

# Nominations Report

The Committee on Nominations of the Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Women in Faith is pleased to present the following persons as Nominees for members of the MSC United Women in Faith Leadership Team for service term 2027:

President: Robin Ball, Pagosa Springs, CO — 2nd term, 2nd year

Vice-President: Laura Lundsford, Pagosa Springs, CO — 1st term, 1st year

Secretary: Margaret (Meg) Persavich, Hamilton, MT — 1st term, 1s year

Treasurer: Connie Pittenger, Montrose, CO — 2nd term, 2nd year

Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach: Karen Waldron, Fort Collins, CO — 2nd term, 2nd year

Coordinator for Social Action and Justice: Judy Scrimshire, Longmont, CO — 2nd term, 1st year

Coordinator for Program Resources: Sue Yeager, Grand Junction, CO — 1st term, 2nd year

Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: Linda Lloyd, Highlands Ranch, CO — 2nd term, 1st year

Co-Coordinator for Education and Interpretation: Janet Ulrich, Kalispell, MT — 1st term, 1st year

Communications Coordinator: Linda Cockett, Torrington, WY — 2nd term, 2nd year

Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Denise Logan, Rocky Ford, CO — 2nd term, 2nd year

Committee on Nominations, Chair: Judy Nielsen, Helena, MT — 1st term, 2nd year

Committee on Nominations, Western Mountains: Peg Plimpton, Missoula, MT — 2nd term, 2nd year

Committee on Nominations, Big Horn: Robynn Wood, Fort Benton, MT — 2nd term, 2nd year

Committee on Nominations, Northern Colorado: Myrna Prentice, Broomfield, CO — 2nd term, 1st year

Committee on Nominations, Wyoming +1: Laura (Linda) Bogart, Cheyenne, WY — 1st term, 1st year

Committee on Nominations, Mile High Metro: vacant

Committee on Nominations, Southern Colorado: vacant

Committee on Nominations, Utah/Western CO: Robin Iles, Grand Junction, CO — 2nd term, 1st year

Dean of Mission u: vacant

Assistant Dean of Mission u: Pattie Klein, Estes Park, CO — 1st term, 2nd year

# Biographies of 2027 Nominees

## **Vice-President, Laura Lunsford**

My name is Laura Lunsford. I was raised in a multi-denominational church and attended Disciples of Christ and Presbyterian churches prior to retiring and moving to Pagosa Springs, CO in 2017. In Pagosa, I started attending Community United Methodist Church where I play in the Bell Choir and am active in our United Women in Faith unit. I love the connectionalism and mission outreach of the Methodist Church and UWFaith. I have served as my local unit Program Resources Coordinator, Communication Coordinator, and unit President. At the district level, I have previously served as the Utah/Western Colorado Secretary and President and presently am the Program Resources Coordinator. Last year our Pagosa Springs unit hosted the Utah/Western Colorado District Annual Celebration. I led the planning committee for that event and enjoyed integrating a cohesive program including speakers, food, music, and worship. I am honored to be considered for the position of Conference Vice-President.

## **Secretary, Margaret (Meg) Persavich**

Meg was raised in the Congress St. Methodist Church in Portland, Maine and also attended a Congregational Church in Williston, Maine and a Methodist Church in Winslow, Maine. Meg is a Registered Nurse and has worked in various roles and hospitals across the country. Since moving to the Mountain Sky Conference, Meg has attended First United Methodist Church in Windsor, CO where she was involved in the missions team, trustees, administrative council, women's Bible study, and UWFaith. She served as the Program Resources Coordinator and as Secretary. She currently attends the Stevensville United Methodist Church in Stevensville, MT. She is currently secretary/treasurer of her local unit and serves on the SPR committee of the church. She has attended a couple of Western Mountain District meetings.

## **Janet Ulrich, Co-Coordinator Education and Interpretation**

Janet has served in many capacities of United Women in Faith. She has been the District President of Western Mountain district. She has also just completed a term as Vice-President of the Conference Leadership team.

## **Linda Bogart, Nominating Committee, Wyoming +1 District**

Linda Bogart is a dedicated candidate for the Nominating Committee, bringing long-standing commitment to Grace United Methodist Church (Cheyenne, WY), proven leadership in United Women in Faith, and a deep record of service to the church and community. She joined Grace UMC in 2002, and became a member of United Methodist Women (now United Women in Faith) in 2011. She has served as secretary and twice as president, and she received the Special Mission Recognition Award in 2024. Her service reflects consistent hands-on leadership and faithful presence. She has helped with COMEA breakfasts, made pillowcases for youth in the CASA program, collected and delivered donated produce to the VA, supported UWFaith fundraisers, stayed connected with shut-ins, helped with Social Action events, and remained actively present for UWFaith members and activities. Linda

graduated from Southern Oregon University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. She married, had two daughters, and moved to Cheyenne in 1980 with her husband, who was an officer at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. She worked for the Wyoming Girl Scout Council for 23 years, holding several positions and ultimately serving as Assistant Executive Director. After losing her husband in an accident in 1982, she raised two daughters as a single mother and became committed to creating a better world for women. She joined the Zonta Club, where she held several offices including president. After retiring from the Girl Scouts, she worked for the school district supporting students with disabilities. She is now a full-time grandmother and is blessed to have them living in Cheyenne.