



United Women in Faith

Informer



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Mission u 2023



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflecting God's Love

Mission u is in-person with study, fellowship, and lots of fun!

What a Bargain!

Cost of \$185 includes 2 nights stay in a dorm room and 6 meals (Thurs. supper, Fri breakfast, lunch & supper, Saturday breakfast & lunch) and snacks.

Tons of Fun!

Fellowship with women from across the state. Make new friends. Participate or spectate in a game of "UWF Switch" or "Project Runway-UWF Style."

Serious Study!

We'll be delving in depth into the Lord's Prayer in our small group sessions. Group activities and discussions will be led by knowledgeable facilitators.

Registration

More information is on page 13. The registration form is on page 14. There are scholarships available for youth/chaperone, under 40 and first timer. Scholarship applications and youth forms are in the June Mission Echo.

Contact Lynne Chandler or Crystal Barrs if you need help or want to know more..

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Informer is the quarterly newsletter of the Rock Hill District UWF/UMW. It is published in December, March, June, and September and sent via email to UWF Unit Presidents who then share it with their circles and members. If you wish to be added to our *Informer* email list, please send your request to rockhillumw@gmail.com. News items, photos, and event announcements for the *Informer* can be sent to your Cluster Leader or sent to rockhillumw@gmail.com. Keep in mind we are published only 4 times a year.

President



Sisters of Rock Hill District,

Our District Day Apart in March was wonderfully hosted by Bethel UWFaith in Chester. See page 10 for pictures from that event.

Our national website contains tons of information about our organization. You can hear Podcasts of several series. FaithTalks features interviews on a variety of social issues and Voices from the Field is by missionaries in a variety of situations from all over the world. These make great programs for meetings or are wonderful for learning on your own. Check it out at UWFaith.org

Presidents, summer is here and that usually means we can relax a bit and take vacation. Please take time to fill out a few forms before you relax too much. The National UWFaith Survey/Census is finally online. Please fill it out with your 2022 numbers and answer the questions as best you can. The deadline is June 30. More information is on the worksheet on pages 17-18. I'll be glad to answer questions and help you get it online.



Also, annual reports are due August 15. These forms were included in the packet you received at Officer Training. If you did not attend they were emailed to you. Please contact Lynne Chandler, vice president, if you need any forms. **Forms due August 15 include: 1) Local Unit President's Report, 2) Mission Today Action Form, 3) Diamond Unit Award form, and 4) Reading Program Reports (individual or as a unit).**

I am so proud of our district and the many ways our local churches reach out to mend our broken world. My hope is that we set an example for other districts to work together to achieve greater things through the ministries that we support. Let your light be a beacon to those who cross your path and share your love of Christ with everyone. Keep up the amazing work.

Blessings to all,

Crystal Barrs
President

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*Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended;
certainly God's compassion isn't through!
They are renewed every morning.
Great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23*

VP & Communicator



Thank you to Bethel UWFaith in Chester for hosting our Day Apart in March. They provided delicious refreshments and decorated the tables with tea cups to go along with our theme of "Fill Your Cup." It was a wonderful event. Check out [Page 10](#) for pictures of the event.

There are many opportunities to participate in UWF events coming up. Please see "Looking Ahead" on page 16.

Our Annual Meeting is our biggest event of the year. I hope you will plan on joining us as we celebrate our mission and vision for the future. Our theme this year is Step Out of the Boat based on Matthew 14:29 *Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking toward Jesus.*



We are still working on the details of the meeting but I wanted you to see the theme. Mark your calendar because it is an event you won't want to miss. Woodland UWFaith will host our Annual Meeting in Rock Hill on September 23. Mark your calendar! More details will be in the September Informer.

The Survey/Census for 2022 is finally ready to complete. Instructions and a worksheet are on pages 17 & 18. Please reach out if you have questions or need help.

Joyfully,

Lynne Chandler

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Secretary



I'm excited to be attending Annual Conference next week in Florence. I'm going to be sure to check out the UWFaith display in the display area. Also, I will be going to the informal chat time sponsored by UWFaith to meet and greet other Sisters and share ideas. I hope especially to see the women from Rock Hill District who will be attending. If you or someone in your Unit will be attending, please check out the UWFaith display to learn the details of our gathering.



