

Michigan Conference Directory 2024



United
Women
in Faith

2022
Reports

PURPOSE AND MEMBERSHIP

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the Church through United Women in Faith. The pastor(s) shall be an ex officio member of the local unit and of its Leadership Team.

(The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012, Section 256.5, Article 4)

The VOICE

Valuable Organizational Information Connecting Everyone

Your Michigan Conference United Women in Faith newsletter helps link your conference team with each local unit. Published three (3) times year (March, May and September). You can be added to the address list, or email list of The VOICE by contacting Sally Messner at (269) 783-6334 or sallymessner@yahoo.com

Any part of The VOICE newsletter can be duplicated.

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Michigan United Women in Faith 2024 Dates

January 4, 11, 18, 25 (Thursday)

6:30-9:00 PM Virtual Mission u

January 6 (Saturday)

Central Bay Leadership Team, ZOOM

January 13 (Saturday)

Heritage Local Units Training, ZOOM

February 10 (Saturday)

Central Bay Spiritual Enrichment Brunch -
St. Luke's UMC

February 17 (Saturday)

Heritage Communication Training, ZOOM

March 6 (Wednesday)

Heritage Leadership Team, Ypsilanti

March 8 (Friday)

Western Waters Leadership Team

March 13 (Wednesday)

Advocacy Day, Lansing

March 23 (Saturday)

Day of Giving

April 13 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC
Northern Skies Power of Bold Day, ZOOM
Western Waters Spiritual Growth Retreat,
Fremont UMC

April 17 (Wednesday)

Heritage Leadership Team, Plymouth

April 23-May 3 (Tuesday-Friday)

General Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina

April 26-27 (Friday-Saturday)

Central Bay Spiritual Life Retreat
The Springs –Gladwin
Greater Detroit Mission Work Day
Cass Community Social Services

April 27 (Saturday)

East Winds Spiritual Growth Event

May 3-4 (Friday-Saturday)

Northern Skies Spiritual Growth Retreat,
Manistique

May 4 (Sunday)

Western Waters Spring Fling,
United Methodist Community House

May 17-18 (Friday-Saturday)

Heritage District Overnight Retreat, St. Francis
Retreat Center, Dewitt

May 30-June 1 (Thursday-Sunday)

Grand Traverse Resort, Acme
Michigan Annual Conference

May 30-June 2 (Thursday-Sunday)

North Central Jurisdiction, Indianapolis, Indiana

June 8 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC

June 19 (Wednesday)

Greater Southwest Mission Evening,
Simpson UMC, Bangor

June 22 (Thursday)

East Winds Leadership Team, Flushing

July 18-20 (Thursday-Saturday)

Mission u, Mt. Pleasant First UMC

September 7 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC

September 11 (Wednesday)

Heritage Leadership Team, Brighton UMC

September 14 (Saturday)

East Winds Team, Flint Bethell UMC

September 20 (Friday)

Heritage Leadership Team, Brighton UMC

DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

September - October

Western Waters District

Wednesday, September 21, Ludington

Heritage District

Saturday, September 21, Brighton UMC

Northern Skies District

Saturday, October 12, St. Ignace UMC

Greater Southwest District

Saturday, September 28,
Washington Heights UMC, Battle Creek

Central Bay District

Saturday, October 5,
Coleman Faith UMC

East Winds District

Saturday, October 12, Flint Bethell UMC

Greater Detroit District

Saturday, October 12, Scott Memorial

October 25 (Friday) St. Luke's UMC,

Michigan Conference Officer Training and
Leadership Development,
Conference Newsletter Meeting

October 26 (Saturday) St. Luke's UMC,

Michigan Conference Annual Celebration

November 9 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC
East Winds Team, TBD

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTION IN MICHIGAN**



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Western Waters Jean Sherman

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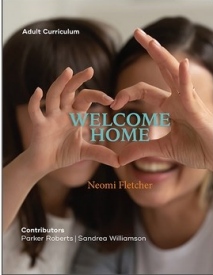
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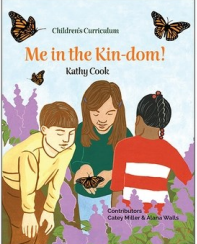
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Elected officers who serve on the committee by virtue of their offices on the UMW Leadership Team:

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Sharon Smith	Jane Yaeger
Ethel Gill	

	<p>ADULT STUDY:</p> <p><i>Welcome Home</i> explores how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us. Abiding in God's safety and dwelling in God's provision, allows us to open our hearts to a fuller embrace of the power and presence of God. Dig deeper into what it means to live in the kin-dom of God and how this helps us develop practices for healthier communities.</p> <p>Naomi Fletcher is pastor of Haven Chapel UMC in Denison, Texas, and an early childhood policy advocate for Children at Risk.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Welcome Home by Naomi Fletcher</i></p>
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<p>YOUTH STUDY: <i>Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom</i> by Nica Sy</p> <p>Explore what it means to live into the kin-dom of God through the lens of symbiosis. Youth will explore what symbiosis means and that it exists on a continuum. They will examine their personal relationships and how they mirror or contrast what God desires, understand that to love God is to love your neighbor and to love your neighbor is to love God. Youth will then move outward in their understanding of relationships and God's kin-dom by looking at economic injustice and how they can collectively work toward social justice.</p> <p>Nica Sy is a third-generation United Women in Faith and works within The UMC and in her local area to envision and create life-giving community.</p>		<p>CHILDRENS STUDY: <i>Me in the Kin-dom!</i> by Kathy Cook</p> <p><i>Me in the Kin-dom!</i> helps children explore the kin-dom of God through the lens of the Lord's Prayer. Children will experience how they are unique members of God's kin-dom and learn they are also part of a larger community that welcomes all of God's children. Children will learn to see, hear, and love as Christ teaches through Scripture study, discussion, music, artistic expression, and even some opportunities to participate in outreach to others.</p> <p>Kathy Cook is an active United Methodist who has served with UMWIM and UMCOR as well United Women in Faith. She pours her wealth of experience and enthusiasm for sharing Christ's love into this curriculum to draw children into the knowledge that they are unique and cherished members of God's kin-dom.</p>
		

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The Conference President is an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Committee on Nominations.

Our Vision:

We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

Our Mission:

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.

Michigan Conference UWFAITH Leadership Team Goals/Objectives 2024

The Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Leadership Team shall live out the tasks of mission by promoting and fulfilling the PURPOSE of UWFaith through the following Goals & Objectives:

Inspire

Be a source of information, knowledge and resources for local groups.

- Each Conference officer will work with their District Leadership Team to encourage personal contact (via phone call or visit) with each local unit.
- Each Conference officer will visit 2 local units in addition to their own to attend a meeting and/or provide a program. At these unit meetings, be prepared to provide information regarding response magazine, UWFaith current emphasis areas, reading program, prayer calendar, current program book, UWFaith Handbook, etc.
- Each Conference Officer will work with their District Leadership Team to start or re-start 2 units within their District. One of these units can be a virtual District unit.
- The Conference Leadership Team will work to develop a list of potential event speakers/leaders to share with District Leadership.

Influence

Preparing through reading, studying and participating in district and conference meetings and leadership training and educational opportunities such as Mission u.

- Each Conference officer will participate in the Reading Program, achieving at least Level 1 - including reading response magazine and listening to Faith Talks.
- The Conference Leadership Team, led by the Secretary of Program Resources, will host at least 2 virtual “book chats” and promote throughout the church.
- Each Conference officer will attend a multi-day Mission u event. Encourage District officers to also attend at least one Mission u event, achieving 90% participation for District officers.
- Each Conference Officer will engage with United Women in Faith Digital on Mighty Networks.
- Each Conference Officer will attend Leadership Development Days and counterpart meetings/training opportunities offered by the National Office of United Women in Faith.
- Each Conference officer will have at least quarterly contact with their District Counterparts and will conduct District Counterpart training in conjunction with the Conference Annual meeting.

Impact

Understanding, interpreting and engaging the membership and district organizations in the current Service & Advocacy opportunities with United Women in Faith:

- Encourage and support each District to include one of the current mission emphasis areas (Just Energy 4 All and Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline) in a District event.
- Encourage and support each District and Local Unit to identify with our National Mission Institution – United Methodist Community House – through volunteering, visiting and giving.
- Include articles in each issue of the Voice newsletter relating at least one of these mission emphasis areas and United Methodist Community House.

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Auburn
Bay City Grace
Caro
Cass City
Clare

Gladwin: Wagarville
Hayes
Mayville
Midland First
Millington

Mio
Mount Pleasant
Owendale
Pigeon First
Reese

Rose City Trinity
Rosebush
Sanford
St Charles
Tawas
Weidman

2022 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT 5 STAR PERSONS

Auburn

Sandra DeWaele
April Nahgahwon
Patricia Benedict

Bay City Grace

Joy Clark
Caroline Diaz
Marilyn Louchart

Cass City

Jane Mitchell

Gladwin: Wagarville

Diana S. Miller

Hayes

Marge Hall

Mayville

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Mio

Nancy Crane
Susan Kowaleski

Owendale

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Janet Muntz
Rhonda Powers

Owendale (continued)

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Nancy Eads
Carol Ellicott
Marge Ellenbaum
Helen Jaworski
Cheryl Warack
Josephine Molloseau
Linda Heiler
Gina Retford
Hazel Good

Rose City Trinity

Cora Killinger
Beth Harper
Evelyn DeLaney

Sanford

Ruth Sutton

Reading Program



2022 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITIONS

Auburn Monica Bedtel Clayton Davis Kathy Gilsor William Shepherd	Mayville Landon Bailey Dalton Bailey Jennie Reenie Reuther	Mio Dennis Maier Lynn Galbraith	Sanford Ronda Bowen
Cass City Char Fahrner Bette Hurford	Owendale Josephine Molloseau Penny Wood Deb Bechler	Pigeon First Carol Ingles Nancy Smith Scott Smith	Tawas Marilyn Denhoff Lori Frederick Dianne Knight Pat Miner
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Kingston Lisa Bazinaw	Tammy Dawes Kris Walker Smith Cole Buckbee Rayann Anna Dickson	Rose City Trinity Cindy Pratt Evelyn DeLaney	

