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United
Women
in Faith



Northern Waters President's Message

Greetings Sisters of United Women in Faith of the Northern Waters District.

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, his name is Jesus, and he is highly to be praised. Being named as your new president is an honor and a privilege. You have been and are being most supportive during our transition and it is most appreciated.

It is a work of wonders to have a full slate of officers and team members working together to achieve the greater good. Only three officers have come from the Canal District. They are Michele Acord, vice-president; Pat Hutchison, Education, Mission & Interpretation; and myself as president. The remaining vacancies are filled from the North Coast District. A multitude of thanks to former officers and team members who have agreed to assist the incoming officers working as team members in their respective positions.

Yes, we must attend to the business of the district. However, our Spiritual Growth and Development is paramount in this Christian Sisterhood, United Women in Faith. I encourage you to subscribe to the East Ohio Newsletter, visit the East Ohio UWF website regularly and take advantage of the many resources available to you in programming and worship. Many are free and have the option of print or digital format. The Faith Talks with Jennifer Farmer and Climate Education opportunities are phenomenal and there are many more. Just Energy4All invites us to participate in caring for God's Creation. You will discover that many are available for you to view at your leisure. Don't forget to keep a record of those that count for credit in our reading program.

I am looking to meeting many and more of you at our upcoming Spring Meeting on **March 16th** at PEARL UMC, 4200 Pearl Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109.

Again, many thanks to all who are working to make our transition as seamless as possible. My special thanks to Marcia Adamczyk and Diane McGregor for their assistance in this communication.

In His Service,
Mary Lane
Mary Lane Wright
Northern Waters District President



**United Women
in Faith Purpose**

The organized unit of 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.

North Coast District Outgoing President’s Message

January is the month that we are reminded of the many minority cultures among us. Martin Luther King Jr. ’s birthday brings this awareness and celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America with the idea of creating an opportunity for our society to educate children on racial injustice and remind parents to listen to the voices of young people.

As United Women in Faith we can take this opportunity to speak about division, injustice, and prejudice in our society. We can be the beacon of love, hope and unity by trying to obliterate the divisions among our cultures. By embodying the love and inclusivity of Christ we will embrace and celebrate diversity, and not exclude those who come from different ethnic, linguistic or socio- economic backgrounds. We should prioritize racial equity by breaking down barriers, and seeking out marginalized communities. To do this we must listen to the voices of these people and empower them to assist us in creating a body of women who reflect the diverse beauty of God’s creation.

It is the goal of United Women in Faith to be intentional about building relationships across cultural and racial lines. Given the opportunity, we are ready and willing to step outside of our comfort zone and embrace our differences. We unite women globally through missionaries, who help to bridge the gap of inequity of cultures around the world. But we cannot forget these gaps that exist in our surrounding communities. The book “Push Out” by Monique W. Morris states that 25% of Black women live in poverty as of 2016, they earn 64% of what white men earn and are employed in many low-wage occupations. She also notes that 40% of Black children live in poverty. These disparities cannot and must not be overlooked. The Civil Rights movement may have been the core of the equal justice movement, and is a statement that led to awareness of these inequities. However, it still leaves gaps that could elevate the equity agenda that protects our children from racial and gender discrimination. This group does not have the capacity to redistribute the power to eradicate racial inequity, only love can do that. We can be that loving group of people.

Many minority cultures have felt the destructive impact of racism, and these have been brought to our attention through the increase of visible hate crimes. Forbes reported that one third of all Asian Americans, Middle Eastern Americans, Indigenous Americans and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders have experienced hate incidents recently. One quarter were verbally abused, harassed or physically assaulted. These are not new issues but have surfaced due to antagonism and more division among political leaders. We as United Women in Faith are known to speak up and lead the way. Our leadership development programs and training have helped to prioritize an agenda to break down stereotypes and involve people of all races and cultures. I pray this inequity gap may be diminished through the shared experiences and authentic relationships that we have established.