In His grip,

Barbara Gaither

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***For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come
knowledge and understanding. -Proverbs 2:6***

Treasurer



Dear Unit Treasurers,

Only ten UWFaith units sent in funds, in the last few months. I am praying it will pick up. Rock Hill District has completed and passed our annual Audit which has been sent to the Conference.

SMR ORDERS Remember: Only the pins may be ordered from National. You need to print the certificates yourselves. So when you send in a pin order to me, please let me know if you need me to print off the certificate and mail it to you.

Five-Star Unit -- In order to earn the 5-Star Unit Award (presented at Annual Meeting in September) each unit should complete the following. All these monies should be sent through the District Treasurer.

- 1) Make and meet Pledge to Mission
- 2) Gift in Memory (donation of at least \$5)
- 3) Gift to Mission (donation of at least \$5)
- 4) World Thank Offering
- 5) Special Mission Recognition (usually in the form of a pin to honor someone at your church)

Gold Seal (on 5-Star Award) or **SC Missions Recognition** (if not receiving 5-Star)

Give to all 4 of the missions designated by the South Carolina Conference UWFaith. These are Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center, Killingsworth Home, and Wallace Family Life Center.

Keep up the good work and encourage your units to keep sending money to Mission as they can. United Women in Faith has many Mission projects that depend on us all over the world.

If you want the awards, you will need to have your monies to me prior to the end of August.

We give thanks to God for all the good work you do. Keep it up!!!

Elaine Cryderman

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Give and it will be given to you.

A good portion,

packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing,

will fall into your lap.

The portion you give will determine

the portion you receive in return.

Luke 6:38



Frances Bratton, Apprentice Treasurer

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Program Resources



By now, I hope you have listened to the books I read on our Facebook page: *Rock Hill District UWF*. If so, you have completed Plan 1 (one book from each of the 5 categories). If not, it's not too late! You can find the videos of me reading the books by scrolling down our Facebook page or by clicking on "Photos" and scrolling down. I encourage each of you to keep reading! Strive to reach Plan 2, 3, or 4.



Send me your reading reports either as a unit or individually by August 15. You can send it by snail mail or email. Use the form on page 19 or just a sheet of paper. Send the list of books by category, your name, your church name, and which plan you completed.

I eagerly look forward to getting your reports in August so you can be recognized at our District meeting in September.

Bette Jean Janicke

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Education & Interpretation (Missions)



Greetings from your E&I Coordinator,

Summer is upon us and will be bringing all the great outdoor activities that summer is known for. In the midst of all the fun please make time to continue working towards completion of the ten (10) requirements for the Mission Today recognition. If you need just one more item to check off, consider inviting one of your District Leadership Team members to a meeting or event. That is #12 on the Mission Today Form. As a reminder, your Mission Today Action Form is due to me by August 15 (considering how time whizzes past August is not far away).

Also, UWFaith is still collecting can tabs and cancelled postage stamps. Stamps need to have a 1/4" border on all sides. Opening the envelope from the bottom and then cutting out the entire corner helps to obtain 1/4". Send the entire corner and I'll trim as needed.

Blessings for a safe and happy summer!

Margaret Parker

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"Do what you can with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

Membership



The National UWFaith Survey/Census is finally ready. You can find a worksheet with instructions on page 17-18. Please complete the survey online by June 30. You can complete it online using Survey Monkey or send the completed worksheet to me and I will enter it for you.

I will be doing some traveling this month so if you have a question and cannot reach me, try calling Crystal Barrs, President or Lynne Chandler, Vice President. They will be glad to help you if I am unavailable.

Blessings to all,

Jackie B. Hicks

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Spiritual Growth



Sisters in Christ,

I'm glad so many of you were able to attend our Day Apart, hosted by Bethel UWF in Chester under the leadership of Margaret Helms, president. I was unable to attend but heard that 11 showed up online and about 35 were in person. Margaret Helms and her ladies from Bethel did a great job.

