

# Michigan Conference Directory **2023**



United  
Women  
in Faith

**2021  
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, 2012, Section 256.5, Article 4)

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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 Sally Messner at (269) 783-6334 or [sallymessner@yahoo.com](mailto:sallymessner@yahoo.com)

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## A Message from the President of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith

### There is a Place for You - Here

As you already know, United Women in Faith changed our name to United Women in Faith (UWF) almost one year ago. Many have mixed feelings about that – but it is not the first time we have changed our name over our 150+ year history, and I would not hesitate to guess it won't be the last. As part of the research behind the decision to change our name, they found that women polled – both inside and outside the UMC – are looking for a sisterhood of faith to belong to. They want a small group, within the larger context of the church, to grow their faith and take missional action together with other women.

Have we got the place for you! The Book of Discipline of the UMC states that in every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Women in Faith (now United Women in Faith). However, some churches are closing their units for many different reasons, even though this is exactly what women say they want for their spiritual lives.

So, if your church has a local unit of United Women in Faith, be intentionally invitational to draw the circle wider. Yes, invite personally each and every woman you know to join you. Ask for the pastor's support and encouragement to grow and keep this important ministry going. Don't be tempted to assume your UWF unit is the same as the Ministry Committee in your local church, it is so much more than that – it is spiritual growth, hands-on mission, support of global mission for women, children and youth specifically, and it is a **sisterhood of faith!**

If the local unit meeting time is not convenient – plan special events that women can join together in, especially hands-on mission opportunities: gather for breakfast, assemble layette kits for Midwest Mission, serve together in the local food pantry, hold a bake sale to financially support the global ministries of UWF, plan a road trip to United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids, etc. Need more ideas? Give me a call!

And, if your church does not have a local unit of United Women in Faith, all of your Conference and District UWF Leadership Teams are here to lend a hand, along with your local pastor, to help you join our sisterhood. Gather a couple women to attend a District or Conference UWF Event together, make plans to attend Mission u where women, men, children and youth are all included in this family "retreat" to grow and learn together, start a book club reading from the UWF Reading Program, etc.

There is a place for you here, in our **sisterhood** of **faith**, taking **action** together to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation!

Blessings and peace,

*Julia Paradine-Rice*

President  
Michigan Conference UWF  
989-576-0675



## Michigan United Women in Faith 2023 Dates

### January 7 (Saturday)

Mid-Michigan Epiphany Event, Carson City

### February 11 (Saturday)

Central Bay Spiritual Enrichment Brunch -

Cass City UMC

Greater Detroit Prayer Breakfast, Troy

### March 8 (Wednesday)

Mid-Michigan Leadership Team

### March 10-11 (Friday-Saturday)

Heritage District Overnight Retreat, Howell Retreat Center

### March 11 (Saturday)

Greater Detroit Mission Workshop

### March 18 (Saturday)

Midwest District Spring Fling at: Sparta UMC

### March 22 (Wednesday)

Michigan Advocacy Day, Lansing Central

### March 23 (Thursday)

Day of Giving

### March 25 (Saturday) Hopkins UMC

Greater Southwest Spring Fling

### April 28-29 (Friday-Saturday)

The Springs - Gladwin

Central Bay Spiritual Life Retreat

### April 29 (Saturday)

East Winds Spiritual Growth Event, Burton UMC

### May 2 (Tuesday) Crystal Falls UMC

Northern Skies Annual Celebration

### May 12-13 (Friday-Sunday)

St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt

Mid-Michigan Spiritual Growth

Midwest Spiritual Retreat

Lake Huron Retreat Center

Greater Detroit Spiritual Life Retreat

### May 20 (Saturday)

Northern Waters Power of Bold Day

### May 25 (Thursday)

Heritage Leadership Team, Joy Coyle's Home

### June 1 - 4 (Thursday-Sunday)

Grand Traverse Resort, Acme

Michigan Annual Conference

### June 14 (Wednesday) Lansing Mt. Hope UMC

Mid-Michigan Leadership Team

### June 22 (Thursday) Union City UMC

Greater Southwest Mission Evening

### July 13-15 (Thursday-Saturday)

Mt. Pleasant First UMC

Mission u

### September 7 (Thursday)

Heritage Leadership Team, TBD

### September 20 (Wednesday) Millville UMC

Mid-Michigan Leadership Team

## DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

### September - October

#### Mid-Michigan District

Wednesday, September 20, Lansing

#### Midwest District

Friday, Sept 15, Hart UMC

#### Heritage District

TBD

#### Northern Waters District

Saturday, October 7, Mancelona

#### Greater Southwest District

Saturday, September 30,

South Haven UMC

#### Central Bay District

Saturday, October 7,

Mt Pleasant First UMC

#### East Winds District

Saturday, October 10, Port Huron: First

#### Greater Detroit District

TBD

### October 27 (Friday) Holt UMC,

Michigan Conference Officer Training and Leadership Development, 4 - 8 p.m.

Conference Newsletter Meeting, 5 p.m.

### October 28 (Saturday) Holt UMC,

Michigan Conference Annual Celebration

### November 2 (Thursday)

Midwest Evening Apart, 6 p.m., TBD

### November 30 (Thursday)

Heritage Leadership Team, Zoom

### December 13 (Wednesday) Webberville UMC

Mid-Michigan Leadership Team

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NATIONAL MISSION INSTITUTION IN MICHIGAN**



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Midwest	Jean Sherman
Northern Skies	Patti Steinberg
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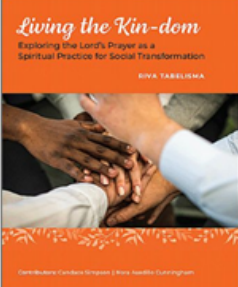
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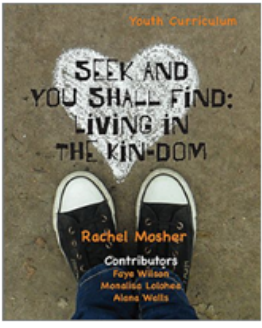
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Ethel Gill		Jane Yaeger




**ADULT STUDY**  
*Living the Kin-dom* by Riva Tabelisma


This study gives fresh eyes to the Lord's Prayer. Often learned by rote, the Lord's Prayer is a rich guide for how we can live out God's kin-dom in our lives. Tabelisma invites participants in this study to step away from our automatic recitation of the prayer and dive deep into the meaning of each line over the course of eight one-hour sessions. Each of the sessions examines a section of the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9–13 as it is recorded in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.



**YOUTH STUDY**  
*Seek and You Shall Find: Living in the Kin-dom*, by Rachel Mosher

The 2023 youth curriculum leads youth through eight one-hour sessions that teach participants to find the kin-dom in the world around them, how to live what they have learned, and how to share the Good News about the kin-dom with others.





