



# The Compass

Newsletter of the Greater Southwest District United Women in Faith

## ***A note from your President***

**November 2022 Edition**

This has been a year of change for all of us. Rebranding with a new name, remembering it is not United Methodist Women but United Women in Faith (and not United Women of Faith). I was able to visit New Journey in Niles and Pokagon Bible Church, formerly Pokagon United Methodist. I spoke at both of their United Women in Faith Sunday Worship services. If anyone else would like to book me, just give me a call or email, otherwise contact your special friend. Sadly, we have said good-bye to several units and have rejoiced with those units who have decided to stay with us, even though their churches have decided to leave the denomination. Please let us know how all of you are doing and if there is anything we can do to help you.

I would like to thank all of you who made it to our 5<sup>th</sup> District Annual meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Otsego UMC. It was a great event and our guest speaker, Ellen Harbin, was captivating telling her story and motivating us to "BE the ONE", listening for what God is calling us to do. We also learned a new song, "Turn It Up". It has a really upbeat tune and words that tell our story as women in faith. Beth Mitchell and Laura Marlowe taught it to us. It was introduced at Assembly in May. We also sang it at our Conference Annual meeting at Westwood UMC. I'm sure we will be hearing and singing it over and over!!

United Methodist Women changed my life and my prayer is that United Women in Faith will change your life too! This won't happen if we don't step out in faith, answer God's call to us and care for women, children, and youth throughout the world and in our own neighborhoods. Stand up for those who are marginalized, those who are refugees, hungry, homeless, and in need of a friend. Don't give up on us, we need all of you, we won't give up on United Women in Faith.

*Linda Burton Collier, President*

**HELP!** We need your help. Our district United Women in Faith is in desperate need of a **Secretary**. We have all been trying to cover at our meetings but it became apparent how difficult this is when we had our district annual meeting. I tried to take notes but that only worked until I had to conduct the business meeting. Please pray about this and contact either myself, [lindaburtoncollier@gmail.com](mailto:lindaburtoncollier@gmail.com) (269 793-7340) or Cheryl Proctor, chair of nominations at [seldominn\\_1@juno.com](mailto:seldominn_1@juno.com) (517 741-3125).

There are also openings for the following offices:

Mission Coordinators for Social Action, Membership, Nurture & Outreach, and on the nominating committee.

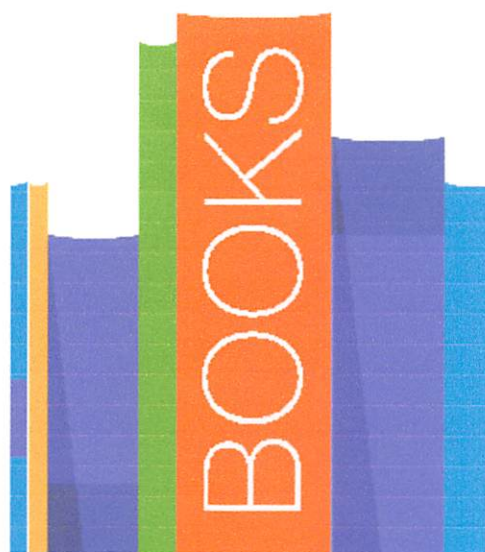


# READING PROGRAM

## Reporting Form

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

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### PLAN I

- 5 books each year.
- 1 book from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

### PLAN II

- 10 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

### PLAN III

- 15 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 5 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

### PLAN IV

- 20 books each year.
- 2 books from each category.
- PLUS 10 additional books from any category.
- Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.
- Regular reading of **response** magazine.

Books can be purchased directly from the retailer of your choice or borrowed from your local public library.

For books on previous reading lists, go to:  
[uwfaith.org/read](http://uwfaith.org/read)

***Coming soon...***

Read all about how to become a

**Five Star Person**

In the upcoming February 2023 newsletter



# **REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

*(Send completed form to your secretary of program resources or  
equivalent according to your conference's schedules)*

**NAME:**

**PLAN CHOSEN: I II III IV**

**CURRENT YEAR:**

**Education for Mission**

**Leadership Development**

**Nurturing for Community**

**Social Action**

**Spiritual Growth**

**I have completed the  
Required reading for  
PLAN \_\_\_\_\_. The books I  
have read are listed on  
this form.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**LOCAL UNIT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CONFERENCE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINT NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY, STATE, ZIP**

☐ **I have also read  
response regularly.**

# 2022 Mission Today Unit Objectives

## United Women in Faith - Michigan Conference

*Please print clearly!*

Name of Unit _____		District _____	
_____		( ) _____	
Name _____		Telephone _____	
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	
Email _____			

A unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement upon completion of one of the following categories between January 1 through December 31, to be presented at their District Annual Meeting the following October. Check the numbers completed.

\*Units completing any 8 or more objectives will be a "FAITH" unit.

\*Units completing 2 or more objectives, with 8 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" unit.

\*Units completing 17 or more objectives, with 10 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" unit.