Our Annual Meeting in September includes a Memorial Service. I will need the names of those UMW or UWF ladies who died between Sept 2022 and August 2023. Please send me your preliminary list by August 15, 2023. Names can be added as long as I have them by Sept. 1, 2023. These names will appear in the Memorial Service part of our Annual Meeting Program.

God be with you,

Linda Hughes

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Nominations

The District UWF Leadership Team asks for you to be in prayer for women to step forward to be part of the leadership team. Open positions include Social Action and Membership-Nurture-Outreach. We also need Nomination Committee Members and Cluster Leaders from each cluster (Lancaster/Fort Mill, Rock Hill/Chester, and York/Clover). Please prayerfully consider joining us on our journey of faith this coming year. We would love to have you join our team. For more information or to volunteer contact

Crystal Barrs, President
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Historian



Would you like to be in pictures?

The Rock Hill District United Women in Faith would like to document your church activities for the UWF. I have been asked to gather information and pictures from our district UWF units to be displayed at Mission U in July for all the districts and attendees to be able to see what we are doing as women of the church. If you have a special event, please take pictures and send the article, bulletin, etc. to my email address: cjcecarter@yahoo.com.



Let's document our history for future United Women in Faith. Thank you!

Always in Christ,

Jane Wood Carter

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Social Action

Twenty-eight ladies from the Rock Hill District took the opportunity to learn through the Zoom Legislative Advocacy Days in February. These events are now available on the Conference UWFaith website. Go to umcsc.org/women/ and scroll down to *2023 Legislative Advocacy Days*. There are 4 different sessions. You can still get credit for watching them. Make sure you let your president know if you zoomed along or if you watch the recording so she can include it on her annual report.

Watching the recorded Zoom Meetings also counts for #7 on the Diamond Unit Award form.

It only takes 3 activities to earn the Diamond Unit Award. See the March Informer for a couple of other ideas. Contact Lynne Chandler, Vice President, if you have questions.

Cluster Leaders



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Rock Hill/Chester

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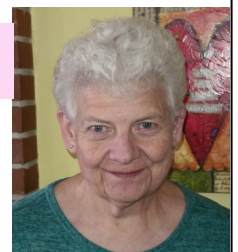
York/Clover

We need a cluster leader for York/Clover to call unit presidents and ensure they are receiving our newsletter and facilitate communications with the district.

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Assistant

Debbie Blackmon
call/text: 803 417-0925



Around the District

Wesley United Women in Faith Weekend

The Wesley United Women in Faith held its 2nd Annual Women's Weekend May 13-14, 2023. On Saturday, we hosted a Mental Health Awareness Month Luncheon with Mrs. Adrienne Forney, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and Addiction Specialist. Mrs. Forney facilitated a very informative and interactive Luncheon to include: Bipolar 1, Bipolar 2, Depression, Anxiety, Isolation, Effective Communication,

Codependency and Boundary Setting. Some Mental Health Dynamics discussed: Bipolar is hereditary and can be treated; Depression and Anxiety are not the same but they mimic each other. Also a discussion regarding the Church becoming receptive to discussing Mental Health, identifying the gaps and developing Programs with Mental Health Professionals.

Wesley UWFaith concluded their Women's Weekend with a Mother's Day Program on Sunday. Mrs. Yolanda Long, Mt. Zion AME Zion Hickory Grove was our Guest Speaker. Mrs. Long blessed Wesley with a message from Luke 1:26-38 titled "Trust the Process."

—Phyllis Moore-Ward, President, Wesley UWFaith

Right: Mrs. Yolanda Long, Sunday's speaker

Below: Wesley United Women in Faith: Glynis Lowry, Debra Martin, Phyllis Ward, Joyce Moore, Bridget Wright-White, Bobbie Sherer, Jolene Wright, Brenda Falls, Azalee Brown, Jeanette Fleming, Pam Gilmore, Billie Burris, Lula Bivens, Betty Sherer, Yolanda Long, Yvonne Lowry, Penny Sanders, Kalaya Sherer, Angie Williams, Connie Moore



Top: Wesley UWFaith members relax at brightly colored tables for the Saturday luncheon.

