SKY LIGHTS

News for the Mountain Sky United Women in Faith

Robin's Ramblings

Summer — a time we often think of as busier than winter. But as I contemplate that this morning, there is doubt. Maybe it is just different kinds of activities. Maybe the warmth of summer brings different energy than the snow of winter. We are all busy, involved women. While each of us has an area of responsibility for the group, we must all actively support each other — including sharing information, responding to requests, communicating, participating, praising, and loving. Love in action can change the world.

These newsletters are all about communication. We have so much to tell you about. And we hope you will share the information with everyone you know.

Take the opportunity to attend a Mission u event, either in person this summer or virtually in February. The studies have always been so appropriate for the current world environment. The 2025 study explores Practicing Hope Together. Surely, we all need hope and a supporting community.

September will include several District Annual Meetings/Celebrations. The themes all look interesting and inspiring. I wish I could attend all the gatherings. I hope you will attend the one in your district. There is important work to do as well as building faith, honoring our sisters who have passed, educating ourselves, and energizing each other to continue in mission. Spend time with your sisters in faith.

This year we are trying something new. The Spiritual Retreat and the Annual Gathering will be on the same weekend. Friday, October 17, is the Spiritual Retreat with the theme of "Faith, Not Fear" led by Deaconess Stacy Atkins. And Saturday, October 18, is the Annual

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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**

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Robin's President's Message cont.

Gathering with the theme of "Acting Fearlessly." Bishop Stoneking will be the keynote speaker on Saturday morning. The hope is that more women will be able to attend both events if there is less travel time required. Both events will be available virtually, as well. Please read more information in this newsletter.

Assembly 2026! May 15-17, 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana — Be there! Or you will be sorry. Assembly is the world gathering of United Women in Faith. Go for the worship, the music, the world-famous speakers, the workshops, the new friends you will make. The National President, Jana Jones, is part of our Conference, and we need to be there to support our sister.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend. There is more information later in this newsletter about travel, lodging, registration, and possible scholarships. Local groups may be able to support members as well. Is there a woman who has recently joined your group that Assembly might inspire? Many report that Assembly is when they understood the impact of United Women in Faith in the world.

I hope to see you at one of these great opportunities. Let's catch up on how you see love in action in our world.

Go in Peace and Joy,

Robin Ball, President

PROGRAM RESOURCES CAN HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY!

As an organization, United Women in Faith offers resources to help local units plan programs, receive inspiration, and grow compassionately.

I often recommend the reading program to units and individuals because I love to read myself. While our reading program offers five categories to help us learn and grow in our understanding, the list offers a variety of genres — novels, biographies, children's books, titles from best-seller lists, and (as my late sister called them) "socially redeeming" topics. Many of these books examine the topics that are in the news today. As United Women in Faith we have traditionally and consistently revered learning, not just so we can discover facts about a topic, but so we can also compassionately understand the issue. Contact your district or local Program Resources Coordinator for more information about the reading program.

Program Resources also includes the Program Planning Book, the Prayer Guide, and the textbook for the current Mission u studies. In 2025, the Mission u study is called Practicing Hope Together. Anyone may purchase one or all of these resources for personal use or for use

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Program Resource Report cont.

in your local unit. The planning book offers detailed monthly programs with more ideas than I have found possible to use.

The official magazine for United Women in Faith is called response. This bi-monthly magazine offers news from local units, communications from national officers, and Bible studies. It is full of interesting and topical features.

There are also online offerings more numerous to mention in this short article. Personally, I have never been able to participate in all of the resources available to us. Check them out. I'm sure you'll find something that will appeal to you.

Mary Ann Tabor

Program Resources Coordinator

From Your Conference Treasurer

Our donations are off to a slow but steady pace for 2025. We are 58% into the year and we have only sent in 40% of our Pledge. So, to put that in actual numbers, I, on your behalf, have forwarded on to the National Office $68,158 as the total of the 5 Channels of Giving. Our Pledge for 2025 is $170,000.

You might want to have your local Unit Treasurer check into the new, really cute Gift to Mission Cards. Your Local Unit Treasurer can order those from your District Treasurer. Gift to Mission Cards is one of our 5 Channels of Giving, along with Gift in Memory, Special Mission Recognition, World Thank Offering, and, of course, our Pledge to Mission.