**CHILDREN'S STUDY**  
*We Are the Kin-dom!* By Kathleen Stone

This curriculum guides children through an exploration of earthly kingdoms in contrast to God's kin-dom and our role in living out the latter here and now. Children will be introduced to the concept of kin-dom vs kingdom to help distinguish between the flawed human construction of a kingdom that often results in op-pression and exclusion, and God's perfect kin-dom that offers freedom and inclusion.

The study is supplemented by a four-part video, *We Are the Kin-dom: Global Kids' Voices*. This video includes interviews with children from around the world who were asked about their understanding of what kingdom means.

These books are available at: <https://uwfaith.org/events/mission-u/>

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### **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 UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM GOALS/OBJECTIVES 2023**

The Michigan Conference UMW Leadership Team shall live out the tasks of mission by promoting and fulfilling the PURPOSE of UMW through the following Goals & Objectives:

### ***Understanding, interpreting and engaging the membership and district organizations in the current United Women in Faith emphases on mass incarceration/criminalization of communities of color and climate justice.***

- Each Conference officer will utilize Bridge Learning System to complete UMW 101, An Introduction to the School to Prison Pipeline and Climate Justice & Climate Change courses.
- Encourage and support each District to include one of these mission emphasis areas in a District event.
- Include articles in each issue of the Voice newsletter relating at least one of these mission emphasis areas.

### ***Preparing through reading, studying and participating in district and conference meetings and leadership training and educational opportunities such as Mission u.***

- Each Conference officer will participate in the Reading Program, achieving at least Level 1 - including reading of response magazine.
- Each Conference officer will attend a multi-day Mission u event. Encourage District officers to also attend at least one Mission u event, achieving 90% participation for District officers.

### ***Establishing a relationship with district counterparts.***

- 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.

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

- Each Conference officer will work with their District Leadership Team to encourage personal contact (via phone call or visit) with each local unit. Utilize this personal contact to assist local units in completing the UMW Census reporting - striving for 85% completion rate.
- Each Conference officer will visit 2 local units in addition to their own to attend a meeting and/or provide a program. At these unit meetings, be prepared to provide information regarding response magazine, UMW current emphasis areas, reading program, prayer calendar, current program book, UMW Handbook, etc.

## CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT OFFICERS

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## 2021 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Auburn	\$900.00	\$75.00	\$975.00
Bay City Grace	\$2,705.70	\$1,875.00	\$4,580.00
Caro	\$1,313.00		\$1,313.00
Caro Sutton/Sunshine	\$350.00	\$101.00	\$451.00
Cass City	\$1,700.00	\$120.00	\$1,820.00
Clare	\$100.00	\$171.00	\$271.00
Coleman Faith	\$300.00		\$300.00
Essexville St Lukes	\$729.35		\$729.35
Fairgrove	\$585.00	\$45.00	\$630.00
Farwell	\$669.00	\$336.00	\$1,005.00
Frankenmuth	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Gladwin: First	\$500.00		\$500.00
Gladwin: Wagarville	\$771.02	\$50.00	\$821.02
Gordonville	\$200.00		\$200.00
Hayes	\$1,221.41	\$194.00	\$1,415.41
Kingston	\$540.00		\$540.00
Leaton	\$40.00		\$40.00
Mayville	\$1,281.72		\$1,281.72
Midland First	\$3,420.00		\$3,420.00
Millington	\$710.00	\$300.00	\$1,010.00
Mio	\$429.00	\$168.00	\$588.00
Mt. Pleasant	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
Oscoda	\$525.00		\$525.00
Owendale	\$1,885.00		\$1,885.00
Pigeon First	\$3,115.00		\$3,115.00
Reese	\$320.00	\$60.00	\$360.00
Rose City Trinity	\$720.00	\$325.00	\$1,045.00
Rosebush	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Saginaw First	\$610.00		\$610.00
Saginaw Swan Valley	\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00
Sanford	\$100.00		\$100.00
Sebewaing	\$56.99		\$56.99
St. Charles	\$375.00		\$375.00
Tawas	\$665.00	\$100.00	\$765.00
Watrousville	\$300.00		\$300.00
Weidman	\$125.00	\$151.75	\$267.75
West Branch	\$200.00		\$200.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$30,583.49</b>	<b>\$4,131.75</b>	<b>\$34,715.24</b>

### Reading Program



## 2021 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Auburn	Gladwin: New Beginnings	Mio	Rosebush
Bay City Grace	Gladwin: Wagerville	Oscoda	Sanford
Caro	Hayes	Owendale	St Charles
Cass City	Mayville	Pigeon First	Swan Valley
Clare	Millington	Reese	Tawas
Farwell	Midland	Rose City Trinity	Weidman
Frankenmuth			

## 2021 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT 5 STAR PERSONS

<b>Auburn</b>	<b>Gladwin: Wagerville</b>	<b>Owendale</b>	<b>Rosebush</b>
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<b>Caro</b>	Barbara Haas	Mary Brinkman	
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Lisa Wightman	<b>Midland</b>	Cheryl Warack	
<b>Cass City</b>	Betty Pankey	Kathleen Wood	
Jane Mitchell	Rose Burluson	Cheryl Brookins	
<b>Clare</b>	Mary Yeomans	Linda Heiler	
Jeanne Shelander	Alice Such	Arlene Jamieson	
	Terry Townley		

## 2021 CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITIONS

<b>Auburn</b>	<b>Gladwin: Wagerville</b>	<b>Mt Pleasant: Leaton</b>	<b>Rose City Trinity</b>
Barb Anderson	Marilyn Bienz	Betty Larrance	Elizabeth Alford
Marilyn Davis	Robert Bienz	<b>Owendale</b>	Debbie Meseroy
Jean Everts	David Miller	Madeline Buckbee	Jeff Thompson
Carol Holiday	<b>Hayes</b>	Marge Elenbaum	Jay Pennell
Dolores Wise	Dianna Groff Wojewski	Robin Good	<b>Rosebush</b>
<b>Caro</b>	Barb Elle	Owen Jawarski	Lori Thompson
Bill Bortel	<b>Kingston</b>	Kendra Kretzschmer	<b>Sanford</b>
Kevin Wightman	Gayle Farver	Joni Loney	Rhonda Bkowen
<b>Cass City</b>	<b>Mayville</b>	Susan Morosi	Connie Moe
Michelle Eria	Jenny Bailey	Becky Weiss	<b>Tawas</b>
Kathy Tuckey	Buck Eads	Penny Wood	Donna Buzzard
<b>Farwell</b>	Kathy Freeland	<b>Pigeon First</b>	Ruth Danielson
Alyson Dudley	Glen Higgins	Deb Sturm	Marilyn Denhoff
<b>Frankenmuth</b>	Barb Tanks	Brent Woodward	Lori Frederick
Elizabeth Snow	Karen Watson	Penny Woodward	Dianne Knight
Denise Bartlett	<b>Mio</b>	<b>Reese</b>	Pat Miner
Anonymous	Don Peters	Pastor Jon Gougeon	Wanda Roach
	Ellen Peters		Sandra Simmons
			Candace Thomas



