Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | June 2024

The Mission Echo is the quarterly UWF aith Newsletter

SUE OWENS RETIRES



She has made us laugh. She made us cry. After many years of service to the United Women in Faith, Owens drops the gravel for the last time at the 52 Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting. Owens Retires. She told the attendees at the last SCC UWFaith Annual Meeting held in Aiken, that she planned to retire after she completed her term as the SEJ UWFaith president. Thank you Sue for all that you have done over the many years. **Best Wishes**.

2024 Mission u is in-person event. Make plans to attend. Registration information inside.

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Greetings From the **Desk of the President**

When we realize what brings us joy, peace, hope, and happiness, we will know we are doing the right things. As a Sisterhood of United Women in Faith we

are unwavering as we advocate for others, work to transform lives and step up as the catalyst for change. Although we understand there is much work to do, we are not overwhelmed because we support each other in mission work.

Attending SEJ and
General Conference was

very uplifting, enlightening and rewarding. It is awesome to participate in events that impact the globe. I am so blessed to be a United Methodist and have this opportunity to serve as your president. We are facing actualization of the need for pledge commitments to carry out our goals for 2024 and plans for 2025. We solicit your continued contributions, extra donations when

possible and prayers for the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith.



Clarice Blakeney
SCC UWFAith President

I look forward to seeing you at Mission u in July and our Annual Meeting in October. We are working on these in person events to fellowship and learn more about how to become stronger together. Your presence will be the reward for the energy, time and success of the event.

I am open to your ideas, interests and ways to make

our organization the best it can be. Acclimation will provide us with unification when we are on the same page. Things are changing all the time and we must be willing to adapt and adjust when necessary.

Peace and Love, ${\cal B}$

We Are UWFaith

Programs and More

From Your Conference Vice President - Kathy Roys

Members from the South Carolina Conference had a great "Get Together" with our "sisters" from the rest of the Southeastern Jurisdiction conferences at Chattanooga in April. It was an honor for me to serve as one of our Conference's voting delegates to elect the next class of National United Women in Faith Board of Directors representing

the Southeastern lurisdiction.

We have a diverse. dedicated group of ladies ready to make the big decisions for our organization for the next four years.

Our Conference Annual Meeting is

scheduled for October 25-26 at Woodland United Methodist Church in Rock Hill. The theme is "Praise the Lord! Justice for All!" with a focus on Psalm 146. Our keynote speaker will be Assistant Chief Patricia Leach from the Catawba Nation located in Rock Hill. She is the first woman to become a leader for the Catawba Nation. She will be sharing information about her tribe and the programs they have available for their children and youth. Our Limitless collection drive will be items these children can use. The list is in this issue. We will be offering a field trip to the first 20 registrants interested in going for a visit to the Catawba Cultural Center at 3:15pm on Friday, October 25.

The schedule is a little different this year. Registration on Friday, October 25 will be from 3:00pm-5:30pm, and various

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

2024 Annual Meeting Highlights

Psalm 146

Catawba Nation

Rock Hill

activities will be offered during

The first session will take place

by the worship service and

Hodge will be preaching on

We are planning to offer the

Friday evening. Saturday's

will remain the same.

after dinner and will be followed

Communion. Rock Hill District

Superintendent Rev. Dr. Anthony

schedule will be the same as last

year's schedule. Registration fees

main sessions virtually via Zoom

that timeframe.

or Facebook for those who cannot attend in person. There is a registration fee of \$20 to participate this way. The program book will be emailed to those participating virtually. The registration form is in this issue of Mission Echo. We are working on the hotel list. That will be in the September newsletter.

For those coming to Rock Hill,

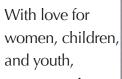
the early registration fee is \$45 if Regular registra-

postmarked by September 30. tion is \$55 and must be post-

Theme: "Praise the Lord! Justice for All" **Keynote Speaker: Assistant Chief Patricia Leach** marked by October 15. **Location: Woodland United Methodist Church** Registration after that time and onsite at Annual Meeting is **\$65**.

Please try to register early. It makes planning for meals and ordering program books so much easier if we have advanced notice. With late and onsite registration, we cannot guarantee meals or a program book. Thank you for helping us out!

