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United
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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.

What Does the Lord Require ... Act Justly... Love Mercy... Walk Humbly... With God. -Micah 6:8

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MS Conference UWF Calendar 2026

~~January 9–10, 2026 Mississippi Conference Leadership Team Meeting
Methodist Foundation 581 Highland Colony Pkwy Ridgeland, MS 39157~~

~~January 25, 2026
Book Study “Before the Street Lights Come On”
by Heather McTeer Toney ZOOM~~

~~February 7, 2026
Mission u Committee Meeting ZOOM~~

~~March 6–7, 2026 | Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat
Lake Tiak-O’Khata, Louisville, MS~~

~~May 15–17, 2026 | United Women in Faith Assembly 2026
Indianapolis, IN~~

~~June 3, 2026 | UWF Luncheon
St. Luke UMC Jackson, MS~~

~~June 3–5, 2026 | 2026 Session of The Mississippi Annual Conference
Millsaps College Jackson, MS~~

~~July 17 – 18, 2026 | Conference Mission u (In person)
Theme: Experiencing Emmanuel
Central UMC, Jackson, MS~~

~~August 7 – 8, 2026 | Mississippi Conference Leadership Team Meeting
Methodist Foundation
581 Highland Colony Pkwy Ridgeland, MS 39157~~



~~October 9–10, 2026 | Conference UWF Annual Meeting Central District
First UMC, West Point, MS~~

~~November 7, 2026 | Conference District Officer Training ZOOM~~

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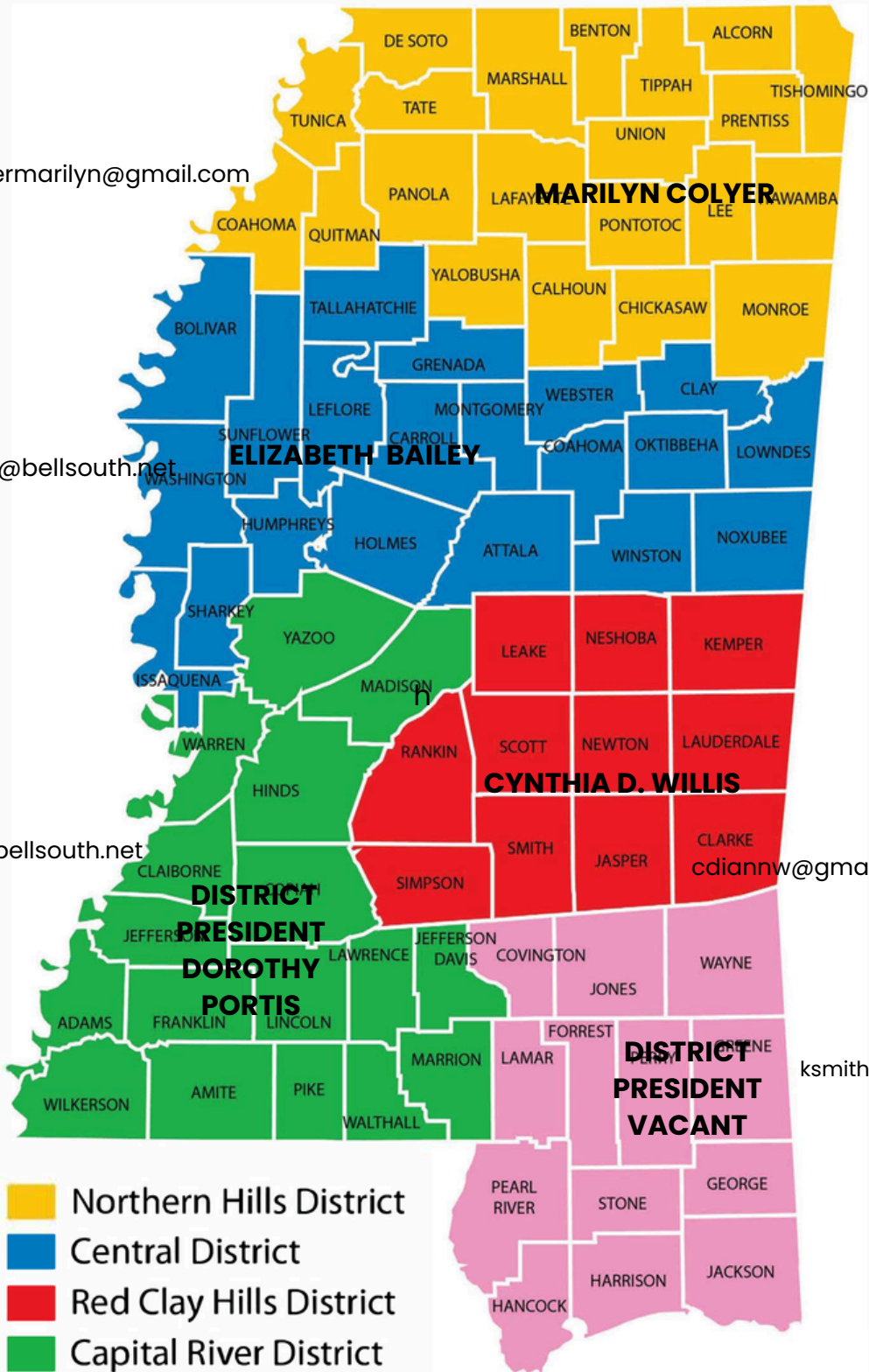
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- Central District
- Red Clay Hills District
- Capital River District
- Gulf Pines District