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We are organized for growth.

We connect women through:

- The local group
- The district organization
- The conference organization
- The jurisdiction organization
- All-access membership
- The national office



Maya Angelou is a recognized poet who expresses her feelings and reminds me of the hurt racism has caused. She shares her thoughts in her Poem "I Rise."

" Leaving behind nights of terror and fear - I Rise.
 Into a day break that's wondrously clear - I Rise.
 Bringing gifts that my ancestors gave - I Rise.
 I am the dream and the hope of the slave, I Rise. I Rise, I Rise I Rise."

We can all rise together if we take the challenge and intentionally raise up the leaders who reflect diversity in our world. It is our goal to create spaces where all people feel seen, heard and valued, which is a true reflection of God's love for all of us. Rise up and be an example of God's love each day.

A note:

I regret leaving the North Coast District. It is well established and holds a place in my heart. I appreciate the experience and want to thank all of you for your participation in this district, that reflects all of your hard work. I am moving with my church to the new West Plains District and know that this community of women will continue to shine through their faith, hope and love in action.

Marcia Adamczyk , UWF President 2024
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Vice President Note

Dear United Sisters in Faith,

It has been my sincere pleasure to have served as vice president for the last three years. As we transition to the Northern Waters District, I have made the decision to leave the office. I am privileged to announce that Michele Acord will be the new vice president. She is a long-time member of Mogadore United Methodist Church and UWF. She and I will be meeting during the transition. With new officers coming on board, it is important to be supportive in sharing information, patient as they learn and flexible as things may be done a new way.

Our spring meeting will focus on introducing the Northern Waters District officers and greeting new members. We will welcome, Mary Lane Wright, our new president.

I am happy to announce that Margaret Harvey, former EOC officer, will be present at the spring meeting on March 16 to share information and answer questions about our new district. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. Please register using the form on page 9 of this Beacon issue.

Location: Pearl Rd. United Methodist Church
 4200 Pearl Rd.
 Cleveland, Oh. 44109

As we move forward as women of faith in this season of change, we should always remember "God never changes and His attributes of love, mercy, kindness, justice and knowledge are flawless."

Blessings,
 Barbara Murphy, UWF VP 2024



Financial gifts
change lives.

We support
programs in the
U.S. & around the
world that
improve life for
women, children,
and youth
and their
communities.

As trusted
steward of
generous
donations, we
give to partner
church,
ecumenical and
grassroots
projects through a
granting process
overseen by a
member-chosen,
25 member Board
of Directors
composed of
United Women in
Faith members.

Treasurer

Hello Everyone! I just received documentation to open a new account as the treasurer for our newly formed Northern Waters District. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, all checks should be made payable to Northern Waters United Women in Faith and be sent to me at my address below. For those who have already sent their giving, those checks will be deposited this coming week. As I receive new forms and information, I will forward it on to the treasurers. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition. As always, please feel free to contact me with questions. Our total 5-Star Mission Giving was down approximately \$5,000 from 2022. Below are the final numbers and awards for 2023.

5-Star Mission Giving 2023 (NCD)

1. Pledge to Mission	\$ 22,186.00
2. Special Mission Recognition	\$ 600.00
3. Gift to Mission	290.00
4. Gift in Memory	240.00
5. World Thank Offering	1,602.65

Total 5 Star Mission Giving \$ 24,918.65

Designated Giving

6. A Call to Prayer and Self Denial	\$ 566.00
7a. A Brighter Future for Children/Youth	50.00
UMCOR	350.00

Total Designated \$ 966.00

Total 5 Star & Designated Giving Received \$ 25,844.65

District Projects - Money not to be sent to Conference

LEGACY FUND - Endowment/Trust for EOC UMW	\$ 225.00
Spring Meeting Offering – M-Pac Cleveland	359.34
Fall Meeting Offering – AU Dormitory Dedication	348.00

Total District Projects (NCD) \$ 932.34

Congratulations to the following units on earning their 5 star status in 2023!