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## 2021 EAST WINDS DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Asbury	Davison	Jeddo	Richmond
Bad Axe	Fenton	Lake Orion	Thetford Center
Croswell Circle 5	Harbor Beach	North Street	West Vienna, Clio

## 2021 EAST WINDS DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

<b>Asbury</b> Kay Mowery	<b>Harbor Beach</b> Mary Barr	<b>North Steet</b> Patty Kittle	<b>Thetford Center</b> Sue Ball
<b>Bad Axe</b> Diane Mudge	<b>Jeddo</b> Carolyn Aldrich	<b>Richmond</b> Karen Murphy	<b>West Vienna, Clio</b> LaVeta Laurila
<b>Davison</b> Marilyn Tidball	<b>Lake Orion</b> Judy Stambaugh		

## 2021 EAST WINDS DISTRICT SSPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

<b>Asbury</b> Anonymous	<b>Forester</b> Anonymous	<b>Mt. Morris</b> Rev. Ralph Pieper	<b>Snover Heritage</b> Anonymous
<b>Bad Axe</b> Lynn Geer	<b>Harbor Beach</b> Anonymous	<b>North Branch</b> Danny Kemp	<b>Thetford Center</b> Sue Ball
<b>Brown City</b> Bonnie Hayes	<b>Jeddo</b> Jane Ann Carter	<b>North Street</b> Gordon Fisher	<b>West Vienna, Clio</b> Karen Murphy
<b>Davison</b> Anonymous	<b>Lake Orion</b> Linda Nixon	<b>Richmond</b> Anonymous	Patricia Irish
<b>Flushing</b> Chloe Covert Sue Granger Jim Belanger			

### 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 is committed to finding new ways to invite and involve women. In our 140-year-old organization with over 800,000 members. At all levels of the organization, United Women in Faith works to:

- Ensure inclusiveness and racial/ethnic diversity
- Resource Hispanic and Korean-American members and other emerging language groups
- Nurture teen and college/university women

## 2021 EAST WINDS DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>LEGACY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Applegate, Croswell	150.00			150.00
Armada	100.00			100.00
Bad Axe	1,100.00			1,100.00
Brown City	1,110.00	257.00		1,367.00
Burton: Christ	100.00			100.00
Central Lakeport	60.00			60.00
Clio: Bethany	2,996.00			2,996.00
Davison	4,995.00	232.50		5,227.50
Fenton	1,500.00			1,500.00
Flint: Asbury	200.00			200.00
Flint: Court Street	2,140.00			2,140.00
Flushing	5,784.00	177.00	388.90	6,349.90
Genesee	200.00			560.00
Goodrich	1,075.00			1,075.00
Grand Blanc	745.10			745.10
Halsey, South Mundy	265.00			265.00
Harbor Beach, Port Hope	555.00			555.00
Imlay City	30.00			30.00
Jeddo, Avoca	360.00			360.00
Lake Fenton	1,160.00	40.00		1,200.00
Lake Orion	1,449.60			1,449.60
Lapeer: Trinity	560.00			560.00
Lexington	1,250.00			1,250.00
Marlette	200.00			200.00
Mt Morris	553.22			553.22
North Branch: First, Silverwood	645.00	100.00		745.00
North Street	485.00	30.00		515.00
Port Huron: First	1,690.00	285.00		1,975.00
Richmond	1,550.00	50.00		1,600.00
St Clair	1,722.07			1,722.07
Sandusky	500.00			500.00
Snover: Heritage	745.32	104.00		849.32
Swartz Creek	1,214.00	66.00		1,280.00
Theftord Center	160.00			160.00
Worth Twp: Bethel, Forester, Port Sanilac				
San	75.00			75.00
West Berlin	275.00			275.00
Janet Muntz	<u>15.00</u>			<u>15.00</u>
<b>Unit Totals Reported</b>	<b>37,521.89</b>	<b>1,163.50</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>38,825.39</b>

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## 2021 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Beverly Hills	Detroit: Second Grace	Livonia: St. Matthew's	Trenton: Faith
Detroit: Conant Avenue	Detroit:	Roseville: Trinity	Troy: Big Beaver
Detroit: Metropolitan	Trinity Faith/St. Timothy	Southfield: Hope	Troy: First
Detroit: Scott Memorial	Ferndale: 1st		Westland: St. James

## 2021 GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

<p><b>Beverly Hills</b> Alice Tucker</p> <p><b>Detroit: Conant Avenue</b> Deidra James Audrey Jones Marchelle Phelps</p> <p><b>Detroit: Metropolitan</b> Nellie J. Brown Mary Floyd</p> <p><b>Detroit: Scott Memorial</b> Zenola Green E. Dolly Gunter Jimmie Jones Alysia M. Rush</p>	<p><b>Detroit: Second Grace</b> Harolyn Baker Nancy Brown</p> <p>Ernestine Campbell Jocelyn Davis Thelma Etcherson Gloria Gregory Arnetta Howze Willia M. Miller Edna Smith Anita Totty Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty Althora Varner</p> <p><b>Detroit: Trinity Faith</b> Taylorie Bailey Patricia Bostic Helen Marie Hart Terri Hutcherson Terran Johnson</p>	<p><b>Southfield: Hope</b> Mildred Braddock Carol Cartwright Roxanne Chapman Ernestine Coleman Dianne Cross Diane Ferguson Rhonda H. Fowler Alberta H. Garrett Faire Glenn Gloria Hardy Mandolyn G. Jones Jacquie Lewis-Kemp Emma Oliver Roberta Saunders Rosemary Williams</p>	<p><b>Trenton: Faith UMW</b> Jeanette O. Deiler Debra Dingess Kimberly Easley Cindy Morrison</p> <p><b>Troy First</b> Barbara Strozynski</p> <p><b>Westland St. James</b> Lois A. Payne Betty Thomas</p>
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### 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.