Connie Pittinger

Conference Treasurer

Faith Not Fear

Jana Jones, National President United Women in Faith

I will miss seeing you all at our annual gathering in October, as I will be at the Pacific North West Conference gathering, but I look forward to seeing every single one of you at Assembly 2026 this coming May! That is where we will sing, laugh, hug and celebrate this organization together.

Meanwhile, it's been quite the summer! I have had amazing opportunities to travel and meet with leaders from many faiths whose dedication and faith have inspired me.

At the Centennial Celebration

In late June, Sally Vonner, our CEO and General Secretary, and I were invited to visit South Korea by the Scranton Leadership Center to participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of Ewah University. You can read the press release at In Korea, Honoring a Century of Missionary Collaboration | United Women in Faith, and my visit with the Korean WSCS Korean Women's Society of Christian Service Celebrates 100 Years | United Women in Faith. Ewah's roots were the work of one of our organization's foremothers, Mary F. Scranton who traveled to Korea at age 52, and established Ewha Hak-dang, the first school for girls in Korea. Armed with an $80 designated gift from member Lucille Baldwin, the school opened with a single student, (a homeless girl). The school grew, and Scranton opened a hospital only for women. Over the years and through many hardships, both grew into the thriving institutions that we visited.

I think of Mrs. Scranton, who at the age of 52, made the decision to leave the comfort and privilege of a world she knew well, in Ohio, to become a missionary in a country almost 8,000 miles away, where she did not speak the language and knew only her son, who was travelling as a Medical Missionary. What a strong faith she had to push past the fears she must have experienced. And, God did not let her down. I imagine there were setbacks, but she did not give up. She believed God had a purpose for her work, and that faith sustained her through the hard days and rewarded her belief with many successes. I had the honor of witnessing the fruits of that labor first hand.

In July, Sally and I attended the Children's Defense Fund Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry at the Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, TN. There, we attended workshops whose focus was on lifting up our sacred children, "Building Beloved Community: A Place for Play & Laughter". We heard powerful messages, calling us to stand up and take action to protect our children, who too often have become the casualties of broken systems in a world that is not making them a priority. We were encouraged to act not with fear, but with joy, which in itself becomes an act of resistance and faith. We witnessed the joy and laughter of children who attended Freedom School while their parents attended the conference. CDF Freedom Schools, which are all over the country, and are nurturing children to be lifelong learners and advocates for progress. They are raising them to believe in themselves, their families and their communities to be advocates for positive change. Faith, not fear.

With members of the Holston UWFaith in Tennessee at the Hall-Proctor Institute.

Sisters, may we find ourselves in this time and place with that same faith. May we open ourselves to the belief that the work done through our National Mission Institutions, our Regional Missionaries and international support, our scholarships, and our advocacy work are all making a difference in a world that can seem overwhelmingly uncaring, or disinterested, at best. May we all look at ways to support this work. Your presence matters. Your enthusiasm matters. Your pledge matters. Your prayers and faith in this work really do matter. May we join together in faith, not in fear. Because we really do believe that love in action can change the world.

Spiritual Growth Report

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." ~Joshua 1:9

It is summer and the weather here is "hot!" with "intermittent rainstorms." That means rain two nights out of three. I hope you are having a good summer and that you are making plans to attend the Annual Gathering and Spiritual Retreat in October in Montrose.

You will find a lot of information about the event in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there and spending time together in worship, in study, and having fun.

The Spiritual Retreat "Faith Not Fear" will be led by Stacey Atkins on Friday.

As part of the Annual Gathering, we will have a Memorial Service to remember members who have passed away since our last gathering in 2024. Please submit the names of these ladies to Denise Logan at grumpybear59@hotmail.com. Perhaps you have some information or a photo of your deceased member(s) you could share for use during the memorial service.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers every day!

Blessings,

Denise Logan

"Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you." ~Author unknown

Charter for Racial Justice Committee

Whose Face is on the Back of Your Quarter?

The US Mint began a new series of quarters in 2022 to honor women and their achievements in US history. Some of the women — Eleanor Roosevelt, Sally Ride, Maya Angelou, Juliette Gordon Low — are famous, but other women (and their achievements) may be completely new to you.