June
3rd

**MS CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
LUNCHEON**



**St. Luke UMC
621 Duling Avenue
Jackson, MS
11:00am-12:30pm**

Guest Speaker, Rev. Lynn Mote
Northern Hills
District Superintendent



Guest Soloist
Charlotte J. Bryant
Middlebrook UMC
Jackson, MS

Cost: \$30.00
No on site registration

Please send the form and check/money order to:

MS Conference United Women in Faith
Attn: Women Luncheon Event
616 Carson Drive
Byram, MS 39272



Mississippi
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Please wear the color green representing one of our 2026 conference goals
Mental Health Awareness

* 1. Name:

First name

Last name

* 2. Email:

Email address

* 3. Address

No address needed

* 4. Phone (optional):

Country
code

Phone number

+1

* 5. MS Conference UWF District

**Capital River
Central
Gulf Pines
Northern Hills
Red Clay Hills**

Menu

Bake Chicken or Hamburger Steak(with gravy)

Southern Greens

California Style Mixed Vegetables

Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Garden Salad

Rolls/Cornbread

Dessert

Tea/Lemonade

**No on site registration or payment at the door.
Your name tag will have a dot indicating your have
pre registered to facilitate meal distribution.**

Seating capacity is 100.

Please register as soon as possible

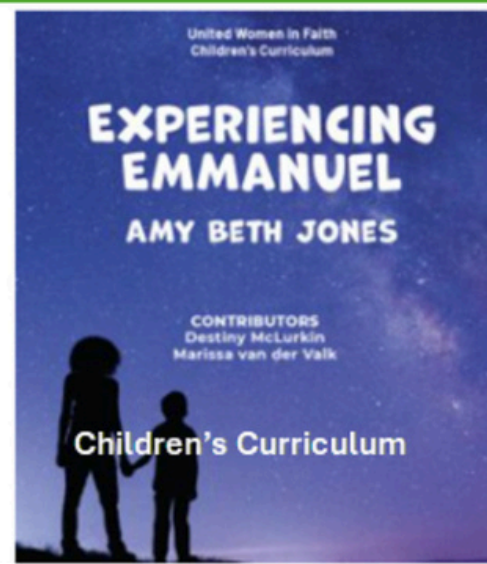
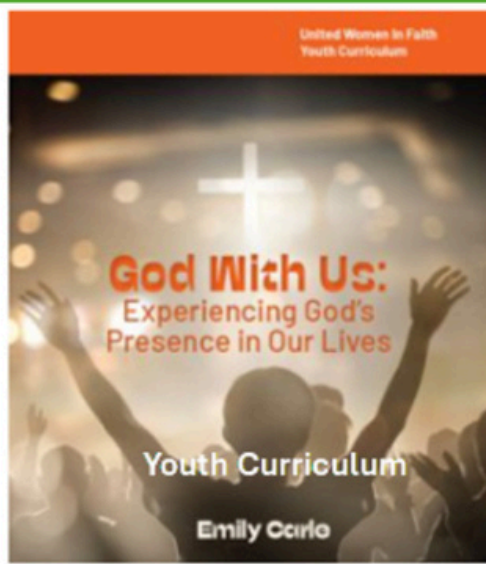
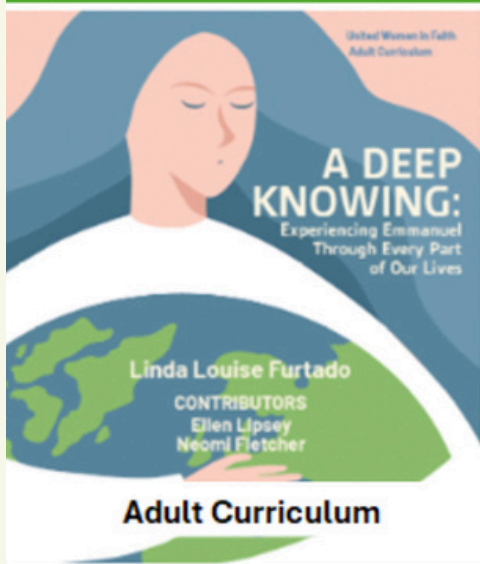
DEADLINE: May 15, 2026

**Checks or Money Orders made payable to
MS Conference UWF Luncheon**

ADDRESS: Berenda Pendleton

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Byram, MS 39272



Mission u 2026

Friday, July 17 – Saturday, July 18, 2026
Central United Methodist Church
500 N. Farish Street
Jackson, MS 39202

NOTE!!!
LOCATION
HAS
CHANGED.

Mission u is a transformative educational program that encompasses both Bible-based curricula and events. All are welcome to engage with either or both components of Mission u.

Interested in deepening your faith in community? Gaining experience interpreting Scripture? Working toward healing for yourself, your community, and all of creation? Mission u is for you!

