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MS CONFERENCE UWF
ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST UMC WEST POINT, MS
OCTOBER 9-10 2026

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THE PURPOSE: 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.

Dear Ladies,

This year has flown by! Luncheon, Assembly, and Mission u! So many committees and small groups have been meeting and working together.

Now it's time for our Annual Conference. We need everyone to attend! We will be voting on new officers and standing rules. And hearing updates from other committees.

The color is RED. Please wear red on Saturday. The theme is "Every Voice, Every Vote".

Hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,
Virginia Case,
MS Conference UWF VP/Program Chair



Mississippi Conference United Women in Faith

Resident Bishop Sharma D. Lewis Logan
Conference President Kathleen Smith



38th Annual Meeting



Theme: "Every Voice, Every Vote"

**Speaker: Emily Jones, Executive for Racial Justice,
United Women in Faith, National**



October 9-10, 2026



**West Point First United Methodist Church
612 Broad Street
West Point, MS 39773**

Rev. Todd Watson,
Central District Superintendent

Elizabeth Bailey
Central District UWF President

Gail Foote
West Point First UWF President



Annual Meeting Registration link

**Check-in at the church 3:30-6:30 PM
All workshops will be held at the church**



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**MS CONFERENCE UWF 38TH ANNUAL MEETING
October 9-10, 2026**

**Join Us for Our Special Interactive Workshops!
on October 9, 2026**



**Time for the Workshops
(Rotation)
5-5:45 PM
&
6-6:45 PM**

Workshop #1

**Unstoppable Campaign: "How to Become A Powerful
Influencer and Achieve Our Vision of Growth."**

- **Presenter: Ruby Lovett, MS Conference UWF**
- **Membership, Nurture & Outreach**

Workshop #2

Social Justice: "Voter Rights"

- **Presenter: Mississippi State Representative Ricky Thompson, District 16**
- **Presenter: Mississippi State Representative Cheikh Taylor, District 38**





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38th Annual Meeting General Schedule

First United Methodist Church, West Point, MS

October 9-10, 2026

Theme: "Every Voice, Every Vote" Meeting General Schedule

Friday, October 9, 2026

3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Check-in at First United Methodist Church
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Displays and Exhibits, Prayer Room available in the Church
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Workshop #1 Unstoppable Campaign-Ruby Lovett
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Workshop #2 Social Justice- Rep. Rickey Thompson and Rep. Cheika Taylor
6:45 p.m.	Gathering Music
7:00 p.m.	Praise and Worship Services at First United Methodist Church

Following Praise and Worship ~ Reception ~ Hosted by Central District ~ Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 10, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Check-in at First United Methodist Church
Displays and Exhibits	
Prayer Room available in the Church	
8:45 a.m.	Gathering Music
9:00 a.m.	Saturday Morning Session
12:30 p.m.	Lunch- First United Methodist Church

MISSISSIPPI UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
2027 BUDGET

Total Pledge to Mission from District's		\$	36,907.4	
United Methodist Women's National Office -Pledge		\$	4	
			25,835.2	
A & MD Fund (30% from \$36,907.44)		\$	1 1,072.23	
MS United Women in Faith Projected income		\$	16,177.7	
		\$	7	
			27,250.0	
			0	
Conference Leadership				
Directory	\$	400.00		
Financial Reviews	\$	2,400.00		
Committee Mettings	\$	1,500.00		
Women's Luncheon	\$	2,500.00		
Website Design	\$	1,200.00		
Mission Resource	\$	500.00		
		\$	8,500.00	
Christian Global Concerns				
Conference Mission u	\$	4,000.0		
Mission u and Leader Training Event	\$	0		
		1,250.0	\$	5,250.00
Southeastern Jurisdictional		0		
SEJ Meeting	\$	-		
SEJ A&MD Fund	\$	300.00		
Assembly	\$	-		
			\$	300.00
Social Action				
Social Action Event	\$	4,000.00		
Spiritual Growth				
Spiritual Growth Event	\$	-	\$	4,000.00
Membership Nurture & Outreach				
The Beacon	\$	300.00		
Women's Forum	\$	200.00		
Annual Meeting	\$	6,000.00		
Special Mission Recognition	\$	200.00		
		\$	6,700.00	
District Work				
District A & MD Fund	\$	2,500.00		
District Officer Training (via zoom)	\$	-		
			\$	2,500.00
		\$	27,250.00	

Theme: Faith In Action Giving With Purpose

2 Corinthians 9:7 – "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

As your MS Education & Interpretation Conference Chair, I am asking each district to prepare a Mission Poster.

