SKY LIGHTS

News for the Mountain Sky United Women in Faith

Call to 2025 Annual Gathering

Robin's Ramblings

Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Women,

This is a call for action. Our conference giving is falling behind. We pledged to give $170,000 in 2025. To date we have given half that amount. Yes, many of our fundraising efforts are scheduled for the latter part of the year. But will that be sufficient? Let's make an extra effort as there will be other groups who may not be able to meet their pledge. Our great organization is in great need of financial support.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. — Luke 6:38 (NIV)

See page 2 for more of Robin's letter and ideas for ways you can give!

United Women in Faith

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Event Dates

- Conference Spiritual Retreat & Annual Gathering—October 17-18—Montrose, CO

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Lots of other good stuff throughout the newsletter!

This issue can be printed in whole or just print the pages you want to share. Use for bulletin boards, inserts, reminders. Any comments or questions please email **Linda Cockett** at **mountainskyumw@gmail.com**

United Women in Faith

Robin's President's Message cont.

The Conference Leadership Team has committed to several giving opportunities at the Annual Gathering in Montrose on October 17-18, 2025. We hope that you will join us either in person or virtually.

During the Pledge Service each District will commit their Pledge to Mission for 2026 and an offering will be collected.

Friday evening includes an evening of fun activities. There will be karaoke where any one can pay to have a friend sing and a tip jar will be available for those who are appreciative of the singing or want to hear more. If you don't want to sing (like me), you can donate to not sing.

A used book sale will be available as well. Any group that has books from the reading program that you don't need anymore, please bring to the event. We will sell these books for $1 each to add to the mission giving.

Have you noticed the women's images on quarters? Please bring these to our "Quarter Roundup" jar. Kind of like donating your loose change. It always adds up quickly.

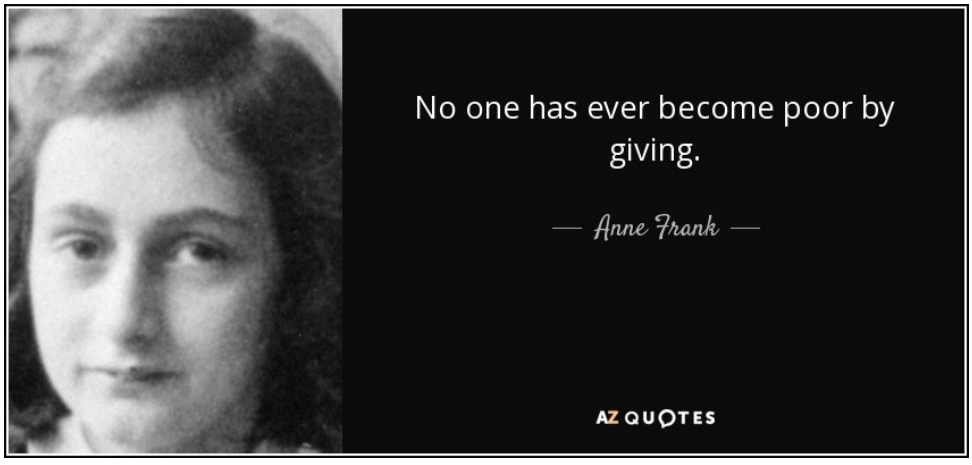
October is a good time to look for Christmas gifts. Let's have a silent auction to share with our sisters and raise funds for mission. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it to the meeting. These could be handmade items or treasures that you no longer need.

Maybe there is an idea here that you can implement in your group. Please share any ideas that you have used to raise funds. We can all use ideas sometimes.

Mission giving is the foundation of our organization. An organization that supports mission institutions, scholarships, grants and each of us as we work for a better life for women, children and youth around the country and the world.

Please join me in giving a little more.

Robin Ball, President



United Women in Faith

Faith Not Fear

Acting Fearlessly

Registration End: Oct. 10th!

2025 Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith Spiritual Retreat and Annual Gathering

Event will be held at Montrose United Methodist Church 19 S. Park Ave, Montrose CO, 81401

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October 2025

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Registration cost $25/In Person
Registration cost $10/Zoom
Dinner cost $20
6:00 p.m. **F U N!!**

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October 2025

8:30 am. to 3:00 p.m.
Registration cost $25/In Person
Registration cost $10/Zoom

Hotel:
Best Western
2100 E. Main St., Montrose
(970) 240-8000
$182/night 2 double beds

Reservations under: United Women in Faith

Registration cost for both events $60/In Person
Registration cost for both events $10/Zoom

Host Home options:
Contact:
Beth McCorkle
beth.e.mccorkle@gmail.com

Fly into Montrose Region Airport using any of the following airlines: Delta, Southwest, United, American, Breeze & Denver Air Connection

Register online **https://forms.gle/SbduX1oVSMbXVbDH9**

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2025 Mountain Sky Conference
United Women in Faith
Spiritual Retreat and Annual Gathering

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Karaoke

Whether you sing or skip with a gift, come enjoy the laughter and help support the General Mission.

Silent Auction

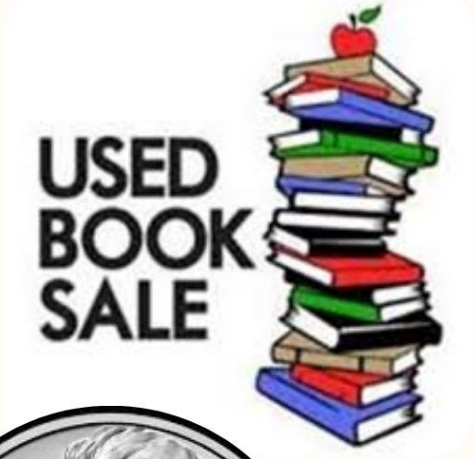
You'll find items you simply can't leave behind! And if you're flying, we've got carry-on friendly treasures just for you.

Used Book Sale

Take home a good read with a donation of $1 or more.