Each year, United Women in Faith develops three justice-focused Biblical curricula for adults, youth, and children, all on a common theme. In 2026, our theme will be Experiencing Emmanuel. Our focus is on developing three curricula around one common theme which means that Mission u offers a unique opportunity for faith communities to create powerful intergenerational learning experiences.

I am praying that all UWF members begin intentionally "Experiencing Emmanuel" for ourselves as well as women and children around world. Let us challenge ourselves to **INVITE** everyone to participate in Mission u 2026- the goal is ME + 2 or more. We are excited to announce the children and youth curriculums (ages 8-17) will be offered in our Mission u! All District Presidents, please lift up Mission u 2026 now.

Blessings,

Mission u Dean
Margaret Gipson

Mission u Assistant Dean
Dorothy Carter/ Gabrielle Barnes (Acting Assistant Dean)

ORDER YOUR MISSION u BOOKS FROM AMAZON!

**MISSISSIPPI UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
2026 BUDGET**

Total Pledge to Mission from District's		\$ 36,907.44
United Methodist Women's National Office -Pledge		\$ 25,835.21
A & MD Fund (30% from \$36,907.44)		\$ 11,072.23
MS United Women in Faith Projected income		\$ 21,477.77
		\$ 32,550.00
Conference Leadership		
Directory	\$ 800.00	
Financial Reviews	\$ 2,400.00	
Committee Mettings	\$ 1,500.00	
Women's Luncheon	\$ 2,000.00	
Website Design	\$ 1,200.00	
Mission Resource	\$ 500.00	
Total		\$ 8,400.00
Christian Global Concerns		
Conference Mission u	\$ 4,000.00	
Mission u and Leader Training Event	\$ 1,250.00	
Total		\$ 5,250.00
Southeastern Jurisdictional		
SEJ Meeting	\$ -	
SEJ A&MD Fund	\$ 300.00	
Assembly	\$ 7,500.00	
Total		\$ 7,800.00
Social Action		
Legislative Event	\$ 500.00	
Total		\$ 500.00
Spiritual Growth		
Spiritual Growth Retreat	\$ 2,000.00	
Total		\$ 2,000.00
Membership Nurture & Outreach		
The Beacon	\$ 400.00	
Women's Forum	\$ 200.00	
Annual Meeting	\$ 4,500.00	
Special Mission Recognition	\$ 200.00	
Total		\$ 5,300.00
District Work		
District A & MD Fund	\$ 2,500.00	
District Officer Training	\$ 800.00	
Total		\$ 3,300.00
		\$ 32,550.00
Total		\$ 32,550.00

