

# Conference Communicator



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# President's Note

## UWF Mission Statement

***Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.***

***YOU ARE WELCOME IN UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EVEN IF YOUR CONGREGATION OR YOU DO NOT REMAIN IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. WE ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!***

We have experienced many things over the past four years as individuals, units, members of a rebranded organization and a denomination in turmoil. We have learned to deal with a pandemic and the loss of many people to that illness. We have learned to function much more in a virtual world than we ever did before to stay in touch with people and organizations that we care about. Change is a constant in our lives to what seems to be a much greater degree than in the past. How do we deal with it all?

We as Christians and members of United Women in Faith need to remain rooted in our faith and spiritual health to face the challenges of our day-to-day life and whatever our future holds. We need to continue and grow our "creative supportive fellowship" I encourage you to continue to pray not just for others but also for yourself. We need to be whole persons and care for ourselves so that we can care for others. Caring for yourself is not selfish. It is a necessity so that you can continue your work of ministering to others particularly women, children and youth as we can continue the legacy of United Women in Faith and all its predecessor organizations.

The rebranding of United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith was not a decision that was made lightly or quickly. This process has been years in development, and you have been included in the research that was done to bring this about. All those times that you or your unit completed the questions in the Census gave National information that was used in this process. One of the questions that was asked multiple times over the years was 'How do we attract younger women?'. That question was used to guide some of the research and the new brand is the result of some of that research and addresses many of the things that were discovered in the process. It is a lot of change, but we need to change and grow to meet the needs of those we want to attract to our organization and those that we want to minister to and with.

As we continue to face change all around us, remember to stay grounded in your faith and take care of yourself so that you can continue to care for others.

Grace, peace and prayers to all of you as we face the changes and challenges ahead.

Linda S. Thayer, President, [Lsthayer@gmail.com](mailto:Lsthayer@gmail.com), 724-882-6174

*P.S. I hope to see you at our Conference Annual Meeting and celebration on October 22, 2022, at Dutilh UMC, 1270 Dutilh Rd, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-5108.*

*You can attend either in person or virtually. Please make reservations for either option by contacting me at [Lsthayer@gmail.com](mailto:Lsthayer@gmail.com) or 724-882-6174 no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are not comfortable with technology or would just like some company when you join us virtually maybe, you can invite some friends to join you.*



# Spiritual Growth Meditation

As I was reading Joan Chittister's "The Time is Now" for our UWF book discussion, I was reminded of the Ecclesiastes passage in Chapter 3 about a time for every purpose under heaven and the author's use of opposites: to tear down and build up, to plant and uproot, to be silent and to speak. Sr Joan says there is a time to say "no" to everything that is not of God:

No to the abuse of women.  
No to the rejection of the stranger.  
No to crimes against immigrants.  
No to the rape of trees.  
No to the pollution of the skies.  
No to the poisoning of the oceans.  
No to the despicable destruction of humankind for the sake of wealth, more power, more control for a few.

There is a time to say "yes" to those things Jesus spoke of in his sermon at Nazareth: to speak good news, proclaim freedom, recover sight, release the oppressed. To really "follow" Jesus means to be in our time as he was in his. The spiritual obligation of our time is to reshape a world that has run amok. Sr Joan's "yesses" include:

Yes to equal rights to all.  
Yes to alleviating suffering,  
Yes to embracing the different.  
Yes to who God made you.

She calls us to be more full of hope in the future than we are afraid of pain in the present. I would add discouragement as part of that pain. For many of us, we've been struggling for years with issues that often seem unsurmountable. One step forward, two (or more) steps backward. The older I get I've come to realize some dreams just/probably won't be fulfilled in my lifetime. That is reason to work even harder now: to come closer – to hope. I find hope in Sr Joan's statement "if not for us, then because of us", a mantra I can apply to my life. It is clear none of us has the right to quit until God's will for the world is accomplished. We won't all accomplish monumental tasks – each act of obedience to God's prompting is an accomplishment.

The Talmud teaches: Those who risk nothing risk much more. T. S. Eliot adds to this concept: "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go"  
I would encourage each of you to read "The Time is Now -- A Call to Uncommon Courage" by Joan Chittister. She encourages and challenges us to be like the prophets of old who "did not rebuild the past. They didn't even really restore the present. But they did hold up a restless, unyielding vision of tomorrow."

Along with this challenge, I remind each of us that we need to recognize when we are becoming weary – when we need a pause – to allow a re-set. I offer this quick, effective practice: inhale, saying "Fill me", exhale, saying "Use me". These quiet moments remind us we are not alone – we do not need to do it all. God will fill us, equip us and be with us.

Sara Nute Dickey, 412-327-0122 or sarich@aol.com



# Membership, Nurture and Outreach

None of us has all the answers. I am grateful when a conversation reveals another woman's Spiritual Journey or a solution to a problem I'm struggling with. That part of our PURPOSE resonates with me – "to develop a creative supportive fellowship." Let me know about your Spiritual Journey – what are you grateful for – what are you frustrated with – what's working for your unit. In the olden days, we used to call that witnessing, or a testimonial.

