

Michigan Conference United Women in Faith

7th Annual Celebration October 17 – 18, 2025

Clio Bethany United Methodist Church 353 E. Vienna St Clio, Michigan 48420

Saturday, October 18, 2025 Registration 9:00 AM Program 9:30 AM \$20 (Includes Lunch)



EMBRACING New Challenges

Sally Vonner, current General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of United Women in Faith, will be our Keynote Speaker. Sally oversees the implementation of the organization's vision, mission and strategic plan to positively impact the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

Friday, October 17, 2025 Registration 3:30 PM Program 4:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM \$10

There is no charge to attend the program unless you join us for dinner.

October 17, 2025 United Women in Faith Officer and Leadership Training 7:00 PM



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: A Call to Hope & Action

Jacob Stone and Pastor Audra Hudson Stone, co-conveners of the Environmental Justice Taskforce of the Michigan UMC, will share a comprehensive introduction to the issues. Their presentation will include information on the realities of environmental injustice, a Biblical framework for creation care and suggestions for prophetic action.

MISSION FOCUS will benefit Clio Bethany United Methodist Church Food Pantry
Please donate canned foods, nonperishable foods, personal hygiene - full sized, toilet paper, paper towel

Comfort Inn, 11911 Dixie Hwy, Birch Run, MI 48415 (989) 624-7777 or (989) 624- 7273
Hotel Rooms are available at a special rate of \$125 per room, single or double occupancy \$10 charge per night for each additional person over two people. Complimentary Breakfast.

Cut off Date is Thursday, October 2, 2025, for Room Block at \$125 Rate

Register Early! Mention "United Methodist Women" or "United Women in Faith"

Register by October 11th online at:

<https://my-site-102740-102533.square.site/> or scan QR Code

Registration Form for mailing attached



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"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of Peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9 NIV

Conference Annual Registration Form
Registration Deadline is October 11, 2025

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**Email required if you wish to receive annual meeting materials.
NO hard copies will be available at the meeting.**

Please Check one: ☐ Local Officer ☐ District Officer ☐ Conference Officer

District _____ Office held _____

Home Church and City _____

Please check events attending:

☐ \$10.00 - Friday Officer Training/Leadership Development

☐ \$20.00 - Saturday Celebration

_____ TOTAL DUE (Make checks payable to: Michigan Conference UWF)

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Child care needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Names and ages of children: _____

Lodging is on your own. Hotel rooms are available at:

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**Mail before October 11th with check payable to: Michigan Conference UWF to:
Sally Messner 1072 Stonehill Drive, Charlotte MI 48813
sallymessner@yahoo.com 269-783-6334**



Sally Vonner

Sally Vonner is a woman of faith and purpose as a leader, mother, sister, and friend to many. She is a proud member of United Women in Faith. As the General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of United Women in Faith, she oversees the implementation of the organization's vision, mission, and strategic plan to positively impact the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. She collaborates with United Women in Faith's senior executives from the Offices of the General Secretary, Connectional, Finance and Asset Management, Operations, and Transformation on day-to-day operations.

Sally has served various areas of the United Methodist Church (UMC) as a women's retreat leader, jurisdictional conference delegate or alternate (2008, 2016, 2020), and organizer for immigration assistance and reform, community development initiatives, and dismantling racism at jurisdictional and conference levels. She was commissioned as a 10-10-10 missionary by the General Board of Global Ministries in 2000 with placement in the North Texas Annual Conference as the Communities of Shalom Coordinator. She was also the Associate Director of Connectional Ministries for the North Texas Annual Conference, 2005-2010.

She is a long-time member of the Black Methodist for Church Renewal at the national, jurisdictional and local levels. Sally has been a member of a women's leadership cohort for Chief Executive Officers with J.P. Morgan Chase, since 2021.

She is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology with a M.Div. and Women's Studies Certification and Texas A&M Commerce with a B.S. in Biology. Sally is a long-time member of First UMC Grand Prairie (TX). She regularly attends Teaneck UMC in Teaneck, NJ and is a member of their United Women in Faith unit. She is an active member of the Bergen County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sally enjoys reading, walking and traveling to beaches in the U.S. and the Caribbean.



Pastor Audra Hudson Stone and Jacob Stone

Pastor Audra Hudson Stone and Jacob Stone are co-convenors of the Environmental Justice Taskforce of the Michigan Conference United Methodist Church, living in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Audra holds a Master of Arts in Public Ministry from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary with a concentration in ecological regeneration and she currently serves as the campus minister for the Central Michigan University Wesley Foundation. Jacob holds a bachelor's degree from Adrian College in environmental science and biology and has a background in outdoor education and UMC camping ministries.

In November 2023, they served as young adult representatives of the UMC to the 2023 World Council of Churches Eco-School, focused on faith-based responses to climate change and environmental degradation.