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
2026 District Pledge to Mission**

District A – Northern Hills: \$5,000.00

District B -Central: \$6,407.44

District C -Capital River: \$7,000.00

District D – Red Clay Hills: \$8,500.00

District E – Gulf Pines: \$10,000.00

TotalPledgetoMississippiConference:

Total: \$ 36,907.44

Mississippi Conference UWF – Candle Burning 2026

District _____ City _____

Special Emphasis on Mission Giving – **Remittance Form**

In Honor of Mission Minute Person (Mission Minute is **\$8.62**)

Name	Donor	Church
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

In Memory of Mission Minute Person (Mission Minute is \$ **\$8.62**)

Name	Donor	Church
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

In Honor of Individuals (Minimum Amount \$5)

Name	Donor	Church	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

In Memory of Loved Ones (Minimum Amount \$5)

Name	Donor	Church	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

In Honor of Children (Minimum Amount \$5)

Name	Donor	Church	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

In Memory of Children (Minimum Amount \$5)

Name	Donor	Church	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Amount of Remittance: \$ _____ Check #: _____ Date: _____

Local Organization Treasurer: _____ Telephone No. _____

NOTE: MAIL THIS **FORM WITH REMITTANCE** AS FOLLOWS:

Local Treasurer to your District Treasurer – District Treasurer to Conference Treasurer

The district treasurer will mail a copy of the form to Conference E&I. Keep a copy for your records.

DEADLINE FOR RECOGNITION AT THE CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING IS AUGUST 1.

LOCAL MISSION TODAY ORGANIZATION REPORT

Date Due: August 1, 2026

Mail to Marie McLaurin, POB 2754, Jackson, MS 39207

Or email: (all lower-case letters) msreemac@yahoo.com

Send a copy to: Your District Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Church: _____ City: _____ District: _____

Unit Address: _____

President: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Number of Members _____

To become a member of the Mission Today Organization, the local organization must meet a minimum of eight (8) of the following eighteen (18) criteria. NOTE: For local organizations with fifteen (15) or fewer members, a minimum of six (6) criteria must be met. Check each criterion met between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026.

- _____ 1. The organization added at least two members to its roll.
Names: _____ & _____
- _____ 2. The organization used at least two programs from the UWF Program Book.
Title of Program: _____ & _____
- _____ 3. The organization conducted at least one mission study.
Name of Study: _____
- _____ 4. The Prayer Calendar was used at each meeting to pray for mission workers and projects.
- _____ 5. Members wrote to five (5) persons listed in the Prayer Calendar.
- _____ 6. The organization has at least two members who subscribe to *Response* Magazine.
Names: _____ & _____
- _____ 7. The organization or circle(s) included a *Response* moment where an item from the magazine was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- _____ 8. The organization participated in the Reading Program in at least two of the following ways:
 - a. Enrolled interested members in the Reading Program.
 - b. Secured and circulated Reading Program Books among members.
 - c. Distributed copies of the Report Form so participants can keep track of and report their reading.
 - d. At least two members completed one of the Reading Program plans.
- _____ 9. The organization made and will meet its Pledge to Missions.
- _____ 10. The organization is a Five Star organization, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving and to Candle Burning.
- _____ 11. The organization invited a District or Conference officer, other than a member of the Organization, to One of its meetings during the year. Name: _____
- _____ 12. The organization made an on-site visit to one of the National Mission Institutions in Mississippi:
 - a. Bethlehem Center (Jackson)
 - b. Moore Community House (Biloxi)
 - c. Rust College (Holly Springs)
 - d. Wesley House Community Center (Meridian)

____ 13. The organization implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policy in at least two ways during the Year. Describe: _____

(or) mark all that apply:

- a. Increase efforts to recruit women of all races into the membership of UWF.
- b. Create opportunities where all racial and economic groups come together.
- c. Create workshops to study the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
- d. Increase awareness of the continuing need for equal education, housing, employment and medical care for all members of the community.
- e. Support nomination and election process which includes all racial groups.