2022 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Auburn	\$840.00	\$75.00	\$915.00
Bay City Grace	\$2,460.00	\$275.00	\$2,735.00
Caro	\$1,225.00	\$64.00	\$1,289.00
Cass City	\$1,740.00	\$71.87	\$1,811.87
Clare	\$1,425.00		\$1,425.00
Coleman Faith	\$300.00		\$300.00
Fairgrove	\$575.00	\$35.00	\$610.00
Farwell	\$679.70	\$91.00	\$770.70
Frankenmuth	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Gladwin: Wagarville	\$603.41	\$50.00	\$653.41
Gordonville		\$34.00	\$34.00
Hayes	\$818.85	\$100.00	\$918.85
Kingston	\$540.00		\$540.00
Mayville	\$1,209.32		\$1,209.32
Midland First	\$520.00		\$520.00
Millington	\$355.00	\$100.00	\$455.00
Mio	\$320.00	\$80.00	\$400.00
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Nelson	\$600.00		\$600.00
Oscoda	\$510.00		\$510.00
Owendale	\$2,060.00		\$2,060.00
Pigeon First	\$2,360.00	\$290.00	\$2,650.00
Reese	\$300.00	\$5.00	\$305.00
Rose City Trinity	\$640.00	\$275.00	\$915.00
Rosebush	\$900.00	\$35.00	\$935.00
Sanford	\$1,694.14		\$1,694.00
St. Charles	\$375.00		\$375.00
Saginaw First	\$500.00		\$500.00
Tawas	\$615.00	\$149.00	\$764.00
Watrousville	\$300.00		\$300.00
Weidman	\$500.00		\$500.00
TOTALS	\$27,465.42	\$1,729.87	\$29,195.29

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2022 EAST WINDS DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Asbury	Fenton	Lake Orion	Port Huron Firth
Bad Axe	Flushing	North Branch	Thetford Center
Croswell Circle 5	Harbor Beach	North Street	West Vienna
Davison	Jeddo		

2022 EAST WINDS DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Asbury	Bad Axe	Port Huron First	Thetford Center
Carolyn Aldrich	Kathie Abke	Nancy Gorinac	Rev. Karen Williams
Michelle Weston	Judy Stambaugh	Alvastine Stewart	

2021 EAST WINDS DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>LEGACY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Armada			100.00	100.00
Asbury First	330.00			330.00
Attica	250.00			250.00
Bad Axe	1450.00			1450.00
Brown City	1324.85	100.00		1424.85
Central Lakeport	60.00			60.00
Clio: Bethany	3481.00			3481.00
Croswell, Circle 5	100.00			100.00
Davison	5992.56	219.00		6211.56
East Winds District	50.00			50.00
Fenton	4233.35	428.00		4661.35
Flint: Court Street	500.00			500.00
Flushing	4071.00	170.00	230.59	4471.59
Genesee	400.00			400.00
Goodrich	890.00	80.00		970.00
Grand Blanc	650.00			650.00
Gratiot Park	100.00			100.00
Harbor Beach	555.00			555.00
Heritage Snover	305.00			305.00
Jeddo	360.00			360.00
Lake Orion	752.89			752.89
Lexington	1775.00	40.00		1815.00
Linden	350.00			350.00
Mt Morris	30.00	45.00		75.00
North Branch	665.00	100.00		765.00
North Street	440.00	30.00		470.00
Port Huron: First	2443.00			2443.00
Richmond	1000.00	115.00		1115.00
St Clair	1920.00			1920.00
Swartz Creek	1508.72	101.00		1609.72
Thetford Center	60.00			60.00
Pen Door Atherton	60.00			60.00
West Vienna Clio	<u>490.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>		<u>500.00</u>
Unit Totals Reported	36597.37	1438.00	330.59	38365.96

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT OFFICERS

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2022 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Detroit: Conant Avenue	Detroit: Second Grace/ St. Timothy	Detroit: Scott Memorial	Troy First
Shirley Bittings	Nancy Brown	Jimmie Jones	Jan Chamberlain
Deidra James	Ernestine Campbell	Pearl Lewis	Christ Gullion
Audrey Jones	Jocelyn Davis	Detroit: Trinity Faith	Sue Olsen
Marchelle Phelps	Thelma Etcherson	Taylorie Bailey	Fran Pruet
Detroit: Metropolitan	Gloria Gregory	Helen Hart	Barbara "Bunny" Schultz
Nellie Brown	Willia Miller		Weatherly Verhist
Anne Cramton	Carolyn Stewart-Williams		

2022 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Detroit: Conant Avenue	Detroit: Second Grace/ St. Timothy	Livonia: St. Matthew's Rochester: St. Paul	Trenton: Faith Troy: Big Beaver
Detroit: Metropolitan	Detroit: Trinity Faith	Roseville: Trinity	Troy: First

2022 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Regina Allie	Thelma Etcherson	Lori Monacelli	Juli Stephens
Taylorie Bailey	Carolyn B. Hildred	Kim Merola	Betty Thomas
Brenda Balas	Marguerite Jacobs	Mary Lynn McCrindle	Sammye VanDiver
Mary Beltzman	Allan Jacobs	Claudette McMillan	Belle Veltman
Cynthia Bradford	Carolyn B. Kent	Jim McNaughton	Rav, Wetherly Verhelst
Helen Cohen	Caroline Kobbah	Harolyn Nimmo	Rev. Suzanne Walls
Vivian Cook	Kathy Lutey	Susan Olesen	Phyllis Weaver
Cecelia Duncan	Kristine Miranne	Catherine Phanord	

2022 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

CHURCH/UNIT	MISSION GIVING	SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	LEGACY FUND	TOTAL
Birmingham & Berkley: First	\$15,250.00			\$15,250.00
Detroit: Calvary	\$300.00			\$300.00
Detroit: Conant Avenue	\$1,410.00			\$1,410.00
Detroit: Metropolitan	\$1,310.00			\$1,310.00
Detroit: Scott Memorial	\$2,960.00	\$25.00		\$2,985.00
Detroit: Second Grace/St.Timothy	\$1,485.00			\$1,485.00
Detroit: Trinity Faith	\$1,090.00	\$205.00		\$1,295.00
Farmington: First	\$800.00			\$800.00
Franklin Community			\$300.00	\$300.00
Ferndale: First	\$2,559.17	\$75.00		\$2,634.17
Livonia: St. Matthew's	\$620.00	\$80.00		\$700.00
Pontiac: St. John	\$500.00			\$500.00
Rochester: St. Paul	\$8,890.00			\$8,890.00
Roseville: Trinity	\$515.00	\$90.60		\$605.60
Southfield: Hope	\$1,050.00			\$1,050.00
Trenton: Faith	\$800.00	\$500.00		\$1,300.00
Troy: Big Beaver	\$915.00			\$915.00
Troy: First	\$1,710.00	\$10.00		\$1,720.00
Utica	\$1,204.00	\$160.00		\$1,364.00
West Bloomfield	\$250.00			\$250.00
Wyandotte	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	-		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Totals	\$44,618.17	\$1,145.60	\$300.00	\$46,063.77
Greater Detroit [donations]	<u>\$604.41</u>			<u>\$604.41</u>
Totals	\$45,222.58	\$1,145.60	\$300.00	\$46,668.18
Greater Detroit [from A&MD]	<u>\$340.00</u>			<u>\$340.00</u>
	\$45,562.58			\$47,008.18

GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICERS

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Education & Interpretation Coordinator:	OPEN	
Social Action Coordinator:	OPEN	
Communications Coordinator:	Beth Mitchell (2021) 3813 Rockwood Drive Kalamazoo, MI 49004	(269) 343-6806 barmitch55@gmail.com
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Chair:	OPEN	

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2022 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Royann Anspach	Judy Carpenter	Stephanie Norton	Vansanta Thompson
Joyce Babbitt (2)	Alberta Cumming	Jody Oliphant	Kay Watson
Audrey Badham	Scott Dangremond	Carolyn Parker	Jane White
John Badham	Cathy Foune	Kim Roe-Kester	Cynthia Wyatt
Mike Ballard	Margo Heystek	Tim Rogers	Unnamed (Pokagon)
Karen Benedix	Aaron Jaco	Barb Sackrider	Unnamed (Scotts)
Karen Brooks	Judith Jennings	Donna Smith	

2022 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Allegan	Gobles	Pokagon	South Haven
Bangor Simpson	Kalamazoo Westwood	Schoolcraft	Union City
Battle Creek: Washington Heights	Niles/New Journey		
Climax	Otsego		
Dowagiac First			

2022 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Allegan	Climax	Schoolcraft
Cindy Thiele	Laura Marlowe	Julia Paradine-Rice

Organized for Flexibility

Financial Flexibility:

United Women in Faith-supported programs and projects are possible because of individual women's gifts to mission through "Mission Giving." Mission Giving allows United Women in Faith to respond where the need is the greatest and to work in partnership with organizations doing similar work.

Close to \$10 million comes from United Women in Faith members annually to support mission programs and projects throughout the U.S. and around the world. These gifts do not include funds collected and used by local member units.

United Women in Faith's volunteer board of directors disburse the funds received through Mission Giving by responding to emerging needs and explore historical, new and experimental mission programs with women and children.

Membership Flexibility:

United Women in Faith is committed to finding new ways to invite and involve women. In our 140-year-old organization with over 800,000 members. At all levels of the organization, United Women in Faith works to:

- Ensure inclusiveness and racial/ethnic diversity
- Resource Hispanic and Korean-American members and other emerging language groups
- Nurture teen and college/university women

2022 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

CHURCH/UNIT	MISSION GIVING	SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	DIRECT GIVING	TOTAL
Allegan	\$1,285.00	\$1,000.00		\$2,285.00
Bangor Simpson	\$965.00			\$965.00
Battle Creek/Baseline/Bellevue	\$200.00			\$200.00
Battle Creek/Washington Heights	\$305.00	\$20.00		\$325.00
Climax	\$2,094.00	\$50.00		\$2,144.00
Dowagiac First	\$210.00			\$210.00
Fennville	\$100.00			\$100.00
Ganges	\$363.00			\$363.00
Gobles	\$632.00	\$120.00		\$752.00
Hartford	\$290.00	\$20.00		\$310.00
Hopkins	\$640.00			\$640.00
Kalamazoo Westwood	\$6,410.00	\$25.00		\$6,435.00
Niles/New Journey	\$640.84	\$170.00		\$810.84
Oshtemo	\$475.00			\$475.00
Otsego	\$3,620.00	\$380.00		\$4,000.00
Parchment	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$1,000.00
Pokagon	\$220.00	\$175.00		\$395.00
Portage Chapel Hill	\$1,849.22			\$1,849.22
Schoolcraft	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
Scotts	\$248.38			\$248.38
South Haven	\$580.00			\$580.00
Stevensville	\$1,100.00			\$1,100.00
Union City	\$580.00			\$580.00
Vicksburg	\$5,284.75			\$5,284.75
White Pigeon				
Totals	\$29,792.19	\$2,460.00	\$1,665.00	\$32,252.19

United Women in Faith continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders almost 150 years ago. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Women in Faith had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, setting a goal to raise \$60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign's theme, *Together, we are building our legacy*, celebrating the **legacy** of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the **legacy** that today's members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their **legacy** to carry the mission of *faith, hope, love in action* forward in the world for years to come.