Above: Mrs. Billie Burris, UWF Vice President, Mrs. Adrienne Forney, Mental Health Specialist, Phyllis Moore-Ward, UWF President



Around the District (continued)

Donations for Tender Hearts Ministries

Philadelphia UWFaith in York collected a variety of items for Tender Hearts Ministries Women's Division in York County. The Women's division is a program that provides shelter, training, and financial planning to women (and often young children).

We were able to collect 11 sheet sets, 200 diapers, detergent for 800 loads, and 170 toiletry/personal hygiene items.

—Elaine McDonald, JRJones circle - PUMC UWFaith



St. John's UWFaith Gets Together

While other UWFaith members in the Rock Hill District attended the Conference "Come Together, Be Together" virtually, women in Fort Mill took it to another level. Some of St John's UWFaith members really were "Together" as they gathered in person for a hybrid event.

Following the inspiring virtual message by Rev. Mary Johnson, some stayed online to listen to the Bible study while others made greeting cards or enjoyed the opportunity for line dancing taught by our Doris Marks.

—Barbara Gaither, UWFaith President, St. John's fort Mill



Top: Handmade cards. Some participants chose to make greeting cards.

Above: UWFaith members enjoy line dancing. This group was led by Doris Marks.

Right: Everyone who joined in the event pose for a photo. Jemma Hardinger, Patti Mercer, Doris Marks, Joyce Kimbrell, Joy Honeycutt, Avis Wilson, Nancy Rivers, Anna Gilreath, Barbara Gaither, and Elaine Cryderman.



Around the District (continued)

Day Apart at Bethel UMC in Chester

Right: Hazel Alexander, Jane Carter, Margaret Helms, & Joyce Thompson hold tea cups used as table decorations.
Middle: Grace McFarland (Mt Dearborn), Crystal Barrs (district Pres, Good Shepherd), & Margaret Helms (Bethel Pres) look over the wonderful brunch provided by the ladies of Bethel.



Far Left: Susan Kovas (piano) & Kathy Davis (sax) provide music for the event.
Left: Ladies from across the district gather to worship in Bethel's beautiful sanctuary,

Right: Mallory Jacobs & Abigail Adams share information about Epworth Children's Home's Foster Care Program.



Middle Right: Eva Williamson (El Bethel) adds to the pile of diapers & wipes for Epworth Foster Care.



Far Right: Rev. Mike Burgess greets the gathered women.



Above: Women kneel at the altar for communion.



Above: Crystal Barrs, president, leads the congregation in a hymn.

Right: Barbara Gaither receives communion



United Women in Faith

We are a **sisterhood**
acting in **faith**
to tackle the **hard work**
of the **world** without hesitation.

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.

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.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by action boldly to change those harms.

ACTION: Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children, and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.



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Make plans to attend *Coming Events*



New Virtual Event Coming this Year!



Racial and Environmental Justice Online Workshop

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10 am

We have learned about a water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, now learn about water concerns for communities of color in South Carolina

Guest speaker will be from the South Carolina Environmental Law Project.

Workshop presented by

**South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith
Charter for Racial Justice Committee**

Earn credit for your Diamond Unit award by attending, sharing, and acting on this situation.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/3LVXTxd>

Restoration to Transformation Fellowship

Saturday June 10 9 am to 1 pm

Sponsors: Rock Hill District Men-N-Ministry & Western York Charge UMCs

FREE EVENT

Restored cars, trucks & tractors show

Learn about Mission Opportunities

Music, Prayer, and Worship

Inspiring Message

Barbecue Lunch

New Zion UMC 4050 Black Highway Smyrna, SC Women are welcome, too.



2023 SC Conference UWFaith Mission u

Thursday, July 20 - Saturday, July 22, 2023

Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: Living the Good News



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General Information Please Read Carefully

Youth /Chaperone Covenant and Consent forms: Youth participants must complete a registration form, covenant, and parental consent form, information, and covenant forms for adult chaperones. These forms must be mailed together. Registration is incomplete until all forms are received by the registrar. Forms are located on the web at: <https://www.umcsc.org/women/> or may be secured from the registrar.