## The Census/Survey

More than ever, it's important to stay connected, to help each other, and to serve together. If this reaches you before August 30, the deadline for completing the Census/Survey this year, please ask your unit president if she has completed the Survey. If not, offer to help her – or have her connect with your district president or membership person – or connect with me (Diane Miller – 814-498-2308). With information from a phone call, the survey can easily be completed by another person. We are a team!

When I completed the Survey for my local unit, and got confused, it turned out I could click on the link again and review or change answers from the beginning.

You can open the survey quickly by clicking on this link (if you get this newsletter digitally): [2021 Unit Survey](#) OR,

1. Visit: [uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org)
2. Select the Menu = drop down
3. Under the Resources section you will see the 2021 Unit Survey right below Shop & Download

## Inactive Units

Presidents and MNO's have asked me what to do when a unit wishes to disband. The following is the response from the National Office...

We cannot endorse disbanding units as the establishment of units in every church is mandated by the Book of Discipline. However, we are aware of the fact that some units might not be able to meet for various reasons. Here are things that should be done when you find out that a unit is considering going inactive:

- The district MNO and the president of the district (or the conference MNO if needed) should speak with the current unit president to determine what the issues are and if they can offer assistance. In some cases the units that become inactive can reach out to other women in the church to increase their membership. We can help them with that.
- The local unit visitation is important. Regular visits to local units can most times alert the district and conference teams of possible challenges BEFORE they happen. Dealing with the issues before and not after will be easier.
- If the unit still needs to go inactive, then the names of the present members should be recorded to determine if they still want to be in the loop, offering them options of joining other units, a possible district unit or an online unit depending on the situation.
- If a unit goes inactive, funds in the United Methodist Women account should be sent to the district treasurer and the books closed. The district treasurer should receive copies of the final financial report.

As you ponder what it means to be United Women in Faith, and the new "branding," be aware that all this is in response to answers we've been giving to census questions the past 5 years. UMW/UWF have been working to tweak resources and approaches to appeal to younger women, to diverse women, to women who work, and to stay-at-home mothers. I've found two videos (one quite short, the other longer) that give a good witness of what this is all about. The longer video includes the short video. Use the short video if you want to share and only have three minutes. I've shared active links for those receiving this digitally. If you're receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, when you get to your

[YouTube video: United Women in Faith](#) (2:23 minutes)

[United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith](#) (18 minutes)

United Methodist Women has helped to form me as a Christian. I'm expecting, in my old age, that United Women in Faith will continue to enhance my Spiritual Journey.

**Stay in touch...**

Diane Miller, 814-498-2308 or [diane.miller2747@gmail.com](mailto:diane.miller2747@gmail.com)

# Treasurer's Comments

Hello to all United Women in Faith in Western PA! It has been wonderful to be "out and about" this summer. Many of us have travelled, visited friends and families, having family and class reunions, etc. It is great not to wear masks!!! I hope we never have to do that again.

As you know be now, we have a new name.....United Women in Faith. But we are still doing the same activities as when we were United Methodist Women. The bake goods, the rummage sales, selling of hoagies, making candy, selling calendars and Daffin's candy bars, raising monies. The list goes on and on. My local unit has a flea market each July and we have a basket raffle, sell food, and tables to vendors. At the end of the day, we give every cent to missions, in our community and around the world. Reaching out to women, children and youth. And I know you do too.

So, thank you, ladies, for your work serving others in the name of Jesus. And I pray that Jesus blesses each local unit - no matter how small or large. It sure seems like we need more "love of Jesus" everywhere. There are lots of needs, but lots of blessings, too.

I have sent the district treasurers the information about getting your bank accounts changed to d/b/a (Doing Business As) United Women in Faith. The National office would hope this could be done by December 31, 2022.

Thank you for your financial support to the conference. Our proposed budget is \$120,000 for 2023. Many of you might have started to meet like we did in 2019 earlier this year. Thank you for all your efforts.

Linda L. Murdock

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## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

It is with excitement and anticipation of continuing to fulfill our PURPOSE that we look to 2023, the first year of the rebranding of our organization. WPA UWF will have a new President and Vice-President and new additions to the Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission Fund Committee, and Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice. We are indebted to retiring officers and, at the same time, sincerely appreciate the willingness of women who now have accepted Conference Leadership Team responsibilities.

Our WPA Conference still needs to fill the following offices and committees:  
Education and Interpretation Coordinator/Secretary of Program Resources

- Social Action Coordinator
- Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator
- Communication Coordinator
- Additional Members on
  - Committee on Nominations
  - Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission Fund Committee
  - Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice

Please consider filling one of these offices or membership on one of the committees. Contact any member of the Committee on Nominations if you would like to join the CLT or to learn more about the offices and committees.

May God's peace and grace be yours,

Mary Hart, Committee on Nominations, Chair, [twoharts2@icloud.com](mailto:twoharts2@icloud.com) 724-785-7976

# The Mission Barn



*1 Samuel 16:7b The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

As we journey throughout different chapters of life, our appearances and locations might change, but God is always surrounding us with love. One hundred years ago the Rogers dairy farm had four hundred acres of fields of cows ready for milking. Families in the community were being helped by production of milk, jobs, housing, and medical assistance. In the early 2000's, the farm evolved into the Eastbrook Mission Barn, which started out building ramps, and then joined the UMCOR relief supply network. Over the past year we have been outgrowing our usable space in the former dairy barn. We have prayerfully been seeking a new home for us to continue to grow and expand our vital ministries into the world. We are coming close to securing a new place in Lawrence County for us to relocate. Please keep this process in your continued prayers. When these efforts come to fruition, we will keep you informed. Whatever the building structure looks like, we will still be carrying out God's mission.