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### 2021 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Allegan	Gobles	Pokagon	South Haven
Climax	Kalamazoo Westwood	Portage Chapel Hill	Union City
Dowagiac First	Otsego	Schoolcraft	

### 2021 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Julia Paradine-Rice

### 2021 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Nance Acker	Cathy Foune	Nancy Lubovich	Rev. Dr. Joseph Shaler
Beverly Bennett	Kathryn Hall	Nicole Marlowe	Terri Shaler
Mark Bolyen	Bev Henson	Peggy MgDougall	John Watson
Diane Corradini	Dannis Jones	Simmie Proctor	Unknown (x2)

## 2021 GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

CHURCH/UNIT	MISSION GIVING	SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	DIRECT GIVING	TOTAL
Allegan	\$1,160.00	\$600.00		\$1,760.00
Bangor Simpson	\$545.00			\$545.00
Battle Creek/Baseline/Bellevue	\$230.00			\$230.00
Climax	\$1,719.00			\$1,719.00
Dowagiac First	\$210.00			\$210.00
Fennville	\$100.00			\$100.00
Ganges	\$597.80			\$597.80
Gobles	\$665.00	\$140.00		\$805.00
Hartford	\$500.00			\$500.00
Hopkins	\$900.00			\$900.00
Kalamazoo First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Kalamazoo Westwood	\$5,585.00	\$25.00		\$5,610.00
Niles/New Journey	\$565.00	\$183.00		\$748.00
Oshtemo	\$300.00			\$300.00
Otsego	\$3,380.25	\$380.00		\$3,760.25
Parchment	\$450.00	\$150.00		\$600.00
Pokagon	\$273.57	\$200.00		\$473.57
Portage Chapel Hill	\$715.00			\$715.00
Portage Pathfinder	\$134.85			\$134.85
Schoolcraft	\$950.00			\$950.00
Scotts	\$278.00			\$278.00
South Haven	\$580.00			\$580.00
Stevensville	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$665.00	\$765.00
Union City	\$1,370.00	\$90.00		\$1,460.00
Vicksburg	\$1,515.20			\$1,515.20
White Pigeon	\$131.00	\$120.00		\$251.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$22,954.67</b>	<b>\$1,888.00</b>	<b>\$1,665.00</b>	<b>\$26,507.67</b>

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## 2021 HERITAGE DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

AAalboin	Howell	Milford	St Paul's Monroe
Ann Arbor First	Hudson	North Lake	Ypsilanti First
Brighton First	Jackson Calvary	Reading	
Erie	Marble Memorial	Saline First	

## 2021 HERITAGE DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

Shirley Carpenter	Kay Lambright	Pauline Schaffer	Diane Tandy
Vicky Elnelbert	Rev. Doug McMunn	Linda Sturgeon	Sherry Wagenknecht

## 2021 HERITAGE DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Madonna Bednarz	Teresa Gierhart	Ann Koss	Dylan Reed
PJ Booth	Carol Gorham	Judy Mayo	Marilyn Sprinkle
Andrew Charter	Linda Hartley	Jim Mayo	Rachel Woods
Victoria Charter	Marsha Ikle	Beth McClure	Marilee Woodworth
Sharon Early	Dana Knauf	Mark McClure	

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

## 2021 HERITAGE DISTRICT MISSION UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ann Arbor First	\$4,851.00	\$80.00	\$4,931.00
Adrian	\$275.00		\$275.00
Albion	\$6,522.00	\$580.00	\$7,102.00
Belleville	\$1,920.00	\$1,170.00	\$3,090.00
Brighton	\$3,723.45	\$135.00	\$3,858.45
Clayton	\$400.00		\$400.00
Commerce	\$1,325.00		\$1,325.00
Dixboro	\$850.00		\$850.00
Erie	\$1,202.00		\$1,202.00
Howell First	\$3,425.00	\$525.00	\$3,950.00
Hudson First	\$460.00		\$460.00
Ida	\$370.00		\$370.00
Jackson Calvary	\$620.00	\$100.00	\$720.00
Jackson First	\$8,193.17		\$8,193.17
London	\$200.00		\$200.00
Manchester	\$300.00		\$300.00
Marble Memorial	\$1,388.00		\$1,388.00
Milford	\$1,247.59		\$1,247.59
Napoleon		\$200.00	\$200.00
North Lake	\$1,151.00		\$1,151.00
Oak Grove		\$300.00	\$300.00
Reading	\$1,980.00	\$895.00	\$2,875.00
Salem Grove	\$800.00		\$800.00
Saline	\$920.00	\$50.00	\$970.00
St Paul's Monroe	\$305.00		\$305.00
West Side	\$2,667.28	\$115.00	\$2,782.28
Ypsilanti First	\$3,410.00	\$50.00	\$3,460.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,505.49</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$52,705.49</b>

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	OPEN	
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## 2021 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Carson City  
Eaton Rapids  
Grace

Lansing Central  
Lansing First

Mason  
Mt.Hope

Peace  
St. Johns

## 2021 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Bailey Brown Greenwald  
Donna Buckley  
Heidi Schonle

Jim Pike  
Julie Hath  
Margaret Brown

Margaret Pike  
Mickey Cousino  
Mike Garcia

Toni Wilson  
Anonymous

## 2021 MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alma	\$775.00		\$775.00
Bannister	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$900.00
Carson City	\$1,534.41	\$50.00	\$1,584.41
East Lansing University	\$3,995.00		\$3,995.00
Eaton Rapids	\$3,165.00		\$3,165.00
Heartland	\$105.00		\$105.00
Holt	\$2,169.00		\$2,169.00
Laingsburg	\$400.00		\$400.00
Lansing Central	\$440.00	\$50.00	\$490.00
Lansing First	\$885.00	\$250.00	\$1,135.00
Lansing Grace	\$1,290.00	\$185.00	\$1,475.00
Mason	\$3,855.00	\$100.00	\$3,955.00
Millville	\$120.00	\$71.00	\$191.00
Mt Hope	\$3,569.00	\$200.00	\$3,769.00
Owosso First	\$494.85	\$45.00	\$539.85
Peace	\$321.00	\$150.00	\$471.00
Pompeii	\$250.00		\$250.00
Portland	\$500.00		\$500.00
St. Johns	\$740.00	\$75.00	\$815.00
St. Louis	\$349.37		\$349.37
Wacousta	\$1,140.00		\$1,140.00
Webberville	\$565.00	<u>\$50.00</u>	\$615.00
Women's People	<u>\$200.00</u>	-	<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$27,612.63</b>	<b>\$1,376.00</b>	<b>\$28,988.63</b>

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## 2021 MIDWEST DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Hart