Registration: Thursday afternoon from 12:30-3:50pm and 6-6:45pm in **Ellis Hall Atrium**

First Timer's and Clergy Orientation: Thursday, 3:00-3:45pm in **Ellis Hall**

Opening Plenary: Thursday, 4pm

Offering: An offering for our 4 missions will be received during the closing plenary on Saturday before lunch.

Books: Please remember that the study book will not be available in the resource room. This is a change made by UWF National. You **MUST** order your books ahead of time from:

<https://www.umwmissionresources.org/>

Housing: Resident participants will be housed in college dormitories. College dorm style twin bed is longer length than a regular twin bed. (2 flat sheets will be better than a fitted sheet) and bath linens, bathmat, soap, warm blanket or spread for a single bed, pillow, coat hangers, comfortable clothes and walking shoes, flashlight, raingear, Bible, **water bottle**, pens, notebook, trash bags, jacket or sweater, tote bag/book bag for your Bible and Study Book and other items necessary for your comfort away from home. Classrooms and dormitories may be cold bring appropriate linens and clothing!

Please bring cash or checkbook for shopping in craft room and resource room. No credit cards accepted.

Refund policy: Requests must be submitted to the registrar via email before July 1, 2023. **Remember that registrations are transferrable if you need to cancel. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2023**

Keys: There is a \$10 deposit at registration for keys and it is refunded at checkout. **THERE WILL BE A \$100 CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS-NO EXCEPTIONS**



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2023 Mission u Adult Registration Form

July 20-22, Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: Living the Good News

Mail in form below and Please print clearly

Name: _____ Suitemates: _____

Address: _____ City and zip: _____

Phone: _____ District: _____

Please provide email if you wish for confirmation to be sent electronically:

*****Please Check All That Apply*****

Under 40 Attending first time Conference Officer District Officer

Clergy Missionary Deaconess Day participant youth chaperone

Limitless (18-30) **Coming on Wed- 7/19/2023 (for event set up)**

Special needs: Please help us address and meet your needs by listing them on the back of this form. If you have a physical condition that requires our consideration for classroom, dorm, or campus please indicate. Also, please list any dietary needs or restrictions. Hearing loss is a limitation and we can seat you close to the study leader. If you will need transportation on campus please let us know on the back so we will have enough transportation available.

Emergency contact: _____ contact number: _____

Adult participants study:

Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation by Riva Tabelisma

You will need to purchase the book before attending because books are not available on site:

<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodlist.cfm?catid=0>

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Are you interested in participating in a plenary? _____

Would you like to help with on campus transportation? _____

Adult resident: \$ 185 * Day Student: \$120.00 *

****Registration deadline must be postmarked by July 1, 2023****

****Late registration is \$15 and postmarked by July 9, 2023 **All suitemate forms must be mailed together****

Mail completed form with check made payable to SCCUMW to:

SCCUMW Mission U

Vikki Hill

518-A Oak Dr.

Lexington, SC 29073

Phone: 803-206-9534

email: vhill13103@gmail.com

Amount enclosed: _____

****Please read general Information Sheet for more details about this event****



**51st South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting
 October 20-21, 2023
 St. John's United Methodist Church 104 Newberry St NW Aiken, SC**

For registration information contact Hazel Darby, Registrar (803)516-1354 / hazeldarby@bellsouth.net

Theme: "Unity in Christ"

Name _____ email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all that apply:

- First Timer Conference Officer District Officer Past Conference President
 Under 40 Unit President Mission Director Clergy
 Age 14-30 Voting Delegate Missionary / Deaconess
 Childcare needed – Number of Children _____ Ages _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone** _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Vegetarian __ Gluten Free __

****By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/media avenues. ****

+++++++Cut here and mail top portion to Registrar listed below+++++++

Friday, October 20

Registration check-in: 12:30pm – 3:00pm / Late check-in: 6:15pm-7:00pm

Displays and activities, Limitless donations drop-off, Soul Care Prayer Room

Session 1

- 2:45pm Gathering & Opening /featured local mission organization/Bible Study – **Faith Center Sanctuary**
 4:00pm Break with option of light chair exercise (Faith Center Sanctuary)
 4:15pm Workshop on **Community Creation Care: Climate Justice** – Faith Center Sanctuary (option to view displays, do mission encouragement & support card making, or go to Soul Care Prayer Room)
 5:30pm Dinner – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED** (inside name tag holder)