If you would like to volunteer at the barn – to verify or make up UMCOR kits or build ramp modules – you can anytime! You can also help in assembling a ramp in the community. Just contact us at [missionbarn@gmail.com](mailto:missionbarn@gmail.com) to register your team. Thank you to all the churches, individuals, and UMWs for your generous prayers and support for me as your Deaconess and Church and Community Worker and Eastbrook Mission Barn! If you would like someone to share the joy of missions with your church or organization, please contact me at [ktpete@gmail.com](mailto:ktpete@gmail.com).

My advance covenant salary number is 982942. Eastbrook Mission Barn's WPA advance number is ms002009b. If you donate through the WPA Conference, you can name your donation this way.  
Shalom, Katie

We are in need of cleaning buckets – please visit [umcor.org](http://umcor.org) to get the latest recipe for the contents.

Katie Peterson, Deaconess, Missionary, Social Action Coordinator  
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A Member of the UMCOR  
Relief Supply Network

# Social Action

Excerpts from UWF article -May 30, 2022 at <https://uwfaith.org/latest-news/2022/may-june-response-do-not-stop-them>

**Members of United Women in Faith work together to end the school-to-prison pipeline and give more children a chance at a hopeful future.**

by Emily Jones

*“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”* —Mark 10:14

The school-to-prison pipeline refers to policies and practices that reroute children and youth—especially children and youth of color—away from educational success and toward the criminal justice system. United Women in Faith’s campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline is a contemporary expression of our longstanding commitment to the well-being of children and youth and the struggle against racism in all its forms.

## **An unfair system**

In 2021, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights released updated data on discipline in public schools. The results were grim. Black K-12 students, only 15.1 percent of enrollment, comprised 31.4 percent of students receiving in-school suspensions, 38.2 percent of students receiving out-of-school suspensions, 38.8 percent of students expelled with educational services, 33.3 percent of students expelled without educational services, 28.7 percent of students referred to law enforcement and 31.6 percent of students arrested at schools.

At every grade level, Black students were targeted. Black students with disabilities faced even more alarming disproportionality: while only 2.3 percent of enrollment, Black students with disabilities were 8.8 percent of students suspended out of school and 9.1 percent of students arrested.

These impacts were apparent from the earliest days of students’ educational journeys: Black preschoolers (18.2 percent of enrollment) were 43.3 percent of students suspended out of school and 38.2 percent of students expelled, funneling them away from the learning opportunities that are rightfully theirs. Add to this the radical over policing of youth—1.7 million students attend schools with a police officer on site but no counselor—and the results are disastrous.

## **Learning about the pipeline—Methodist style!**

When we engage in education about the school-to-prison pipeline with members and friends of United Women in Faith, we can draw on a wonderful tool of our Methodist heritage, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, tweaked to provide a structure and framework for learning. The Wesleyan Quadrilateral, a term credited to Methodist scholar Albert Outler, speaks of the four sources of theological understanding in the Wesleyan tradition: tradition, experience, reason, and Scripture.

If we use these same categories to explore the pipeline, we ask:

- Tradition: What is our racial (in)justice history, and how does it inform our understanding of the present?
- Experience: What do people directly impacted by the pipeline say?
- Reason: What do we learn from the data and facts, locally and nationally?
- Scripture: What inspiration and direction does the Bible provide to inform our understanding and action?

## **What you can do**

Feeling inspired? Show up to the work! Connect with local organizers and leaders working to eliminate racial disparities in school discipline, to stop school-based policing and to support educational equity. Sign up to be alerted to racial justice advocacy opportunities at [uwfaith.org](https://uwfaith.org). Use your power to make a difference. Advocate for change. Stay in it for the long haul.

*Emily Jones is racial justice executive for United Women in Faith.*



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**Western PA Conference UWF Talent Bank Information for Prospective Leadership**

Please print or type. Add additional pages as necessary.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone: Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Church** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Languages spoken:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Racial Ethnic Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional skills, job experience** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offices held in United Methodist Women**

**Office(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates of Service** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general levels (other than UMW) or in the community:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special skills or talents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest or Concern (Check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Secretarial</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recruit new members</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Communications</b>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hospitality</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Computer</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Issues</b>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nominations</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Accounting/Bookkeeping</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Organizational skills</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Program planning</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Administration</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spiritual Growth</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Creativity</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Inclusiveness</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Newsletter</b>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Publicity</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leadership training</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leadership Training</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public speaking</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Music</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Youth</b>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Children</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Media</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mission</b>               |

**Which of the following office(s) on the Conference UMW Leadership Team would you most like to serve if given the opportunity? (Check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>President</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair of Nominations</b>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vice President</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Action</b>                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Secretary</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Membership Nurture and Outreach</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Treasurer</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education and Interpretation</b>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Communications</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Program Resources</b>               |

**What qualifications do you feel that you have for your office(s) of choice?**

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**Which of the following committees might you like to serve on?**