Aldersgate	Bay Village	Columbia
Garfield Hts.	Hope	Mt. Pleasant
North Olmsted	Rocky River	Church of the Savior
St. Matthew	St. Paul	University Circle
Centenary	Family of Faith	FUMC Cuyahoga Falls
Kent	Macedonia	Mogadore
Twin Falls	Montrose Zion	

Congratulations to the following units for being Rainbow units in 2023!

Aldersgate	Columbia	Garfield Hts.
Hope	Mt. Pleasant	North Olmsted
Church of the Savior	St. Matthew	St. Paul
Family of Faith	FUMC Cuyahoga	Macedonia
Mogadore	Twin Falls	

I will be changing my email by one letter to reflect the change in our District Name from North Coast District to Northern Waters District! Please see below. As we will be doubling the amount of units in the district, it will be confusing to those units being merged. I look forward to working with all of you this year so feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Kim Pelsoczi, Treasurer
nwd.uwf.treasurer@gmail.com

Treasurer

Thank you to Cindy Mykrantz for sharing the 2023 financials from Canal District with us.

United Methodist Women District Remittance to Conference 2023

District	Total of Unit Annual Pledges				\$16,137.00
Canal District	Percent				109.3%
5-Star Mission Giving	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year-To Date
1. Pledge to Mission	2,131.25	6,377.50	780.00	8,356.00	17,644.75
2. Special Mission Recognition	680.00	160.00	40.00	290.00	1,170.00
3. Gift to Mission	90.00	8.00	35.00	455.00	588.00
4. Gift in Memory	75.00	195.00	10.00	345.00	625.00
5. World Thank Offering	119.50	10.00	40.00	1,529.61	1,699.11
Total 5 Star Mission Giving	\$3,095.75	\$6,750.50	\$905.00	\$10,975.61	\$21,726.86
Designated Giving					
6. A Call to Prayer and Self Denial	321.00	579.00	10.00	149.00	1,059.00
7a. A Brighter Future for Children and Youth	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
7b. Assembly Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
7c.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7d. Magazine Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7e. List National, International and UMCOR Projects					
Advance #901670 US Disaster Response Recovery	316.00	0.00	0.00	2,020.00	2,336.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Africa University Dormitory Fund	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
CWS Blankets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Love Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
Rahab Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9 Bequest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Designated Giving	\$862.00	\$579.00	\$10.00	\$2,224.00	\$3,675.00
Total 5 Star & Designated Giving Received	\$3,957.75	\$7,329.50	\$915.00	\$13,199.61	\$25,401.86
District	Balance Due				\$0.00
Treasurer: Cindy Mykrantz	Check #	1073	1075	1076	1078
E-mail: cindy.mykrantz@gmail.com	Amount	3,957.75	7,329.50	915.00	13,199.61
Phone: 330-347-0317					\$25,401.86

[Link to National Mission Projects](#)
[Link to Mission Project Maps](#)

District Projects - Money not to be sent to Conference	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year-to- Date
LEGACY FUND - Endowment/Trust for EOC UMW	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
United Methodist Volunteers in Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
World Communion Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EOC 9174	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EOC9173	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heart 4 The City	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
No More Malaria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ohio Guidestone	316.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total District Projects	316.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



**United Women
in Faith**

We serve.
We advocate.
We make a
difference.

We support:
U.S. projects &
nearly 90 national
mission institutions
around the U.S.

International
partners focusing on
impacting poverty
through enhancing
capacities of local
women leaders in
their communities.

Advocacy - we
identify a specific
focus every 4 years
for our advocacy in
addition to ongoing
work for gender &
racial justice with
special attention to
needs of women,
children & youth.

Deaconess/Home
Missioner, an order
in UMC for laity who
feel a lifetime call to
vocations and
ministries of love,
justice, & service.

Secretary

Hello Ladies!