One such woman is the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, who was the first female African-American priest ordained in the Episcopal church — after a long career in the legal profession. I wouldn't have known even that much about her, but thanks to the UWFaith Reading Program and its book, *Pauli Murray: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist and Civil Rights Activist,* I knew to do a little more digging into her life. I watched a documentary, "My Name is Pauli Murray," on Amazon Prime, and found more books about her at the local library. I've developed a presentation about Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray that I would be happy to share with you and your local unit for a presentation. She definitely deserves her quarter!

Other quarters to look for (and learn more about the women represented) include: Jovita Idar — a Mexican-American journalist, teacher, activist, suffragist (and Methodist!); Maria Tallchief — America's first prima ballerina (and Native American); Wilma Mankiller — first woman elected the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation; Sen. Patsy Takemoto Mink — the first woman of color to serve in the US Congress; Ida B. Wells — investigative journalist, suffragist, and civil rights activist; and Stacey Park Milburn — an activist for people with disabilities.

Cheryl Runyon — cheryl.runyon@comcast.net

A Mission Giving Reminder

It is time for local units, Districts and Conferences to make their yearly Mission Giving - Pledge to Mission.

In all of the planning meetings that I have been involved with the past few months, part of the agenda has been to approve a budget that includes a Pledge to Mission. We are encouraging you to submit your pledge for 2026 as soon as possible to your local Treasurer so the Leadership teams can have some guidance as to what they might be receiving. During the summer, the money submitted is usually below half of our commitment. It is also helpful if you can submit a portion of this year's pledge to stay up to date if possible.

Whether you are an individual, at the local, district or conference level, looking at the budget is not an easy task. Not only are you contemplating your pledge, you are planning for future income and expenses for all that you do. Many questions are raised… Did I/we meet our budget this year? What might next year look like? "How much do I/we pledge, can I/we afford to raise our pledge or should I/we stay on the conservative side and stay with what we know…….

The discussions are honest and difficult, with so many people weighing in with their thoughts, especially in the districts where many have lost churches and UWFaith groups are dwindling as membership is aging out. What is the answer?????

Paul said *in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

Another consideration is that part of the criteria for ***Mission Today*** is to increase your Pledge to Mission. This increase doesn't have to be by hundreds of dollars (although that would be wonderful) a five-or ten-dollar increase shows your commitment to our United Women in Faith.

"Faith Not Fear, *Acting Fearlessly"* is our theme for our Annual Meeting in October; we can use this "mantra" as we discern our future not only in making decisions in your own UWFaith groups but for your personal growth.

Have Faith, be realistic, do the best you can do, follow **YOUR** heart, listen to God and be in prayer.

Fortunately, in each of my meetings, an increase to the pledge to mission was approved for next year. With the leadership members knowing that we need to work hard to reach our goal. We **can** do it by trusting God, and having faith and by putting our Faith, Hope and Love into action.

Take time to discern how you make your pledge to mission. We also realize that some of the money you budget should stay in your unit for programing expenses and local church and community outreach. That is also part of making a difference in your community

It might be fun to consider some different ways to raise money. Some suggestions might be: ♥ have a raffle, ♥ have a special event and sell tickets ♥ do a fund-raiser walk ♥ offer a "Parent's night out" (provide child care for a couple hours to parents for an evening.) These might generate a little extra money and hopefully you might add to your membership.

Read more about Mission Giving and the Ripple Effect on pg. 7

Mission Giving cont.

Our Pledging has a ripple effect…….

The drop: Each member makes their pledge to mission to their local church unit. The collected money from members is sent to the District.

First ring: The District also makes a pledge to Conference, based on local church pledges. (The Mountain Sky Conference consists of 7 districts)

Second Ring: Conference also makes a pledge depending on what the Districts are pledging which finally goes to the National Office.

Third Ring: The National office is committed to good stewardship of this generous support of contributions from members, mission partners and on-line donors who have a heart for the work we do.

Expanding the rings: Money is distributed to hundreds of ministry areas around the world to educate, support and provide services to Women, Children and Youth. (See below "where our money goes".)