LEGACY BUILDER

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Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator:	OPEN	
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2022 HERITAGE DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Adrian First	Erie	Jackson Calvary	Saline First
Brighton First	Howell	North Lake	Ypsilanti First
Commerce	Hudson		

2022 HERITAGE DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Diane Tandy	Pauline Schaffer	Shirley Carpenter	Sherry Wagenknecht
Kay Lambright			

2022 HERITAGE DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Jean Beckett	Sue Jacoby	Nancy Nagle	Janet Rickard
Norm Gray	Mary Kushner	Tami Oliver	Jean Tift
Linda Hartley	Diane Milliman	Josephine Page	Malissa West
Sally Hendricks			

2022 HERITAGE DISTRICT MISSION UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Adrian	\$1,710.00	\$290.00	\$2,000.00
Albion	\$2,500.00	\$40.00	\$2,540.00
Ann Arbor First	\$6,000.00	\$230.00	\$6,230.00
Ann Arbor West	\$1,000.00	\$1,560.00	\$2,560.00
Brighton	\$5,897.01	\$309.28	\$6,206.29
Commerce	\$2,000.00	\$310.00	\$2,310.00
Erie	\$850.00	\$248.35	\$1,098.35
Howell First	\$4,300.00	\$1,255.00	\$5,555.00
Hudson First	\$230.00	\$265.00	\$495.00
Ida	\$450.00	\$35.00	\$485.00
Jackson Calvary	\$535.00	\$370.00	\$905.00
Jackson First	\$8,000.00	\$102.00	\$8,102.00
London	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$450.00
Manchester	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$450.00
Marble Memorial	\$500.00	\$184.20	\$684.20
Milford	\$200.00		\$200.00
Napoleon		\$7.00	\$7.00
North Lake Chelsea	\$400.00	\$600.96	\$1,000.96
Oak Grove	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,700.00
Pope Springport	\$100.00		\$100.00
Reading	\$3,000.00	\$2,378.80	\$5,378.80
Saline	\$1,600.00	\$230.00	\$1,830.00
Ypsilanti First	\$4,000.00	\$403.00	\$4,403.00
TOTAL	\$44,272.01	\$10,418.59	\$54,690.60

2022 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Alma	Lansing Central	Peace	St. Louis
Carson City	Mason	St. Johns	Webberville
Holt	Mt. Hope		

2022 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Karol Fry	Sharon Smith
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2022 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Bonnie Stalnaker	Jeanne Bosworth	Kate Porter	Mary Boudreau
Debby Fosburg	Karen Babcock	Linda Johnson	Nick Bosworth
Ethelyn Walker	Karol Fry	Mark Wolfgang	Sue Esdale

2022 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alma	700.00	155.00	855.00
Ashley	1200.00		1200.00
Bannister	700.00		700.00
Carson City	1300.00	198.93	1498.93
Central	2105.00	147.62	2252.62
Eaton Rapids	3010.00		3010.00
Grace	500.00		500.00
Grand Ledge	100.00		100.00
Holt	1050.00	197.00	1247.00
Mason	4095.00	977.04	5072.04
Middlebury	800.00		800.00
Millville		125.00	125.00
Mt Hope	1839.00	390.00	2229.00
Okemos	1200.00		1200.00
Peace	210.00	179.00	389.00
Pompeii	250.00	90.00	340.00
Portland	1000	110.49	1110.49
St Johns	700.00	125.00	825.00
St Louis	250.00	375.85	625.85
Trinity		145.00	145.00
Webberville	450.00	230.00	680.00
Total Giving	\$21,459.00	\$3,445.93	\$24,904.93

2022 MIDWEST DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Fremont
Georgetown

Grand Haven
Hart

Muskegon Central

2022 MIDWEST DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

<p>Freemont Carol Graham Robert Graham Muriel Akershoek (Spirit Award) Phyllis Crandell (Spirit Award)</p> <p>Georgetown Carol Strover Bill Strover</p>	<p>Grand Haven Church of the Dunes Joyce Martyn</p> <p>Hart Margaret Johnson</p> <p>Holland Ken Rizzio Nancy Haggarty Mary Jo Wiswedell</p>	<p>Supportive Sisters Nancy Janisch</p> <p>Midwest District Nancy Duiven Connie Swinger Judy Huynh</p>
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2022 MIDWEST DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Caledonia	1,500.00		1,500.00
Claybanks	200.00		200.00
Edmore	1,200.00		1,200.00
Fremont	3,405.00	218.00	3,623.00
Georgetown	1,406.31		1,406.31
Grand Haven Church of the Dunes	3,214.00	115.00	3,329.00
GR Trinity	2,000.00	200.00	2,200.00
Hart	1,620.00	159.00	1,779.00
Hesperia	350.00		350.00
Holland	3,370.00		3,370.00
LeValley	1,252.00		1,252.00
Middleville	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
Montague	500.00		500.00
Muskegon Central	550.00		550.00
New Life	525.00		525.00
Sparta	325.00	125.00	450.00
Shelby	500.00		500.00
Supportive Sisters	911.37	595.00	1,506.37
Wesley Park	500.00	179.00	679.00
Midwest District	977.50	303.50	1,281.00
TOTALS	25,306.18	2,394.50	<u>\$27,700.68</u>

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT OFFICERS

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Education & Interpretation Coordinator	OPEN	
Social Action Coordinator:	OPEN	
Communications Coordinator:	OPEN	
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2022 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Cheboygan St Paul's Gwinn Ontonagon

2022 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Carolyn Anderson Barbara Merlo Bonnie Picotte Shirley Rice

2022 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Sally Bradford	Dell Powers	Brenda Veal (2)	Brenda Veal (2)
Wendy Menzemer	Ellen Scott	Undesignated (2)	Undesignated (2)
Jane Mink			

2022 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cheboygan St Paul's	\$2,418.50	\$1,440.00	\$3,858.50
Gwinn	\$428.00	\$150.00	\$578.00
Hancock	\$100.00		\$100.00
Iron Mountain First		\$104.47	\$104.47
Iron Mountain Trinity	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Ironwood Wesley	\$395.00	\$126.32	\$521.32
Lake Linden		\$100.00	\$100.00
L'Anse	\$700.00	\$150.00	\$850.00
Manistique	\$565.00	\$302.00	\$857.00
Marquette Hope	\$1,272.00	\$160.00	\$1,432.00
Menominee	\$800.00		\$800.00
Ontonagon	\$840.00	\$265.00	\$1,105.00
Stephenson	\$297.00		\$297.00
St Ignace	\$1,540.00	\$95.00	\$1,635.00
UNIT TOTALS REPORTED	\$11,355.50	\$2,892.79	\$14,238.29

United Women in Faith: Organized for Growth

United Women in Faith, like The United Methodist Church, is a connectional system. The major links of United Women in Faith are:

- The local group
- The district organization
- The conference organization
- The jurisdiction organization
- The national office

All of these groups relate to one another in a variety of ways; each group is empowered to structure itself in ways that fulfill the PURPOSE, best use the gifts of its members and meet the needs of its community in the world. Every level of the organization is connected in mission with Global Ministries.

Local groups report to district organizations, which report to conference organizations. A Board of Directors and a Program Advisory Group oversee the national office and conference organizations.

2022 NORTHERN WATERS SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Cola Hill	Mary Thompson		Units	
Cindy Genter	Ross Kladder		Harbor Springs	Onaway
Gary Brunk	Ruth McGee	Empire	Houghton Lake	
Linda Howe	William Arno	Gaylord		

2022 NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Alden	East Jordan	Grayling	Lake City	Ossineke
Arcadia	Empire	Harbor Springs	Ludington	Petoskey
Barnard	Frankfort	Houghton Lake	Mancelona	Roscommon
Boyne Area	Gaylord First	Lake Ann	Onaway	

2022 NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Grayling		Houghton Lake	Ludington	Petoskey
Julia Hulka		Cathie Yager	Karen Genson	Susan Wirgau
		Myra Breyer		
		Barbara Cantley		
		Ruth Corwin		
		Carolyn Holland		
		Keitha Kutz		

2022 NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alden	246.00	105.00	351.00
Arcadia	495.00	100.00	595.00
Barnard	446.25		446.25
Boyne Area	695.00	5.00	700.00
East Jordan	1,442.54		1,442.54
Empire	100.00		100.00
Epsilon	3,802.91	5.00	3,807.91
Frankfort	2,675.00	270.00	2,945.00
Gaylord-First	810.00		810.00
Grayling-Michelson Mem	789.46	5.00	794.46
Harbor Springs	889.66	100.00	989.66
Houghton Lake	1,220.00	10.00	1,230.00
Lake Ann	895.00	84.00	979.00
Lake City	1,620.00	10.00	1,630.00
Ludington	670.00		670.00
Mancelona	1,055.00		1,055.00
Onaway	100.00	71.00	171.00
Ossineke	1,020.00	10.00	1,030.00
Petoskey	50.00		50.00
Roscommon- Good Shep	40.00		40.00
Northern Waters District	0.00	815.00	815.00
TOTAL	19,061.82	1,590.00	20,651.82

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**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UWFaith
2024 ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2024</u>
District A&MD	\$84,650.00	\$80,890.00	\$65,775.00
North Central Jurisdiction A&MD	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,250.00
Assembly/NCJ/Seminars	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Charter for Racial Justice Initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Annual Conference Attendance	500.00	500.00	0.00
Church Women United State Assembly	400.00	0.00	.0.00
Conference Annual Celebration	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Conference Directory	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
District Officer Leadership Training	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Keep Making Peace/Advocacy Day - attendance	350.00	200.00	150.00
Newsletter	4,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00
Officer Resources/Literature	500.00	500.00	500.00
Mission u - Conference Scholarships	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission u - Subsidy Albion/Conf Officer Registration	8,500.00	10,000.00	8,500.00
Church Women United - donation	400.00	200.00	200.00
Immigration Law & Justice MI - donation	500.00	500.00	400.00
Keep Making Peace - donation	0.00		0.00
UMCH Program Support - donation	8,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Audit	500.00	500.00	500.00
Conf SMRs/Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	500.00	500.00	500.00
Dependent Care	80.00	80.00	80.00
Lodging	500.00	500.00	500.00
Meals	300.00	300.00	300.00
MI Non-Profit Corp Annual Fee	20.00	20.00	20.00
Mileage	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Misc/Contingency	150.00	200.00	200.00
Postage	150.00	125.00	100.00
Printing, Supplies & Checks	200.00	200.00	200.00
Technology	250.00	750.00	750.00
TOTALS	\$134,450.00	\$118,465.00	\$97,325.00
MI CONFERENCE MISSION GIVING PLEDGE	\$206,550.00	\$142,535.00	\$122,175.00
TOTAL PLEDGE TO MISSION FROM DISTRICTS	\$336,000.00	\$266,000	\$219,500.00

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE WOMEN UNITED in FAITH FIFTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Holt United Methodist Church, 2321 N. Aurelius Road P O Box 168 Holt, MI 48842

October 28, 2023
"Turn On- Tune In"

Tune in to Song

Beth Mitchell/ Marna Jeffrey

Welcome and Instructions

WalthaGaye Leavitt, Conference Vice President

Litany of the Land:

I honor the Anishinaabe people
We pause...and remember...