____ 14. The organization had at least two programs during the year on the following UWF Justice and Advocacy

Issues

- a. Preventing or reducing gun violence.
- b. Increasing awareness of human trafficking.
- c. Preventing domestic violence.
- d. Maternal and child health.
- e. Criminalization of communities of color.
- f. Economic inequality.

____ 15. At least one member receives and reports on information about social issues from: www.uwfaith.org.

____ 16. The organization make a pledge to care for God's creation and becomes a "Green" UWF organization Organization. Information at: www.uwfaith.org.

____ 17. At least one member of the organization attended Conference Mission u.
Name: _____

____ 18. At least two members attended the District or Conference Annual meeting.
Names: _____ & _____

2025-2026 Approved Mission Studies

Adult Study: Practicing Hope Together
Study Book: Practicing Hope by Tabatha Holley
Scripture: Luke 24:13-14

Excellence in Mission Certificate Criteria

Criteria for Excellence in Mission Study:

1. A current, approved mission study course and text are used.
2. The study group has a prepared and capable leader.
3. The group spends a minimum of four (4) hours studying.
4. Class members prepare between sessions, reading the text and doing other assignments.
5. Class members, as individuals or as a group, make and carry out an action plan resulting from the study.
(This mission action must be completed.)

Mission Studies Process:

- Local organizations must meet and report all “Criteria for Excellence in Mission Study” to receive a Certificate of Excellence. Send reports to the Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator. Certificates will be awarded by District Coordinators of Education and Interpretation at District Annual Meetings.
- Local organizations reporting completed studies that did not meet all five (5) criteria will receive “Honorable Mention” certificates at District Annual Meetings.
- Study year: August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026. Studies must be reported in the year held.

Reports are due on August 1, 2026, and must be received by August 1, 2026.

Mail to:

Marie McLaurin, POB 2754, Jackson, MS 39207 – OR email: msreemac@yahoo.com

2026
Reading Program
Programa De Lectura
독서 프로그램



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READING PROGRAM PLAN

Greetings United Women in Faith,

We encourage each of you to participate in the Reading Program. Eligible years: For 2026, books from the 2021-2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit, if you have not previously read them. You can find a combined Excel list of all these books at bit.ly/RPBookList. The annual Reading Programs are also available in a PDF format for each credit eligible year at uwfaithresources.org. You can also purchase most of the current Reading Program books at bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith.

Plan I

- 5 books each year
- 1 book from each category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports

Plan II:

- 10 books each year
- 2 books from each category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports

Plan III

- 15 books each year
- 2 books from each category
- Plus 5 additional books from any category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports

Plan IV

- 20 books each year
- 2 books from each category
- Plus 10 additional books from any category
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports

You can also receive Reading Program reporting credit for:

- Listening to the Faith Talks podcast: 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for 2+ episodes
- Listening to the Voices From the Field podcast: 1 credit in Education for Mission for 2+ episodes
- Reading response magazine: 1 credit in Nurturing for Community for reading one year (6 issues)
- Being part of a Mission u study, including Mission u 2024 (Living the Kin-dom) and Mission u 2025 (Hope as a Resurrection People): – 1 credit in Spiritual Growth for reading a Mission u study on your own – 2 credits in Spiritual Growth for joining a Mission u study together with others, as a leader or participant
- Movies and television programs based on current Reading Program books are also eligible for credit. In determining the category for credit, identify the category of the original book and apply credit for the film to the same category.

Complete Reading Program Plans I, II, III, or IV. Fill out the Book Reporting Form. Please submit the Form to the conference **Program Resources Coordinator by August 1, 2026**. All members and friends of United Women in Faith who complete a Plan and submit the form in a timely manner are eligible to receive the *Annual Certificate of Recognition*.