### 2021 MIDWEST DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

**Freemont**

Jim Helgemo  
Gloria Helgemo  
Charles Whitman

**Hart**

Pat Schramm

**Holland**

Mike Visschar  
Joan Fein

### 2021 MIDWEST DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Caledonia	1,050.00		1,050.00
Georgetown	1,439.05		1,439.05
Grand Rapids South	230.78	250.00	480.78
Supportive Sisters	929.00	115.00	1,044.00
GR Trinity	2,000.00	125.00	2,125.00
Lowell (disbanded)	703.54		703.54
Grand Haven Church of the Dunes	4,819.35		4,819.35
Cedar Springs	1,500.00		1,500.00
Middleville	1,074.44	500.00	1,574.44
New Life	470.00		470.00
Holland	2,100.00		2,100.00
Marne (disbanded)	500.00		500.00
LeValley	1,000.00		1,000.00
Fremont	607.00		607.00
New Hope	254.90		254.90
Wesley Park	550.00	20.00	570.00
Hart	1,610.00	174.00	1,784.00
Claybanks	200.00		200.00
Sparta	90.00		210.00
Edmore	600.00		600.00
Centenary - Pentwater	453.00		453.00
Muskegon Central	700.00		700.00
Midwest District	<u>257.50</u>		<u>257.50</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23,138.56</b>	<b>1,184.00</b>	<b><u>\$24,442.56</u></b>

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## 2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Cheboygan St Paul's Crystal Falls	Iron Mountain Trinity L'Anse	Manistique Ontonagon	St Ignace
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## 2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

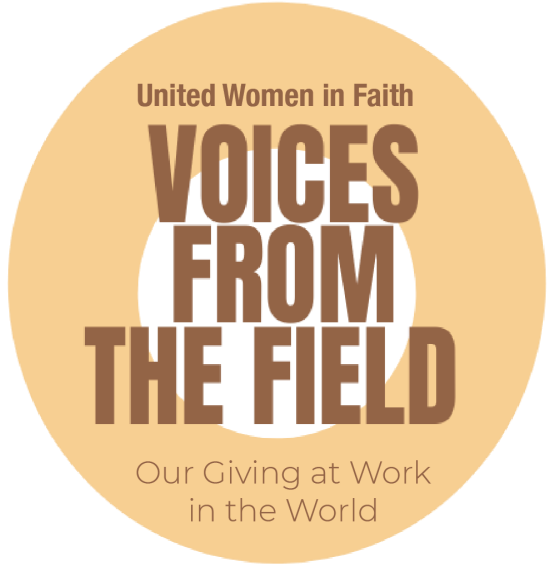
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## 2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

BJ Ash	Bev Clave	Janet Herman	Patty Roell
Barb Toivunen	Carrie Lou Thomas	Linda Graham	Sherry Sandstrom
Belinda Kurth	Gayle True	Mariah True	

## 2021 NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cheboygan St Paul's	\$1,941.50	\$300.00	\$2241.50
Crystal Falls	\$275.00		\$275.00
Engadine	\$89.46		\$89.46
Iron Mountain Trinity	\$810.00	\$105.00	\$915.00
Ironwood Wesley	\$280.00		\$280.00
L'Anse	\$885.00		\$885.00
Manistique	\$1,745.00	\$178.00	\$1,932.00
Marquette Hope	\$1,300.00		\$1,300.00
Menominee	\$700.00	\$327.00	\$1,027.00
Ontonagon	\$705.00		\$705.00
St Ignace	\$1,645.00	\$66.00	\$1,711.00
<b>UNIT TOTALS REPORTED</b>	<b>\$10,375.96</b>	<b>\$985.00</b>	<b>\$11,360.95</b>



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## 2021 NORTHERN WATERS SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Betty Griffin	Sibary Construction	Jackie Soltman	Tammie Keene
Isace Matchett	Sharlyn Chapman	Jeff Joneson	Davis Moyer
Breanna Matchett	Dennis Tabor		

## 2021 NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT 5-CHANNEL UNITS

Alden	East Jordan	Grayling	Petoskey
Arcadia	Gaylord First	Houghton Lake	

## 2021 NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT 5-STAR PERSONS

<b>East Jotdan</b>	<b>Houghton Lake</b>	<b>Petoskey</b>
Linda Gocha	Cheryl Allumi	Pamela Moyer
<b>Grayling</b>	Lois Balsley	Connie Nelson
Julia Hulka	Cathie Yager	Joanne Snedden
	Myra Breyer	
	Barbara Cantley	

## 2021 NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT UNIT GIVING

<u>CHURCH/UNIT</u>	<u>MISSION GIVING</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY GIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alden	260.00	105.00	365.00
Arcadia	360.00		360.00
Barnard	579.36	5.00	584.36
East Jordan	695.00	5.00	700.00
Epsilon	192.40		192.40
Frankfort	3,828.87	500.00	4,328.87
Gaylord-First	2,522.00	375.00	2,897.00
Grayling-Michelson Mem	1,150.00		1,150.00
Harbor Springs	850.81	125.00	975.81
Houghton Lake	1,021.00	100.00	1,121.00
Lake Ann	530.00	200.00	730.00
Lake City	1,324.00	117.00	1,441.00
Ludington	50.00	5.00	55.00
Mancelona	540.00	5.00	545.00
Marion	50.00		50.00
Onaway	1,055.00		1,055.00
Ossineke	200.00		200.00
Petoskey	3,072.00	155.00	3,227.00
Roscommon- Good Shep	355.15		355.15
Spratt	500.00		500.00
Traverse City Central	1,060.00	200.00	1,260.00
Northern Waters District	507.50	292.50	800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,703.09</b>	<b>2,189.50</b>	<b>22,892.59</b>

## MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UMW  
2023 ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET 2021</u>	<u>BUDGET 2022</u>	<u>BUDGET 2023</u>
District A&MD	\$94,415.00	\$84,650.00	\$80,890.00
North Central Jurisdiction A&MD	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
Assembly/NCJ/Seminars	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Charter for Racial Justice Initiatives	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Annual Conference Attendance	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Church Women United State Assembly	400.00	400.00	0.00
Conference Annual Celebration	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Conference Directory	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
District Officer Leadership Training	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Keep Making Peace - attendance	350.00	350.00	200.00
Newsletter	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Officer Resources/Literature	500.00	500.00	500.00
Mission u - Conference Scholarships	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission u - Subsidy Albion/Conf Officer Registration	9,000.00	8,500.00	10,000.00
Mission u - Subsidy East/Conf Officer Registration	9,000.00	8,500.00	
Mission u of the North - Subsidy/Conf Officer Reg.	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Church Women United - donation	400.00	400.00	200.00
Justice For Our Neighbors - donation	500.00	500.00	500.00
Keep Making Peace - donation	2,000.00	0.00	
UMCH Program Support - donation	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,000.00
Audit	500.00	500.00	500.00
Conf SMRs/Gift to Mission/Gift in Memory	500.00	500.00	500.00
Conference Leadership Retreat	0.00	0.00	
Dependent Care	80.00	80.00	80.00
Lodging	600.00	500.00	500.00
Meals	500.00	300.00	300.00
MI Non-Profit Corp Annual Fee	20.00	20.00	20.00
Mileage	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Misc/Contingency	185.00	150.00	200.00
Postage	200.00	150.00	125.00
Printing, Supplies & Checks	300.00	200.00	200.00
Technology	250.00	250.00	750.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$149,700.00</b>	<b>\$134,450.00</b>	<b>\$118,465.00</b>
<b>MI CONFERENCE MISSION GIVING PLEDGE</b>	<b>\$228,300.00</b>	<b>\$206,550.00</b>	<b>\$142,535.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PLEDGE TO MISSION FROM DISTRICTS</b>	<b>\$378,000.00</b>	<b>\$336,000.00</b>	<b>\$266,000.00</b>