Just like the eight women in Boston in 1869, they each pulled their money together and asked friends and family to donate a few pennies. With patience, prayer, faith and commitment they reached their goals to send two women; a doctor and teacher to India to help women in children in a world far away. These women were able to accomplish their goals and look where we are now. One cannot do it alone, but with faith, hope, love, and commitment we can make a difference in our world. One "penny" at a time.

Eight women in 1869. Nearly half a million members today. One remarkable history.

Here is some information to let you know where your hard-earned money is going. The information is just a quick glance of where your money has gone to make a difference in the lives of so many.

This information has been taken from the United Women in Faith Website Financial section. Feel free to go to the website or link and learn more.

https://uwfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/where_the_money_goes_2024.pdf

Did you know: Mission Giving is the lifeblood of United Women in Faith.

Mission Giving - are funds that are undesignated, unrestricted and used to underwrite the total program of United Women in Faith at the local, district, conference, national, and international levels. –

currently there are five channels -- or opportunities -- for giving:

1. *Pledge to Missions.*
2. *Special Mission Recognition*
3. *Gift to Mission*
4. *Gift in Memory*
5. *World Thank Offering*

ALL of these Channels can be included as part of your TOTAL Pledge to Mission.

$5.90 Million was budgeted in 2024 for Mission Giving (unrestricted)

$450 Thousand was budgeted in 2024 for Designated giving (Restricted representing 46% of our funding sources.

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Mission Giving cont.

Where does this money go?

$642 Thousand was budgeted in 2024 for Social Action and Justice Work:

Mobilizing members to learn about and take action on Key social justice issues. Currently our focus is on Climate Justice and Racial Justice.

$1.93 Thousand was budgeted in 2024 for Education and Leadership Development Spiritual

♥ Leadership Development Days ♥Mission u ♥Reading Program ♥Scholarships to students in the US and internationally

Growing and Nurturing opportunities:

♥Daily Prayer Guide and Program Books ♥Bible Studies ♥Soul Care events ♥Faith Talks

$684 Thousand was budgeted in 2024 for Office of Deaconess & Home Missioners

We support a global network of laypersons who have chosen a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice and service. In partnership with the church, they work to:

♥Alleviate suffering ♥Eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth ♥Facilitate the development of full human potential ♥Share in the building global community through the church universal

$1.72 Million was budgeted in 2024 for National Mission Institutions (NMIs)

We support nearly **90 NMIs** across the United States serving the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities with the goal to:

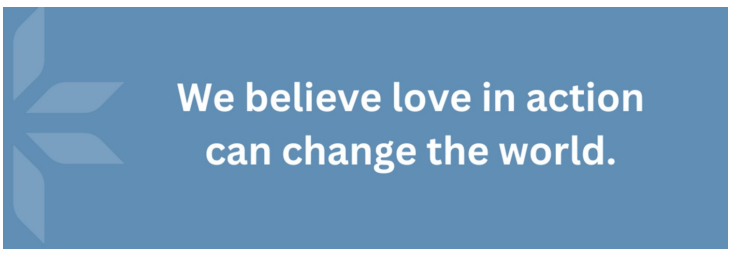
♥Care for children ♥Educate and develop programs for youth ♥ create economic opportunities ♥Transform neighborhoods ♥Provide housing

1.54 Million was budgeted in 2024 for International Missions

We support international partners that enhance the capabilities of local and regional women leaders. Our international work empowers women and youth to find local solutions and make positive, measurable changes in their communities.

May you be blessed to be a blessing to so many.

Linda Lloyd, Education and Interpretation Coordinator



Annual Gathering/Spiritual Retreat

October 17-18
Montrose, CO

This year's retreat and Annual Gathering will be a little different — **registration is entirely online.** No paper forms will be available. If you don't have access to a computer and no one in your unit can assist you, feel free to call me. I'd be happy to help!

Attendance Options & Costs:

- **Zoom (Virtual Attendance):** $10.00
(Zoom link will be emailed a few days before the event)
- **In-Person, One Day Only:** $25
- **In-Person Dinner Only, on Friday:** $20
- **In-Person, Both Days + Dinner on Friday:** $60
(Includes a discount for full participation)

Important Deadlines:

- **Hotel Reservations:** Due by **October 1**
- **Conference Registration:** Due by **October 1**

We can't wait to gather with you — see you there!