It is my pleasure to take on the responsibility of Secretary of the Northern Waters District. Dana did a wonderful job. She has trained me and I will do my best to fill her shoes.

There have been some changes in my life...I am now officially retired and my contact information has changed. Please use the following information to contact me.

2024 Hanover Drive
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112
carolynloveless94@gmail.com
216-409-4430



I have not received all of the District Officer Lists due to my change in status. If you sent me your list after January 1st, please be so kind as to resend it to me at the above email or mailing address.

Looking forward to serving you,
Carolyn Loveless

Spiritual Growth

Dear Sisters In Christ,

Spring is coming! We are looking towards lent, a change in our districts and for myself (and maybe you also) in my own church.

I am a walker. I love to hike/walk in the woods. Often I try to remember and notice the changes around me and how they look towards a new season. I love seeing the gentle blanket of snow or sparkling ice covered branches Soon I will look and see the snow drops peaking. Who doesn't enjoy the warm sun on their face? Then autumn with all the colors. Always changes but we can be thankful for what is to come.

Taken from devotions for Easter; "We can be reminded to visit with God on our walks. Genesis 3:8 (... in the garden on a cool day"). This Easter season take some time to walk. Possibly visit the stations of the cross. Pause and Pray remembering Jesus's walk as you go. With every step ask God to show you anew what Christ accomplished on His walk of Sorrows.

"Teach us, O God the ways of Jesus. Grant that we may see again or see for the first time ever that we may follow Jesus on His road. Let our Faith give birth to transformation with the depths of our lives and in the very midst of our churches and communities. Set free the captive in us. Let Us soar, Let us fly. In Jesus's name Amen "

from 2017 Prayer Calendar Romeo Del Rosario



Peace,
Claire Jencson
Spiritual Growth



Women of the Church

Education can transform women.

Educated women can transform the world.

We offer educational experiences designed to inspire spiritual growth, personal development and community nurture to enable powerful collective change.

They include:

Mission u

The Reading Program

Workshops & Webinars

National Events including Assembly



Program Resources

I am pleased to announce the following as having completed the Reading program for 2023 from the previous North Coast District as well as Canal District.

Certificates will be available at the Spring District meeting.

Aldersgate: Plan 1: Jean Mason

Centenary: Plan 1: Mary Lane Wright

Columbia Station: Plan 1: Thelma Ball, Gail Knopf, Laverne Dingler, Marilyn Zoller

Mogadore: Plan 2: Michele Acord

St Paul: Plan 2: Annie Sims, Beautie White, Linda Hudson, Tonya Albis, Delores Wong, Sherri Hewitt, Connie Johnson, Edna Weatherly

Church of The Savior: Plan 2: Becky Roberts. Plan 1: Kevin Schaner, Darlene Walker, Kathleen Szabo, Mary Ann Hile, Debbie Jones

Please encourage your members to participate in the program. All of the information may be found on the uwf.org website. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on **Educate** to find this information. Also to access the Reading program catalogs from 2019 to 2024, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on **Shop**. You can browse a bit and find the listings.

There are several great books on the 2024 reading list: You might enjoy:

- THE BOOK OF ROSY: A MOTHER’S STORY OF SEPARATION AT THE BORDER
by Rosary Pablo Cruz & Julie Schwietert
- THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT: WHY I OPENED MY DOOR TO IMMIGRANTS AND HOW WE FOUND HOPE BEYOND A BROKEN SYSTEM
by Sarah Jackson
- LEAD FROM THE OUTSIDE: HOW TO BUILD YOUR FUTURE AND MAKE REAL CHANGE
by Stacey Abrams
- MAID: HARD WORK, LOW PAY, AND A MOTHER’S WILL TO SURVIVE
by Stephanie Land
- THE SEED KEEPER: A NOVEL
by Diane Wilson
- THE NICKEL BOYS / LOS CHICOS DE NICKEL
by Colson Whitehead
- BRAIDING SWEETGRASS: INDIGENOUS WISDOM, SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, AND THE TEACHINGS OF PLANTS
by Robin Wall Kimmerer



Happy reading,
Debbie Jones
Program Resource Coordinator



Our current justice campaigns are

Just Energy 4 All

Ending Mass Incarceration

Criminalization of Communities of Color

Climate Justice

Racial Justice



Social Action

Greetings to the new Northern Waters District of United Women of Faith!