**(Check all that apply)**

- Elizabeth A. Bradley**       **Nominations**       **Charter for Racial Justice**

**Communications**

**Do you use email? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or no)      Do you text? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or no)**

**Do you use Social Media like Facebook or Twitter? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or No)**

**Is it possible for you to be away from your home or employment?**

**Full day \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or no)    Weekend \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or no)    Extended \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or no)**

Please send completed form to Mary Hart, Committee on Nominations, Chair  
[twoharts2@icloud.com](mailto:twoharts2@icloud.com) 724-785-7976

# RUTH M. SMITH CENTER UPDATE

## One Hundred Years of Service

Some of you readers have supported the Smith Center for decades – with your prayers, your donations, and your advocacy. You know that the Center has morphed from orphanage to home for at-risk, court appointed youth, and finally, to a personal care home for elderly and those with mental disabilities. As needs changed, the Board of Directors had to make decisions for a changing ministry.

What you may not know is that less than five years ago, the Board had to make another significant decision. The Smith Center was still meeting a great need. However, we were in debt and couldn't see a way out of that debt, a way to continue our outreach ministry. Raising fees was out of the question. None of our residents are able to pay their full way. During the last meeting of 2018, the Board had to decide if we should close our doors, or if there was any way to find additional funding to continue our ministry.

We felt called to continue the ministry. Bit by bit, we were able to make changes, pay off our debt, and find some more specific funding. The story is too long for this article, but I'd be glad to share it – at a district or local unit meeting. Actually, we have seven or eight board members who are willing to “go on the road” to share the story of becoming more sustainable and finding ways to fund ministry. Let me know if you need a speaker! (Diane Miller – 814-498-2308 – [diane.miller2747@gmail.com](mailto:diane.miller2747@gmail.com))

In this, our centennial year, we celebrate some unique changes:

- We've just completed our first year in a partnership with the Warren YMCA. They have transformed our rather worn gymnasium into a basketball (or pickleball) court, and in the other half of the gym, they've added exercise machines, TV monitors, weights, and other paraphernalia for people wanting to stay fit. Paint, new lighting, and air conditioning make for a welcoming exercise area for adults and families of the region. The Y provides guidance for those using the machines and informational programs on health and exercise. Residents of the Smith Center use the machines for free, and special programs are provided to meet their needs.
- We continue as a National Mission Institution with the United Women in Faith (formerly the UMW), but we have also gotten back ownership of the buildings and grounds from the National Office. This enables us to apply for grants that would not be available if our buildings and grounds were owned by an entity outside Pennsylvania.
- We have a “working board!” Everyone has a gift that can be used to enhance the outreach of the Smith Center. There are some who assist with repairs or help volunteer teams do yard work, ramp upkeep, painting and minor repairs inside and out. Others help us with financial decisions or personnel decisions, or public relations. Many advocate for us in their local churches or districts. Without a voice to tell the stories, how are others to know how to assist?
- With regret, our Day Care outreach has stopped. Needs have changed.

Your prayers and support are still needed. Sometimes that might be as simple as making an announcement in church or putting something in your church newsletter. It might be helping us get the word out for “Warren Gives,” one day of on-line giving, or a check sent in advance of that date. Each year we've marveled at the amount of donations given to the Smith Center on that day in May – and the additional funds provided by local foundations to increase the final amount.

We have begun a new effort to keep people informed about what we do, and what we need. **Advocacy Angels!** If you are willing to receive a short e-mail once a month, let me know. I'll add you to our list of **Advocacy Angels** – men and women willing to pray, to pass on information, to give, to volunteer, or to be advocates in some other way for the Smith Center. Let me know – [diane.miller2747@gmail.com](mailto:diane.miller2747@gmail.com).

Thank you for your assistance.

Diane Miller, President Ruth M Smith Center Board of Directors, 814-498-2308 or [diane.miller2747@gmail.com](mailto:diane.miller2747@gmail.com)

# **Ruth M. Smith Center Wish List**

## **Kitchen/Bath/Bedroom Large Items Activities**

- Individual snacks
- Ziplock bag
- Food storage containers (Plastic containers)
- Washcloth / Bath towels/ hand towels
- Bath mats (rubber for in shower)
- Shower curtains (heavy duty)
- Pillows & pillow protectors
- Twin Sheets
- Water proof Mattress pads
- Washable bed pads (34" x 34")
- 60" round, 90x60, 102x60, 60x84 tablecloths
- Cooling racks
- Silverware (especially spoons and forks)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Hypoallergenic laundry soap (Free & Clear)
- Regular Laundry Detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Shout stain remover
- Storage shelving units
- Book shelves
- Recliners
- Floor lamps
- Twin mattresses
- File cabinets

### **Office Supplies**

- Batteries (AA, AAA)
- Copy paper
- Flash lights w/ batteries
- Dry ease markers/erasers
- Extendable Swiffer dusters for ceilings and fans
- Air freshener (Febreze)
- Face masks

- Acrylic paints / brushes
- Card stock (white or colored)
- Gel pens / Adult coloring books
- Activity learning books (grades pre-K – 4)
- Quilting materials – fabric and batting (72 x 80)
- Fabric Quarters
- Puzzles
- Multicolored construction paper
- Model Car Kits
- Model paints
- Model glue
- Wood for making bird houses, string art, etc.
- Hammer and nails
- Craft rope

### **Personal Products (Men & Women)**

- Body wash (both men and women)
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors (men and women)
- Deodorant (men and women)
- Fixodent / Poligrip
- Denture tab
- Mouthwash

### **Miscellaneous**

- Gift cards from Wal-Mart, Amazon, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, etc.