Beth McCorkle, President, UT/Western CO UW in Faith
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720-339-8290

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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

More Information for Conference Annual Gathering and Spiritual Retreat

Membership Nurture and Outreach

Be on the lookout for UNSTOPPABLE GROWTH!! That is the name for the National Membership Campaign that is ramping up now and will have its official launch at Assembly 2026, May 15-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana. With our own Jana Jones as National President, we should all be planning to support her and experience the excitement of being part of the movement that is United Women in Faith.

There are some important changes to be aware of as we begin the UNSTOPPABLE GROWTH campaign. New All Access Member sign-ups will be moving to UWFaith Digital. When one signs up for UWFaith Digital, they are signing up for All Access Membership. In fact, all members are encouraged to sign up for All Access Membership regardless of whether they are a local member, hybrid, or fully digital. If all members are signed up, it will provide accurate statistics and timely information to National.

Later this fall, National will be introducing new training and resources for member leaders to support the growth campaign. At the MN&O Conference Leaders meeting, we learned that if each unit can grow by 3 new members, we can reach the goal set for the first year of the campaign. That sounds like an achievable goal, doesn't it?

Please watch for the National Survey to be released in October this year. This is not so much a membership count survey as it is collecting your input about how things are going and what you need or would like to have to support growth and revitalization in units and UWFaith groups.

If you haven't visited the UWFaith Digital space recently, please plan to do so now. As more women join, there is more information available from your leadership counterparts around the country. Along with sharing ideas and events, you can listen to past webinars, Voices from the Field, and Faith Talks.

For those women in your community who would support our mission and purpose but do not want to attend meetings, digital membership provides a way to learn about all we do and support the work as they desire. They can also join the regular Community Gatherings that are held on Zoom and meet women from around the country. This type of membership could be what our younger sisters need and want at this time in their lives. Of course, those of us who love meeting in our Circles and Units can continue to do so, and continue to invite more women to join us when it fits their lifestyle. It's also/and rather than either/or!

ACTION ITEM: Go to UWFaith.org and create your account by clicking on MEMBER LOGIN and, if you do not yet have an account, click on "Activate Your Member Portal Account." Then find and click on the link for UWFaith Digital — one of the orange boxes, and also in the menu at the bottom of the page under "Get Involved."

Karen Waldron

Mountain Sky Conference MN&O Coordinator

Social Justice and Social Action

Sometimes worry comes without warning. It steals our calm and fills our minds with "what if's." And we say, "I can't do anything about it." WRONG! — We can do a lot as Christians. We can't control world news, but we can choose to respond with focusing on our trust in God; by praying we give up our precious minutes out of a day to build layers upon layers of faith that God is in control. Faith based on confidence and trust in our Lord is solid. Don't say, "I can't do anything about it" — respond with a positive attitude, make peace with everyone your life touches and stay in touch with God in prayer. You will be causing ripples of effectiveness. That is huge! Read Philippians 4:6-7.

Our reading program has many wonderful books as resources. Check them out! Be sure to get registered for the Annual Spiritual Retreat and Annual Gathering in October. Our Racial Justice Committee has exciting news. We will have wonderful speakers. Please bring your questions and suggestions regarding what else you and your group can do to speak up and make a difference. Put the anxiety aside, and put your faith love in action!

Make Mission Happen!

"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)

You have probably seen this slogan — MAKE MISSION HAPPEN! This is our campaign to raise awareness of mission giving.

In 1869, a group of 8 women in Boston put their love in action by responding to the spiritual and physical needs of their sisters in India. They founded the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to minister to the needs of women, children, and youth.

Today, United Women in Faith continues to be powered by acts of love, from women just like you! Through your gifts through Pledge to Mission, you provide a foundation of support to United Women in Faith, ensuring the continuation of millions of dollars in grants and scholarships for organizations and individuals in need around the world, including 80+ community-based National Mission Institutions!

But that's not all. Mission Giving empowers our community to take positive action on issues around racial and climate justice and to develop our next generation of women leaders.

Will you join us today in helping to sustain the heart of our Mission: to improve the lives of women, children, and youth, by fulfilling your pledge early or increasing your pledge?

