

Michigan Conference Directory 2026

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United
Women
in Faith

**2024
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, 2024, 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 Olivia Cato at (313) 704-4521 or oliviacato123@gmail.com

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churchwomenunited.net

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WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST AND UNITING CHURCH WOMEN

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Michigan United Women in Faith 2026 Dates

January 8, 15, 22, 29 (Thursday)

Virtual Mission u, 6:30-8:30 PM

January 10 (Saturday)

Central Bay Leadership Team, Sanford UMC

January 8, 15, 22, 29 (Thursday)

6:30-9:00 PM Virtual Mission u

January 17 (Saturday) 9:30 AM

East Winds Leadership, ZOOM

February 7 (Saturday)

Greater Detroit Prayer Breakfast

Grace Community UMC

February 14 (Saturday) 9:30 AM

Conference Leadership, Zoom

February 21 (Saturday)

Keep Doing Justice, Lansing: University UMC

March 7 (Saturday)

Central Bay Spiritual Enrichment Brunch -

Auburn UMC

Heritage Local Unit Training, ZOOM

March 18 (Wednesday)

Advocacy Day, Lansing

March 21 (Saturday)

Western Waters Spring Fling

Grand Rapids Community House

March 23 Day of Giving

April 11 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC

Greater Southwest Soul Care Retreat, TBD

Northern Skies Power of Bold Day, ZOOM

April 15 (Wednesday)

Heritage Leadership, Brighton First UMC

April 18 (Saturday)

Greater Detroit Mission Workshop, 9 AM

Methodist Children's Home Society, Redford

Heritage Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 AM

Brighton First UMC

April 24-25 (Friday-Saturday)

Central Bay Spiritual Life Retreat

The Springs –Gladwin

May 1-2 (Friday-Saturday)

Northern Skies Spiritual Growth Retreat,

Manistique

May 2 (Saturday)

East Winds Spiritual Growth Event

Goodrich UMC

May 1-2 (Friday-Saturday)

Northern Skies Spiritual Growth Retreat.

Manistique

May 15-17 (Friday-Sunday)

General Assembly, Indianapolis, IN

May 28-31 (Thursday-Sunday)

Grand Traverse Resort, Acme

Michigan Annual Conference

June ? (Thursday)

Greater Southwest Mission Night

June 6 (Saturday) 9:30 AM

Conference Leadership, Zoom

June 13 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC

June 20 (Saturday)

East Winds Leadership Team, ZOOM

Heritage Leadership Team, TBD

July 16-18 (Thursday-Saturday)

Mission u, Mt. Pleasant First UMC

August 13 (Thursday) 6:30 PM

Conference Finance Committee, Zoom

August 15 (Saturday) 9:30 AM

Conference Leadership, Zoom

September 12 (Saturday)

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC

East Winds Team, Romeo UMC

Heritage Leadership Team, TBD

DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

September - October

Northern Skies District

TBD

Western Waters District

September 19, Ludington UMC

Greater Southwest District

Saturday, September 26, TBD

Central Bay District

Saturday, October 10, Weidman UMC

Greater Detroit District

Saturday, October 10, TBD

East Winds District

Saturday, October 10, Romeo UMC

Heritage District

Saturday, October 10, TBD

October 16 (Friday) Southfield: Hope UMC,

Michigan Conference Officer Training and

Leadership Development,

Conference Newsletter Meeting

October 17 (Saturday) Southfield: Hope UMC,

Michigan Conference Annual Celebration

November 7 (Saturday)

Western Waters Spiritual Growth Retreat

Pentwater: Centenary UMC

November 14 (Saturday) 9:30 AM

Central Bay Team, Sanford UMC

East Winds Team, ZOOM

November 18 (Wednesday)

Heritage Leadership Team, TBD

February 21 (Saturday) 9:30 AM

Conference Leadership, Zoom

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTION IN MICHIGAN



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Marketing Committee: Sharon Smith



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Western Waters	Karen Genson

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MISSION u

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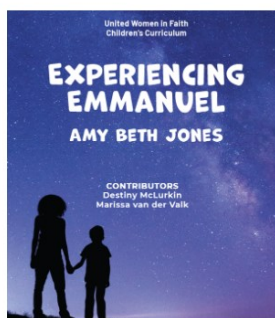
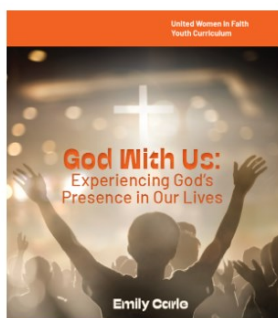
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Mission u is a transformative educational program that encompasses both Bible-based curricula and events. All are welcome to engage with either or both components of Mission u.