Quarters

Got quarters featuring women? Bring them along! No worries if not—we'll happily take all quarters.



October 17th 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p.m.
October 18th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Montrose, CO

DISPLAY TABLE
United Women in Faith
2025 Mountain Sky Conference
UW in Faith Annual Gathering
Questions: Contact Linda Lloyd at linda.umw@gmail.com or (303) 475-6608.
The United Women in Faith welcome you to register for a display table at the 2025 Annual Gathering.*
October 17 & 18, 2025
19 S. Park Ave, Montrose, CO 81401
*UW in Faith sanctioned Missions tables available based on space
Registration ends September 25th!
RESERVE A TABLE HERE
Hotel: Best Western, 2100 E. Main St., Montrose (970) 240-8000.
$182/night 2 double beds.
Reservations under United Women in Faith.

We believe
love in action
can change
the world.
UWFaith.org
United Women in Faith

Annual Gathering Agenda

Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith

Spiritual Retreat/Annual Gathering — *Faith Not Fear – Acting Fearlessly*

First UMC - Montrose, CO — October 17-18, 2025

Isaiah 4:10 — 2 Timothy 1:7

Friday, Oct. 17

9:00 a.m.	Registration opens
9:30	Spiritual Retreat Opening in the Sanctuary
	Keynote speaker – Stacey Atkins
11:30	Lunch in Baldridge Hall
12: 15	Back to the Sanctuary
4:30	Break
4:45	Dinner — Baldridge Hall
6:00-8:00	Fun activity – Baldridge Hall

Saturday, October 18

8:30	Registration and Visit Time
9:00	Annual Gathering Opening in Baldridge Hall
10:00	Keynote speaker Bishop Kristin Stoneking
10:45	Break
11:00	Business Meeting, Part 1 in Baldridge Hall
12:00	Lunch—Baldridge Hall
12:45	Workshops
	Crossroads Urban Center – Glenn Bailey – Room 1 downstairs
	Membership – Donna Parisi – Baldridge Hall
	Charter for Racial Justice Committee – Rm 10 downstairs
1:30	Business Meeting, Part 2 – Baldridge Hall
2:00	Break
2:15	Workshops
	Crossroads Urban Center – Glenn Bailey – Rm 1 downstairs
	Climate Justice – Debbie Peterson – Room 10 downstairs
	Mission & Money – Connie Pittenger & Linda Lloyd – Baldridge Hall
3:00	Memorial Service - Sanctuary
	Closing Worship and Communion
3:30	Announcements
	Goodbye and Safe Travels

Exhibit and Vendor area in Breezeway is open during breaks and meals

From Your Conference Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith

January 27-December 31, 2024

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
40000 Mission Giving	0
40100 Pledge to Mission donations	191,281.04
40200 Special Mission Recognition	4,815.00
40300 Gift to Mission donations	4,875.00
40400 Gift in Memory Donations	4,581.00
40500 World Thank Offering	17,437.01
Total for 40000 Mission Giving	**$222,789.05**
41000 Mission Giving Plus	0
41100 Call to Prayer & Self Denial	7,485.23
41200 Supplementary Gifts	$128.69
41210 A Brighter Future for Children	250.00
41220 Assembly Offering	215.00
Total for 41200 Supplementary Gifts	**$593.69**
41300 Projects	0
41310 UMCOR	5,702.00
41330 McCurdy Ministries	1,200.00
41340 Red Bird Mission	300.00
41390 Other designated ministries	281.00
Total for 41300 Projects	**$7,483.00**
Total for 41000 Mission Giving Plus	**$15,561.92**
43000 Other receipts	0
43100 Offerings	1,324.69
43150 Mission u Offering	482.60
43250 Breakfast at Annual Conf	674.16
43300 Annual Gathering Registrations	3,349.21
43350 Books	227.00
43450 Reimbursement	1,416.53
43800 Interest Income	0
43810 UMFCU savings	47.51
43820 Margaret Evans Trust Fund	1,233.86
43840 interest from UMFCU checking	6.72
Total for 43800 Interest Income	**$1,288.09**
Total for 43000 Other receipts	**$8,762.28**
Total for Income	**$247,113.25**
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	**$247,113.25**
Expenses	
46000 Mission Giving Remittances	0
46100 Pledge to Mission	149,667.40

You can find more of the Profit and Loss Statement on the next few pages!