Session 2

- 6:45pm Gathering music
 7:00pm Communion Worship Service – **Main Sanctuary**

Saturday, October 21 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:00am

Session 3

- 8:45am Gathering, Memorial Service, General Business, Informational Moments, Special Recognitions, Offering, Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shirley Gordon, Orangeburg Wesley Foundation – **Faith Center**
 12:15pm Lunch – **MEAL TICKET REQUIRED**

Session 4

- 1:15pm Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements

Mail early registration fee of \$45 payable to SCCUWF to Hazel Darby, 109 Meatcutter Rd., Bamberg, SC 29003 postmarked by September 30. Late registration fee postmarked by October 14 is \$55. Onsite fee is \$65.

Items of Interest

New Ramp at Winthrop Wesley

Winthrop University's Wesley Foundation has a new ramp to allow handicapped access to the building. They still need a handrail to help prevent falls. YOU can help fund this project. Send your donations to:

The Winthrop Wesley Foundation
406 Stewart Ave
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Please designate New Ramp in the memo line.

Thank you, in advance for your help.

For more information,
contact Winthrop Wesley's pastor/director,
Rev. Charlie Farnum Charlie@winwes.org



Looking 🧐 Ahead: Upcoming Dates

- June 24** Racial & Environmental Justice Online workshop (see page 12 for more info)
- July 20-22** Mission u at Spartanburg Methodist College (see Page 1, 13, & 14 for more info)
- Aug 15** All Reports due to District Officers
- Aug 28** Info & Pics for Sept. Informer Due
- Sept 23** Rock Hill District 51st Annual Meeting at Woodland UMC (see page 3 for more info)
- Oct 19-21** SC Conference UWF 51st Annual Meeting in Aiken (see page 15 for Registration)

"Get Together"
Southeastern Jurisdiction

2024

April 26 - 28, 2024
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Chattanooga Convention Center



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2023 Unit Survey / Census Worksheet

Please complete by June 30, 2023

The following information is needed to complete the survey for your unit/church.

You can fill out this worksheet and send it to Jackie Hicks by mail or email

3320 Meadow Creek Rd Clover, SC 29710 jbhicks9800@aol.com

OR

Complete your survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthCarolina>

When you have finished call or text Jackie Hicks (803 517-0434) to let her know you are done. Please retain a copy of your worksheet in case there are problems and it needs to be redone.

If you have questions please contact Crystal (text/call 803 804-4061) or Lynne (text/call 864 426-3501)

1. Reported by (information of person who is reporting this data)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Position in unit _____ (pres, sec, member, etc)

2. Are you an ALL-ACCESS group? Yes No (Rock Hill District check No)

Numbers 3-7 concern All-Access groups

8. Church Name _____ 9. Unit or Group Name _____

10. Unit Type Local (Choose from drop down menu) 11. District Rock Hill

12-15. Unit President's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

16-19. Unit Mailing Address (suggested: church mailing address, but a different address is okay)

_____ City/State/Zip _____

20. Primary Language English 21. Number of new members added in **2022** _____

22. Number of members lost in **2022** _____ 23. Total # of Members as of **Dec. 31, 2022** _____

24. Average age of members 18-34 35-55 56-69 70+

25. My unit is gathering virtually in person by phone hybrid (in-person/virtual) not at all

26. Is your unit aware of digital options for the Program Resource Book? Aware, but use print
 Use both print & digital Use digital only Not aware of digital Aware but do not use

27. As of April 2023, has your unit taken the name United Women in Faith? Yes No

28. Has your church disaffiliated or considering disaffiliation? Yes Undecided No

29. Will your unit continue to operate as a United Women in Faith (if disaffiliating)?

Yes Unsure No

30-31. Does your unit relate to a National Mission Institution (NMI)? Yes No

*If you donate to **Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg and Killingsworth**, check yes and write in Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg and Killingsworth.*

32. How is your unit participating/involved with the NMI? elected to board ex-officio on board
 regular volunteer one-off volunteer (e.g. mission trip, day of service) donor staff

33. Is your unit regularly involved with other organizations? Yes No (most units give to others)

34. Why does your unit work with other organizations?

Other organizations offer opportunities for services and advocacy, locally/nationally, that NMIs do not.