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

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



- ✱ **A Deep Knowing: Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives** Adult Curriculum by Linda Louise Furtado
- ✱ **God With Us: Experiencing God's Presence in Our Lives** Youth Curriculum by Emily Carle
- ✱ **Experiencing Emmanuel** Children's Curriculum by Amy Beth Jones

Our 2026 Mission u offers the curriculum below. Digital copies are available at: uwfaith.org/

If you prefer, you can order them to be picked up at Mission u . Please indicate this in the Mission u merchandise section of the order form. AVAILABLE ONLY FOR IN PERSON.

You can register for Mission u online at:
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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 2026

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

Inspire

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

- Each Conference officer will work with their District Leadership Team to encourage personal contact (via phone call or personal visit) with each local unit.
- Each Conference officer will visit two (2) local units in addition to their own to attend a meeting and/or provide a program. At these meetings, be prepared to provide information about response magazine, UWFaith current emphasis areas, reading program, prayer guide, current program book, UWFaith current Handbook, etc.
- Each Conference Officer will work with their District Leadership Team to promote the new membership campaign – UNSTOPPABLE.

Influence

Preparing through reading, studying and participating in district and conference meetings and leadership development 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 Resources Coordinator, will host at least two (2) virtual “book chats” and promote throughout the church, and conference.
- Each Conference Officer will attend a multi-day Mission u event, achieving 90% participation of District Officers.
- Each Conference Officer will engage with United Women in Faith Digital.
- Each Conference Officer will attend Leadership Development Days (LDD) when 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.
- Each Conference Officer will attend 2026 Assembly in Indianapolis, IN, May 15-17, 2026.

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 (NMI), United Methodist Community House, through volunteering, visiting and giving.
- Include articles in each issue of the Voice newsletter relating to at least one of these mission emphasis areas and United Methodist Community House.

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2024 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Auburn
Bay City Grace
Carson City

Clare
Four Points
Hopevale

St Johns
Sanford
West Branch

Weidman

2024 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT 5 STAR PERSONS

Auburn

Sandra DeWaele
April Nahgahgwon
Patricia Benedict
Kathy Gibson
Carol Holiday
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Bay City Grace

Caroline Diaz

Carson City

Dorothy Sheid

Clare

Jeanne Schelander

Four Points

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Hopevale

Sandra Horen

St Johns

Heleen Cornel
Marin Johns
Marietta Mohnke

Sanford

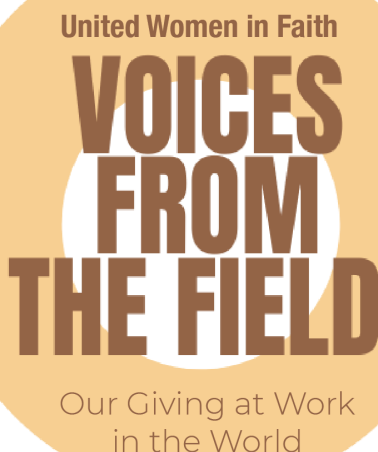
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West Branch

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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 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITIONS

Auburn	Alma	Carson City	Four Points
Leo Smith, Jr	Sandy Kock	Heather Kile	Caroline Diaz
Adrian Meyer	Carolyn Studley	St Johns	
Ammbler Meyer	Arlene Nyman	Diana Mohnke	
Jim Bacon	Sue Khol		
Sherry Sweebe			
Jo Ann Wiles			