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
46200 Special Mission Recognition	5,195.00
46300 Gift to Mission	4,909.08
46400 Gift in Memory	4,841.00
46500 World Thank Offering	17,948.09
Total for 46000 Mission Giving Remittances	**$182,560.57**
47000 Mission Giving Plus Remittances	0
47100 Call to Prayer & Self Denial	7,502.06
47200 Supplementary Gifts	0
47210 Brighter Future for Children	200.00
47220 Assembly Offering	215.00
Total for 47200 Supplementary Gifts	**$415.00**
47300 Projects	0
47310 UMCOR	5,702.00
47330 McCurdy Ministries	1,200.00
47340 Red Bird Mission	300.00
47390 Other Projects	281.00
Total for 47300 Projects	**$7,483.00**
Total for 47000 Mission Giving Plus Remittances	**$15,400.06**
50000 General Expenses	0
50300 Newsletter	180.16
50400 Website	787.32
50600 District A&MD	9,551.46
50700 Jurisdiction A&MD	3,400.00
Total for 50000 General Expenses	**$13,918.94**
60000 Program and Events	0
60200 Spiritual Retreat	0
60210 Travel	250.20
60220 Lodging	375.00
60230 Meals	125.00
Total for 60200 Spiritual Retreat	**$750.20**
60300 Annual Gathering	0
60310 Travel	2,701.83
60320 Lodging	3,491.37
60330 Meals	2,121.78
60350 Printing/copying	92.93
60355 Books for Annual Gathering	406.40
60370 Audiovisual	150.00
60380 Honorariums	300.00
60390 Miscellaneous	168.64
Total for 60300 Annual Gathering	**$9,432.95**
60500 Annual Conference	0
60510 Travel	285.50
60520 Lodging	325.48
60530 Meals	46.00
60535 Breakfast at Annual Conference	665.00
60560 Honorarium/Gift in Honor	513.75
60580 Registration	63.00
Total for 60500 Annual Conference	**$1,898.73**
60600 Assembly	0
60640 Registration	500.00
Total for 60600 Assembly	**$500.00**
60700 Western Jurisdiction	$1,416.53
60710 Travel	7,788.02
60720 Lodging	2,185.72
60730 Meals	93.00
60740 Registration	2,200.00
Total for 60700 Western Jurisdiction	**$13,683.27**
Total for 60000 Program and Events	**$26,265.15**
66900 Reconciliation Discrepancies	-18.40
70000 Officer Expenses	0
70100 Travel	89.50
70500 Officer Resources	82.90
70600 Computers, Printers, Software	972.17
70700 Postage and Shipping	245.33
70800 Office Supplies	301.64
70900 Miscellaneous	128.69
Total for 70000 Officer Expenses	**$1,820.23**
71000 Deaconess Expenses	1,398.38
80000 Other Expenses	0
80100 Bank Charges	0
80140 Finance Charges	68.97
80150 Vanco	7.88
Total for 80100 Bank Charges	**$76.85**
80200 State registration fees	40.00
80400 Grant Expenditures	400.00
80500 Mission u	250.00
Total for 80000 Other Expenses	**$766.85**
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	
Total for Expenses	**$242,111.78**
Net Operating Income	**$5,001.47**
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	-9.00
Total for Other Expenses	**-$9.00**
Net Other Income	**$9.00**
Net Income	**$5,010.47**

Proposed Budget for 2026

Company name: Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith

Budget name: 2026 Budget

Budget type: Profit and loss

Period: FY 2026 (Jan 2026 - Dec 2026)

Consolidated

Accounts	Budget totals
Income	
40000 Mission Giving	$0.00
40100 Pledge to Mission donations	$225000.00
40200 Special Mission Recognition	$0.00
40300 Gift to Mission donations	$0.00
40400 Gift in Memory Donations	$0.00
40500 World Thank Offering	$0.00
Total 40000 Mission Giving	**$225000.00**
41000 Mission Giving Plus	$0.00
41100 Call to Prayer & Self Denial	$0.00
41200 Supplementary Gifts	$0.00
41210 A Brighter Future for Children	$0.00
41220 Assembly Offering	$0.00
Total 41200 Supplementary Gifts	**$0.00**
41300 Projects	$0.00
41310 UMCOR	$0.00
41320 Ciudad Urban Center	$0.00
41330 McCurdy Ministries	$0.00
41340 Red Bird Mission	$0.00
41350 Warren Village	
41360 Navajo United Methodist Center	$0.00
41370 Blackfeet UM Parish	
41380 Intermountain Children's Home	
41390 Other designated ministries	$0.00
41399 Funds donated to us/Tax deductible	
Total 41300 Projects	**$0.00**
Total 41000 Mission Giving Plus	**$0.00**
43000 Other receipts	$0.00
43100 Offerings	$1200.00
43150 Mission u Offering	$500.00
43200 Spiritual Retreat Registrations	$150.00
43250 Breakfast at Annual Conf	$500.00
43300 Annual Gathering Registrations	$3250.00
43350 Books	$200.00
43400 Resource Sales	$0.00
43450 Reimbursement	$1000.00
43500 Smile Amazon	
43600 Scholarship Donations	
43700 Planned Giving donations	
43800 Interest Income	$0.00
43810 UMFCU savings	$47.00
43820 Margaret Evans Trust Fund	$1200.00
43830 MS Sky UM Foundation	
43840 Interest from UMFCU checking	$5.00
Total 43800 Interest Income	**$1252.00**
43900 Grant from National	$0.00
Total 43000 Other receipts	**$8002.00**
Billable Expense Income	
Blackfeet UM Parish	
Markup	
Uncategorized Income	

You can find more of the Proposed Budget for 2026 on the next few pages!

Accounts	Budget totals
Total Income	$233000.00
Cost of Goods Sold	
Expense	
66000 Mission Giving/Remittances	$0.00
66100 Pledge to Mission	$176000.00
66200 Special Mission Recognition	$0.00
66300 Gift to Mission	$0.00
66400 Gift in Memory	$0.00
66500 World Thank Offering	$0.00
Total 66000 Mission Giving/Remittances	$176000.00
67000 Mission Giving Plus Remittances	$0.00
67100 Call to Prayer & Self Denial	$0.00
67200 Supplementary Gifts	$0.00
67210 Brighter Future for Children	$0.00
67220 Assembly Offering	$0.00
Total 67200 Supplementary Gifts	$0.00
67300 Projects	$0.00
67310 UMCOR	$0.00
67320 Crossroads Urban Center	$0.00
67330 McCurdy Ministries	$0.00
67340 Red Bird Mission	$0.00
67350 Warren Village	
67360 Navajo Methodist Community Cent	$0.00
67370 Blackfeet UM Parish	
67380 Intermountain Children's Home	
67390 Other Projects	$0.00
67395 67395 Mission u	
67399 Funds donated directly to nat'l	
67400 Mary's House	
Total 67300 Projects	$0.00
Total 67000 Mission Giving/Plus Remittances	$0.00
68000 General Expenses	$0.00
68100 Audit	$250.00
68200 Directory Expenses	$10.00
68300 Newsletter	$275.00
68400 Website	$900.00
68450 ZOOM	$180.00
68500 Program Resource Purchases	$150.00
68600 District AMD	$10000.00
68700 Jurisdiction AMD	$3500.00
68800 Church Women United	$150.00
68900 Other expenses	
Total 68000 General Expenses	$15415.00
60000 Program and Events	$0.00
60100 January Planning Meeting	$0.00
60110 Travel	
60120 Lodging	
60130 Meals	
60140 Space Rental	
60150 Printing copying	
60160 Scholarships	
60170 Audiovisual	
60180 Honorariums	
60190 Other expenses	
Total 60100 January Planning Meeting	$0.00
60200 Spiritual Retreat	$0.00

