women in Construct.	\$2,500	\$2,500
Morton UMC	Diaper Ministry	\$2,500	\$2,100
New Mt. Zion UMC	Project Backpack	\$1,000	\$1,000
St. Matthews UMC	Birthday gift for Christ	\$1,250	\$1,250
Starkville FUMC	Backpack Meals	\$2,500	\$2,500
	TOTAL	\$23,600	\$22,700

Charter for Racial Justice in an Interdependent Global Community

Because we believe:

That God is the Creator of all people, and all are God's children in one family;

That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;

That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;

That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, environmental and political exploitation;

That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sister and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;

That in our common humanity in creation, all women and men are made in God's image, and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;

That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured;

That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships, and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures and practices of both church and state;

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

Therefore,

as United Methodists in every place across the land, we will unite our efforts within the church to take the following actions:

Eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church, giving special attention to those institutions that we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices, environmental policies and availability of services and facilities.

Create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.

Increase efforts to recruit people of all races into the membership of The United Methodist Church and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.

Establish workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.

Raise local churches' awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment, medical care and environmental justice for all members of the community, and to create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.

Work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people such as through support of the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights.

Support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in church and community.

Facilitate nomination and election processes that include all racial groups by employing a system that prioritizes leadership opportunities of people from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the ongoing legacy of racial injustice, and use measures to align our vision for racial justice with actions that accelerate racial equality.



Reading Program

The Reading Program of United Women in Faith brings members together to read, share and discuss books in a variety of genres for all ages.

 United Women in Faith

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books. There's something for everyone—the Reading Program is available for:

Adults, youth, and children. Enlightening subjects in diverse genres, including:

Education for Mission

Leadership Development

Nurturing for Community

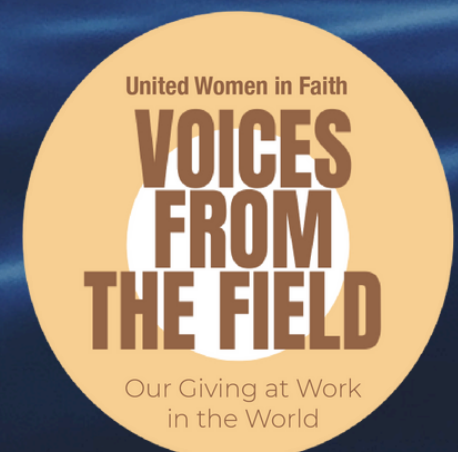
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