2024 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alma	\$700.00	\$195.00	\$895.00
Ashley	\$1,250.00		\$1,250.00
Auburn	\$500.00	\$610.00	\$1,110.00
Banister	\$250.00		\$250.00
Bay City Grace	\$1,020.00	\$1,155.00	\$2,175.00
Caro	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Carson City	\$1,300.00	\$163.35	\$1,463.35
Clare	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
Coleman Faith	\$300.00		\$300.00
Four Points	\$20.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
Edmore		\$40.00	\$40.00
Farwell	\$1,031.00	\$222.00	\$1,253.00
Gordonville	\$200.00		\$200.00
Hemlock	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Midland	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Mt Pleasant	\$1,650.00	\$126.00	\$1,776.00
Pompeii	\$250.00	\$160.96	\$410.96
Portland	\$600.00	\$198.10	\$798.10
Rosebush	\$400.00		\$400.00
Hopevale	\$5.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Sanford	\$755.00	\$235.73	\$990.73
St Johns	\$800.00	\$410.00	\$1,210.00
St Louis		\$47.00	\$47.00
Watrousville	\$300.00		\$300.00
Weidman	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
West Branch	\$400.00	\$115.00	\$515.00
TOTAL	\$17,851.00	\$4,273.14	\$22,124.14

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2024 EAST WINDS DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Asbury - Flint	Hayes	Living Waters	Owendale
Bad Axe	Harbor Beach	Mayville	Pigeon First
Davison	Lake Fenton	North Street	Port Huron First

2024 EAST WINDS DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITIONS

Bad Axe

Pastor Tim Callow

East Winds District

Kathie Abke

Mary Allen

Judy Chasney

Mary Ann Grace

Kathy Freeland

Kay Fuller

Sandy Kitts

Becky Laseke

Linda Moore

Cyndy Rossman

Linda Schramm

Michele Weston

Davidson

Jean Malcomnson

Goodrich

Caren Huizenga

Frank Huizenga

Harbor Beach

Greg Gerkin

Hayes

Paul Adams

Norma King

Joyce Miller

Hayes UMC

Sandra Hyzer

Stephanie Leipprandt

Lake Fenton

Linda Zeeb

Living Waters

Alana Bowers

Cheryl Marshall

Liinda Burns

Kaleah Calloway

Steven & Diana LaChapelle

Michael Horne

Mayville

Mayville Pickleball Team

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Pigeon First

Joely Chandonnet

Port Huron First

Gayle Cater

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.

2024 EAST WINDS DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Bad Axe

Kathie Abke

Hayes

Edna Adams
Barbara Eile
Marge Hall
Sherry Leipprandt
Sandra Pobanz
Lori Trost

Lake Fenton

Pat Petrella

Living Waters

Claudia Bowers
Lois Bunton
Mary Grace
Virginia Jensen
Pam Marshall
Kathy Waggoner

Mayville

Linda Brooks
Kathy Freeland
Barbara Haas
Beth Harris
Joyce Higgins

Owendale

Cheryl Brookins
Clara Burgett
Hazel Good
Julie Good

Linda Heiler

Arlene Jamieson
Brenda Kretzschmer
Robin Leineke
Janet Muntz
Mardi Pavlichek
Rhonda Powers
Gina Retford
Brenda Schuls
Becky Weiss

2024 EAST WINDS DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Asbury - Flint	365.00	25.00	390.00
Bad Axe	1,150.00		1,150.00
Clio Bethany	717.50		717.50
Davison	5,100.00	445.00	5,545.00
Fenton	3,000.00	181.00	3,181.00
Flint Court Street	600.00		600.00
Flushing	4,240.00	180.00	4,420.00
Goodrich	1,138.48	60.00	1,198.48
Harbor Beach	555.00		555.00
Hayes	432.50		432.50
Lake Fenton	1,110.00	122.00	1,232.00
Lake Orion	725.00		725.00
Lexington	1,000.00		1,000.00
Linden	300.00		300.00
Living Waters	775.00		775.00
Mayville	1,512.46		1,512.46
Mt. Morris	450.06		450.06
North Street	440.00	30.00	470.00
Owendale	1,180.00	155.00	1,335.00
Pigeon First	2,045.00		2,045.00
Port Huron First	1,910.00		1,910.00
Richmond	1,100.00	100.00	1,200.00
West Vienna	417.00		417.00
Unit Totals Reported	30,263.00	\$1,298.00	\$31,561.00

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2024 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Beverly Hills	Detroit: Metropolitan	Erie
Detroit: Conant Avenue	Detroit: Scott Memorial	Ferndale First
Detroit: Grace Community	Detroit: Trinity Faith	Livonia: St. Matthew's
		Rochester: St. Paul