Posters will be displayed during the MS United Women in Faith Annual Conference on October 9th - 10th, 2026. The hosting church is First United Methodist Church in West Point, MS.

The posters should reflect the theme for 2026;. Labeled tripods will be available for each poster display.

Thank you for your Love and Support

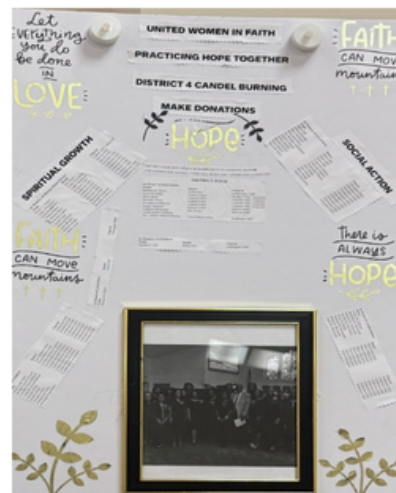
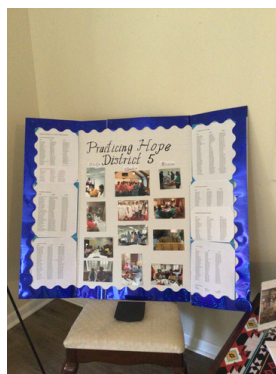
"Give Intentionally, Willingly and Cheerfully"

Marie McLaurin, E&I Conference Chair

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Please see the examples below:



Committee on Nominations Report

The Committee on Nominations met at the Mississippi Methodist Foundation on Friday, August 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Those present were: Cecelia Davis, Jennette Moore, Margaret Gipson, Mary Hampton-Wise, Mary Simpson, Mary Pittman, and Mary Benson.

Slate of Officers for 2027

We respectfully propose the following nominations for positions for the Leadership Team for the year 2027:

Spiritual Growth Coordinator – Jamie LeJeune – Gulf Pines District

Communications Coordinator -- Semone McAlpine – Red Clay Hills

District Treasurer – Daphne LeFlore – Capital Rivers District

**Standing Rules –
Mary Pittman – Gulf Pines District**

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

**Respectfully submitted, Cecelia Davis
Chairperson Committee on Nominations**



Committee on Nominations Leadership Team

The Committee on Nominations Leadership Team would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following individuals who have completed their terms of service. We are deeply grateful for the dedication, commitment, and valuable service they provided during their tenure.

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Lori Polk — Communication

Diane Reynolds — Standing Rules

Laura Gilliom — Spiritual Growth

Brenda Spencer — Social Action

Berenda Pendleton — Treasurer

Jeanette Moore — Nominations

Margaret Gibson — Nominations



Conference Standing Rules Guidelines

(Page numbers are from the Revised Directory as published.)
Additions and/or changes are in bold/italics.

Submitted by Diane Reynolds, Standing Rules Chairperson

Page 41, Section A. Nominations, Elections, and Appointive Procedures

In addition to the officers specified in the Conference Bylaws, the following **appointed** officers shall be elected ~~approved by~~ the membership of the Annual Meeting: Vice President; ~~Communication Coordinator; Secretary of~~ Program Resources; and Mission Coordinators of Education and Interpretation; Membership Nurture and Outreach; Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Job descriptions are to be developed by the Committee on Nomination and adjusted annually to reflect the ongoing needs of the Conference.

(Explanation for removing the Communication Coordinator. The Communication Coordinator is an elected, not appointed position. I should have spotted this error earlier)

Page 47, Section D, Financial Policies, 8. Honoraria

- a. Honoraria for Annual Meeting speakers and Spiritual Growth Retreat/**Social Action Event speakers** shall be \$40 per presentation hour with a minimum of \$100. Speakers or resource persons coming into the Conference other than those receiving honoraria may be given a Love Gift not to exceed \$50. No honorarium is paid to Conference officers or chairpersons serving in their own Conference.
- b. Musicians for all events will be given an honorarium in an amount not to exceed ~~\$100~~ **\$125. If there are two, a musician and a singer, each will receive \$75.**
- c. **Church fees are not to exceed \$500.**
- d. **If security is needed at the event, the honorarium should not exceed \$100.**