My name is Tina Johnson, and I have been the Social Action Coordinator for the North Coast District of UWF. The Social Action priorities for this quadrennial are **Ending Mass Incarceration for Communities of Color** and **Climate Change**.

The focus of one of UWF’s recent **Faith Talks** podcast was “Confronting the Climate Change Crisis.” The guest speaker was Sarah Augustine, the Executive Director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and the author of So That We & Our Children May Live and The Land is Not Empty. From this podcast I learned how the Doctrine of Discovery, a theological, philosophical, and legal framework established in the 15th century gives Christian governments the moral and legal right to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous people. Terra Nullius or Empty Land is the theological and legal doctrine that “discovered lands” were devoid of humans if the original people who lived there, defined as heathens, pagans, or infidels, were not ruled by a Christian leader. The principles of the Doctrine of Discovery can be found in numerous historical documents such as Papal Bulls, Royal Charters and as recent as a 2005 Supreme Court ruling. It is because of this Doctrine of Discovery ideology that two multinational copper mining companies are trying to mine on sacred, ancestral Apache lands in Arizona. By mining on these lands, they will deplete and pollute the land’s water resources. In the name of progress, advancement, and profit we ignore the land rights of Indigenous People and destroy the environment. As a result, we have extreme weather patterns and temperatures; our soil and waterways are polluted; and fire and floods ravage our planet.

Climate change is a symptom of a larger ecological crisis. Ecological justice requires us to challenge our assumptions about creation and our relationship to creation. There is an old saying “you can’t ride to freedom in Pharaoh’s chariots.” If we want Climate Change and Ecological Justice we cannot depend on the systems and institutions that created the problem in the first place!

Tina Johnson, Social Action



HAVE
faith
GATHER *hope*
SHARE *love*

**United
Women in
Faith**

We equip women
for leadership.

*In our sisterhood,
we lift
each other up.*

*We equip women
and girls around
the world to be
leaders —
in their
communities,
their agencies,
their
governments,
and their
churches.*

*We are
committed to
ensure these
opportunities
reach women
of all races and
ethnicities, across
every language
and economic
group.*

Membership Care/Nurture

Greetings from your Friendly District Membership and Outreach Coordinator!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring District meeting hosted by my own unit at Pearl Road UMC on **March 16th**. We are excited to host once again as we meet new sisters in faith and learn about changes in the district.

We will honor those members who passed away in 2023. Please submit any names you wish to be included by **March 8th** to my email address listed below. Please include the church’s name and phonetic pronunciation if needed. We will also recognize those units that have completed the Mission Today goals.

As always, if I can be of assistance to you or your unit please don’t hesitate to reach out! See you in March!

April Hawkins

Email: aprilhawkins2001@yahoo.com



2024 Northern Waters Executive Board

We welcome our combined membership who have accepted positions for the Northern Waters District Executive Board for 2024.

President	Mary Lane Wright
Vice President	Michele Acord
Secretary	Carolyn Loveless
Treasurer	Kim Pelsoczi
Membership	April Hawkins
Spiritual Growth	Claire Jencson
Social Action	Tina Johnson
Education/Membership & Interpretation	Pat Hutchison
Program Resources/Education	Debbie Jones
Beacon Newsletter Editor	Diane McGregor
Nominations Chairperson	Linda Earl



I
 tell
 my
 daughters
 to
 have
 their
 voice
 in
 this
 world,
 and
 it
 became
 clear
 I
 needed
 to
 role-model
 that.