Your gift, when combined with gifts from thousands of fellow sisters, fuels a mission enterprise that puts love in action every day. Please consider fulfilling and increasing your Pledge to Mission to **MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!**

Mission u

Practicing Hope Together

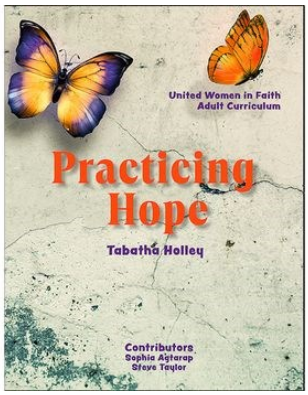
Mission u is a transformative educational program that encompasses both Bible-based curricula and events. All are welcome to engage with either or both components of Mission u.

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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Mile High Metro Report

Our spiritual day's theme was "Make a Joyful Noise." It included workshops on music, journaling, and dealing with stress when the noise is too loud. Approximately 40 women attended the event at Smoky Hills United Methodist Church on June 7.

Units have been fairly busy this summer. Arvada had a team in the Pride 5K; St. Andrew had a picnic dinner at Joshua Station (a homeless shelter); book discussions at two churches were held on 1619 Project and On Becoming; Arvada will have UWFaith Sunday on August 3rd. At Green Mountains' UWFaith Sunday, Hamu Chigwada and her daughter Penny spoke about their experiences as newcomers to America.

A number of people will be taking a road trip to Amache Camp and Sand Creek in August. In preparation for this, Brenda Bronson met women at the Colorado History Museum to view the exhibits dealing with internment and the massacre.

Plans are underway for our annual meeting at Simpson United Methodist Church on September 20th. In addition to election of officers, there will be breakout sessions which may deal with communication; being a newcomer; and how to practice mission if you're unable to get out.

Marcia Canter

Mile High Metro UWFaith President

Southern Colorado District Report

Our Annual Gathering will be held on September 27 at Calvary UMC in Colorado Springs from 9:00-3:00. The program will a spiritual retreat based on the theme of "Joy thru Connection" and the scripture Psalm 98:4-9. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Sarah Rettig. Lunch will be provided by Calvary UWFaith for $10.00 per plate. Participants are asked to bring supplies for UMCOR kits. Our offering will go toward Undesignated Giving.

The SoCo District's book club meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. You can contact me for the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you!

Elaine Allison

So Co Dist UWFaith President

Did you know you can Give to
Mountain Sky Conference United Women in Faith online
Left menu bar on the homepage
https://www.mtnskyumw.org/donate-pay-it-forward/

Wyoming Plus 1 District

The Wyoming Plus 1 district annual gathering took place on Saturday, June 7 at Laramie UMC in Laramie, WY. The meeting was scheduled earlier than usual to avoid conflicts with events typically held in September.

We hosted an in-person meeting and provided a Zoom link for remote participants. Robin Ball, Conference President, joined us via Zoom. Denise Logan, Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator, conducted the officer installations, while Linda Cockett, Conference Communications Officer, led the memorial service. We were also pleased to welcome Diane Martin from Powell, WY, representing the Big Horn District.

The theme for our event was "Born on the Water," and a representative from the Laramie unit presented a reading of the book followed by a discussion.

Our guest speaker was David Mukai from the University of Wyoming who is with **Engineers without Borders."** He discussed projects that they have done with water and other projects around the world. Some of these were successful and some not so much.

A business meeting was held to approve the budget and elect officers. The primary position to be filled is **Treasurer.** Barb Harris, who has served as Treasurer since Wyoming +1 began (with one brief absence), is retiring. If you have a candidate in mind, please inform any district officer. Filling this office is essential for district operations. Training is provided for this.

Judy Christensen

Wyoming +1 District Communications

News from Utah/Western Colorado

I want to personally invite you to come with me to **Assembly 2026** in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Assembly 2026 is that moment—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 brings you together with an unstoppable sisterhood.

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It's time to talk, time to dream, and time to build because when women of faith put our love into action, we are unstoppable. This only happens once every four years. Don't miss your chance to grow in faith, find inspiration, and take action!

Let's come together to celebrate faith, empowerment, and sisterhood like never before.

Will you join me?

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