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
UMW VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING MEMORIAL  
SERVICE**

We want to honor our sisters in United Methodist Women that have entered the church triumphant between September 1, 2021 and October 1, 2022. We will use the information that you supply to prepare a list of all that have passed in the last year and post it on the UMW page of the Conference website. These individuals will also be recognized as a group during our Annual Meeting on October 22<sup>ND</sup>. Please complete the form below for each person and **return it by October 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022** to:

Linda S. Thayer  
197 Abel Health Lane  
Franklin, PA 16323

or email at: [Lsthayer@gmail.com](mailto:Lsthayer@gmail.com)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit/Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# ***Come Join Us As We Are “Knit Together for God’s Good Work”***

When: October 22, 2022 (Virtual & In Person)

**(Registration is required)** for both in person and virtual participation  
Contact Linda Thayer at 724-882-6174 or [Lsthayer@gmail.com](mailto:Lsthayer@gmail.com) to  
register by October 15, 2022)

Check in and fellowship: 9:00 AM

Event: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Lunch: \$10.00 per person

Where: Dutilh UMC

1270 Dutilh Rd

Cranberry Twp, PA 16066-5108

Program includes:

- Celebration of our new name and those who have led us
- “Who Can We Be Together” – Luke 13
- The Charter for Racial Justice and how to be an antiracist church and organization
- Symbols in worship and de-colonizing worship - Giovanni Arroyo, General Secretary, General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR)
- Memorial Service
- Communion Service



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## The Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission Fund

United Women in Faith of the Western  
Pennsylvania Conference United  
Methodist Church

**It is essential that ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION be provided.  
The grant application will be rejected if all information is not  
provided.**

United Women in Faith is an organization that advocates policies and issues for children, youth, and women.

Attached is the application form to be used for requesting a grant from the Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission Fund. All completed applications must be returned postmarked or sent via email (preferred) no later than November 1 of each year. The UMW Conference President will send a letter of award status no later than January 31.

### I. CRITERIA FOR GRANTS

A. The project/program must be located within the boundaries of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

B. Preference will be given to programs which

1. provide direct comprehensive services to children, youth or women;
2. demonstrate the ability to raise additional funds from other sources;
3. address physical renovations and/or purchase of a building necessary for implementing initial project/program.

C. Grants may be given to support

1. an ongoing project/program that meet the Fund's criteria;
2. a new, specific project/program for the benefit of children, youth, or women;
3. salaries needed to implement a project/program;
4. a transitional project/program which meets the established guidelines.

D. The proposed or established mission project/program must address ONE or MORE of the following categories:

1. physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual wholeness of children, youth, or women;
2. elimination of institutional racism directed toward children, youth, or women, including the safeguarding of their nationality, culture, or language;
3. building a positive self-image and self-esteem in relation to gender, in addition to combating sex role or stereotyping;
4. advocacy on behalf of rights and needs of children, youth, and women;
5. root causes of exploitation shown through economic, political, racial, or sexist practices;
6. provision of opportunities of development of leadership skills;
7. enablement of women to participate fully in decision-making at all levels of their lives.

### II. ADDITIONAL POLICIES

A. All applications involving projects/programs with children and youth MUST show evidence that the staff has Act 34 Criminal Background Check and Act 151 Child Abuse History clearances. Projects/programs within churches must show evidence of Safe Sanctuaries policies.

B. EVALUATION of project/program which receives funding is required each year a grant is given. Evaluation forms must be returned by November 1 of the same cycle year grant was awarded.

C. THREE YEAR MAXIMUM OF CONSECUTIVE GRANTS

After a church, agency, or umbrella organization has received a grant for three (3) consecutive years, a request for an additional award may not be submitted until a one (1) year period has elapsed.

**Return completed applications either mail or email to:**

Susan Roboski, Chairperson  
1623 Lillibridge Creek Road  
Port Allegany, PA 16743  
[susan.spirithouse@gmail.com](mailto:susan.spirithouse@gmail.com)

# The Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission Fund



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith of the Western Pennsylvania  
Conference United Methodist Church

## GRANT APPLICATION

Date of application \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

**All applications must be returned by November 1<sup>st</sup> (preferably by E-mail) to:**

Susan Roboski, Chairperson  
1623 Lillibridge Creek Road  
Port Allegany, PA 16743  
[susan.spirithouse@gmail.com](mailto:susan.spirithouse@gmail.com)

It is essential that ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION be provided. The grant application will be rejected if all information is not provided.

Please RETURN THIS PAGE 1 with the requested information on it. (Even if you attach a cover page)

1. Project/Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Sponsoring Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Program Director or Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

5. If grant is awarded, how should the check be written? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date the program or project was (or will be) established: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is this request expected to fund a new project/program or an extension of an existing one?

New Project \_\_\_\_\_ Existing Project \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does your agency have a Board of Directors and/or Steering Committee?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Attach Names and Addresses of the Board of Directors and/or Steering Committee of the program on a separate sheet of paper.