Accounts	Budget totals
60210 Travel	$1000.00
60220 Lodging	$1000.00
60230 Meals	$750.00
60240 Space Rental	$500.00
60250 Printing/ copying	$100.00
60260 Scholarships	$300.00
60270 Audiovisual	$300.00
60280 Honorariums	$500.00
60290 Miscellaneous	$150.00
Total 60200 Spiritual Retreat	**$4600.00**
60300 Annual Gathering	$0.00
60310 Travel	$3500.00
60320 Lodging	$3800.00
60330 Meals	$3000.00
60340 Space Rental	$300.00
60350 Printing/ copying	$100.00
60355 Books for Annual Gathering	$400.00
60360 Scholarships	$200.00
60370 Audiovisual	$300.00
60380 Honorariums	$500.00
60390 Miscellaneous	$100.00
60355 Book Expenses	$50.00
Total 60300 Annual Gathering	**$12300.00**
60400 Mission u	
60410 Travel	$200.00
60420 Lodging	$500.00
60430 Meals	$200.00
60460 Registrations	$400.00
60480 Honorariums	$200.00
60490 Miscellaneous	$100.00
Total 60400 Mission u	**$1800.00**
60500 Annual Conference	$0.00
60510 Travel	$400.00
60520 Lodging	$400.00
60530 Meals	$100.00
60535 Breakfast at Annual Conference	$600.00
60540 Space Rental	$0.00
60550 Printing/ copying	$50.00
60560 Honorarium/ Gift in Honor	$150.00
60570 Audiovisual	$150.00
60580 Registration	$200.00
60590 Miscellaneous	$50.00
Total 60500 Annual Conference	**$2100.00**
60600 Assembly	$0.00
60610 Travel	$1500.00
60620 Lodging	$600.00
60630 Meals	$250.00
60640 Registration	$36.00
60660 Scholarships	$14000.00
60690 transfer to savings	$0.00
Total 60600 Assembly	**$16715.00**
60700 Western Jurisdiction	$0.00
60710 Travel	$0.00
60720 Lodging	$0.00
60730 Meals	$0.00
60740 Registration	$0.00

Accounts	Budget totals
70790 transfer to savings	$1000.00
Total 60700 Western Jurisdiction	$1000.00
Total 60000 Program and Events	$3891.00
64900 Reconciliation Discrepancies	$0.00
70000 Officer Expenses	$0.00
70100 Travel	$150.00
70200 Lodging	$150.00
70300 Meals	$50.00
70400 Dependent Care	
70500 Office Resources	$250.00
70600 Computers, Printers, Software	$1000.00
70700 Postage and Shipping	$300.00
70800 Office Supplies	$150.00
70900 Miscellaneous	$150.00
Total 70000 Officer Expenses	$4050.00
71000 Deaconess Expenses	$1850.00
71100 Assembly/Western Jurisdiction	
Total 71000 Deaconess Expenses	$1400.00
80000 Other Expenses	$0.00
80100 Bank Charges	$0.00
80110 UM Federal Credit Union Savings	$0.00
80120 PayPal	
80130 Mtn. Sky UM Foundation	
80140 Finance Charges	$50.00
80150 Venmo	$10.00
Total 80100 Bank Charges	$60.00
80200 State registration fees	$150.00
80400 Grant Expenditures	$0.00
80500 Mission u	$500.00
Total 80000 Other Expenses	$710.00
80800 Transfer to saving	
90100 Payroll Expenses	
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	$0.00
Uncategorized Expense	
Total Expense	$223093.00
Other Income	
Other Expense	
90000 Ask My Accountant	
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	
Total Other Expense	$0.00
Total Net Income	$-2093.00

All documents for the Annual Gathering including financial reports, minutes, biographies of the officer slate, Standing Rules changes, registration information, and information about the Retreat and Annual Gathering can be found on our website as well at

https://www.mtnskyumw.org/events/annual-gathering/

Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith Annual Gathering

I Was a Stranger: Immigration in the Mountain Sky Conference

St. Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO

October 10-12, 2024

Minutes

Bible verse: Matthew 25: 35-40 *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Table decorations were provided by Laura Lunsford

Attendance – 67 registered in person and 27 via Zoom

Friday, Oct. 11 International Day of the Girl

Ubuntu projects.
Onsite Ubuntu options were:
- Preparing period kits
- Christmas Shoeboxes for SD Native American elders

Off site
- Crisis Center
- Food Bank

Optional – Mission in Motion

Breakout Workshops— Attendees selected ~~will select~~ one session, then attended a second session after break.

- MNO-Membership Toolkit/Welcoming New Members
- Spiritual Growth-Soul Care
- Program Resources and Communications
- Mission Education-Where Does Our Money Go, Move 4 Mission
- *Mountain Sky Disability Visions-Ability Matters Committee*

Welcome, Music, Devotion

Nominations for 2025 Mountain Sky Conference Officers
- Vice President – Janet Ulrich
- Secretary – Cindy Warren
- Social Action & Justice – Judy Scrimshire
- Education & Interpretation – Linda Lloyd
- Committee on Nominations – Myrna Prentice (Northern Colorado)
- Committee on Nominations – Judy Eicher (Wyoming + 1)
- Mission u Assistant Dean – Sandy Barton

Documentary “A Thousand Paper Cranes” (Denver Office of Storytelling)--Cheryl

Banquet Dinner—St. Andrew UMC unit provided by the Grill Team

Book Discussions (Zoom available)

Beautiful Country: A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood
Children’s Books from Reading Program
They Called Us Enemy
The Book of Rosy

Bedtime story by Linda Cockett

Closing Prayer by Denise Logan

Saturday, October 12

The 6th Annual Meeting of the Mountain Sky Conference of United Women in Faith was opened at 9:00 by President Robin Ball.