2024 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Taylorie Bailey	Ronald Fisch	Lisa Head	Julie McManus
Dot Carter	Sigrid Grace	Bonnie Kern	Claudette McMillan
Wendell Creps	Blozel Gordon	Mary Lenaway	Marchelle Phelps
Ken Davis	Deboray Hardaway	Shelin LeSure	Alice Tucker
Helen Drake	Jay Hathaway	Pearl Lewis	Marie Watson
Betsy Fisch			

2024 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Beverly Hills Alice Tucker Detroit: Conant Avenue Marchelle Phelps Detroit: Grace Community Jocelyn Davis Thelma Etcherson	Detroit: Metropolitan Nellie Brown Detroit: Scott Memorial Regina Allie Dorothy Faulkner Jimmie Jones Pearl Lweis Wilma Barber-McCants	Detroit: Trinity Faith Taylorie Bailey Ferndale First Blozel Gordon Bonnie Kern Kathy Shuller
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2024 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

CHURCH/UNIT	MISSION GIVING	SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	TOTAL
Beverly Hills	\$60.00		\$60.00
Birmingham/Berkley; First	\$15,000.00	\$130.00	\$15,130.00
Detroit: Calvery	\$300.00		\$300.00
Detroit: Conant	\$550.00		\$550.00
Detroit: Grace Community	\$1,255.00		\$1,255.00
Detroit: Metropolitan	\$1,680.00		\$1,680.00
Detroit: Scott Memorial	\$2,305.00	\$100.00	\$2,405.00
Detroit: Trinity Faith	\$60.00		\$60.00
Erie	\$1,394.01		\$1,394.01
Farmington	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Ferndale: First	\$2,765.00		\$2,765.00
Livonia: St. Matthew's	\$710.00	\$50.00	\$760.00
Rochester: St. Paul	\$10,393.00	\$415.00	\$10,808.00
Roseville: Trinity	\$500.00	\$106.56	\$606.56
Southfield: Hope	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Trenton: Faith	\$300.00		\$300.00
Troy: Big Beaver	\$1,150.00		\$1,150.00
Troy: First	\$2,339.05		\$2,339.05
Utica	\$1,000.00	\$130.00	\$1,130.00
West Bloomfield	<u>\$250.00</u>		<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$44,011.06	\$931.56	\$44,942.62

GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICERS

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Committee on Nominations:		
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A UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PODCAST

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Listening to three FaithTalks counts as two Spiritual Growth Books in the Reading Program!

2024 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Allegan

Amy Brink
Eileen Briink
Kevin DeLaet
Lori Austin

Bangor Simpson

Undesignated

Climax

Becky Ryder
Dawn Myers
Nellie Lou Vosburg

Hopkins

Magaret Myers

New Journey

Harry Rough
Bud Nichols

Otsego

Undesignated

Schoolcraft

Jan McNally
Peg Crissman
Undesignated

Scotts

Chris Schuiteboer

South Haven

Kaitlyn Simonsen

Union City

Allen Booth

2024 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Allegan

Climax

Hopkins

Kalamazoo Westwood

Niles/New Journey

Otsego

Schoolcraft

Scotts

South Haven

Union City

2024 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Allegan

Cindy Thiele

Climax

Laura Marlowe

Hopkins

Mary Howard

Schoolcraft

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 members are bold, spiritual women who work together to transform communities by fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders, and advocating for justice.

The All-Access membership offers flexible ways for new and current members to join the work of United Women in Faith by having easy online access to member resources nationwide. Through All-Access, members can be involved through virtual or in-person groups. They can choose to engage when, where, and how best it fits their life.

2024 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

CHURCH/UNIT	MISSION GIVING	SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	TOTAL
Allegan	\$1,760.00	\$500.00	\$2,260.00
Bangor Simpson	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Climax	\$2,520.00		\$2,520.00
Dowagiac First	\$160.00		\$160.00
Fennville	\$100.00		\$100.00
Ganges	\$461.10		\$461.10
Hartford	\$550.00		\$550.00
Hopkins	\$800.00		\$800.00
Niles/New Journey	\$703.75	\$100.00	\$803.75
Otsego	\$2,697.00	\$300.00	\$2,997.00
Schoolcraft	\$1,300.00		\$1,300.00
Scotts	\$2,000.00	\$40.00	\$2,040.00
South Haven	\$725.00		\$725.00
Union City	\$931.00		\$931.00
Vicksburg	\$6,304.14		\$6,304.14
White Pigeon	\$82.00		\$82.00
Other offerings/etc.	\$668.00	\$155.00	\$823.00
Totals	\$22,761.99	\$940.00	\$23,856.99