Kathy



Conganuations

to the 2024 SCCUWFAITH PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:



Jamya Danae Crawford Silver Hill UMC Rev. Dr. Sheila Elliott Hodge, Pastor Spartanburg District

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the SCCUWFaith Presidential Scholarship. It is with great honor and excitement that I accept this generous award.

Education: Dorman High School Future Plans: Attend Clemson University in the Fall

Plans to become: **Pediatrician**



Madison C. Porter
Antioch UMC
Rev. Marvis Stewart, Pastor
Hartsville District

I am incredibly honored and humbled to express my deep gratitude for having been chosen as the recipient of the SCCUWFaith Presidential Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Education: Richland One Middle College High School

Future Plans: Attend Newberry College in the Fall

Plans to become: Chiropractor



Juliana Kay Lundgren
Piedmont UMC
Rev. Richard W. Waldrep, Pastor
Greenville District

I am grateful to receive the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Presidential Scholarship.

Education: Clemson University

Major: English

Interest:

Crocheting & Musical Theatre



Register NOW MISSION u July 18 - 20, 2024



Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another

Join us at Mission u, July 18-20,2024, 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.

Our Mission u 2024 offers two exciting curricula on this theme: <u>"Welcome Home</u> written by Neomi Fletcher (Adult study) and <u>Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom</u> written by Nica Sy. Purchase your copy from: uwfaithresources.org

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.

Study Books







For more information contact: Betty Swinton, Interim Dean at 843-845-1971 or swint723@aol.com



2024 SC Conference UWFaith Mission u

Thursday, July 18- Saturday, July 20, 2024 Spartanburg Methodist College

Theme: The Kin-dom is Among You: Growing Closer to God and One Another

Interim Dean: Betty Swinton 843-845-1971 Swint723@aol.com Registrar: Vikki Hill 803-206-9534

Vhill133103@gmail.com

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 will be received during the closing plenary on Saturday before lunch.

Books: Please remember to purchase your study book prior to coming to Mission u. Study books will NOT be available in the resource room. The is a change made by UWF National: https://www.umwmissionresources.org/

Housing: Resident participants will be housed in college dormitories. You need a pillow, bed linen (college dorms style twin bed is longer length than a regular twin bed. Two flat sheets will be better than a fitted sheet) and bath linen, bathmat, soap, flashlight, raingear, Bible, water bottle/drinking cup, pens, notebook, trash bags, jacket or sweater, tote bag/bookbag for Bible and study book and other items necessary for your comfort away from home for a few days. (Classrooms and dorm rooms may be cold. Bring appropriate linens and clothing.)

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

Refund policy: Request must be submitted to the registrar via email before July 1, 2024. **Registrations are transferrable if you need to cancel. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2024.**

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. Please bring cash (\$10) or a check.



2024 Mission u Registration Form

July 18 – 20, 2024: Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina Theme: " *The Kin-dom is Among You*: Drawing Closer to God and One Another"

Please print clearly

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Adult Residents - \$185 Day	Student - \$120 Youth Re	sidents - \$130	Total encl	osed
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**Registration deadline is J details about this event.	uly 1, 2024. Please se	e General In	formation	Sheet for more



United Women in Faith at General Conference

Reprint form: Leadership Touchpoints (A newsletter for United Women in Faith Leaders.)

Eighteen out of 19 of United Women in Faith's **petitions passed** the General Conference. These include calls to action on racial and climate justice, gender equity, protecting the girl child, and supporting deaconesses and home missioners. Our petition to amend the church's constitution to allow retired deaconesses and home missioners to vote as such at annual conferences failed to meet the two-thirds majority threshold by a margin of less than 4 percent.

26 Deaconesses, Home Missioners Consecrated at General Conference

- Stacey Atkins (Mountain Sky)
- Heidi Careaga (Wisconsin)
- Kaitlyn Frantz (North Texas)
- Andy Hill (West Ohio)
- Leanna Lake (Western Pennsylvania)
- Esther Lloyd-Stevenson (North Georgia)
- Anna Migera Chacha (North Katanga)
- Alicia Mitchell (Indiana)
- Colleen Moskov (Peninsula-Delaware)
- Marie Severing (Wisconsin)
- Lori Sluder (Holston)
- Barbara Sutton (Northern Illinois)