Approved by Finance Committee - 8/20/2022

Approved by Leadership Team - 8/20/2022

# MICHIGAN CONFERENCE WOMEN UNITED in FAITH FOURTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

**Guests: Micki Phelps, PAG – United Women in Faith, North Central Jurisdiction, President**  
**Rev. Scott Harmon, District Superintendent, Northern Skies District**  
**Rev. Dr. Jennifer Browne, Clergy Assistant to the Bishop**

## **Past United Women in Faith Presidents in Attendance**

Ruth Whaley	Kay Mowery	Linda Schramm	Nichea VerVeer Guy
Julia Deemer	Diana Miller	Micki Phelps	Linda Darrow

**Purpose:** 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 and supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**Welcome – Cherokee Morning Song,**  
Prayer from Response Magazine

**WalthaGaye Leavitt, Vice President**

## **Litany of the Land**

I honor the eight original tribes of Michigan:

Chippewa, Ottawa, Potawatomi, Sauk, Fox, Huron, Kickapoo, Menominee

We pause.... and remember...

**that this land is not OUR land;**

We remember....

**the oppression this land has experienced and continues to suffer**

We honor....

**legacies of those who have served as the first stewards of this land**

We receive....

**their wisdom, witness, and courage**

We commit....

**To never forget, always honor and be ever mindful in acting out our repentance.**

**Welcome from Westwood UMC - UWF**

**Beth Mitchell, Deacon Sandra Douglas**

**Devotion “Entertaining Angels” - Hebrews13:2-3 NWD**

**Sharon Alumni**

**Message from Bishop of the Michigan Area**

**Rev. Dr. Jennifer Browne**

**Mission u 2023**

**Nichea VerVeer Guy, Dean Mission u 2022**

**Michele Weston, Assistant Dean Mission u 2022**

Nichea and Michele thanked everyone who worked on Mission u 2022 and the participants who attended the sessions in Port Huron and Gaylord, Michigan. The Mission u 2023 format will include one study offered to adults, children and youth. Mission u will be centrally located in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Details to follow.

**Introduction of Keynotes Speakers**

**WalthaGaye Leavitt**

**Justice For Our Neighbors**

“Justice For Our Neighbors” (JFON) was started in 2004 to advocate for the legal needs of immigrants in the United States. Current advocacy issues for immigrants include getting access to personal ID and drivers licenses in Michigan; defending DACA rights for children;

work to achieve pathways to citizenship and decrease deportations. JFON works with all new citizens to advise them of their voting rights and encourage them to participate in the process. Online resource: [www.jfonmi.com](http://www.jfonmi.com)

### **Celebration of our Re-Branding**

#### **Video Message from Gen Sec’y & CEO, United Women in Faith (UWF) Harriet Jane Olson**

Harriett Jane Olson asked the United Women in Faith to embrace the changes in our organization. She asked that we concentrate on the following:

Start talking about the impact we make as an organization. Talk about the results of our work in advocating for the welfare of women, youth and children. Tell our stories.

Be “intentional” about drawing in other women! Talk to them about what they want and need. Give them information about how we can meet those needs and engage them in our new initiatives .Tell them about our Sisterhood.

Use every opportunity to “live the brand!” We have new initiatives that speak to gathering women into our organization. We have expanded the way we do business; we are more open and informative. We want women to know that they can be involved with United Women in Faith in new ways that are inclusive, life-changing and bold. United Women in Faith addresses issues that no one else addresses! We are making a difference in people’s lives!

Our identity is fresh and new! We must go forth with new attitudes.

#### **Message from Michigan Conference United Women in Faith President Julia Paradine-Rice**

**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1.9 NIV**

Julia stated that God is with us in all of our endeavors. We must be “Bold!” There is nothing to fear. We have a great opportunity to change peoples’ lives and we have the tools to do it. We have 153 years of success behind us from our foremothers. We can rely on their example! Yes, there are many things that are new; but we are well equipped to put the plans in place and succeed. The Bible verse helps us to see God in the world and encourages us to go forth in faith, service and advocacy. We must respond! Invite others to join from other denominations— We are open to all! We remain women of power and passion united by God’s love in our mission, in our support of women children and youth. We’ve taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today!

#### **National United Women in Faith Update Micki Phelps, North Central Jurisdictional President**

The North Central Jurisdiction will hold its 2024 Quadrennial Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates are May 30, 2024 – thru June 2, 2024. The event will take place at the Sheraton Hotel, 31 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Micki asked that we start planning now to attend and hopefully plan for a bus to travel to Indianapolis!

#### **Legacy Fund Update**

#### **Linda Schramm, Legacy Fund Liaison**

The Legacy Fund was started in 2014 to fund the expenses of running UWF and all donated mission dollars would be spent on the mission work of the organization. There are approximately 60 conferences in the United States. In the North Central Jurisdiction, the Michigan Conference is one of the top contributors to the Legacy Fund. Legacy Builders are those persons who commit to a donation of \$18.69 per month to Legacy Fund. United Women in Faith has 153 years of focusing on women, children and youth. UWF invests in the least of these and the lost. They empower women and fund mission projects around the world. It is a grass roots operation. Linda asked that we consider becoming a Legacy Builder.

#### **Poems and Grace by Diana Irish**

#### **Salem Indian Mission Church**

**“Turn it Up” Song – United Women in Faith**

**Offering Prayer**

**Cheryl Rumery, Michigan Conference Treasurer**

The offering collected was \$3,014. Cheryl offered a prayer. The donations were divided evenly and donated to Justice For Our Neighbors, GCCP and our UWF Pledge to Mission.

**Business Session**

**President, Julia Paradine-Rice**

Julia called to order the 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference UWF.

As stated in our Standing Rules, the voting body of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting shall be composed of all members of the United Women in Faith at any organizational level residing within the Michigan Conference and in attendance at this meeting.