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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Chair:	OPEN	
	OPEN	
Historian:	OPEN	
Registrar:	Shirley Carpenter (2025) 8228 Bothwell Morenci, MI 49256	(517) 458-7367 carpshirley3@gmail.com

2024 HERITAGE DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Dixboro Holt Hudson First	Marble Memorial Mason	Reading Saline First	Webberville Ypsilanti First
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2024 HERITAGE DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Shirley Carpenter	Karol Fry	Jayne Worhty-Howlett
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2024 HERITAGE DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Ann Andraska Kyle Caswell Deb Cole Aaron Dickinson	Dixboro United Women in Faith Dorothy Frederickson Rev. Suzanne Goodwin	Linda Hartley Dawn Hathaway Rod Hill	Penny Perkins Rick Perkins Rose Timbers
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2024 HERITAGE DISTRICT MISSION UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ann Arbor	\$3,300.00		\$3,300.00
Brighton	\$4,045.00	\$5.00	\$4,050.00
Clayton	\$150.00		\$150.00
Commerce	\$60.00		\$60.00
Dixboro	\$1,060.00		\$1,060.00
Hillside	\$50.00		\$50.00
Holt	\$1,645.00		\$1,645.00
Howell First	\$4,440.00	\$250.00	\$4,690.00
Hudson First	\$505.00		\$505.00
Ida	\$400.00		\$400.00
Jackson Calvary	\$360.00	\$125.00	\$485.00
Jackson First	\$8,000.00	\$272.00	\$8,272.00
Lansing Grace	\$600.00		\$600.00
London	\$200.00		\$200.00
Manchester	\$675.00		\$675.00
Marble Memorial	\$702.00		\$702.00
Mason	\$4,526.00	\$398.50	\$4,924.50
North Lake	\$500.00	\$165.00	\$665.00
Oak Grove	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,700.00
Okemos	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00
Reading	\$2,010.00	\$868.77	\$2,878.77
Saline	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
Webberville	\$765.00	\$50.00	\$815.00
Westside	\$2,115.00		\$2,115.00
Ypsilanti First	\$4,306.00	\$50.00	\$4,356.00
TOTAL	\$43,623.00	\$3,384.27	\$47,007.27

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Vice President:	OPEN	
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	Charlene Sutherby (see Co-President)	
	OPEN	
	OPEN	

2024 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Boyne Area	Grayling/Michelson Mem	Menominee	Rose City
Charlevoix/Barnard	Gwinn	Mio	St. Ignace
Crystal Falls	Harbor Springs	Petoskey	

2024 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Gwinn	Menominee	Petoskey	Rose City
Carolyn Anderson	Jane Yaeger	Pamela Pynnonen-Moyer	Evelyn Dalany
Judy Watson	Mio	Sharon Crabtree	
	Nancy Crane	Susan Kowalski	
		Susan Wirgau	

2024 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Sharon Contree	Julia Hulka	Sally Richardson	Marge Wilson
Nancy Crane	Cora Killengar	Sally Siterlet	Susan Wirgau
Evelyn Delany	Myrtle Lindquist	Judy Watson-Olsen	Undesignated (x7)
Kathy Dudek	Cara Mason	Gail Seidel	
Lois Duidek	Linda Moon	Patti Steinberg	

2024 NORTHERN SKIES 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	40.00		40.00
East Jordan	695.00	5.00	700.00
Empire	1,442.54		1,442.54
Epsilon	100.00		100.00
Frankfort	3,802.91	5.00	3,807.91
Gaylord - First	2,675.00	270.00	2,945.00
Grayling - Michelson Mem	810.00		810.00
Harbor Springs	789.46	5.00	794.46
Houghton Lake	889.66	100.00	989.66
Lake Ann	1,220.00	10.00	1,230.00
Lake City	895.00	84.00	979.00
Ludington	1,620.00	10.00	1,630.00
Mancelona	670.00		670.00
Onaway	1,055.00		1,055.00
Ossineke	100.00	71.00	171.00
Petoskey	1,020.00	10.00	1,030.00
Roscommon - Good Shepard	50.00		50.00
Northern Waters District		815.00	815.00
Total	\$19,061.82	\$1,500.00	\$20,651.82

WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT OFFICERS

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2024 WESTERN WATERS SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Caledonia: Donation	Georgetown: Sherri Swanson	Holland: Ann Weller
Central: Traverse City: Carolyn Grigereit	Grand Haven Church Of the Dunes: Donation	Lorelle Eberly Elaine Teall
Empire: Donna Haiderer	Hart: Thea Kindinger	Trinity-Grand Rapids: Greg Gur
Frankfort: Judy VanMeter	Hart UWF	Steve Murray
Fremont: Susan Conway	Hesperia: Juanita Delo	Western Waters District: Jean Sherman
Roger Bradshaw		
Andy Bradshaw		

2024 WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Caledonia	Frankfort	Hart
Central: Traverse City	Fremont	Hesperia
Empire	Grand Haven Church Of the Dunes	

2024 WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Ruth Jones, Traverse City Cen- tral	Jean Sherman, Fremont	Penny Brubaker, Hart
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May 15-17, 2026 Indianapolis, Indiana

Assembly 2026 is a once-every-four-years gathering of women committed to faith, empowerment, and making a difference. Picture a weekend that uplifts your soul, strengthens your faith, and connects you with a limitless sisterhood.

There has never been a more important time for women of faith to come together and put love into action to change the world. It is time to TALK, time to DREAM, and time to BUILD—because when women of faith unite, we are unstoppable.

We are thrilled to share that Assembly 2026 will host longtime United Methodists Stacey Abrams and longtime UWFaith member Rev. Carolyn Abrams in conversation as our Inspiration Speakers.

2024 WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Caledonia	\$1,055.00		\$1,055.00
Cedar Springs	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Centenary	\$455.00		\$455.00
Central-Traverse City	\$205.00		\$205.00
Clayabanks	\$150.00		\$150.00
Empire	\$672.88		\$672.88
Frankfort	\$ 3,901.02		\$3,901.02
Fremont	\$3,313.00	\$ 200.00	\$3,513.00
Georgetown	\$2,838.50		\$2,838.50
GH Church of the Dunes	\$3,273.00	\$ 180.00	\$3,453.00
Hart	\$1,740.00	\$ 140.00	\$1,880.00
Hesperia	\$480.00		\$480.00
Holland	\$3,630.00	\$ 500.00	\$4,130.00
Ludington	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00
Middleville	\$1,102.00	\$ 250.00	\$1,352.00
White Lake (Montague-Whitehall)	\$1,000.00	\$ 215.00	\$1,215.00
Muskegon Central	\$500.00		\$500.00
Shelby	\$250.00		\$250.00
Sparta	\$818.00	\$ 265.00	\$1,083.00
Supportive Sisters	\$1,185.00	\$ 112.00	\$1,297.00
Trinity - Grand Rapids	\$2,140.00	\$ 300.00	\$2,440.00
Wesley Park	\$500.00		\$ 500.00
Western Waters District offerings	\$1,277.00	\$ 700.00	\$1,977.00
Western Waters A&MD	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00	\$115.00
TOTALS:	\$35,025.40	\$2,937.00	\$37,962.40

Reading Program



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**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UWFaith
2026 ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
District A&MD	\$65,775.00	\$52,880.00	\$50,320.00
North Central Jurisdiction A&MD	2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Assembly/NCJ/Seminars	1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Charter for Racial Justice Initiatives	0.00		
Church Annual Conference and Luncheon	0.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
Church Women United State Assembly	.00		
Conference Annual Celebration	4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Conference Directory	0.00		
District Officer Leadership Training	2,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Keep Making Peace/Advocacy Day - attendance	150.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Newsletter	1,000.00		
Program Resources	500.00	\$500.00	\$450.00
Officer Literature			\$100.00
Mission u - Conference Scholarships	1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Mission u - Subsidy /Conf Officer Registration	8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$6,000.00
Church Women United - donation	200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Immigration Law & Justice MI - donation	400.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Keep Making Peace - donation	0.00		
UMCH Program Support - donation	6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
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	\$500.00	
Lodging	500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Meals	300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
MI Non-Profit Corp Annual Fee	20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Mileage	1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Misc/Contingency	200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Postage	100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Printing, Supplies & Checks	200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Technology	750.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
TOTALS	\$97,325.00	\$80,750.00	\$76,040.00
MI CONFERENCE MISSION GIVING PLEDGE	\$122,175.00	\$136,250.00	\$143,960.00
TOTAL PLEDGE TO MISSION FROM DISTRICTS	\$219,500.00	\$217,000.00	\$220,000.00

**Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Celebration and Annual Meeting
October 17-18, 2025 Clio Bethany United Methodist Church**

Ethel Gill, Vice President opened the meeting with Philippians 4:9. UWFaith has changed but the vision has never changed.