Blessings and Peace,
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Reading Program Report
Form

 Link

REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or equivalent according to your conference's schedules.)

NAME:

PLAN CHOSEN: I II III IV

CURRENT YEAR:

MISSION EMPHASES	Education for Mission
	Leadership Development
	Nurturing for Community
Social Action	
Spiritual Growth	

I have completed the required reading for PLAN . The books I have read are listed on this form.

LOCAL UNIT
DISTRICT
CONFERENCE
PRINT NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP

I have also read **response** regularly.

response	<i>Check off the issues you have read</i>

United Women in Faith
Of
The Mississippi Conference

2026 Arlean Hall
Mission Grants
Guidelines and Application



Application Deadline
May 30, 2026

Only Completed Applications Postmarked
Or Emailed
By The Due Date Will Be Considered

Application is available on UWF website, Mississippi-uwf.org





[Application is available on UWF website, Mississippi-uwf.org](http://Mississippi-uwf.org)

[Link](#)

Arlean Hall Mission Grants

Arlean Hall First Mission Grants Awarded in 2014 United Methodist Women of the Mississippi Conference approved the request from the Arlean Hall Board of Directors to offer grants for mission projects for women, children and families from the insurance proceeds and accrued interest received after Arlean Hall was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The 2026 Mission Grants are available to any Mississippi United Methodist agency or church to help fulfill its mission. Each applicant must demonstrate a particular project or need for its ministry to be considered for the grant.

CRITERIA

**The grant shall be used for mission projects
for women, children, youth, and families.**

Mail Applications to Arlean Hall Mission Grants
c/o Kay B. Barksdale
1209 Lyncrest Avenue
Jackson, MS 39202

Or Email Applications to kbbarks10@gmail.com cell phone: 601-955-6623

To ensure receipt of applications send by US Postal Service or email to Kay B. Barksdale @kbbarks10@gmail.com for an acknowledgement or receipt. **DO NOT FAX. Applicants should receive receipt for the application within one week of submission. If receipt is not received, re-send the application with a message that first application was not acknowledged.**

AWARDS / RESTRICTIONS:

Grants range from \$500 to \$3,000 per project and will be awarded by July 15th of each year. Grants will be matching grants. Applicants must demonstrate how they will fund the other half or remainder of the project. Funding cannot be used for salaries, stipends, fees or short term mission trip travel.

Frances Perry Scholarship Application

Name in Full: _____

Mailing Address at School

Permanent Address

Date of Application: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Home Church: _____

College Presently Attending: _____

Classification: Junior _____

Senior _____

Graduate Student _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

List ALL Other Colleges/Universities Attended:

For What Career Are You Preparing? _____

List Other Available Sources of Financial Assistance Along with the Amount Expected to Receive:

Other Information Needed:

1. Three recommendations sent to the Committee Chairperson.
2. A transcript from all colleges/universities attended.
3. A statement of health from a qualified doctor and evidence of suitability for the work required.
4. A statement of purpose – what you plan to do when finished with your schooling. Also, any additional information that might be helpful in awarding you the scholarship.

Send completed applications, etc., to the Committee Chairperson by **June 10th**.

Mary Simpson, Chairperson
3222 Northview Drive
Meridian, MS 39305
(601) 880-3217
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Guidelines for the Frances Perry Scholarship