**Secretary, Ethel M. Gill**

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Michigan Conference United Women in Faith were approved at the November 13, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting and are printed in the meeting program booklet on Pages 7 - 9.

**Chairperson, Linda Darrow, Committee on Standing Rules**

The complete copy of the Standing Rules for the Michigan Conference can be found on the Michigan Conference website. The revisions for the Standing Rules for 2023 were available for review at least 30 days prior to this annual meeting. The revisions can be found on Page 10 of the meeting program booklet. On behalf of the Committee on Standing Rules, Linda recommended that the revisions be adopted. The Revised Standing Rules for 2023 were approved for adoption.

**Treasurer, Cheryl Rumery**

The Treasurer’s Report for 2021 is on Page 10 of the meeting program booklet. The report is audited and is on file.

“The Proposed Administration and Membership Development Budget for 2023 is on Page 11 in the meeting program booklet. The total budget for the year 2023 is \$118,465, and the proposed Pledge to Mission is \$142,535. On behalf of the Committee on Finance, Cheryl recommended that the 2023 proposed budget and pledge be adopted. The Budget and Pledge to Mission for 2023 were adopted.

**Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, Julia Deemer**

The Proposed Slate of Nominees for 2023 is printed on Page 11 of the meeting program booklet. According to our Constitution and Standing Rules, nominations from the floor can be accepted, if the nominee has given her permission and she meets the qualifications for the office as stated in the Constitution, including tenure rules. No nominations were made from the floor. The slate was approved as presented and the officers were duly elected.

Additional CON Members – Evelyn Delany, Shirley Chappell, Linda Schramm, Carol Gorham, Jimmie Jones, Donna Kleiver, Donna Blair and Jane Yeager.

Julia thanked everyone for their work and preparation of the business for this meeting. The Business Meeting was adjourned.

**Recognition of Outgoing Officers**

Susan Wirgau – Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth

Michele Weston – Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation

Sally Messner – Communications Coordinator

Nichea VerVeer Guy – Mission u Dean

Julia Deemer – Chairperson, Committee on Nominations



Shirley Chappell, Evelyn Delany, Carol Gorham, Linda Schramm – Committee on Nominations  
Julia Hulka – NWD President  
Lynn Geer – EWD President  
Linda Burton-Collier – GSWD President  
Patti Steinberg – NSD President

**Installation of 2023 Leadership Team, Michigan Conference – United Women in Faith  
Simmie Proctor, Committee on Nominations, North Central Jurisdiction (NCJ)  
Marchelle Phelps, President, North Central Jurisdiction (NCJ)**

Simmie and Marchelle led the 2023 Leadership Team in a very thoughtful, prayerful installation service.

**United Methodist Community House**

**Eric Williams, CEO, Carla Moore, CEO**

Plans are progressing for a significant construction project to provide low-income housing for seniors and additional child development center space to expand much needed childcare and preschool. The Fresh Market is growing and has expanded their services to provide nutrition education and cooking events. Their projects are moving forward, and they are “ready for greatness!”

**Charter for Racial Justice Grant Recipients Jocelyn Davis, Mission Coordinator Social Action**

Joan Doney, Georgetown UMC, Jenison, MI – visit to Jim Crow Museum at Ferris State University

Regina Allie, Scott Memorial UMC, Detroit, MI - panel discussion about racial, cultural experiences

Jeanette Harris/Jill Warren, Metropolitan UMC, Detroit, MI; Ferndale UMC, Ferndale, MI

Sponsored youth attendance to play “Mwenda” by Detroit Mosaic Youth Theatre. The play was also presented at Troy First UMC, Troy, MI, along with a puppet show.

**Invitation to 2023 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration - Holt United Methodist Church, Holt, Michigan**

**Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Breaking the bread  
Sending Forth**

**Blessing of the Mission Focus Ingathering**

**Benediction**

**Dates to Remember**

**2023 MI Conf United Women in Faith - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration October 20 - 21**

**2024 North Central Jurisdiction - Indianapolis, Indiana May 30 - June 2**

**2026 Assembly United Women in Faith – Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Submitted by: Ethel M. Gill, Michigan Conference UWF Secretary  
November 7, 2022**

**2022 STANDING RULES**  
**MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

Approved 10 / 23 / 21 Annual Meeting

**PREFACE**

The United Women in Faith of the Michigan Conference shall function in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws for Local, District, Conference and Jurisdiction Organizations of United Women in Faith national organization. These Standing Rules are supplementary thereto.

**SECTIONS**

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**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 with copies for each member.
- 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, 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 year shall constitute a regular term.
- I. For tenure, refer to the 2021-2024, *Handbook of United Women in Faith* p. 43, Bylaws: Conference, Section 2 – Tenure.
- 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 including the current Handbook of United Women in Faith, and all directive information received from United Women in Faith national organization during the previous four years unless otherwise negotiated. Study Books for the Michigan Conference Mission u shall be retained by the person using them. 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 Women in Faith). Upon acceptance by the conference organization, 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. This information shall be reported no later than the spring ' Leadership Team meeting.

## 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, 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 Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules, Historian/Custodian, Communication Committee members, Social Media Coordinator, Webmaster, and the Dean(s) and Assistant Dean(s) of the Conference Mission u. It shall also include such other persons as the conference organization of UMW may determine. Members with voice, but no vote, include members of the Conference Committee on Nominations.
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. If this deadline is not met, the member shall bring 30 copies to the meeting.
  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 of the meeting. This procedure is recommended to the Districts.
    - a. Following the meeting, the Secretary shall notify all persons of action items delegated to them.
    - b. 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 (*United Women in Faith Handbook 2021-2024*, p. 121, District Constitution, Committees, Article IV, Section 1, a.)
  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 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.
  2. The Conference President may organize a conference call or video meeting to conduct the business of the Administrative Committee.
- 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 Nurture and Outreach