If you have any question when preparing this application, please call the Chairperson of the EAB Mission Fund committee. (See above.)

THE PROPOSAL FOR WHICH A GRANT IS BEING REQUESTED

A. Describe the program or project including goals and objectives. Be as specific as possible, using additional paper if needed to complete your response.

B. criteria which will be addressed by your program or project.

C. The number of individuals served in each category:

Women \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

D. To implement the program or project, will the staff be:

Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

E. How many of the employees are:

Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

F. Please provide name and address of person preparing the required evaluation report of the program/project:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

G. In what way will the participants be involved in the evaluation process?

H. Pictures will show the children and teachers benefiting from the grant money.

I. Check applicable statement:

\_\_\_\_\_ This is the first year that funds are requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ This is the second consecutive year that funds are requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ This is the third consecutive year that funds are requested.

J. If this is the second or third consecutive year, please indicate the status and year of the project/program previously funded by an Elizabeth A. Bradley Grant.

**K. Attach** the full itemized budget for the project/program for which you are requesting a grant. Include the total budget, not just how the requested funds will be used.

**L.** What is the % of the budget that this grant request will fulfill? \_\_\_\_\_

**M.** List sources from which you anticipate receiving other funding for this project/program:

United Methodist Sources

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Tuition payments

Community Sources –

Other Sources –

Fundraisers

**N.** How does this program support the focus of United Methodist Women on women, children, and youth? Be specific.

**O.** Since funds must be expended within one year of receipt, indicate your timeline for the use of the grant monies.

**P.** All programs working with children or youth must show evidence of staff having Act 34, Criminal Background and Act 151 Child Abuse History clearances.

**NOTE: Grants will be denied if this section is not filled out.**

- Please redact SS numbers. DO NOT send Social Security numbers.
- If you have several persons that are volunteering, copies of a few clearances with a statement that the rest are on file is sufficient.
- Churches supporting projects/programs in their church must show evidence of adherence to Safe Sanctuaries Policies. A statement from the pastor about adherence to Safe Sanctuaries Policies and how this is implemented in your church is sufficient.

Q. A signature is essential. **No grant will be awarded without one of the following signatures:**

You only need the signatures for the line that matches the description of your organization.

From a local United Methodist Church, the application must be approved by the Administrative Board, Council of Ministries or Church Council.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Chair  
Administrative Board, Council of Ministries, Church Council

From a United Methodist District project/program, approval must be granted by the District Council of Ministries.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Chair  
The District Council of Ministries

From a non-United Methodist project/program, approval must be granted by the Board of Directors or Steering Committee and signed by the Chairperson or President.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

From a United Methodist Agency with a relationship to the Western Pennsylvania Conference, approval must be granted by the Board of Directors or Steering Committee and signed by the Chairperson or the President.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

## Checklist for Grant Application

\_\_\_\_\_ Page 1 returned and completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Names and addresses of BOD and/or Steering Committee members attached, if applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget attached.

\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of background checks attached.

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of adherence to Safe Sanctuaries or similar policy is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation form from previous year's grant award sent to EAB Chairperson, if applicable.

### THREE YEAR MAXIMUM OF CONSECUTIVE GRANTS

After a church, agency, or umbrella organization has received a grant for three (3) Consecutive years, a request for an additional award may not be submitted until a one (1) year period has elapsed.



**Failure to fill out and return an evaluation form will result in denial of application for future Elizabeth A. Bradley Mission funds.**

SELF-EVALUATION OF A MISSION MINISTRY PROJECT/PROGRAM

1. Present Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Grant amount for year 20\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name the agency or organization which administered the grant:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Identify the project/program by title, which received the funding. Please match application:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. List previous EAB grants received. Year (s) and amounts:

\_\_\_\_\_

6. What percentage of your budget for year 20\_\_\_\_\_ came from the EAB grant? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please attach a budget page for the EAB funds detailing how the funds were spent.

7. State clearly and fully the goals for the project/program in 20\_\_\_\_\_:  
(Use additional paper if necessary.)

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Express to what degree have these expectations been realized:

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Will the project/program be continued next year?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. If this grant was not your third consecutive one, did you submit an application for an EAB grant for next year? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Identify the name and address where the project/program occurred:

\_\_\_\_\_

12. What age group/groups did you serve? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How many individuals did you serve in each agegroup? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the activity involve full group participation, small groups within a larger group, or was the project/program targeted to individuals? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Comment on diversity and/or similarities within the group membership (age, ethnic background, church affiliation, family unit, etc.):

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13. Evaluate the benefits resulting from the receipt of the EAB grant:

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14. Share some anecdotal information relating to project/program which was partially funded by the EAB grant:

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15. Your comments, observations, questions, and suggestions are welcomed:

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**Signature & Title of the Evaluator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Every year United Women in Faith wish that a larger sum of money was available for distribution since requests are far greater than the income we receive and almost without exception we feel the agencies are worthy of our support. It is our objective to encourage and enhance outreach possibilities within the conference. We are pleased that you have committed to such ministries. May God bless your efforts.