That this land is not OUR land;

We remember...
The oppression this land has experienced and
continues to suffer

We honor...
The legacies of those who have served
as the first stewards of this land

We receive...
Their wisdom, witness and courage

We commit...
To never forget, always honor and be ever
mindful in acting out our repentance.

Purpose

WalthaGaye, Leavitt Conference Vice President

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Devotion
UW Faith

Ruby Anderson – National Director,

Love, Listen, Opportunity

John 10:27 Hebrew 10:24 Matthew 22:32 -38

Welcome from Holt United Women in Faith

Welcome From Michigan Conference President

Julia Paradine-Rice

Business Session

Julia Paradine-Rice, President

Julia called to order the 2022, 5th Annual Business Meeting of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith.

As stated in our Standing Rules, the voting body of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting shall be composed of all members of the United Women in Faith at any organizational level residing within the Michigan Conference and in attendance at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Ethel Gill, Conference Secretary

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Michigan Conference United Women in Faith were approved at the November 19, 2022, Executive Team Meeting and are included in the meeting program booklet on Pages 8-11. (attached)

Committee on Standing Rules

Linda Darrow, President

The complete copy of the Standing Rules for the Michigan Conference can be found on the Michigan website. Revisions for the Standing Rules for 2024 were available for review at least 30 days prior to this annual meeting. The revisions can be found on Pages 12-13 of the meeting program booklet. On behalf of the Committee on Standing Rules, Linda recommended that the revisions be adopted. The Revised Standing Rules for 2024 were adopted.

Election of District Officers and Approval of District Budgets

Julia Paradine-Rice, President

As outlined in the District Bylaws, the voting body of each District shall be composed of all members of United Women in Faith at any organizational level residing within each District and in attendance at this meeting.

Central Bay District, East Winds District, Greater Detroit District, Greater Southwest District, Heritage District, Northern Skies District

All District nominees for office were called by name and asked to stand. Each District budget was shown on the screen for review.

According to our Constitution and Standing Rules, nominations from the floor can be accepted if the nominee has given her permission and she meets the qualifications for the office as stated in the Constitution. There were nominations from the floor which were accepted and nominations was closed. All nominees and budgets were approved for all Districts.

2022 Audit, 2024 Proposed Admin & Membership Development Budget

Cheryl Rumery, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report for 2022 is on Page 13 of the meeting program booklet. The report is audited and placed on file. The Michigan Conference exceeded its proposed pledge for 2022 and received recognition from the National Office for the achievement. (Program Book Attached.)

The Proposed Administration and Membership Development Budget for 2023 is on Page 14 in the meeting program booklet. The total budget for the year 2024 is \$97,325, and the proposed Pledge to Mission is \$122,175. On behalf of the Committee on Finance, Cheryl recommended that the 2024 proposed budget and pledge be adopted. The Budget and Pledge to Mission for 2024 were adopted.

Committee on Nominations - Election of 2024 Leadership Team

Jane Yaeger, Chairperson

The Proposed Slate of Nominees for the 2024 Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Executive Team is printed on Page 14 of the meeting program booklet. According to our Constitution and Standing Rules, nominations from the floor can be accepted, if the nominee has given her permission and she meets the qualifications for the office as stated in the Constitution, including tenure rules. Several nominations were made from the floor. The slate was approved with nominations from the floor and the officers were duly elected. (A copy of the complete slate will be attached to the minutes.)

Jane thanked the members of the Committee on Nominations – Kathy Freeland, Michele Weston, Jimmie Jones, Donna Kleiver, Donna Blair and Susan Wirgau. Julia Paradine-Rice thanked the entire team for their diligent work.

Julia thanked everyone for their work and preparation of the business for this meeting. The Business Meeting was adjourned.

Recognition of Out-Going Michigan Conference UW Faith Officers

Offering ½ Pledge to Community House ½ Pledge to Mission Prayer by Cheryl Rumery

Mission Focus Shari Montgomery, Founder, House of Promise
Shari runs a home for victims of sex trafficking. The facility has helped 42 victims recover from their experiences while in captivity. The facilities helps with medical and mental issues; counseling and working to get the victims back into society. They are adding a new house next year as they received a generous donation to help the mission continue their work.

Racial Justice Moment (Grant Recipients) Jocelyn Davis, Social Action Coordinator
Advocacy Day will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024 in Lansing, MI. The focus for this session is “Mental Healthcare.” More information to follow. The Charter for Racial Justice provided \$300 grants to local UWFaith units to explore racial justice issues.

Julia Hulka of the Northern Waters reported on their project. The unit bought books on racial justice issues for children and youth. Some of these books came from the UWFaith Reading Program as well as the other publishers. The books were put in the public library so they would be readily available to the public. Some of the books have been banned from public schools.

Simmie Proctor of the Greater Southwest District reported on their project. The Charter for Racial Justice grant was used to purchase books, invite Rev Dr. Kevin Smalls to present the book to the congregation and then the congregation held several meetings to discuss the book. The book was entitled “Faithful Racism: Moving Past Talk to Systematic Change,” by Christina Barland Edmondson and Chad Brennan. The project was very well received by the congregation.

Jocelyn indicated that the \$300 Charter for Racial Justice Mini Grants are still available. Jocelyn requested that team members communicate this information to their districts and local units. Information about the grants can be found on the UWFaith Michigan Conference Website.

Mission u 2023 & 2024 Connie Swinger
Connie gave a report on Mission u held on August 13 -15, 2023. Good responses were indicated in the evaluations. Participants requested more music and enhanced virtual options. Mission u 2023 will be offered on a virtual basis in January, 2024. Participants who attended the last session virtually will not be charged. New attendees will pay a fee of \$20. The lessons will run from 6:30pm – 9 pm. January 4, 11, 18, 2025, 2024.

2024 Mission u will be held on Jul 18 -20, 2024; in person only, Mt. Pleasant First United Methodist Church.

Grace Recited in Vietnamese Judy Huynh

United Methodist Community House (UMCH) Carla Moore, UMCH, COO
UMCH is continuing their capital campaign which will run from 2023 – 2025 to build and improve the services they offer to the public. They asked the UWFaith membership to commit to donating \$19.02 a month for three (3) years to the 1902 Society. UMCH was established in 1902 by the United Methodist Women. UMCH is community-based facility that runs a childcare center, programs for the elderly and operates a Fresh Market in Grand Rapids, MI. They also provide Meals on Wheels access to the public.

Invitation to North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial (NCJ) Marchelle Phelps, NCJ
Micki gave an update on the United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction “Quadrennial Event – 2024” being held in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 31st – June 2, at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel.

Early Online Registration Closes on November 30, 2023 - \$225

Online Registration Closes on April 30, 2024 - \$265

Hotel Room Rate Per Night \$162.63 (tax included)

Micki also mentioned that no shuttles or buses operate from Indianapolis airport.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
President

WalthaGaye Leavitt, Vice

Bishop David Alan Bard, MI Conference of the UMC

“Something Old, Something New”

Installation of Officers of Michigan Districts and Conference

Bishop David Alan Bard

Tune in to the Lord

Courtland Oakfield UMC Liturgical Dance Team

Holy Communion

Bishop David Alan Bard

Invitation to 2024 Conference Annual Celebration
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, Essexville, Michigan

WalthaGaye Leavitt, Vice President
October 25 – 26, 2024

Blessing of Ingathering

Benediction in Song

Upcoming Events

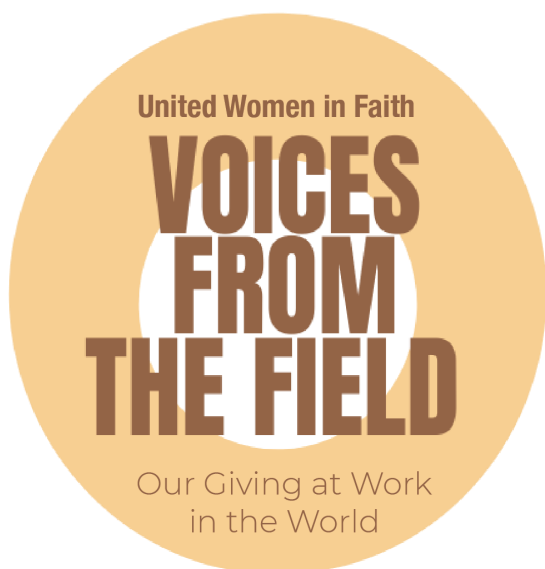
UW Faith Mission u 6:30 – 9:00 pm Zoom January 4, 11, 18, 25 -2024

North Central Jurisdictional Quadrennial Indianapolis, Indiana May 30 - June 2, 2024

Mission u Mt Pleasant First UMC, Mt. Pleasant Michigan July 18 – 20, 2024

Michigan Conference UW Faith Annual Celebration St Lukes United Methodist Church
206 Scheurmann Street Essexville, MI 48732
October 25 – 26, 2024

**Submitted by Ethel M. Gill, Michigan Conference UW Faith
October 30, 2023**



Voices from the Field

Our Giving at Work in the World Come learn about the national and international initiatives that benefit from Mission Giving, directly through the voices "from the field". In this interactive format, you'll hear firsthand from program leaders about their work, daily challenges, hopes and dreams. Find them at: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/>

2024 STANDING RULES
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Approved 10/28/23 Annual Meeting

PREFACE

The United Women in Faith of the Michigan Conference shall function in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws for Local, District, Conference and Jurisdiction Organizations of United Women in Faith-national organization, doing business as the Michigan Conference United Methodist Women. These Standing Rules are supplementary thereto.