-Melinda Gates

North Central Jurisdictional Conference

Sisters, our 2024 conference is being held pretty close to us, held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana from **May 31 - June 2**. Early registration ended in November. The registration easy access email is northcentral@uwfaith.org. The main hotel is the downtown Sheraton and the nearby hotel is the Hilton. Alert - doubles usually go fast during convention registration and the Hilton is currently out of doubles but may open more later. The **Soul Care retreat** is May 30th which means you have to be there on Wednesday for Early Morning Event on Thursday. This past weekend, there were just a few openings to register for the retreat.

- Mary Lane Wright, NWD President

From the Editor . . .

We are a new group - no longer two separate districts, Canal and North Coast, but one larger, bolder, group of women, the Northern Waters District - a group of united women in faith. What an exciting time for all of us.

This issue of the Beacon denotes our new name. The presidents of each previous district share articles with us. Marcia's church had been part of the North Coast District, but has moved to the Western Plains District. We will miss Marcia's leadership and her friendship but wish her and her new district well. We are so pleased to have Mary Lane from the Canal District continue as president of our new district. Officers from both previous districts are helping each other determine what we will look like at the end of this year. Please thank each of them when you see them for all they have done and all they are doing now and support them when they ask for assistance.

The Spring District meeting will be held at Pearl UMC in Cleveland on **March 16**. We hope many of you will join us as we learn more about our new district and meet new friends. The registration form is included on page 9 of this Beacon issue. Please return this form with payment by **March 9**.

Other information included in this issue include the leadership form for each church on page 10 as well as the District Mission Goals form on page 11. If your unit has not completed these yet, please complete and send them to the women noted at the bottom of each form. A copy of the unit survey/census form is provided for your convenience. Please send to Carolyn Loveless, secretary.

There is also information about Mission u this July on page 12. "The Kin-dom is among you ... drawing closer to God and one another." Consider taking time this summer for **Mission u July 19-21**.

If you know of any churches or members who have not received the newsletter, please send me an email and I will be glad to include them on our next emailing. We are still in process of ensuring that we are all one.

*"We believe love in action can
 change the world"
 - United Women in Faith*

Diane McGregor, Beacon Editor
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**Northern Waters District United Women in Faith
Spring 2024 Meeting Registration Form**

Registration/Continental Breakfast 9:30 - 10 am

Saturday, March 16, 2024 10 am - noon

Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio

Carpooling Encouraged - Extra Parking across street in back of CVS

Guest Speaker: Margaret Harvey

Our New Northern Waters District

Registration: \$10.00 per person, plus any donation

UWF Unit _____-

Attendee Name	Registration <i>Covers speaker & admin costs</i>	Donation for UWF	Total
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Units may register together, or if your unit is not meeting, members can register individually. This may be copied for additional persons attending.

Preferred way to register: Mail form with check(s) made out to **"NWD UWF"** to Kim Pelsoczi,
152 E Oakmont Way, Northfield, OH 44067.

Please ensure registration is received by March 9.

Alternatively: Email registrations (or scan this completed form) to ncd.uwf.treasurer@gmail.com
or phone 216-956-8080 by March 9 and then mail the check.

**Northern Waters District United Women in Faith
2024 Individual Church Officers**

Church Name _____

Position	Name	Address, City & Zip	Phone	Email Address
President				
Vice-President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Program Resources				
Nominations				
Spiritual Growth				
Social Action				
Education & Interpretation				
Membership				
<p>Please complete this form and forward to Carolyn Loveless, NCD Secretary via email at cloveless@aumc.org (preferred) or mail to Carolyn at 2024 Hanover Street, East Cleveland, Ohio 44112 as soon as possible.</p>				

Northern Waters District United Women in Faith
2024 Mission Today Unit Goals

Section A: Complete at least 4 of the following:

- 1. Use the Prayer Guide at each meeting to pray for the mission workers & projects
2. Make and meet the unit's Pledge to Mission
3. Add at least one member to the Unit's roll
4. Have at least 2 members subscribe to the Response Magazine
5. Use at least 2 programs from the UWF Program Book each year
6. Conduct at least one mission study each year from the current or Previous year Mission u Study.
7. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice policies in at least one way during the year.