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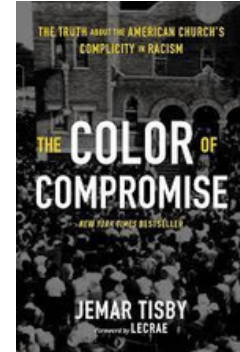
PROGRAM RESOURCES COORDINATOR UPDATES

Greetings United Women in Faith,

We are excited to announce that we will have a Conference-wide book study discussion and Q&A via Zoom on Sunday, January 24, 2027, at 5:30 p.m. The study will be on the book, “The Color of Compromise” by Jemar Tisby coming from the Charter for Racial Justice.

Please spread the word by sharing this date with your District and Local Units. ***Order your book and start to read. More details to come!***

The 2027 Reading Program has been released! It is available at uwfaith.org/read for free download.



This year's Reading Program features a carefully-selected collection of contemporary books on spiritual growth, social action, leadership development, nurturing for community, and education for mission for readers of all ages. Selections include books in English, Spanish, and Korean.

Borrow the 2027 Reading Program books from your local library or purchase them from the bookseller of your choice, as you prefer. If you're looking for a centralized spot to buy most Reading Program books while earning 10% cash back for United Women in Faith, visit bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith.

Thank you to all who completed one of the Reading Program Plans.

Blessings and Peace,
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MS CONFERENCE UWF

Guidelines for the Frances Perry Scholarship

Revised August 2026

- 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 sophomore 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 \$2,500 for each school year, which becomes a grant at the rate of \$2,500 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 30th for the school year beginning with the fall term.
- V. For Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate students, two 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 from last college/university attended.
 - B. A statement of purpose: What are your future plans? 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 by July 31st.

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FRANCES PERRY SCHOLARSHIP

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/University Presently Attending: _____

Classification: Sophomore: ____ Junior: ____ Senior: ____ Graduate Student: ____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

List College/University Last Attended:

For What Career Are You Preparing?

Other Information Needed:

1. Two recommendations sent to the Committee Chairperson.
2. A transcript from the last college/university attended.
3. A statement of purpose: What are your future plans?

Send completed applications, etc., to the Committee Chairperson by June 30th.

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Capital River District Newsletter



District Announcements



Annual District Meeting

Mark your calendar!



Nominations for 2027

The Nominations Committee is continuing to prepare the slate for 2027. If you are interested in serving in any of the following positions, please contact Earnestine Varnado or Angie Weems. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving. There is a place for you in ministry and leadership!

Current areas of need include:

- **Spiritual Growth Coordinator**
 - **E & I Coordinator**
 - **Social Action Coordinator**
 - **Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator**
 - **At least two additional members for the Nominations Committee**
- Your gifts, talents, and willingness to serve are needed and deeply appreciated.**



What's Happening Around the District



Middlebrook UMC

Middlebrook UMC invites you to a special health and wellness event:

Roadmap to Resilience: Health and Wealth Fair

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: 2504 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS

Join us for a day focused on health, wellness, and building stronger, more resilient lives.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and especially at our Annual District Meeting. Let us continue to support one another, serve faithfully, and grow together in the Capital River District!



ANDERSON UMC UWF 2026 WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



UWF ASSEMBLY INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Woman's Day 2026



Aldersgate United Methodist Church
655 Beasley Road



Sunday, September 27, 2026



11:00 AM



Theme:
'Mapping Our Way Forward'



**Join us for worship,
fellowship, and celebration.**



Lunch Provided.



Red Clay Hills District

In July the Red Clay Hills District took a day trip to the 2 Museums of MS and enjoyed a fellowship lunch afterward.

We had our Mini Mission u on Saturday, August 15-10:00A.M. at Wesley Chapel UMC-Meridian.

Our study leader was Linda Thompson of Marvin UMC in Florence. We had a great study and shared ways we can experience God daily.

As a special part of experiencing God is by sharing with others, non perishable items were brought for Wesley House Community Center in Meridian.

We are scheduled to hold our Leadership Meeting Via Zoom on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 A.M. Our quarterly S.A.L.T. Book club talk is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, @ 4:00 P.M.

The book that we will be discussing is The Power of Together.

You are welcome to join us.

Cynthia D. Willis



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