Revised February 2025

- I. Any student who is a member of a United Methodist Church in the Mississippi Conference may apply. The student must be at least a junior in college with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The student must be enrolled or plan to enroll in a University Senate-approved seminary. The student must plan to pursue a full-time professional ministry in the United Methodist Church.
- II. The maximum amount any person may receive is \$ 1,500 for each school year, which becomes a grant at the rate of \$ 1,500 credit for each year of service under the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church or full-time church work.
- III. Scholarships are approved for one year at a time, with the understanding that they may be renewed for a maximum of four years, provided the applicant continues to meet the criteria and maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. An updated application must be submitted for each additional year applied.
- IV. Applications for scholarships must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Frances Perry Scholarship Committee by June 10th for the school year beginning with the fall term.
- V. For Junior, Senior, or Graduate Students, three recommendations are required. One should be from a professor with whom the applicant has taken classes in the chosen field of study. One should be from the pastor of the church where the student is a member. Recommendations should be sent directly to the Chairperson of the Frances Perry Scholarship Committee.
- VI. The following must accompany the application:
 - A. Transcript(s) from ALL colleges/universities attended, including the fall term of the present year of schooling.
 - B. A statement of health from a qualified doctor and evidence of suitability for the work required.
 - C. A statement of purpose: What do you plan to do after school? Additionally, provide any relevant information that may be helpful.
- VII. The Frances Perry Scholarship Committee of the Mississippi Conference United Women in Faith will evaluate applications and award scholarships in July.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Capital River

Hello Capital River Women in Faith,

Grace and peace to each of you! We know many have been waiting to hear from us, and we thank you for your patience as we move through this season of transition. As we come together from two districts into one, we are excited about the new opportunities God is placing before us.

During this time of reorganization, we may not yet have complete information for every local unit and its officers. We ask that you prayerfully assist us by sending your updated unit and officer information to our secretary (email and name are listed with the Current Officers below). Your help ensures that no one is left out as we move forward together.

We also want to lift up these important dates and opportunities:

- **Prayers for the Mississippi Conference Delegation – May 14–17, 2026.** Let us surround our sisters in prayer as approximately 60 women travel to Assembly 2026. May their journey be safe, their hearts be open, and their time together be filled with inspiration, renewal, and the presence of God.
- **Conference Luncheon – June 2026 at St. Luke’s, Jackson** This will be a joyful time to reconnect, build new relationships, and celebrate our shared mission. Let us come together in unity—wearing our green as a symbol of growth and hope—and register early as a sign of our commitment to be present and engaged.
- **Candle Burning Challenge-** We invite all District Officers to rise to a meaningful challenge: to match or exceed our officers’ contributions to Candle Burning. Each gift, measured at **\$8.62 per minute**, represents light, love, and service reaching beyond ourselves. Together, our collective generosity becomes a powerful witness of faith in action.

As we step into this new chapter, let us do so with hearts full of hope, hands ready to serve, and a spirit of unity that reflects the love we share. The future of Capital River Women in Faith is bright—because of each of you.

With gratitude and expectation,

Capital River Leadership Team

Capital River District

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Unmasking Complicity: United Women in Faith Challenges the Status Quo

The Red Clay Hills United Women in Faith held our book talk and social action Zoom meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2026, to discuss Joan Chittister's *The Time is Now (A Call to Uncommon Courage)*. The discussion question that really got the conversation started was from Chapter 2, "Paradox": Sister Joan reminds us that "prophecy has ragged edges." Have you ever avoided conversations to "keep the peace" or "to be nice"? In hindsight, if you have the chance to repeat a conversation about important justice issues, how might you have used the conversation to introduce a new way of thinking about the issue, or offer a tangible way to change behavior to uphold a new vision? Most of us have "kept the peace" because of social conditioning.

We're taught that being "nice" is a virtue, but in the context of justice, "nice" can often become a mask for complicity. When we stay silent to avoid a "scene," we prioritize our own comfort over the dignity of those being harmed by the issue at hand. We have to shift from "Winning" to "Witnessing." We used the minimum wage scenario. Many feel that the minimum wage should not be increased because they are financially stable and believe that a person should work harder or take on another job to improve their finances. The old you would argue to prove someone wrong, but the new you would introduce a new vision. Instead of saying "You're wrong about an issue," try saying "I've been learning to look at this through the lens of fairness. It changed my perspective to realize that some people may not be able to secure a job that will meet all their financial needs. Society is made up of people from many different backgrounds, educational statuses, and demographic areas. They should have the same opportunities for their family as someone from a family with generational wealth.

To close out the meeting, we listened to the video "The Time Is Now: What Will You Do About Racism Today?" We were challenged by our district president, Cynthia Willis, to step up and take action. Will we continue to look away, or will we take action like the citizens of Minneapolis? Our vision states "Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world." So let's step up and take action.



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