1. There shall be a Committee on Membership Nurture and Outreach (MNO). 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. Analyze the membership needs of the Conference, set goals and plan campaigns to assist membership growth.
  - b. Recommend plans to nurture membership growth among special constituencies within the Conference.
  - c. 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 nine 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 Nurture and Outreach, 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 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 Conference Goals
1. There shall be a Committee on Conference Goals composed of the Vice President as Chairperson, President, and the four Mission Coordinators.
  2. The Committee shall meet annually to set and evaluate goals for the conference.
  3. The Conference Goals shall be approved by the Leadership Team.
  4. Adopted goals shall be published in the conference newsletter, on the website, and in the Directory and Reports.
- I. Committee on Standing Rules
1. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules composed of five members: a 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.
- J. Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
1. There shall be a Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies composed of at least seven and no more than eleven 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 of 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.
- K. 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 communications 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 Methodist Women 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 program of United Women in Faith.
- L. Committee on the Directory and Reports
1. There shall be a Committee on the Directory and Reports composed of the Communications Coordinator(s) as chairperson, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairperson of the Committee on Standing Rules, and others as needed to provide relevant information.
  2. All required reports are due to the Directory and Reports Chairperson by January 31st, preferably sent electronically.
  3. The Chairperson, with the committee help as needed, shall annually edit, publish, and mail or electronically distribute the Directory and Reports by March 1.
  4. Directives about the contents and distribution of the Directory and Reports are listed in the Procedures Book.
- M. Committee on the Newsletter
1. There shall be a Committee on the Newsletter composed of the Communications Coordinator(s) as chairperson(s), the President, the Vice President, Treasurer, and District Communications Coordinators. The President may appoint other members to the Committee when necessary.
  2. The Committee shall make recommendations on matters of policy regarding the Conference newsletter. The final authority for policies shall rest with the Leadership Team.
  3. 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 work of the Conference organization.
  4. 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.
  5. Directives about the contents and distribution of the Newsletter are listed in the Procedures Book.
- N. Committee on Mission u
1. The Dean(s) shall server as the chairperson. Mission u committee members include: Deans(s) and Assistant Deans(s), a Treasurer, Conference and District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. Additional members of the conference Leadership Team shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of Program Resources, 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 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.
- 6. There shall be several Mission u events throughout the state, that may include:
  - a. Mission u West – held in July at Albion College
  - b. Mission u South – held in July at a southeastern church
  - c. Mission u East – held in August at Lake Huron Retreat Center
  - d. Mission u North – held in October at Gaylord First UMC

### 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 u 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 and District Presidents are to attend the annual session of the Michigan Annual Conference.
  - 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
  - 4. The Conference Vice President shall be the representative at Church Women United and World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. 5. The President and the Vice President or their designees shall be the representatives to t the Annual Assembly of Church Women United in Michigan. It is recommended that Districts follow this pattern.

### 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 at the annual session of the Michigan Annual Conference.
    - 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
    - any Missionaries on leave, who are in the conference.
  - 3.) The Vice President shall invite, register and report to the Registrar the following who shall:
    - Speakers
    - Resource persons which may includes:
      - Church and Community Workers
      - 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 Director of Connectional Ministries and Associate Council Directors;
    - Michigan Conference Treasurer;
    - Michigan Conference Lay Leader;
    - 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 Women in Faith
    - 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;
      - President of Church Women United in Michigan
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 \$50
  - b. Special Music \$75
  - c. Child Care \$10/hour
  - d. Janitor \$100
  - e. Sound Technician. \$ 75
  - 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 update time.
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 Vice President shall be responsible for OTLD registration and name tags.
5. District Presidents shall encourage all District Officers to attendance at 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. Currently it is "Keep Making Peace".
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.

**D. Conference Workshops**

1. Workshops may be planned by the Program Committee and approved by the Leadership Team.
2. The Conference may sponsor workshops at least every other year. In years following the National Seminar, the persons attending the seminar shall plan the workshops.

**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 yearly 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 in November 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 Women in Faith, Michigan Conference.
    - 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 signed 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, 2021-2024*.
    - 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 Leadership Team 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 32 cents per mile. Members shall carpool whenever possible.
    - c. Meals — daily allowance of \$25.
    - d. Dependent Care -- the actual cost up to \$38 for one-day events. Special circumstances should be requested in writing to the President and Treasurer. Local units and families are urged to volunteer their help with this care.
  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 and the District Presidents are included in the lay equalization attendance pattern of the Michigan Annual Conference. The President is 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 UMW 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. Then 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. The spouses need to be invited and made aware of their expenses being covered.

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. 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. Remaining funds shall be divided equally among elected leaders.
  - c. The Conference Leadership Team may offer scholarships to District and local United Methodist Women 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, upon approval by the Administrative Committee.

D. Resources

1. Purchases of the Prayer Guide and the Mission u Study Book from the UMW Mission Resources, may be vouchered to the Treasurer for reimbursement by from the UMW Mission Resources, the Treasurer shall reimburse 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 the 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 by the Conference for District Annual Celebrations shall be paid by the Conference. The Conference shall provide the speaker for District Annual Celebrations the year following the national Assembly.
  - a. The Conference shall give a Love Gift to the District Annual Celebration speaker(s), unless there is a set fee, plus travel expenses.
  - b. The Conference Program Committee shall recommend the amount of the gift to the Conference Leadership Team, for approval.
4. 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. "Retreat is a deliberate and intentional participation in a set period of time to experience a new awareness of the presence of God." (Retreats: An Introductory Manual by Mary Lou Van Buren)
5. Honoraria are not required for District or Conference elected officers asked to be speakers.
6. 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 full term — \$200
    - 2.) the treasurer upon completing an additional two years - \$200
    - 3.) all other elected officers upon completing a full 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 – A Gift to Mission card for \$5.
  - d. The Dean of Mission u upon completing a two-year-term - \$60
  - e. Out-Going District Presidents - a Gift to Mission card for \$5.
  - f. Re-located Bishop and spouse - a Special Mission Recognition for \$100 to 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 shall 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 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, shall offer scholarships, including child care and/or registration fees for Kids' School to:
    - two first time attending women over 18 and/or pastors, ordained or local.
    - two young women.
    - two or more women of diversity
  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 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 Willworth 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 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 UMW National Director as liaison. The Conference President and the Midwest President, or designee(s), would hold seats on the board.
    - c. coordinating with UMCH staff to develop volunteer opportunities for UWF.
  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, as recommended by the Committee on Finance, by
    - a. giving financial support to women in the Conference who are placed in positions of leadership with the state organization of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.
    - b. 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 the 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, the Michigan Annual Conference staff 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 minutes.

### C. District Correspondence

1. Conference elected leaders shall **copy** the Conference President communications sent to District and / or 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, 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 the New Unit Starter Kit 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 UMW 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, (in consultation with the Historian/Custodian), shall evaluate the Conference properties held by the Historian/Custodian and make recommendations concerning them.
  2. The Historian/Custodian's annual report shall be the inventory of the Conference organization property including that held by all Conference elected leaders.
- B. Hard Equipment – There is a file cabinet permanently located at the UM Michigan Conference office (1161 East Clark Road, Suite 212, DeWitt MI 48820. The president has the key for the filing cabinet.
  1. The secretary shall keep a list of equipment and property owned by the Conference. This list shall be updated annually.

## **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 in Faith as found in the *United Methodist Women Handbook 2021-2024*. 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 Conference Annual Business Meeting. Annual Celebration.