SECTIONS

- I. Nominations, Elections, and Appointive Procedures
- II. Committees
- III. Responsibilities of Elected Officers
- IV. Meetings
- V. Funds
- VI. Minutes and Records
- VII. Courtesies
- VIII. Resources
- IX. Equipment and Property Owned
- X. Distinctive Legal Requirements
- XI. Provisions for Changes in Standing Rules

I. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTIVE PROCEDURES

- A. The boundaries of the organization of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith shall coincide with the boundaries of the Michigan Annual Conference.
- B. The voting body of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Annual Business Meeting shall be composed of all members of United Women in Faith at any organizational level residing within the conference and in attendance at the meeting.
- C. The Committee on Nominations shall obtain the consent of current officers eligible to continue to serve by personal private contact within 30 days after its first meeting of the year.
- D. A printed report from the Committee on Nominations listing nominations for the next year shall be presented no later than the spring Leadership Team meeting with copies for each member.
- E. At the Annual Business Meeting of the Annual Celebration a slate of officers shall be presented for election. Nominations from the floor shall be requested. The election shall be by voice vote.
- F. A woman may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting if:
 1. the President is notified at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting.
 2. the nominee:
 - a. meets the requirements of tenure, membership in The United Methodist Church, (required for President), or member of United Women in Faith as of January 1, 2019, and being laity,
 - b. has given consent for the nomination and,
 - c. if possible, be present at the meeting.
- G. The women elected at the Annual Business Meeting shall take office January 1.
- H. The regular term of office of elected officers shall be one year. Six months or more of a year shall constitute a regular term.
- I. For tenure, refer to the 2021-2024, *Handbook of United Methodist Women* p. 43, Bylaws: Conference, Section 2 – Tenure.
- J. Only laywomen may serve as elected or appointed leaders at any level of the organization.
- K. Vacancies occurring in the elected leadership of the conference organization shall be filled by a vote of the Conference Leadership Team upon nomination from the Committee on Nominations.
- L. By January 1, any elected officer who is retiring from office shall deliver to her successor materials related to that office including the current Handbook of United Methodist Women, and all directive information received from United Methodist Women national organization during the previous four years unless otherwise negotiated. Study books for the Michigan Conference Mission shall be retained by the person using them. Any materials necessary for the fulfillment of the office and not delivered by her predecessor shall be purchased by the person assuming the office and paid for by the conference organization.

- M. A committee appointed by the President shall present the names of three voting delegates to the North Central Jurisdiction quadrennial meeting. The delegates need to be serving as elected officers in the year of the jurisdiction meeting. The delegates shall receive full funding from the conference. These names shall be presented for information at the spring Leadership Team meeting and for election at the conference Annual Business Meeting held in the year prior to the quadrennial meeting of the jurisdiction organization.
- N. At this same Annual Business Meeting (see M above), the Conference Committee on Nominations shall present the names of two women nominees to serve on the Board of Directors of the United Women in Faith national organization. (See current Handbook of United Methodist Women). Upon election these names shall be sent to the jurisdiction organization according to directives from United Women in Faith national organization. The Committee shall also present the name of a woman to be nominated to serve as an alternate. These nominees must be members of The United Methodist Church. This information shall be reported no later than the spring Leadership Team meeting.
- O. At this same Annual Business Meeting (see M above), the Conference Committee on Nominations shall present the names of three women to be considered to serve on the program advisory group of the United Women in Faith national organization. Upon election, the names will be sent to the United Women in Faith National Office. These nominees do not need to be professing members of The United Methodist Church, but must have been members of United Women in Faith on or before January 1, 2019.

II. COMMITTEES

A. General

- 1. The conference organization shall provide such committees as the needs may require. Committees shall meet at least once annually, and on call of the chairperson, after the President or the Leadership Team has given approval.
- 2. Each chairperson shall be responsible for arranging the time and place for her committee meetings, in consultation with the President and the Program Committee, and for notifying members.
- 3. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all deliberations of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with these standing rules.

B. Leadership Team

- 1. The Core Leadership Team, who have voice and vote, shall be composed of the elected officers, the district presidents, National Directors and members of the Program Advisory Group of the United Women in Faith national organization, and members of the North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team residing within the Conference. The elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary for Program Resources, four Mission Coordinators (Spiritual Growth, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Education and Interpretation, Social Action), Communications Coordinator, and Chairperson of Committee on Nominations. The resident Bishop shall be an ex-officio member of this team.
- 2. The Extended Leadership Team members with voice and vote include: the immediate Past President, the Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules, Historian/Custodian, Communication Committee members, Social Media Coordinator, Webmaster, and the Dean(s) and Assistant Dean(s) of the Conference Mission. It shall also include such other persons as the conference organization of United Women in Faith may determine. Members with voice, but no vote, include members of the Conference Committee on Nominations.
- 3. Members of the Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, Past Conference Presidents, and, members of the Committee on Nominations of the North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team residing within the Conference, shall be welcome to attend Conference Leadership Team meetings, with voice but no vote.
- 4. The Leadership Team shall meet at least four times a year.
 - a. A majority of the leadership team must be present to constitute a quorum. When the number needed for a quorum is no longer present, the formal business of the group must stop.
 - b. Upon the request of a member of the Leadership Team, an item of business may be conducted by mail or electronic transmission. Such action of the Leadership Team shall be valid, preserved and recorded in the official minutes.

5. Two weeks before each Leadership Team meeting, members of the Team shall send their report to the Communications Coordinator who shall distribute these reports to all members of the Team.
 6. Within two weeks after each Leadership Team meeting, the Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to the President before distribution. Minutes of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Team within three weeks of the meeting. This procedure is recommended to the Districts.
 - a. Following the meeting, the Secretary shall notify all persons of action items delegated to them.
 - b. The minutes of each Leadership Team meeting and the annual celebration shall be approved by the Leadership Team at its next regular meeting.
 7. All members of the Conference Leadership Team shall be members of their District Leadership Teams. Districts should designate the persons listed in #1 and #2 above, residing within their districts, as members of their District Leadership Team with voice and vote. In addition, persons listed in #3 may attend with voice, but no vote (*United Methodist Women Handbook 2021-2024*, p. 121, District Constitution, Committees, Article IV, Section 1, a.)
 8. Expenses
 - a. The conference shall assume the expenses of the Leadership Team for Conference meetings. Districts shall assume the expenses of the Leadership Team members who who reside in their district for District meetings/events.
 - b. The Leadership Team members are responsible for sending in their own registrations for Conference events and making their own lodging reservations and vouchering them to the treasurer.
- C. Administrative Committee
1. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the chairperson of the Committee on Nominations which shall meet at the call of the President to conduct emergency business.
 2. The Conference President may organize a conference call or video meeting to conduct the business of the Administrative Committee.
- D. Committee on Program
1. There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Vice President as Chairperson, President, Secretary, Treasurer, the four Mission Coordinators (Spiritual Growth, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Education and Interpretation, Social Action), Secretary of Program Resources, Communications Coordinator, Chairperson of Committee on Nominations, President of the District hosting the Conference Annual Celebration and others as the Leadership Team may determine.
 2. The Committee shall provide structure to programming of scheduled Conference events.
 3. The Committee shall meet at least semi-annually and on call of the chairperson.
 4. The Committee shall set the dates of the various conference meetings and events, subject to the approval of the Conference Leadership Team.
 5. By January 15, the Conference Vice President shall provide the Conference President with a list of dates and places of all conference meetings and events for the current year.
 6. By January 15, the District Vice Presidents shall send the same information for all district meetings to the Conference Vice President and the Webmaster.
 7. By May 15, the District Vice Presidents shall send annual celebration program plans to the Conference Vice President.
- E. Committee on Finance
1. There shall be a Committee on Finance composed of the Treasurer as Chairperson, President, Vice President, Secretary, the four Mission Coordinators (Spiritual Growth, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Education and Interpretation, Social Action), Secretary of Program Resources, Communications Coordinator, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, and the District Treasurers.
 2. The Committee shall meet twice each year (winter and summer).
 3. Budget preparation and pledge recommendations for the next year shall be done by mid-August of each year.
 4. The District Mission Coordinators of Education and Interpretation shall be invited to the winter meeting. The District Presidents shall be invited to the summer budget meeting and shall be alternates for the District Treasurer and District Mission Coordinator of Education and Interpretation as necessary.

5. Following the summer meeting of the Committee on Finance, the Conference budget for Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) for the next year shall be submitted by the Treasurer at the next meeting of the Leadership Team and at the Annual Business Meeting for adoption.
- F. Committee on Membership
1. There shall be a Committee on Membership. The Conference Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach is the Chairperson. The members include: President, Secretary, Communications Coordinator, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, and the District Mission Coordinators for Membership Nurture and Outreach.
 2. The Committee shall meet at least annually.
 3. The Committee will:
 - a. Analyze the membership needs of the Conference, set goals and plan campaigns to assist membership growth.
 - b. Recommend plans to nurture membership growth among special constituencies within the Conference.
 - c. Promote and coordinate a program of local unit visitation.
- G. Committee on Nominations
1. There shall be a Committee on Nominations. It shall be composed of seven women, one from each district. The members shall be divided into rotating classes.
 2. The Committee shall meet at least twice annually.
 3. The Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the conference organization for a tenure of two years during her four-year term.
 4. Members of the Conference Committee on Nominations may attend the Conference Leadership Team meetings with voice but no vote.
 5. The Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations shall be a member of the Committees on Program, Finance, Membership Mission u, and the Charter for Racial Justice Policies. If she is unable to attend, she shall send a Committee on Nominations representative in her place.
 6. Members of the Conference Committee on Nominations are also members of their respective District Leadership teams, with voice but no vote.
 7. The Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations shall keep current talent bank information, which may be gathered at Conference and District meetings and events or obtained from local units.
 8. Members of the Committee on Nominations shall contact potential nominees to determine interest in nomination and secure commitment for the nomination.
 9. The Committee shall keep current guidelines of officer responsibilities on file.
 10. The Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations shall keep accurate and updated records of term and tenure of elected and appointed leaders and report this record annually at the spring Leadership Team meeting.
 11. Nomination procedures shall follow Section I (Nominations, Elections and Appointive Procedures) of these Standing Rules.
- H. Committee on Conference Goals
1. There shall be a Committee on Conference Goals composed of the Vice President as Chairperson, President, and the four Mission Coordinators.
 2. The Committee shall meet annually to set and evaluate goals for the conference.
 3. The Conference Goals shall be approved by the Leadership Team.
 4. Adopted goals shall be published in the conference newsletter, on the website, and in the Directory and Reports.
- I. Committee on Standing Rules
1. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules composed of five members: a past President as Chairperson, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
 2. The committee shall meet annually to review the Standing Rules and offer changes when necessary. See Section XI for the procedure.
 3. The Chairperson shall send a copy of the Standing Rules to United Women in Faith national organization when they are revised.
 4. District Presidents shall send a copy of the District Standing Rules to the Conference Standing Rules Chairperson when they are revised.

J. Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies

1. There shall be a Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies composed of seven members, one third of whom shall be women of color, insofar as possible. The members shall be the President, who shall serve as chairperson, the Mission Coordinator for Social Action and the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. Additional members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. Committee members shall include one District President, whose tenure shall be two years (rotated alphabetically by district), one additional member of the Conference Leadership Team, and additional members selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skills necessary to accomplish the task. Additional members shall serve no more than three years.
2. The committee shall:
 - a. Develop and recommend to the leadership team:
 - 1) Plans for the implementation of the Charter of Racial Justice.
 - 2) Plans for training district and local leadership in the implementation of the charter.
 - b. Monitor conference-approved action plans to implement the charter.
 - c. Regularly evaluate progress made on conference, district and local implementation plans.
3. The committee shall meet at least semiannually and on call of the chairperson.

K. Committee on Communications

1. There shall be a Committee on Communications composed of the Communications Coordinator(s) as Chairperson(s), Social Media Coordinator, Webmaster, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and District Communication Coordinators.
 - a. The Committee shall meet at least annually and shall communicate as often as necessary.
 - b. District Presidents may be invited to the meeting and should attend if their District communication coordinators cannot.
 - c. Discussion should include evaluating all things related to Communications at the Conference and District levels.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for the publication of the Michigan Conference news letter, THE VOICE, the Directory and Reports and any requested flyers and program books.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for distribution of the Michigan Conference newsletter, THE VOICE, via the conference website, mass emails, or hard copies by request.
4. The Committee shall be responsible for the administration of social media and the maintenance of the website.
5. The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the following:
 - a. Mail and other methods of communication directly associated with the work of United Women in Faith as outlined by United Women in Faith national organization.
 - b. Names and addresses, including email, of elected leaders of Local Units, the Districts, and the Conference which shall be used only for communication about the program of United Women in Faith.

L. Committee on the Directory and Reports

1. There shall be a Committee on the Directory and Reports composed of the Communications Coordinator(s) as chairperson, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules, and others as needed to provide relevant information.
2. All required reports are due to the Directory and Reports Chairperson by January 31st, preferably sent electronically.
3. The Chairperson, with committee help as needed, shall annually edit, publish, and mail or electronically distribute the Directory and Reports by March 1.

M. Committee on the Newsletter

1. There shall be a Committee on the Newsletter composed of the Communications Coordinator(s) as chairperson(s), the President, the Vice President, Treasurer, and District Communications Coordinators. The President may appoint other members to the Committee when necessary.

2. The Committee shall make recommendations on matters of policy regarding the Conference newsletter. The final authority for policies shall rest with the Leadership Team.
3. The Michigan Conference newsletter, THE VOICE, shall be published by the Conference organization for the purpose of providing information to the Local, District, and Conference organizations for uniting all work of the Conference organization.
4. All material shall reflect the PURPOSE of United Women in Faith. It shall be subject to the approval of the Communications Coordinator(s) and the Conference President.

N. Committee on Mission u

1. The Dean(s) shall serve as the chairperson(s). Mission u committee members include: Dean(s) and Assistant Dean(s), a Treasurer, Conference and District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. Additional members of the conference Leadership Team shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, Communications Coordinator and Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. Others may be members at large, named by the Committee on Mission u. Their expenses shall be paid by Mission u.
2. Leadership Team members (see Section II B 1 & 2), members of the Committee on Nominations, and members of the Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, who are not members of the Committee on Mission u, are expected to attend at least one of the Conference Mission u events at conference expense.
3. Conference officers and committee members may be asked to help with various duties during the events.
4. The committee shall have its own standing rules and procedures.
5. The committee shall have its own budget and bank account.
 - a. The Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation has the responsibility to supply a form for a scholarship application to Mission u.
 - b. The committee shall select where the mission u offering will go.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

A. Participation in Conference Meetings and Events

1. Elected officers are expected to attend all Leadership Team meetings.
2. Unexcused absences and/or non-performance of duties shall be handled at the discretion of the President who, after consultation with the Administrative Committee, shall have authority to ask the person to resign.
3. The Conference elected officers are to attend at least one Conference Mission u event.
4. When invited, elected officers shall attend the national organization of United Women in Faith Leadership Development Days (LDD).
5. Elected officers are encouraged to attend special training and other enriching experiences beyond the Conference. Requests for conference funds for such experiences should be made to the President and approved by the Leadership Team. Consideration shall be given to the type of experience, the application in the Conference, the number of requests from the individual, and the availability of funds.

B. Representation to Groups and Annual Conference Agencies

1. The Conference President will attend the annual session of the Michigan Annual Conference, by virtue of her office.
2. District Presidents are expected to attend the Michigan Annual Conference as an equalization member, request to be made through their respective districts Lay Leader.
3. Representative to Conference Boards and Agencies:
 - Board of Laity - President
 - Board of Justice Division of Church and Society – Mission Coordinator for Social Action
 - Board of Global Ministries - Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation
4. The Conference Vice President shall be the representative at Church Women United and World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.
5. The President and the Vice President or their designees shall be the representatives to the Annual Assembly of Church Women United in Michigan. It is recommended that Districts follow this pattern.

IV. MEETINGS

A. Annual Celebration and Business Meeting

1. The Annual Celebration shall be held annually in October. The location shall rotate among the districts.
2. Publicity and Registration

- a. After approval by the Program Committee by March 31, the Communications Coordinator shall have the event flyer and registration form ready for distribution in The VOICE and to the Districts for inclusion in their newsletters.
 - b. A Registrar, appointed by the Program Committee, shall receive all registrations, both paid and complimentary, shall provide and distribute name tags for all attendees under procedures developed by the Committee on Program, and shall report as requested by the Conference Leadership Team following the event.
 - c. The Leadership Team members are responsible for sending in their own registrations and making their own lodging reservations.
 - d. Complimentary Luncheon Tickets
 - 1.) The new nominees for election at the Annual Business Meeting shall be contacted by and shall register with the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, who shall report registrations to the Registrar.
 - 2.) The Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation shall invite, register and report to the Registrar the following who reside within the conference:
 - Deaconesses and Home Missioners, active and retired
 - Retired missionaries
 - Newly returned Missionaries for a three-year period following their term of service
 - any Missionaries on leave, who are in the conference.
 - 3.) The Vice President shall invite, register and report to the Registrar the following:
 - Speakers
 - Resource persons which may includes:
 - Church and Community Workers
 - Representatives of United Methodist Community House
 - President of the United Women in Faith of the host Church
 - Pastor in charge and spouse and any other host Pastor who participates in the meeting and spouse
 - 4.) The President shall invite, register and report to the Registrar the following special guests:
 - The resident Bishop and spouse;
 - Assistant to the Bishop and spouse;
 - District Superintendents and their spouses;
 - Michigan Conference Director of Connectional Ministries and Associate Council Directors;
 - Michigan Conference Chief Financial Officer
 - Michigan Conference Laity Chairperson
 - President of Michigan Conference United Methodist Men;
 - Michigan Director of Communications or representative;
 - Retired Bishops and/or spouses residing in the conference;
 - Past Presidents of the Conference United Methodist Women
 - The following persons residing within the Conference:
 - Members of United Women in Faith national organization Board of Directors, Program Advisory Group, and North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team;
 - President of Church Women United in Michigan
3. Annual Celebration Program
- a. The Annual Celebration program shall be prepared by the Vice President, with additional input from the Treasurer, the President, the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on Standing Rules
 - 1.) By July 15, the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations shall send a perfected proposed ballot to the President, Vice President, and Communications Coordinator for inclusion in THE VOICE and the event program.
 - 2.) The Treasurer shall provide the Conference Budget for the coming year and a report of Mission Giving for the prior year.
 - 3.) The President shall provide the names of those to be honored with World Thank Offering gifts (see V. F. 1.).
 - 4.) The Vice President shall provide the names of those to be honored with Gifts to Mission (see V. F. 2).

- 5.) The chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules shall provide the changes being made for the coming year.
 - 6.) The final program to be distributed at the Annual Celebration shall be approved by the President before transmittal to the printer.
4. Expenses for the support persons are the following, unless there is an established rate for the venue:

a. Accompanist	\$50	d. Janitor	\$100
b. Special Music	\$75	e. Sound Technician.	\$100
c. Child Care	\$10/hour	f. Security	\$10/hour
 5. The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Conference organization shall be approved by the Leadership Team at the Leadership Team meeting, at its first meeting following the Annual Business Meeting.
- B. Officer Training and Leadership Development (OTLD)
1. Conference Officers shall provide an annual enrichment experience for District Officers. This experience shall provide information to help District Officers carry out their responsibilities and shall include a counterpart training.
 2. This event shall provide information and training to help current District Officers carry out their responsibilities and shall also offer leadership and skills development opportunities for others recommended by their District Presidents.
 3. The President and the Vice President shall prepare the schedule for Officer Training and Leadership Development with input from the Program Committee.
 4. The Vice President shall be responsible for OTLD registration and name tags.
 5. District Presidents shall encourage all District Officers to attend this event, both incumbent and newly elected. They shall also provide name and office information for all those attending to the Conference Vice President in a timely manner.
 6. When Officer Training and Leadership Development is held the night before the Conference Annual Celebration, a separate meeting of the Committee on Communications shall also be held.
 - a. They shall review goals and address concerns related to Communications at Conference and District levels.
 - b. In addition to the committee members, the District Presidents, and District Communication Coordinators or their equivalent shall be invited.
 7. When Officer Training and Leadership Development is held the night before the Conference Annual Celebration, lodging for all District and Conference Leadership Team members attending both events shall be funded by the Conference.
- C. Social Action Event
1. There may be a Michigan Annual Conference Social Action event held every year in March or April co-sponsored by United Women in Faith and the Conference Board of Justice. Currently it is "Keep Making Peace."
 2. The Conference Mission Coordinator for Social Action shall be the chairperson for a United Women in Faith Social Action event committee, if an event is scheduled, and approved by the Leadership Team. The President shall appoint other persons to serve on the committee.
 3. A Social Action Event may be planned in collaboration with other group(s) or events, dealing with social issues, at the discretion of the Conference Mission Coordinator for Social Action and with the approval of the Leadership Team.
 4. Leadership Team members attending shall have their expenses paid.
- D. Conference Workshops
1. Workshops may be planned by the Program Committee and approved by the Leadership Team.
 2. The Conference may sponsor workshops at least every other year. In years following the National Seminar, the persons attending the seminar shall plan the workshops.