Devotion and Prayer by Denise Logan. Psalms 13:3 Blessed to see the sunrise and be reminded of all GOD’s Glory.

Welcome from Bishop Kristin Stoneking.

Business Meeting, Part 1

Introduction of the 2024 Conference Team and Past Presidents.

Introduction of Mountain Sky deaconesses and home-missioner.

Introduction of Kenya Roberts, Executive for Development Management for UWFaith

Nominations from the floor.
Robyn Wood nominated Robin Iles for Committee on Nominations
Utah/Western CO District

Redistricting – Donna Parisi gave an overview of the redistricting of the 7 Mtn Sky Districts. Donna explained that the new districts were determined by convenient accessibility to towns and geological dividing lines. Laurel Kubin created a map to show the districts.

Minutes to the October 2023 Annual Celebration held in Billings, MT presented by Secretary, Cindy Warren.
Cheryl Runyon made a motion to approve, Judy Eichert 2nd and unanimously approved

Standing Rules presented by Secretary, Cindy Warren
Motion made by Connie Pittenger, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Standing Rules with corrections and additions.

Cheryl Runyon reported on the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons Resolution and Doctrine of Discovery. She presented it to the National Office. They suggested that she submit it to the General Conference for approval. She will put a workshop together for Assembly.

Treasurer’s Report – Connie Pittenger
2024 Pledge to National is $170,000
YTD $80,000
Please encourage units to remit their pledge as there is only 2 months remaining for the conference to meet their pledge to National.

There are 5 channels of giving: Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering and Special Recognition.

Please submit your Expense Reimbursement Form to Connie.

Budget for 2025 Mission Giving Income $215,500
Other Income 11,290
$226,790
Pledge to Mission $170,000

A motion was made by Cheryl Runyon and 2nd by Laura Kubin and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

A motion was made by Robynn Wood, 2nd by Linda Cockett to approve the Pledge to Mission for 2025 in the amount of $170,000.

Pledge service – Connie Pittenger

Offering for Pledge to Mission

Video from National office – Message from-Kenya Roberts, Executive Director for Development
Legacy 150 Endowment helps us plan for the future. Growth of the fund goes to support the mission. Currently the balance is $40,806,698. Mountain Sky Conference has given $311,278. 2024 year to date giving is $10,282.
1829 Society is a group of individuals that add UWFaith in their estate as an endowment.
Friend of Legacy – Donations of $5,000 or more. This can be done at one time or each month in the amount of $75 for 5 years.
Legacy Builder – monthly giving of $18.69 per month. If 452 people give to Legacy Builder over 5 years they will give over $600k.
Day of Giving is March 23rd This was the Founding Day of United Women in Faith. This years theme is "Faithfully Forward for Women and Youth."
TEXT –"FAITH" to 20503 to stay up to date.

Immigration Panel presentation—
Moderator – Jana Jones
Panelists: Homayoon Milad – International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Marcia Canter – Arvada UW Faith
Hamu Chigwada – Green Mountain UW Faith
Jan Williams – Colorado Hosting Asylum Network (CHAN)
Becca Siever and Fartun Faray – Neighbors Embracing Afghan Refugees (NEAR)

Part 2 of the business meeting was convened.

Donna Parisi presented the redistricting proposal. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the redistricting effective January 1. 2026. Thank you, Donna, for your efforts.

Peg Plimpton presented the Committee on Nominations Report with the addition of Robin Iles.
A motion was made by Linda Cockett, 2nd by Denise Logan and unanimously approved to accept the list of nominees.

Initiation of 2025 Conference Officers – Jana Jones and Hamu Chigwada
President – Robin Ball
Vice President – Janet Ulrich 1st Term/1st Year
Secretary – Cindy Warren 2nd Term/1st Year
Treasurer – Connie Pittenger
Spiritual Growth Coordinator – Denise Logan
Communications Coordinator – Linda Cockett
Coordinator for Social Justice & Action – Judy Scrimshire 1st Term/1st Year
Coordinator for Program Resources – Mary Ann Tabor
Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach – Karen Waldren
Coordinator for Education & Interpretation – Linda Lloyd 1st Term/1st Year

Committee on Nominations, Chair – Teresa Rivera
Utah/Western CO - Robin Ilies
Northern CO – Myrna Prentice 1st Term/1st Year
Western Mtns – Peg Plimpton
Big Horn – Robynn Wood
Mile High Metro – Deborah Bondie
Southern CO – Pat Blasi
Wyoming + 1 – Judy Eicher 2nd Term/1st Year
Mission u Dean – Kathryn Witte
Mission u Asst Dean – Sandy Barton 1st Year
Expanded Leadership Team – District Presidents
Big Horn – Judy Jones and Karen Hawkinson
Mile High Metro – Marcia Canter
Northern CO – Mary Ann Watson
Southern CO – Elaine Allison
Utah/W CO – Beth McCorkle
Western Mtns – Cathy Speich-Ferguson and Arlis Vannet
Wyoming + 1 – TBD

Recognition of outgoing officers:

Mary Ann Watson
Ellie Young
Belinda Akula

Cheryl Runyon
Michaele Ann Buelle
Lori Kiel

Update from the National Office – Hamu Chigwada
Goals for the next 4 years:
Grow membership to 500,000 members by 2029 (currently 400,000 members)
Increase giving from $7MM to $10MM
Increase Legacy 150 giving
LDD Program
Mobilize members to reach out and attract more members
Jana – If each District could raise their pledge by $7,500 we can meet that goal. Look for resources on the UWFaith Portal.