\*Units completing 25 or more objectives, with 12 asterisks (\*) will be a "FAITH" "HOPE" "JOY" "LOVE" unit.

### Mission Giving

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Became a 5-Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of undesignated giving.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Donated to local women's shelter or children's/youth program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Offered scholarships to *Mission u* and/or other United Women in Faith activities.

### Spiritual Growth

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Observed a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Participated locally in a retreat, prayer vigil or Bible study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Attended a District Retreat, Spiritual Day Apart, or Prayer Breakfast/Brunch.

### Membership

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Added one new member from women who have joined the church in the current year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Added one new member not included in above.

### Attendance

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Invited a District or Conference officer (other than a member of the unit) to one meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Had a combined meeting with another United Women in Faith unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Attended Church Women United or other ecumenical group activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended a conference *Mission u*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. At least two members (other than conference or district officer) attended the conference or district annual meeting/celebration.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. At least one member (other than conference or district officer) attended the District Elected Leadership Training

## **Mission Education**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Unit or circle conducted at least one *Mission Study*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Two members completed a *Reading Program Plan* and reported on one of the books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Participated in but did not complete the *Reading Program*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Used two programs from the *Program Book*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Used the *Prayer Calendar* regularly in the unit meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Communicated with five persons listed in the *Prayer Calendar*, one from Michigan Conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Unit had two members reading **response** each month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Unit included a *response Moment* during its meeting using an article to tell our mission story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. unit had one *Social Action* program.

## **Mission Action**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Participated in a District or Conference ingathering project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Had a member of United Women in Faith present a mission program for youth or children in the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Had at least one member visit a United Women in Faith Project and report to the unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Had at least one person receive and respond to legislative information from the United Women in Faith's Action Network.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Unit or member participated in a workshop, seminar, or book study related to social concerns that stimulated and enriched the total community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Unit participated in the *Campaign for Children* in at least two ways. Possibilities are:
  - Co-sponsored with the local church, a Children's Sabbath.
  - Involved with mentoring, tutoring or "big sisters" programs.
  - Communicated with representatives advocating for children's issues.
  - Attended a school board meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Made a pledge to care for God's creation and worked to become a "green" United Women in Faith Unit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year.
  - Possibilities include:
    - Read books and articles about another race or culture.
    - Sponsor an inter-ethnic event between two or more units.
    - Recruit women of color to be members or officers of the unit.
    - Correspond with elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, civil rights, and programs for low-income persons, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Sent this completed form to your **District Mission Coordinator** for Education and Interpretation by ***deadline date:*** February 1, 2023.

This year our Unit qualified as a Mission Today FAITH HOPE JOY LOVE unit.  
(Circle all that apply)

**Send to your District Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation**



## 2022 Local Membership Census Form

### Greater Southwest District United Women in Faith

Local Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit President: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Information reported by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members as of January 1, 2022:	
Number of new members added in 2022:	
Number of members lost by death or other reasons:	
Total members as of December 31, 2022:	

**Unit type:** Please circle the type of unit you are: (circle one)

Local      Cluster/charge      District      Online

**Instructions:** Please fill in the membership numbers for your local unit in the chart above. Also circle the type of unit that best describes your gatherings.

When your form is complete, please send it to the address listed below by February 15, 2023.

**Please mail completed forms by February 15, 2023 to:**

Cheryl Proctor  
104 Tuttle Park Drive  
Sherwood, Michigan 49089  
(517) 741-3125

**Or e-mail:** [seldominn\\_1@juno.com](mailto:seldominn_1@juno.com)

**Thank you**

**2023 LOCAL UNIT OFFICERS IN GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT****Please complete & return by Feb. 28, 2023**

Unit (Church) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Held: Day \_\_\_\_\_ week of month \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
President				
Vice-President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Spiritual Growth				
Education & Interpretation				
Social Action				
Membership, Nurture & Outreach				
Program Resources				
Communications Coordinator				
Nominations Chair				
Other				

\_\_\_\_ We would like to learn more about hosting a District UWF event at our church

\_\_\_\_ We would like to have a District representative visit our church to discuss UWF.

\_\_\_\_ We would like to start a UWF unit. Please contact: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ We do not have a UWF unit at our church. Contact person &amp; #: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or suggestions for upcoming District events: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form to Beth Mitchell, PO Box 291, Loveland, CO 80539-0291 (winter address only)****Or e-mail [barmitch55@gmail.com](mailto:barmitch55@gmail.com)**

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**The PURPOSE of United Women in Faith:**

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.

**IMPORTANT 2023 DATES**

- \* **Spring Fling, March 25, 2023 Hopkins UMC**
- \* **Mission Evening, June 15, 2023 Union City UMC**
- \* **Greater Southwest District UWF Annual Meeting  
September 30, 2023 South Haven UMC**
- \* **Conference Leadership Training for District Officers  
October 27, 2023 Holt UMC**
- \* **Conference UWF Annual Celebration  
October 28, 2023 Holt UMC**