V. FUNDS

A. Financial Procedures

1. The Conference Leadership Team shall establish an Administration and Membership Development Fund (A&MD Fund) for the organization from a percentage of the Conference Pledge to Mission approved at the Annual Business Meeting. The percentage is to be determined yearly and shall include monies for Jurisdiction and District A&MD Funds.

2. The Treasurer shall serve as the resident agent of the Conference organization annually and shall make all required reports to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
 3. All monies handled by the Conference organization shall go through the Treasurer's books, except for the monies related to Mission u.
 4. The commercial checking account shall be in the name of United Methodist Women, Michigan Conference, dba Michigan Conference United Methodist Women.
 - a. Checks shall be signed by the Conference Treasurer or Conference President.
 - b. All checks written by the Treasurer shall be vouchered.
 - 1.) All authorized expenses incurred on Conference business shall be vouchered in a timely manner.
 - 2.) Vouchers are obtained from and returned to the Conference Treasurer.
 - 3.) All vouchers shall be approved by the President or the Secretary.
 - c. In order to be reimbursed for expenses, all bills incurred during a fiscal year shall be vouchered by December 1st.
 5. An audit of the previous year's financial records shall be performed annually by a CPA or a person who has a minimum of a four-year accounting degree, in accordance with the "Agreed Upon Procedures for Conference Audits" provided by the national organization of United Women in Faith as found in the current *Handbook of United Methodist Women*.
 - a. After the procedures have been completed, the person performing the review completes the Schedule of Cash Activities statement and submits it to the Conference Treasurer. Copies are then provided to the Conference Leadership Team and to the United Women in Faith national organization.
 - b. This procedure shall be followed by the Districts, with copies sent to the Conference Treasurer and the District Leadership Team.
 6. The Conference checkbook shall be turned over to the newly elected Treasurer by January 1, if possible, or as soon as the required banking transfer documents can be executed. The previous year's records shall be turned over as soon as the financial audit has been completed. Historical financial records shall be turned over immediately.
- B. Meeting Expenses within the Conference Organization
1. The following expenses for the members of the Leadership Team, incurred while carrying out responsibilities for the Conference organization, shall be paid, if not otherwise provided. This procedure is recommended to the Districts.
 - a. Lodging — based on two persons two beds per room. Additional costs for other arrangements selected shall be at one's own expense.
 - b. Travel — at a flat rate of **21** cents per mile. Members shall carpool whenever possible.
 - c. Meals — daily allowance of \$25.
 - d. Dependent Care -- the actual cost up to \$38 for one-day events.
Special circumstances should be requested in writing to the President and Treasurer.
Local units and families are urged to volunteer their help with this care.
 2. Members of the Leadership Team shall be reimbursed for expenses to attend all Conference meetings.
 3. Expenses of members appointed to Conference Committees or invited by the conference shall be paid by the Conference organization, if not otherwise provided.
 4. Expenses of District elected officers, District and Conference members of the Committee on Nominations, members of the Committee on Charter for Racial Justice Policies, North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team members, and United Women in Faith Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group, when called by the Conference organization to a meeting, shall be paid by the Conference, if not otherwise provided.
 5. When District elected officers are called to meetings held back-to-back with Conference events, the Conference shall pay for the travel and lodging.
 6. The Conference organization shall provide travel expenses (mileage, meals and lodging, if needed) for the Conference President, Vice President, plus two additional Conference elected leaders, from a different district, to each District Annual Celebration per year. Each District shall provide travel expenses for any Conference elected leaders who live in their district to attend the District Annual Celebration.
 7. The Conference President and the District Presidents are included in the lay equalization attendance pattern of the Michigan Annual Conference. The President is listed in the Michigan Annual Conference Rules of Order Membership 5.2.1.5. The District

Presidents are part of the Board of Laity selection mentioned in 5.3.4 and 5.3.5. The Michigan Annual Conference shall pay for registration, room and board. Any travel expenses shall be assumed by the conference United Women in Faith organization unless otherwise covered.

8. The Conference shall assume expenses for United Women in Faith members of the Leadership Team who are not on the Committee on Mission u, including members of the Committee on Nominations, members of the Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, and all appointed members, to attend one Mission u event annually. The District Presidents shall be covered by their Districts unless they are a member of the Mission u Committee, if so, the Committee on Mission u shall pay for them.
9. The Conference shall assume expenses for the Bishop's spouse, if there is one, to attend one Mission u event annually. It is suggested that Districts follow this pattern to include the District Superintendent spouses, if there is one. The spouses need to be invited and made aware of their expenses being covered.

C. Expenses for Jurisdiction and National Events

1. Support for Assembly, National Seminar, and North Central Jurisdiction attendance shall be determined by the Conference Leadership Team, as soon as possible, after directives for the event are received from United Women in Faith national organization or the Jurisdiction Leadership Team.
 - a. Registration to National Assembly shall be paid for the Conference Leadership Team, including District Presidents and appointed positions. Remaining funds shall be divided among District Officers not to exceed cost of registration.
 - b. Full registration and travel shall be paid for the elected delegates, alternates, and Board of Directors of United Women in Faith nominees to the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. Remaining funds shall be divided equally among elected leaders.
 - c. The Conference Leadership Team may offer scholarships to District and local United Women in Faith to attend Jurisdiction and National events.
 - d. Expenses for the attendance of the Bishop's spouse, when there is one, shall be paid.
2. All expenses shall be vouchered by individual attendees to the Conference Treasurer, including those funds allocated to the Districts. This does not preclude Districts from determining how they shall allocate an amount allotted to them.
3. In the event any of these persons is expected to attend a national event, advance funds may be requested for travel and paid, upon approval by the Administrative Committee.

D. Resources

1. Purchases of the Prayer Guide and the Mission u Study Book from the UWF Mission Resources, may be vouchered to the Treasurer for reimbursement by the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Mission Coordinators, Communications Coordinator, Secretary of Program Resources, members of the Committee on Nominations, members of the Committee on the Charter for *Racial* Justice Policies, Editor of THE VOICE, and members of the national organization residing in the conference.
2. Members of the Leadership Team and the Committee on Nominations may voucher expenses for subscriptions to response if they do not receive it from another source.
3. The Conference organization shall provide a subscription to the response magazine for the Bishop's Office. It is recommended that the District organizations provide a subscription to *response* magazine for their respective District Superintendent's office.

E. Honoraria and Love Gifts

1. Speakers secured through United Women in Faith national organization shall be paid as stated by United Women in Faith national organization.
2. Speakers at the Conference Annual Celebration shall be paid the following: honorarium - \$100, mileage at the current rate, and lodging, as needed.
3. Speakers secured by the Conference for District Annual Celebrations shall be paid by the Conference. The Conference shall provide the speaker for District Annual Celebrations the year following the national Assembly.
 - a. The Conference shall give a Love Gift to the District Annual Celebration speaker(s), unless there is a set fee, plus travel expenses.

- b. The Conference Program Committee shall recommend the amount of the gift to the Conference Leadership Team, for approval.
 - 4. Speakers secured for retreats shall receive up to \$150, in addition to travel expenses. A retreat is assumed to include three or more leader presentations. "Retreat is a deliberate and intentional participation in a set period of time to experience a new awareness of the presence of God." (Retreats: An Introductory Manual by Mary Lou Van Buren)
 - 5. Honoraria not required for District or Conference elected officers asked to be speakers.
 - 6. It is recommended that districts and local units pay an honorarium and travel expenses to active or retired Missionaries, Deaconesses and Home Missioners whom they invite to speak. This shall not apply to Missionaries, Deaconesses or Home Missioners itinerating through the districts.
- F. Mission Giving by the Conference
- 1. Annually, by a gift to the World Thank Offering in the amount of \$5 each, the Conference organization shall express appreciation for those persons, other than conference / district elected leaders, who have served on committees, task forces, and in special appointments.
 - 2. Individuals and groups participating in the Conference Annual Celebration shall be honored by a Gift to Mission in the amount of \$10.00 each. These might include the guest speaker(s), host committee, host pastor(s), person installing officers, communion assistants.
 - 3. To honor service in Mission, the Conference organization shall:
 - a. present a gift of \$100 to each newly commissioned Missionary going from the Michigan Conference under the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. US2s and Global Mission Fellows shall receive \$50. This gift shall be sent through regular channels when the person reaches his/ her assigned field of service. A letter of explanation shall be sent to the recipient at the same time by the Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation.
 - b. present a Special Mission Recognition in the amount of \$100 to each Missionary, Deaconess and Home Missioner in the conference upon their retirement.
- G. Recognitions
- 1. The Treasurer shall order recognitions, in consultation with the Chairperson for the Committee on Nominations.
 - 2. To honor members of the Leadership Team the conference organization shall express its appreciation through a Special Mission Recognition as follows:
 - a. the elected officers who have served on the Leadership Team:
 - 1.) president and treasurer upon completing a full term — \$200
 - 2.) the treasurer upon completing an additional two years - \$200
 - 3.) all other elected officers upon completing a full term — \$100
 - 4.) those retiring who have served more than one year but less than four years in the same office - \$60
 - 5.) those retiring who have served one year - \$40
 - 6.) anyone duly elected who leaves office before the end of one year shall be recognized with a Gift to Mission in the amount of \$10.
 - 7.) an elected officer previously honored in this way shall be given the choice of additional recognition in the ways indicated or a Gift to Mission of a comparable sum.
 - b. Retiring members of the Committee on Nominations:
 - 1.) who have served four years, including election as Chairperson - \$100
 - 2.) who have served four years but have not served as Chairperson - \$60
 - 3.) who have served at least one year, but less than four years - \$40;
 - 4.) who have served less than one year - a Gift to Mission - \$5.
 - c. Additional members of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee –
 - 1.) Gift to Mission card for \$5.
 - 2.) The Dean of Mission upon completing a two-year-term - \$60
 - 3.) Out-Going District Presidents - a Gift to Mission card for \$5.
 - 4.) Re-located Bishop and spouse - a Special Mission Recognition for \$100 to each.
- H. District Budgets and Funds
- 1. All monies handled by each District organization shall go through the District Treasurer's books.