We had challenges building relationships between our unit and NMIs.

We do not know enough about NMIs to gauge whether we should or could be better served connecting with them rather than outside organizations, in fulfilling our mission work.

More answer choices are on the next page.

We do have good and ongoing relationships with NMIs, but we also work with outside organizations as part of our unit's mission.

There are no NMIs in our area.

Other *Explain:* _____ -

35. Would your unit like to receive more information on NMIs? Yes No

36. What information about National Mission Institutions (NMIs) would you like to receive?

37. Is your group working on Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline?

Just Energy for All ?

38. Would you like more information on #37? Which one or both?

39. What publications do you receive? E-connect Newsletter response magazine

Thrive e-newsletter Touchpoints newsletter

40. What changes would you like to see in response magazine?

larger print more photos more reader-submitted content

41. Which version of response magazine do you prefer? print digital

42. If you prefer print would you consider switching to digital? yes no

43. Does your unit use Mission u curricula in 2022? yes no

44. What Mission u event did your unit attend? local conference none

45. Did your church or affiliated group use the 2022 Mission u curricula? yes no

46. Are you interested in serving as a voting member? local church council & charge conference

Annual Conference I am not interested.

47. Are you interested in serving as a voting delegate in The United Methodist Church?

Jurisdictional General Conference I am not interested

48. Does your unit or group give in the following ways: pledge designated giving

Vanco Faith We do not give to United Women in Faith

Provide details on other giving _____

49. How are you designating your giving (through the District)? We do not give.

Social Action/Justice Education/Leadership Spiritual Growth International Mission

Legacy Fund National Mission Institutions Where it is needed most

Specify other giving _____

49. Are your members aware of opportunities to make a planned gift to the organization (will bequest, stocks, IRA, etc)? Yes no

51. Are you interested in attending a Conference or District event in the fall? Yes No

52. Will one or more of your members attend either of these events:

Assembly 2026 (Indianapolis, IN) Yes No SEJ 2024 (Chattanooga, TN) Yes No

53. What would inspire you to attend either SEJ or Assembly?

More info Virtual Option Nothing

54. How often do you receive contact and/or information about the unit survey from your district?

3 or more times/year 2 times/year 1 time/year never

Thank you for taking time to submit this survey!

Reading Report Form

Complete and send to Bette Jean Janicke by the 15th of August each year.

bjanicke@comporium.net

Plan 1 (5 books, 1 in each category)

Plan 2 (10 books, 2 in each category)

Plan 3 (15 books, 2 in each category plus 5 from any category)

Plan 4 (20 books, 2 in each category plus 10 from any category)

Name _____

Church & City _____

Plan number: 1 2 3 4 Year: _____

List books read in each category

Education for Mission

Leadership Development

Nurturing for Community

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

Just for Fun

The Holy Alphabet

Whoever came up with this must have had some divine guidance.

Although things are not perfect

No weapon that is known

Because of trial or pain,

On earth can yield the power

Continue in thanksgiving.

Praise can do alone.

Do not begin to blame.

Quit looking at the future,

Even when times are hard

Redeem the time at hand.

Fierce winds are bound blow.

Start everyday with worship.

God is forever able, so

To “thank” is a command.

Hold on to what you know.

Until we see Him coming

Imagine life without His love,

Victorious in the sky,

Joy would cease to be.

We’ll run the race with gratitude

Keept thanking Him for all the things

X-alting God most high.

Love imparts to thee.

Yes, there’ll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...

Move out of “Camp Complaining.”

Zion waits in Glory...where none are ever sad!

“I am too blessed to be stressed!

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution
is the distance between your knees and the floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.