Suggestions: Plan a joint meeting with a unit of a different racial/ethnic background and use the programs from the UWF Program Book or Faith Talks Programs for discussion. Develop bi-racial or multi-racial cultural Koinonia (Christian Fellowship) Programs. Hold a joint Vacation Bible School and/or pulpit exchanges. Share joint worship services on special occasions. Encourage a church to sponsor a refugee family.

Other: explain _____

Section B: Complete at least 4 of the following:

- 8. Have at least one member (other than conference or district officer) attend Mission U
9. Have at least one member (other than conference or district officer) attend District Annual Meeting or Conference Annual Celebration.
10. Have at least one member join the UWF Action Network.
Address is: https://wnccumw.org/social-action/
11. Have unit members write to at least 5 persons listed in the Prayer Calendar every year.
12. Participate in the Campaign for Children #3223 (Campaign for Children UMW Phase III) in at least one way.

Suggestions: Help sponsor a church or community program related to the needs of children or youth. Sponsor a Children's Sabbath, promoted by the Children's defense Fund by using the National Observance of Children's Sabbath Handbook. Get involved in mentoring, tutoring, Big Sister Program, or Ohio Read. Write, or email or call your Congressional representative and/or others in government regarding children's issues. Visit local Schools or attend a school board meeting.

Other: Explain _____

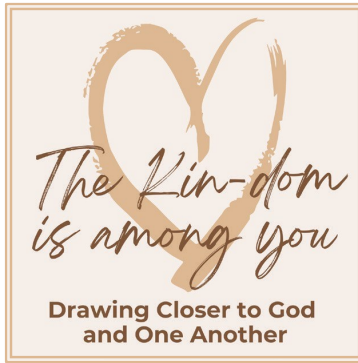
- 13. Be a 5 Star Unit by contributing to all 5 channels of Mission giving (Pledge, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering).
14. Include a Response moment at every meeting.
15. Have at least 2 members complete a Reading Program plan and give a mini report on book.
16. Invite a District or conference officer (other than a unit member) to a unit meeting each year.
17, Pledge to care for God's creation and become a "Green" UWF unit. See uwfaith.org website.
18. Conduct a Mini Spiritual Growth Retreat or have at least 2 members attend a district or Conference Retreat.

ALL UNITS ARE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM. Check the items completed and send to your District Education and Interpretation Mission Co-ordinator by JANUARY 15TH each year.

Unit Name _____ Date _____

Completed By (unit officer) _____ Phone # _____

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Mission u 2024



United
Women
in Faith

Join us at **Mission u** as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.

Jesus told his followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us? Dive into these questions and more at Mission u 2024 as we examine Scripture together and join in worship, fellowship, and action.

Mission u 2024 offers three exciting curricula on this theme.
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Adult—*Welcome Home* by Neomi Fletcher

The adult curriculum uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom is like making a home with God. Participants are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities as a result of being anchored in the abiding love of God.

Youth—*Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom* by Nica Sy

In Creation, we see the power of symbiosis, or interdependent relationship. The youth curriculum explores the idea of symbiosis between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. By drawing closer to one another and our world, we draw closer to the kin-dom.

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The children's curriculum uses the Lord's Prayer as a lens to help us see that we are all members of the family of God. Children will begin to understand that the kin-dom is living with Christ and one another on earth as in heaven.

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If you have questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact: Cynthia Rose, Dean, Mission u 2024—Rosecyn52@aol.com. Stay tuned for more information. Cynthia lives in Cleveland Heights, in the Northern Waters District.

Come learn together for the transformation of the world!

**Northern Waters District United Women in Faith
Census Form 2024**

UWF Unit _____ **Unit President** _____

Number of Members as of December 31, 2022 _____

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