- Amy Balfour (North Carolina)
- Shirley Durr (Minnesota)
- Connie Glover (Upper New York)
- Dono James II (Baltimore-Washington)
- Lucinda Higgs Lautz (Florida)
- Kathryn Loomis (Mountain Sky)
- Elizabeth Miller (Indiana)
- Wanda Molock (Peninsula-Delaware),
- Amy Purdom (Virginia)
- Esina Sibanda (Zimbabwe West)•
- Karen VanMatre Smith (Rio Texas),
- Mirasol Tangunan (New York),
- Laurie Jo Upchurch (South Georgia)
- Christopher Hamera (Zimbabwe East/Malawi Provisional)

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

Application for Bess Dowling Ware Mission u Scholarships

Spartanburg Methodist College July 18-20, 2024 "The Kin-dom is Among You: Growing Closer to God and to One Another"

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith are offering sizeable scholarships for Mission u thanks to the generosity of the Bess Dowing Ware Family. To honor their mother who enjoyed Mission u, then called School of Christian Mission every summer, a scholarship in her name is provided for others to experience the event their mother loved so very much. With much excitement she looked forward to this annual event.

- Two scholarships in the amount of \$100 each for two individuals who meet one of the following criteria: adult under the age of forty or adult first time to Mission u.
- Two scholarships in the amount of \$200 each for a youth attendee and her chaperone are available. Each \$200 scholarship will be shared with \$100 to youth registration cost and \$100 to the chaperone registration cost. The youth make the application and named her chaperone.

Application deadline is postmark or email date of July 1, 2024

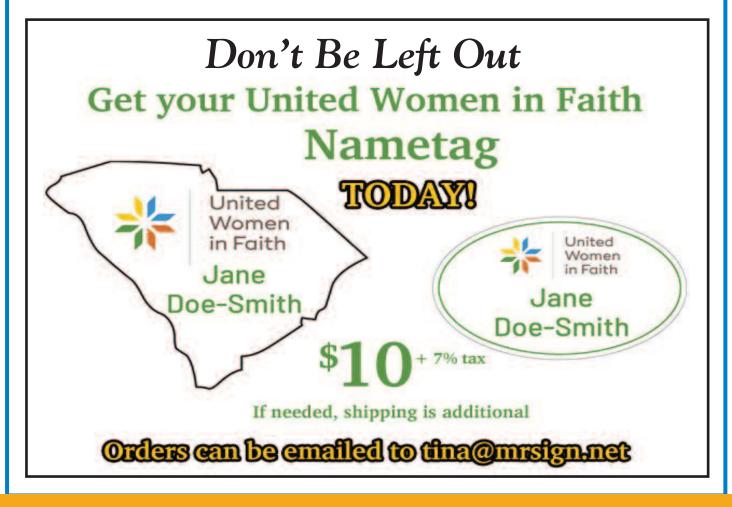
A brief paragraph stating (50 words or less) why you want to attend Mission u and how you plan to use the information received during Mission u upon your return home is required. **Please attach to this application.**

Please provide the following:		
Name:		
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City:	State:	zip code:
Phone(cell)	Email:	·····
Church:	District:	
Confirm that you are an adult under forty (Y/N) Confirm you are a youth attendee (Y/N)		
Questions contact: Betty Swinton at 843-845-19	971 or swint723@aol.com	
Please mail or email this form with the attachme	ent prior to July 1, 2024, to:	
Betty Swinton, Interim Dean Mission v P.O. Box 723	1	United

Dillon, S.C. 29536

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2024 Calendar of Events

June 9 - 12	SC UMC Annual Conference, Greenville, SC
June 22	Charter for Racial and Environmental Justice Event 10 am - Virtual
July 18-20	Mission u, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
September	Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month
October	Bethlehem Columbia Special Emphasis Month
October 25-26	SCCUWF 52nd Annual Meeting - Woodland UMC Rockhill, Rockhill District
November 9	District Officers Training - 9am Virtual



Greetings South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith!

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16, ESV)

Our vision states we are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. We focus on women, children, and youth, acting for justice, and transforming communities.