Ethel introduced special guests: Ann Hillman, deaconess, Valerie Mossman Celestin, deaconess, Bishop and Mrs. David Bard, Taylorie Bailey, Co-chair of the Michigan Conference UMC Board of Laity, Past Presidents Diana Miller, Linda Schramm, Marchelle Phelps, Patsy Coffman, Nichea Ver Veer Guy, Julia Paradine- Rice and Past National President Genie Banks. Also welcomed was Khia Shaw Wilson, staff member from the UWFaith national office who drove in from New Jersey.

Debbie Wesenick, President of Bethany United Women in Faith, welcomed attendees, gave a short history of the church and gave instructions for the day.

Bishop David Bard spoke briefly. The UWFaith is an organization of love in action. He stated that “the world is not the world we would have it be”. We learn to grow together. Together we can make a change in the world.

Regina Allie led the group in the Charter for Racial Justice Litany.

Waltha Gay Leavitt, Spiritual Growth Coordinator led the Litany of the Land in recognition of Native Americans who lived on this land before us. She then shared with us a spiritual moment based on the verses from Philippians 4. “Faith is the best medicine against anxiety.”

Gary Langdon spoke about the Bethany Food Pantry that was the recipient of the Mission Focus for this meeting. The organization serves 5 different zip codes in the north Genesee County. He thanked the group for their donations.

The offering for the day was designated for the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Pledge to Mission. The offering totaled \$2,236.25.

Ann Hillman, deaconess, serving at the Central United Methodist Church in Detroit as Director of Children and Youth Programs, spoke about what a Deaconess is and does. The Deaconess program is a program of the UWFaith. A Deaconess has a fulltime position as laity serving the church.

Cyndy Rossman, President of the East Winds District, introduced Andrew Bouse, an outstanding musician and cellist attending Western Michigan University. Andrew performed a musical selection by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Julia Paradine-Rice, National UW in Faith Board of Directors, introduced a video promoting UWFaith Assembly 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She encouraged all to plan to attend. She then gave a brief update on several programs supported by national United Women in Faith. The organization has a long and historied past. Dream it! Believe it! Do it! The goals set by the national Board of Directors together with the Program Advisory Group (PAG) for the quadrennium (2024-2028) are:

- Grow membership to 500,000
- Grow Mission Giving revenue to \$10 million
- Reach \$60 million Legacy Fund goal

Ethel Gill, Vice President and Program Chairman then introduced the keynote presenter and special guest, Sally Vonner, General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer for the United Women in Faith. Sally, a native of Texas resides near New York City where the national headquarters are located. Her topic was “Embracing New Challenges: As the Dawning for New Possibilities.” Her inspiring message focused on just how #Unstoppable United Women in Faith are. She reminded those in attendance to keep resetting and looking forward. Love in action is our superpower.

Carla Moore, Chief Executive Officer of the United Methodist Community House, the one National Mission Institution located in Michigan in Grand Rapids, told about the services provided to women, children and youth in the Grand Rapids area. A renovated building was recently dedicated and opened to improve services to the community older residents and will eventually house activities for

youth as well as the older generation. Carla shared that the current changes in Federal funding is creating very challenging times for UMCH. The UMCH was founded by women who put their love into action as United Women in Faith (though known by several different names) in Grand Rapids. UMCH was the first day care of its kind in Grand Rapids. United Women in Faith groups throughout the country have established nearly ninety NMIs that are supported by our mission giving.

Sharon Smith, President called the Seventh Annual business meeting of the Michigan United Women in Faith to order at 1:15 pm.

Julia Paradine-Rice presented revised Standing rules. She highlighted the changes that were made. The proposed revisions were approved by verbal acclamation.

Michelle Weston presented the report of the Nominations Committee. Nominations were sought from the floor. None were forthcoming. The Nominations were approved by verbal acclamation.