Memorial Service – Karen Waldron and Denise Logan

Business Meeting (Part 2 closed)

Closing Worship and Communion
St. Andrew UMC Pastor Amy
Music by Skip Strickland and Gaynor Nelson

Announcements –
New district pledges due by Nov. 1st, so Conference pledge can be submitted by Nov. 15th
District Leadership list and Directories should be sent to Cindy Warren at cwarren5740@gmail.com and Cindy will send a copy to Teresa Rivera

Annual Meeting of the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Women in Faith adjourned at 3:00

By: Cindy Warren, Secretary

Proposed Changes to the Standing Rules

Article B, #3 — Committee on Finance, Letter d

Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting, **which is held every 4 years on even years between Assemblies**: The Conference Leadership Team shall determine an amount to be set aside annually. Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith will pay all the expenses, as defined by the Finance Committee, for Nominees to United Women in Faith's Board of Directors and Voting Delegates. **The balance of the designated funds will be divided equally and proportionately among the Conference Leadership Team members and District Leadership Team members (who therefore are not eligible for scholarships) attending said event. In addition, scholarships may be made available to membership as determined by the Conference Leadership Team**. ~~The balance of the designated funds will be divided equally among the remaining elected Conference Leadership Team members attending said event.~~

Article C, Title and #1, #2, #3, #6, and #7

ARTICLE C: MEETINGS/**EVENTS** – Time and location for all Conference Meetings/**Events** will be determined by the Conference Leadership Team.

1. Annual Gathering~~: Fall~~
2. Leadership Development for District Leadership Teams~~: Annually~~
3. Spiritual Life Retreat~~: Spring~~
6. UW Faith Breakfast at Church Annual Conference
7. ~~District Annual Gathering Representation~~ Conference Leadership Representation at Districts' Annual Gatherings

Article D, #8 Letters E and K

E. The suggested reimbursement rate, **per person**, for providing meals to a group at an event is **$10.00 for breakfast**, $10.00 for lunch and $15.00 for dinner.

K. District/Conference Meetings/**Events**: Expenses of any speaker (Conference/District Officer, Missionary, etc.) invited to participate in a program or workshop for District or local events shall be the responsibility of the inviting group for travel, food, lodging and program materials.

Article G, #2

2. An updated list of equipment (computers, printers, etc.) ~~shall~~ **will** be ~~compiled~~ **maintained** ~~each year at the January Planning Meeting~~ by the Treasurer and shall reside in her records.

The Standing Rules help keep our focus on streamlining our organization so we can promote our mission of improving the lives of women, children, and youth around the world.

Biographies of Officer Nominees

Robin Ball-President

I have enjoyed the past two years as President of your Mountain Sky Conference. What an impressive team to work with in leading this great organization. I'm awed at the dedication of our membership to mission, service, advocacy and love in action.

My grandmother Bess Toner introduced me to mission service through WSCS. When I moved back to Colorado my mother Peggy Case was quite convinced, I needed to get involved. I admit to resisting a bit while trying to establish a life here. She convinced me to join the Nominations Committee for Utah/Western Colorado District. And then attend Assembly 2010. Since then, I have served as District Treasurer, District President, and Conference Treasurer. I am hooked on the impact that United Women in Faith make on the world, our churches, our communities and my growth in faith and leadership.

I would be honored to be your Mountain Sky Conference President for the next two years.

Connie Pittenger-Treasurer

Although I have been a member of the Montrose, CO, Unit since 1984 when I moved to Montrose, I didn't become really active until I retired from being a Speech/Language Pathologist in 2007. Since 2007, I have served as the Unit Social Action Coordinator many times, the Unit Vice President for 2 years, and as the Unit President for 8 years. In Spring, 2017, I attended a Next Steps Leadership meeting in Cedaredge, CO, and learned about an opening for the District Treasurer. I told the District Nomination Committee person that I had never been the Treasurer of my Unit but I had been the Treasurer for other organizations and that I was good with details. That Fall, I was elected to serve as the UT/Western CO District Treasurer and served in that position for six years. I completed my tenure as the District Treasurer and then moved on to become the official Conference Treasurer in January, 2024. My learning curve with QuickBooks has been rather steep beginning with the desktop version and now dealing with the online version. I have also learned many legal details as I assist Local Unit Treasurers and District Treasurers to open/update accounts.

Karen Waldren-Coordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach

After 2 years serving as MN&O Coordinator for the Conference, Karen Waldron is looking forward to serving more effectively for the next two years. She is excited about the possibilities for the UNSTOPPABLE Growth National Membership Campaign. Currently retired, Karen served 6 years as the Business Manager for Fort Collins First UMC. Prior to that, she was a Software Solution Architect for FileNet Corporation, Software Developer for StarTel Corporation, and kept the books for the business she owned with her husband for 30 years. Karen has five grown children, including two step-children, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She loves spending time with grandchildren, volunteering at and through the church, traveling and enjoys reading mystery novels and books on the United Women in Faith reading program.

See more biographies on the next page!

More Biographies of Officer Nominees

Sue Yeager-Coordinator of Program Resources

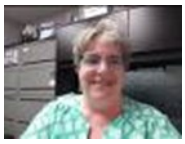
I was born and raised in Sterling, Illinois, and was the 3rd generation of my family in the 1st UMC there. I began “serving” the church in 2nd grade, when I joined the Junior Choir, which was led by my Aunt Kathryn. My dad sang in the Senior Choir, which I eventually joined.

I branched out further into the Midwest by attending Luther College (Decorah, IA. - B.A.), South Dakota State University (Brookings - M.S.) and later Indiana University (Bloomington – P.E.D.) I taught Kinesiology – a.k.a. Physical Education and Health in 3 colleges/universities in South Dakota and Minnesota before coming to what is now Colorado Mesa University (Grand Junction) 37 years ago. I retired from college teaching in 2011 and took up teaching adult Sunday School, other adult studies, Mission u, and Lay Servant courses. Sand Creek was my initial inspiration. Once retired, I could also join UMW, now UWF.