Susan Roboski, Chairperson  
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# United Women in Faith

## Voting Instructions for 2022 (**ONLY IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING INPERSON**) Western Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled to be an in-person event as of the date of the mailing of this newsletter. If we must change to a fully virtual event, we will need to use this ballot to vote on the Proposed Slate of Officers and our Proposed Budget. We ask that you submit either the printed form or email your vote to Linda Thayer, 197 Abel Heath Lane, Franklin, PA 16323 or [Lsthayer@gmail.com](mailto:Lsthayer@gmail.com).

To make this process as easy as possible you may just check the items that you approve as presented below. If you wish to nominate someone for a vacant office or to suggest an additional nominee for the officer that is being elected this year, please complete the Nomination from the Floor Form. If you are emailing your vote or Nominations Form please make sure that you include all the information that is requested. **Joan must receive your Nominations from the Floor form by October 1st and your vote no later than October 15th to be counted.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ I vote in favor of the 2022 Proposed Slate of Officers of the Western Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Women.

\_\_\_\_\_ I vote in favor of the 2022 Proposed Budget of the Western Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Women.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# Western Pennsylvania Conference United Women in Faith Form for Nominations from the Floor 2022 Annual Meeting Submission Deadline: October 1, 2022

The United Methodist Women's bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for nominations from the floor for this year's annual meeting only if you are not attending in person. **If you want to nominate for more than one office you must complete a form for each.**

All nominations from the floor must be received October 1, 2022.

If you have questions and to send in your Nominations from the Floor Form, contact Linda Thayer at 724-882-6174 or Lsthayer@gmail.com.

## 1. For which office is your nomination?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mission Education & Interpretation Coordinator
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of Program Resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communications Coordinator
- \_\_\_\_\_ Committee in Racial Justice

## 2. Nominee's Contact Information

Name:

Address:

City, State:

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Work Phone Number:

If the nominee does not have a number requested, or it is unknown, please enter "NONE" in the space.

## 3. Please circle the title/prefix does the nominee prefer to use when being addressed?

- Ms.
- Mrs.
- Rev.
- Dr.
- Other (please specify)

4. Please circle the age range of the nominee.
  - 18-30 years
  - 31-40 years
  - 41-50 years
  - 51-65 years
  - 66-70 years
  - 71 and over
  
5. Please circle the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply.
  - African
  - African American or Black
  - Asian-American or Asian
  - Caribbean
  - Caucasian or White
  - Hispanic or Latina
  - Hmong
  - Native American
  - Pacific Islander
  - Please write in your own preferred description

**Nominator Information**

Please let us know who you are.

6. Nominator Contact Information

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State and Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

7. Please identify the District and local church to which the nominee belongs.

District:

Local Church:

# Western Pennsylvania Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Proposed Slate of Officers

\* Indicates to be elected

TBN – To be Nominated

President	* <b>Peggy Ward</b> 117 Neville St. Pittsburgh, PA 15202	412-726-5567(C) <a href="mailto:Pdward11@gmail.com">Pdward11@gmail.com</a>
Vice-President	* <b>Janice Durmis</b> 13279 Lovell Road Corry, PA 16407	814-964-1363 (cell) <a href="mailto:jdthing2@gmail.com">jdthing2@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	Michele Means 334 Forker Blvd. Sharon, PA 16146	724-866-0429 <a href="mailto:michelemeans1@hotmail.com">michelemeans1@hotmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Linda Murdock 15393 State Route 285 Conneaut Lake, PA 16316	814-382-3877 (H) 814-720-0573 (C) <a href="mailto:Lindalmurdock@gmail.com">Lindalmurdock@gmail.com</a>

## MISSION COORDINATORS

Education & Interpretation	<b>TBN</b>	
Social Action	<b>TBN</b>	
Membership Nurture and Outreach	<b>TBN</b>	
Spiritual Growth	Sara Nute Dickey 611 Friendship Circle Pittsburgh, PA 15241	412-327-0122 <a href="mailto:Sarich@aol.com">Sarich@aol.com</a>

## OTHER Officers

Secretary of Program Resources	<b>TBN</b>	
Communications Coordinator	<b>TBN</b>	
Dean of Mission u	Rev. Ricky Nelson 2 Laurel Drive Bradford, PA 16701	814-730-6300 (C) <a href="mailto:pastorrick@nelsonrb.net">pastorrick@nelsonrb.net</a>
Assistant Dean of Mission u		

## WPA CONFERENCE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Class of 2024	Mary Hart 226 Malden Road Brownsville, PA 15417	724-785-7976 (H) 724-263-2090 (C) <a href="mailto:Twoharts2@icloud.com">Twoharts2@icloud.com</a>
Class of 2023	Joan Bradley 196 Wallingford Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15237	412-364-1609 <a href="mailto:Ogremtb@aol.com">Ogremtb@aol.com</a>
Class of 2025	Kathie Knouse 1580 State Route 980, Canonsburg, PA 15317	724-413-4146 <a href="mailto:cmkathie@comcast.net">cmkathie@comcast.net</a>

# **PROPOSED** 2023 Leadership Team Slate of Officers (Continued)

## ELIZABETH A. BRADLEY MISSION FUND COMMITTEE

Class of 2025	<b>*Jean Belski</b> 355 Pike Run Drive Daisytown, PA 15247	724-938-9615 Jb1184@zoominternet.net
Class of 2023	TBN	
Class of 2024	TBN	