Sally Vonner conducted the installation of officers for 2026.

The outgoing officers were recognized by Cheryl Rumery, Treasurer and Michele Weston, Nominations Chair with a Gifts to Mission and UWFaith pins.

Ruth Sutton, Secretary, presented the 2024 Annual Business Meeting minutes, that were approved by the 2024 Leadership Team at its November 2024 meeting.

Cheryl Rumery, Treasurer, presented the budget for 2026. The budget is reduced by \$4,710 or 5.8%. The Proposed Pledge to Mission for 2026 is \$143,960. This is an increase of 5.6%. The budget and pledge to mission were adopted by voice vote.

Judy Hunyh, Education and Interpretation Coordinator, shared information about where the Pledge money goes.

Julia Hulka, Program Resources Coordinator, reported that the reading program is doing well, but encouraged all to read at least five books in 2026. She shared the benefits of the reading program. The next Book Talk will be held on December 9, 2025 at 7 pm via Zoom. The book will be "All you Can Ever Know" by Nicole Chung.

Julia Paradine-Rice reported that the Legacy Fund is at \$52 million. Linda Schramm will continue to keep us informed about the Legacy Fund.

Mandolyn Jones from Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield, Michigan (Greater Detroit District) invited the United women in Faith to the 2026 Celebration and Annual Meeting to be held October 16-17, 2026.

Sara Wolfsen, Mission u Dean, spoke of the Mission u programs coming up in January 2026 via Zoom. The summer Mission u program at Mt. Pleasant First UMC was another successful opportunity for Michigan members. The Mission u will again be held in Mt. Pleasant in 2026. There will be programs for children and youth again in 2026.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Communion was served by Walthagaye Leavitt.

Submitted by Ruth Sutton, MI Conference UWFaith Secretary

2026 STANDING RULES
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

PREFACE

The United Methodist Women of the Michigan Conference shall function in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws for Local, District, Conference and Jurisdiction Organizations of United Methodist Women national organization, doing business as the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith. 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.
- 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 only 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 calendar year shall constitute a regular term.
- I. For tenure, refer to the 2025-2028 Handbook of United Women in Faith.
- 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 all directive information received from United Methodist Women national organization during the previous four years unless otherwise negotiated. 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 (in the case of co-presidents, there is only one vote), 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 Dean of the Conference Mission u. 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, Historian/Custodian, Social Media Coordinator, Webmaster, Assistant Dean of Mission u, and the Cabinet representative assigned by the Michigan Conference.
- 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 after the meeting. This procedure is recommended to the Districts.
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 ()
 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 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.
- 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. Guide districts in maintaining details on active units.
 - b. Analyze the membership needs of the Conference, set goals and plan campaigns to assist membership growth.
 - c. Recommend plans to nurture membership growth among special constituencies within the Conference.
 - d. 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 the 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 Standing Rules

1. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules composed of five members: the 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.

I. 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 for 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.

J. 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 programs of United Women in Faith.
6. 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 the work of the Conference organization.
7. 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.

K. 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), Treasurer, Conference and District Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation. Additional members of the conference Leadership Team shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, 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 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

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
 - 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
 - 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 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
 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 & song leader \$50	d. Janitor \$100
b. Special Music \$75	e. Sound Technicians \$100
c. Child Care workers \$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 Registrar 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.
 - 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.

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 annually 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 Women in Faith.
 - 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 president 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. Dependent Care — Special circumstances should be requested in writing to the President and Treasurer.
 - 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 is included in the lay equalization attendance pattern of the Michigan Annual Conference and 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.
- 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. The 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.
 - 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 for retreats shall receive up to \$150, in addition to travel expenses. A retreat is assumed to include three or more leader presentations.
4. Honoraria is not required for District or Conference elected officers asked to be speakers.
5. 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 four-year term — \$200
 - 2.) the treasurer upon completing an additional two years — \$200
 - 3.) all other elected officers upon completing a four-year 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 u 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 of \$100 for 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 all 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 members 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, May offer scholarships, including childcare to:
 - two first time attending women over 18 and/or pastors, ordained or local
 - four women of underrepresented groups
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 the 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, by 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, Vice-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 Report
 - 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 other relevant materials 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, shall evaluate the Conference properties, update the inventory, and make recommendations concerning them.

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 Women in Faith Handbook* 2025-2028. 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