2. Each District organization shall submit for approval a budget for Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) for the next year to the Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Finance by July 31.
3. 25 percent (25%) of each District's annual A & MD funds shall be remitted to the District Treasurers by the Conference Treasurer by the 15th of the first month of each quarter.
4. Mission funds received from the local units to the Districts each month shall be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer by the 15th of the following month, with the exception of funds received with orders for Special Mission Recognition pins, which shall be forwarded as soon as possible after they are received.
5. The District Treasurers shall submit a copy of their bank statement plus cash journal to their District President and the Conference Treasurer on a monthly basis where it shall be reviewed in a timely manner.
6. When there is more than \$500 in a District treasury at the end of the year, the overage shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer; if a District treasury has less than \$500 at the end of the year, the Conference Treasurer shall issue a check to that District to bring its balance to \$500.
7. When the Conference organization requests that the District Team attend a meeting, expenses shall be paid by the Conference.

I. Scholarships to Mission u

1. To encourage involvement in United Women in Faith the Conference organization, shall offer scholarships, including child care and/or registration fees for Kids' School to:
 - two first time attending women over 18 and/or pastors, ordained or local
 - two young women
 - two or more women of diversity
2. Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation will coordinate the scholarship application process and the committee to determine who will receive the scholarships to any of the Mission u events.

J. Retention Funds

1. The Conference Leadership Team shall budget each year an amount in anticipation of elected and appointed Conference and/or District leadership for National and Jurisdiction meetings. At the end of each year monies not used from this budget item would be placed in an investment account (which should not exceed \$20,000) to be used for expenses of attendance at next National or Jurisdiction event.
2. An investment account may be established in the name of United Women in Faith Michigan Conference for the purpose of funding expenses for such meetings as the Assembly, the National Seminar and the North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. Withdrawals shall be signed by the Treasurer or President.

K. Other Relevant information

1. Offerings received at Conference events will be allocated upon recommendation of the Committee on Finance to the Leadership Team. The offering will be either Mission Giving through Pledge to Mission or designated for a program or project related to the work of United Women in Faith. It is recommended that the Districts follow the same process.
2. The Conference organization annually receives through The United Methodist Union of Greater Detroit a bequest of money from the Kathleen Bright Memorial Fund to be used for mission education. It may be used for scholarships for Mission u or other mission related events.
3. The Conference organization may withdraw funds from the Wilmarth Trust or any other accounts in the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan up to the limit of the earnings.
4. The Conference organization is committed to maintaining a significant relationship with the United Methodist Community House (UMCH) in Grand Rapids, a National Mission Institution of United Women in Faith, by:
 - a. encouraging United Women in Faith and the United Methodist Church to provide ongoing financial support specifically to support the programming;
 - b. having a presence on the Board of Directors that may include a Conference United Women in Faith National Director as liaison. The Conference President and the Western Waters District President, or designee(s), will hold seats on the Board.
 - c. coordinating with UMCH staff to develop volunteer opportunities for United Women in Faith.

5. The Conference organization, in keeping with the recommendation of United Women in Faith national organization, may support Church Women United, as recommended by the Committee on Finance, by
 - a. giving, upon a vouchered request, up to \$200 financial support in a given year to a Michigan Conference member of United Women in Faith who is State President of Church Women United. The Conference Treasurer shall send a letter of explanation and a few vouchers.
 - b. promoting participation in programs throughout the Conference sponsored by Church Women United.
 - c. considering as a budget item a contribution to the state organization in accordance with other denominational patterns of support within the state.
 - d. recommending that districts encourage local units in their districts to consider supporting local units of Church Women United and their programs.
6. The Conference organization may support the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, as recommended by the Committee on Finance, by
 - a. giving financial support to women in the Conference who are placed in positions of leadership with the state organization of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.
 - b. promoting participation in programs throughout the Conference sponsored by the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.
7. When a Conference Officer is expected to represent United Women in Faith at a national meeting, her expenses shall be paid from conference funds, unless they are covered by the agency that is meeting.
8. The conference budget shall include a line item amount for unanticipated conference expenses.
9. Un-budgeted program opportunities —
 - a. The President shall appoint a Subcommittee of five women from the Committee on Finance, chaired by the Treasurer, to receive all requests for un-budgeted program opportunities
 - b. The requests must be presented to the Subcommittee at least two weeks before the Leadership Team meeting at which the request is to be heard.
 - c. Failure to do this shall result in postponement of the hearing of the request.
10. The list of officers of United Women in Faith and/or participants at United Women in Faith events shall not be used by, given to, or sold to outside groups, unless approved by the Conference Leadership Team.

VI. MINUTES AND RECORDS

A. Secretary's Records

1. The Conference Secretary shall keep minutes for four years in her possession. Older minutes shall be stored permanently at the Michigan Conference Archives.
2. The Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes of the Leadership Team meeting to its members, the Bishop, the Cabinet representative, and the North Central Jurisdiction President.

B. Treasurer's Records

1. All vouchers, bank statements, treasurer's reports and auditor's reports for the current year and seven (7) previous years shall be kept by the treasurer. All others shall be destroyed.
2. The cash activity journal must be kept permanently.
3. The year-end treasurer's report presented at the first meeting of the year should be kept permanently with the meeting minutes.

C. District Correspondence

1. Conference elected leaders shall copy the Conference President on communication to District elected leaders or to Local elected leaders.
2. When Conference leaders send correspondence to District counterpart(s), a copy shall be sent to the District President(s).
3. All information sent by Conference elected leaders to District elected leaders for channeling to Local Units is important. It is expected that it shall be sent to Local Units at District expense.
4. Names of Local elected leaders shall be sent to the District Secretaries within one week after election, recommending that elections be held by October 31 of each year.

5. Within one week following the District Annual Business Meeting, the District President shall send a copy of the District elected ballot to the
 - a. Conference President
 - b. Conference Secretary
 - c. Conference Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations
 - d. Conference Communications Coordinator/s
 - e. Conference Webmaster
 - f. other District Presidents
 6. By November 15, the Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Nominations shall send to each incoming Conference elected leader the names, postal addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of her respective District leaders.
 7. By December 15, the District Presidents shall send the names, postal addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of appointees to the District Leadership Teams to the Conference President, Secretary, Communications Coordinator, Editor of THE VOICE, Webmaster and other District Presidents for District newsletters.
- D. Other
1. Records, reports, and directive information pertaining to each office shall be kept by the respective elected leaders for the preceding four years after which they may be destroyed.
 2. Permanent Files and Historical Records
 - a. shall be kept at the Michigan Conference Archives.
 - b. shall consist of:
 - 1.) The minutes of all meetings recorded by the Conference Secretary including the year-end Treasurer's Reports
 - 2.) The Conference Treasurer's Annual Audit Report and ledgers
 - 3.) A copy of the Conference Directory and Reports
 - 4.) A copy of each issue of THE VOICE
 - 5.) A copy of the Conference Annual Celebration Program
 - c. The Secretary shall be responsible for seeing that records are stored at the Michigan Conference Archives.

VII. COURTESIES and Memorials

- A. Upon organization of a new or reactivated local unit of United Women in Faith of the Michigan Conference, a handbook, and the New Unit Starter Kit shall be provided at Conference expense. The President of a new or reactivated local unit shall be a guest at the next Conference Annual Celebration with meal and registration paid.
- B. The Treasurer shall:
 1. purchase appropriate Gift to Mission cards or Gift in Memory cards in the amount of \$10 each to be sent when such remembrances, i.e. death of a past conference officer, are authorized by the Administrative Committee.
 2. send a Gift in Memory of \$60 to United Women in Faith national organization upon the death of any member of the current Conference Leadership Team or Past President. If a member of the immediate family (spouse/children) of a conference officer dies, a \$10 Gift in Memory shall be given.
 3. send a Gift in Memory of \$100 to United Women in Faith national organization upon the death of Conference Commissioned Missionaries, Deaconesses (active or retired), Home Missioners and Church and Community Workers. Current short-term missionaries shall be similarly remembered.

VIII. RESOURCES

- A. Literature sold at all conference meetings shall be those promoted by United Women in Faith Mission Resources. Exceptions must be approved by the Leadership Team or the Administrative Committee.
- B. Other materials sold or distributed at conference events shall be approved by the committee planning the event. (Example: Social Action Day).

IX. EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY OWNED

- A. Archival Documents and Literature
 1. At least once during the tenure of office of each Conference President, a committee appointed by the President, (in consultation with the Historian/Custodian), shall evaluate the Conference properties held by the Historian/Custodian and make recommendations concerning them.

2. The Historian/Custodian's annual report shall be the inventory of the Conference organization property including that held by all Conference elected leaders.
- B. Hard Equipment – There is a file cabinet permanently located at the UM Michigan Conference office. The president has the key for the filing cabinet.

X. DISTINCTIVE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Leadership Team shall have full power and authority:
 1. to conduct the affairs of the Conference organization in the ordinary course of business, including the employment, management of properties under the jurisdiction of the Conference organization, planning of the denominational and interdenominational work which is supported financially by the Conference organization;
 2. to authorize the investment of funds in other than real property;
 3. to transact all business required by the organization, except as specifically delegated to the Board of Trustees, and further to execute any documents necessary to carry out these powers.
- B. Board of Trustees
 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees in order to comply with State of Michigan laws for incorporated bodies. The membership of the Board of Trustees shall be the same as the Leadership Team.
 2. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once a year.
 3. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President upon request of the Leadership Team.
 4. All meetings shall be held within the boundaries of the Conference.
- C. Protection Policy
 1. It is recommended that churches used as venues for United Women in Faith events have a Protection Policy in place.
 2. The Michigan Conference Protection Policy Implementation Team is available to help churches create their own Protection Policies. A template is available (from the Conference) to facilitate the creation of it.

XI. PROVISIONS FOR CHANGES IN STANDING RULES

- A. The Standing Rules are procedural statements and are supplementary to the current Constitution and Bylaws of United Women of Faith as found in the *United Methodist Women Handbook 2021-2024*. The Standing Rules are designed to ensure continuity of procedures.
- B. Conference Standing Rules shall be reviewed and perfected annually by the Standing Rules committee, by the Leadership Team at their spring meeting, adopted at the Conference Annual Business Meeting, and published each year in the Directory and Reports.
- C. Any proposed amendments shall be presented in writing to the President of the conference organization by March 15, for review by the Standing Rules Committee. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be forwarded in writing to the members of the Leadership Team at least two weeks before the spring Leadership Team meeting.
- D. As long as they are in harmony with United Women in Faith national organization material, the recommended changes shall be mentioned in the Conference Newsletter. All changes and the edited document shall be available for review on the website at least 30 days before and presented for approval at the Conference Annual Business Meeting.
- E. The Standing Rules may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the voting members at the Conference Annual Business Meeting.