### By Virtue of Their Office

<b>President</b>	<b>Peggy Ward</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Murdock	
<b>Education and Interpretation</b>	TBN	
<b>Nominations Chair</b>	Mary Hart	

## COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Class of 2024	Ruth Soko 614 Second Street California, PA 15419	323-994-8165 <a href="mailto:Ruci.soko@gmail.com">Ruci.soko@gmail.com</a>
Class of 2025	<b>*Cynthia Hill</b> 519 Holly Drive Monroeville, PA 15146	412-373-3153 (H) 412-260-5908 (C) <a href="mailto:celaine1215@verizon.net">celaine1215@verizon.net</a>
Class of 2026	TBN	
District President	Barb Turner 339 Knob Road Brownsville, PA 15417-9321	724-785-7950(H) <a href="mailto:bturn@hotmail.com">bturn@hotmail.com</a>

### By Virtue of Their Office

<b>President (Chair)</b>	Peggy Ward	
<b>Social Action</b>	TBN	
<b>Nominations Chair</b>	Mary Hart	

## 2023 Proposed Annual Budget Western PA Conference United Methodist Women

Line Item	Budget	
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Annual Conference	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Audit	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Bank Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Conference Newsletter	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Conference Officers to Dist. Meetings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mission u Contribution	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mission u Contribution/Mini Mission u	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Delegate Exp. CWU,AWN,Legistive &Racial Justice	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Delegate Exp. Ruth M. Smith Center	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Directory	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
District A&MD Funds	\$ 34,502.00	\$ 33,962.00
District Officer Training	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Contribution-Children's Defense Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Contribution-Church Women United	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Contribution-Deaconess & Home Missioners Association	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Contribution-Northeast Jurisdiction A&MD (1% of Pledge)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Contribution-Southern Poverty Law Center	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Executive Committee CLT Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
Finance Committee	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Gifts to Mission and Gifts in Memory	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mileage (non CLT) \$.25 per mile	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Mission Event/Young Women/Unstoppable	\$ 3,000.00	
Mission Resource Mailings - Magazine	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Nominations	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Other Committees	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Program Resources - Sampler	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Reading Program/Traveling Library	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Reserve For Future Events/Assembly	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Reserve for Future Events/General Conference	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Reserve For Future Events/NEJ	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Special Mission Recognition	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Supplies and Copies	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Friend to UMW	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 63,952.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,412.00</b>

**Pledge to National UWF**

**\$ 120,000.00**

## 2023 District Pledges to WPA Conference UMW

Butler	\$ 15,000.00
Connellsville	\$ 20,000.00
Erie/Meadville	\$ 12,000.00
Franklin	\$ 26,475.00
Greensburg	\$ 23,000.00
Indiana	\$ 22,000.00
Johnstown	\$ 7,500.00
Kane	\$ 10,000.00
Pittsburgh	\$ 25,000.00
Washington	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 175,975.00</b>

### Check Us Out Online!



@WPaUMWomen

Western PA UWF Stories

<https://www.wpaumc.org/umwBlogs>



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Western PA UWF Website

<https://www.wpaumc.org/UMWomen>

# Conference Committee on Religion and Race to Hold Antiracism Summit

In 2008, the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference committed to bringing about a culture shift in the conference by adopting Dismantling Racism as the fifth area of focus. Since then, the conference has hired a director of diversity and inclusion, saw its first Black female bishop, and embraced the Northeastern Jurisdiction call to action on Black Lives co-authored by a member of Western Pennsylvania.

While strides have been made, racism continues to be pervasive and ever changing within the church and our conference. In response, the Conference Committee on Religion and Race, in collaboration with United Women in Faith, will host a summit October 20-22, 2022, with the theme of **“Towards an Antiracist Church: The Intersection of Faith & Race.”** The goal of this summit is action, while celebrating accomplishments and developing next steps.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi will lead opening worship. The summit will include workshops, Bible study, panels, self-care, action, and more. It will also include a youth antiracism summit.

Conference committees that showed early support of this summit include Ethnic Local Church Concerns, the Native American Ministry Team, the Antiracism Team and the Conference Youth.

Registration is open on the Conference website at [Anti-Racism Summit 2022 \(brtapp.com\)](https://www.brtapp.com)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Commission on Religion & Race  
**ANTIRACISM  
SUMMIT**  
October 20 - October 22, 2022

Conference Communicator  
First United Methodist Church  
1102 Liberty Street  
Franklin, PA 16323  
(814) 432-8161

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**FALL 2022**

## ***We're Not Cheap — Just Good Stewards***

Trying to be good stewards and connect in the best ways possible with United Methodist Women is challenging. Our conference mailing list contains over 500 people. Sending this newsletter by mail is expensive. However, many people prefer a "paper copy" or are unable to easily use the Internet. We are sending out the Conference Communicator digitally, and via snail mail for those who don't want to receive it digitally.

What do you prefer? Please call, send a note by mail, or send an email to Linda Thayer responding to the following questions...

1. Do you wish to receive the Conference UMW Newsletter twice a year?
2. Are you willing to receive the Conference Newsletter digitally? E-mail Address?
3. Do you prefer to receive a paper copy in the mail?

Thank you...

Linda Thayer  
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