I actually started attending UMW/UWF meetings at the conference level, because I became the Western Colorado Sub-district Lay Leader the same month I retired from teaching, and all the other women on the Board of Lay Ministry were Conference UMW officers! So I did it to support them – and also to learn from their wonderful programs! A little while later, I figured out that I should join the local unit too, since the Conference President was in our church's unit! And, let's face it, I even heard Bishop Elaine Stanovsky tell us at Salt Lake City's UMW Western Jurisdiction meeting that the most action in the Methodist church comes from within the UMW (UWF)!

My church-related interests lately have been directed toward environmental issues, social action and justice, and teaching about Christian nationalism, especially since I hold the social action coordinator's position in our local unit (1st UMC-GJ.) I have been an avid reader all my life, as well as church musician (choir and handbells), animal lover, puzzle fan, and sports fan.

My aunt Kathryn always sent us up to the Sanctuary having given us a shake of her index finger and the encouragement, “Do your best!” I am still hearing that in my mind as I continue to go off to other adventures!



Linda Cockett-Communications Coordinator

Linda Cockett currently lives in Torrington, WY. She is married and has one child. She is the Executive Director of Goshen County Senior Friendship Center which encompasses five senior centers throughout the county. She is also heavily involved in church and United Women in Faith activities. She is a cradle Methodist and truly believes in all aspects of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, especially the emphasis on Reason. She loves that her church encourages her to think! She is always grateful for all the mentoring and love she has received from her sisters in United Women in Faith.

Denise Logan-Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Hi, I am Denise Logan. I am a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rocky Ford, Colorado. My husband, Ray, and I have lived in Rocky Ford since our marriage 47 years ago. We have one son, Mitch. He and his wife, Rachel, live in Rye, Colorado. We have a dog named Izzy and a cat named Pongo, who are very spoiled.

I am a certified lay servant and our church secretary. During my over 40-year membership at the church, I taught Sunday School classes to various age groups, directed the children’s choir, assisted with the youth group, and was a member of the adult choir. I have also been a member of the United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith, since my early days with the church. I am currently the Treasurer of our local unit. I have been the Spiritual Growth Coordinator of the Trinity District (now Southern Colorado District) and a co-instructor for Mission U.

I am honored to be considered for the position of Spiritual Growth Coordinator for Conference United Women in Faith.

More Biographies of Officer Nominees

Judy Nielsen-Committee on Nominations Chair

Originally trained as an LPN, Judy worked for twenty years as a clinic nurse. After a move in 1991 from eastern Montana to Helena, she returned to college in the late 1990's. She earned a BS degree in Health Care Administration in 1999, the same year as her youngest child graduated from high school. She put the degree to work at the State Public Health Department where she worked in infectious disease for 18 years. Because she administered federal contracts where the gathering of public input was required, she created more agendas and presided over more meetings than she cares to count.

Judy is now retired but active in the masonic activities of Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile, as well as participating in the mission work of United Women in Faith. Often pegged as a leader (whether skilled or just not able to say "no"), she provides leadership for several organizations—at one point being president of four small groups at the same time.

She also enjoys singing with St. Paul's UMC choir and playing piano for her masonic groups. She has a special interest in homelessness and is in her 12th year of serving as a board commissioner for the Helena Public Housing Authority.

Judy loves to travel with husband David and especially enjoys camping in an RV, ditching the tent for more creature comforts early on in their 46-year marriage.

Peg Plimpton-Committee of Nominations, Western Mountains District

WSCS, UMW, and UWF have been part of my life since I was 25. When our family of five, including three daughters, moved to Grove City Ohio, the Welcome Wagon visitor TOLD me that she would pick me up for Circle "next Thursday" and that was that. In the years since then I have held every office but Treasurer, and loved most of these moments.

Currently I serve as Secretary to the Missoula FUMC UWF unit and enjoy a much calmer life than that of a young mother and "Church Lady." Life is rich and includes Scouting Coordinator and Commercial Kitchen Food Safety Manager of First UMC, fandom for the Ohio State Buckeyes and Montana Grizzlies, walks with a terminally friendly dog along the river bank and various yarn and needlework projects. God has been good.

Robynn Wood-Committee of Nominations, Big Horn District

I was adopted when I was one years old. I grew up in Loma, Montana. I graduated from high school in 1999 and joined the United Women in Faith when I was 18. I joined the army national guard right out of high school and completed a 4-year stint. I recently attended the Western Jurisdiction meeting in Alaska, with our conference participating and enjoying all the activities. I have been a member of the Committee of Nominations member representing the Big Horn district for the last 2 years and look forward to another 2 years.

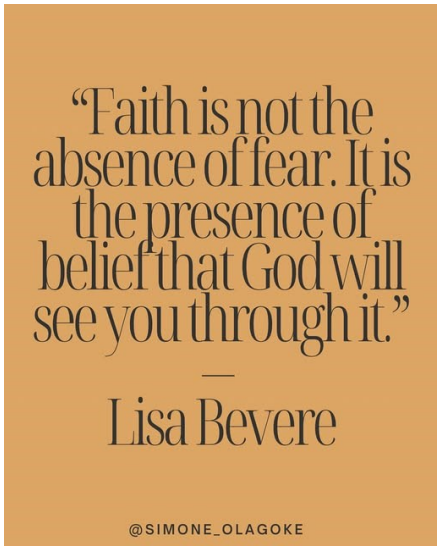
Spiritual Life Retreat
Friday, October 17 in Montrose, CO

Theme: Faith, Not Fear
Speaker: Stacey Atkins, Deaconess

Stacey is a writer and a member of Aspen Writers Network. She is also a certified Spiritual Director, spiritual counselor and coach serving the spiritually independent. She is a graduate of the Zeitgeist Atlanta Spiritual Directors Training Program, located in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a certified yoga teacher, a Reiki Master/Teacher, a Shamanic Practitioner and a Sound Healer, as well as a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church. *Grand Junction Living* magazine has published several lifestyle articles Stacey has written. Currently she is writing a memoir about her and her mother's experiences with blood cancer and how that affected their relationship.

Earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, Stacey went on to graduate from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas with a master's degree in theological studies. She completed the two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation with Upper Room Ministries. In 2020, she retired from a 34-year career as a flight attendant with Delta Air Lines.

Her husband, J.R., is the pastor of Aspen Community Church. He has a son, Coleman, who runs his own business in the Denver area. Coleman's wife, Jac, is in the midst of taking CPA exams. Stacey and J.R. live in Snowmass Village with their cat, Noel, and dog, Stewart.



Calling on all Districts and Units for Racial Justice Work!

Ladies, your Racial Justice Committee has been meeting to identify ways to educate and encourage action to racial justice issues. National has a great resource: United Women in Faith - Racial Justice Engagement Opportunities/Resources (English) D10392 that suggests various activities that your unit can use in designing programs. It can be as simple as having a regular practice of reading and sharing news articles from local and regional news sources related to racial justice issues in your community (AND we have plenty to choose from with the current immigration issues). Another educational idea listed is planning a pilgrimage to an important local site in your region's racial justice history. The Mile High District recently had an outing to the Colorado History Museum to visit their exhibits on the Sand Creek Massacre and Amache internment camp. Then the next day they visited those sites. Their event was simply orchestrated (each attendee made their own overnight hotel reservations) and carpools were arranged. What an educational opportunity and a great introduction to United Women in Faith for those non-regular attendees. You may simply collect quarters (Pauli Murray, the civil rights activist has a quarter) at your meetings to support a local racial justice effort or purchase racial justice books for your local school or library. We encourage you to check out the idea guide noted above and share those ideas with our committee by contacting Teresa Rivera at rivera.slc@comcast.net.

Let's Share Our UWFaith Reading Program Books!

We are asking each district and local unit to bring books from their UWFaith libraries that are over 5 years old to sell for $1 as a fundraiser during the Spiritual Retreat and Annual Gathering in October at Montrose. These books are still worth reading and we can clear our bookshelves. Please get the word out to your local units.

We believe love in action can change the world.

Mission u

Practicing Hope Together

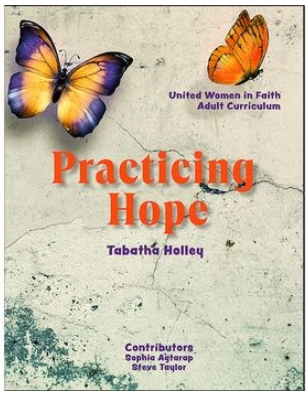
Mission u is a transformative educational program that encompasses both Bible-based curricula and events. All are welcome to engage with either or both components of Mission u.

Each year, United Women in Faith develops three justice-focused Biblical curricula for adults, youth, and children, all on a common theme. In 2025, our theme is *Practicing Hope Together.* In 2026, our theme will be *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.

Save the Date — Practicing Hope Together — Virtual Event

Practicing Hope is an adult curriculum exploring hope, particularly when hope seems hard to find. This study's purpose is to enable all of our communities to cultivate hope that is honest about our current conditions, hope that is restorative when everything feels urgent, and hope that is possible even when we transgress.

The Winter Mission u will tentatively be on the following dates:



February 1, 2026

February 8, 2026

February 22, 2026

March 1, 2026

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ASSEMBLY 2026

May 15 – 17, 2026
Indianapolis, Indiana

Registration:
Sept. 2 to Nov. 30 – $365
Dec 1 to April 13 – $395

Crown Plaza Hotel
123 W. Louisiana St.,
Indianapolis, IN 46225
$189/night 2 beds
Registration starts
Sept. 2nd and ends Nov. 30th.

After December 1st, the hotel room block will be released, and discounted rates and availability may no longer be guaranteed.

SPEAKERS

1. **Sally Vonner, General Secretary & CEO**
2. **Stacy Abrams, Politician, Lawyer**
3. **Jana Jones, President**
4. **Chandra Rule, Music Leader**

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ASSEMBLY 2026

Travel Plan need to be arranged before you register for Assembly

ESTIMATED FLIGHT COSTS

Billings, MT - $700	Denver, CO - $400
Bozeman, MT - $500	Durango, CO - $400
Butte, MT - $550	Grand Junction, CO - $550
Casper, WY -$400	Missoula, MT - $550
Cheyenne, WY - $400	Montrose, CO - $600
Cody, WY - $600	SLC, UT - $550
Colorado Springs, CO - $400	St. George, UT - $600

Hotel Reservations

Call (317) 262-8191 and mention room block for Mtn Sky Conf

OR

Contact Beth McCorkle with the following information:

- *Dates*
- *# of Rooms*
- *Who will be staying in the room(s)*
- *Credit Card is needed to make reservation*

If you need a roommate fill out this form and we will match you with someone.

May 15 - 17, 2026
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This is our primary website. Here you will find the latest news and information about United Women in Faith programs, initiatives, and events. It's where you connect with other members and get involved. You'll also find links to our many resources and the e-store.

Downloads: umwmissionresources.org

Find new brand elements, member materials, programs, and catalogs here.

Online Community:
uwfaith.mn.co

Connect with United Women in Faith members on Mighty Networks, a safe and secure online space to deepen our community and engage digital resources for local programming and transformative education. The platform features the digital Program Resource, Prayer Guide, Mission u curricula, online groups around specific interests, and more.

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If you're on Facebook, be sure to "like" United Women in Faith. Follow the link and sign up so that our regular posts will appear on your home page.

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YouTube:
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Need a video for a presentation? You'll find it on YouTube. Check out the video resources available by following the link. New videos are posted often!

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Need a photo for your newsletter or PowerPoint? Follow this link and you'll find terrific images illustrating the work of United Women in Faith members.

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