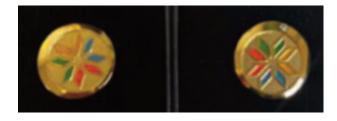
United Women in Faith face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we expect to see. However, our goal is not only to bear witness to harm but also to show God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

Through Mission Giving, we can turn our vision into action. As a conference, we did an amazing job during the first quarter contributing towards our \$232,800.00 pledge to mission goal. The five channels of Mission Giving contributions sent to National were as follows:

\$ 44,388.15	Total Mission Giving
4,450.35	World Thank Offering
875.00	Gift in Memory
780.00	Gift to Mission
1,430.00	Special Mission Recognition
\$ 36,852.80	Pledge

Our new Special Mission Recognition (SMR) pins are available for order. The new LOGO pins depict our logo and have the same stone options as our cross pins. Both pin options (cross and new logo) are available for ordering.

Contributing to Special Mission Recognition for a pin is like giving two gifts in one. Your purchase will bless the recipient and allow you to show "agape love" to someone you will probably never meet.



Including contributions for designated giving and mission projects, \$73,605.55 was received during the first quarter. Thank you for your unselfish spirit of giving in support of women, children, and youth around the globe.



Janice Eaddy

Shalom, **Janice Cockfield Eaddy**SCCUWFaith Interim Treasurer

"Justice is what LOVE looks like in public"



Education and T Interpretation

Did I see you in Chattanooga at the SEJ meeting? Wasn't it wonderful? We were so proud of Sue Owens as she completed her term as President of the SEJ, and of Azilee Dickey being elected Vice President and Betty Void being elected as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

It's time to be making your plans to attend Mission u this summer at Spartanburg Methodist College, July 18-20. We plan to have another Craft Room for Missions. We need your knitted and crocheted items, jams and jellies, cookies, Christmas ornaments, etc., to sell for the SC Mission Projects. We also need volunteers to staff the Craft Room. If you are planning to attend Mission u and would like to help in the Craft Room for 30 minutes to an hour, send me an email with your name and contact information.

Bring your pull-tabs to Mission u so that Sue can take them to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville.

Check out the article in the May-June issue of response about Killingsworth. Everyone who reads response will know about the great work it does.

Please continue giving to the Five Channels of Giving: Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, and World Thank Offering. In addition, don't forget South Carolina's four Mission Projects: Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg; Columbia Bethlehem Community Killingsworth; and Wallace Family Life Center. They all are doing great work in their communities.



Beth Addis, Education & Interpretation Mission Coordinator

Greenville District Girls get involved in Climate Justice

The Greenville District United Women in Faith hosted a limitless event for girls ages 12-18 on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Berea Friendship United Methodist Church. We had 6 girls participate in the event. The topic of the event was climate justice. Charlotte Ward. State and Local Media Coordinator for The Citizens' Climate Lobby, was our guest speaker. Citizens' Climate Lobby is an international grassroots environmental group that trains and supports volunteers to build relationships with their elected representatives in order to influence climate policy. Charlotte spoke



with the girls about what is happening with our climate and how it is changing. She gave them some ideas on ways that they would reach out and help with the issues. Some girls wrote letters to their senators, some made phone calls asking for support of the Citizens' climate lobby and their initiatives. The event was ended with a box lunch for all. We appreciate the chaperones that brought the girls to this event. The girls were invited to attend the annual conference in Washington DC with Charlotte Ward. The girls were also invited to participate in the SC United Women In Faith Charter for Racial Justice event in June.

Vickie Failor, District President, hopes to make the Limitless event an annual event. She is also hoping to get more young ladies involved in United Women in Faith.



2024-2028 JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Conference

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News from Killingsworth

Submitted By: Azilee "DeeDee" Dickey

About Killingsworth - A Place of Safety, Caring, and Support

Killingsworth is a unique community residence for women who are emerging from crisis situations. Our mission is to support, empower, and advocate for women who have been in crisis situations. We offer a place for women to get personal, social and spiritual assistance in a caring Christian environment.

Within the eight-bedroom home, women recovering from alcohol and/or drug abuse, incarceration, mental and emotional problems, violence and assault, or family crisis situations can find shelter and support. The residential program includes room, board, guidance and support for a nominal fee. Financial and vocational assistance to the residents is often available from partner agencies in the

We need your help. Killingsworth has two primary fundraisers yearly, The Golf Tournament and Killingsworth GALA in November at Seawell's. We could not exist without your generous donations of your time, gifts of supplies, and most of all your continuous prayers. Our doors are open for visits, calls and scheduled appointment.

We will be holding our Killingsworth Golf Tournament at Windemere Golf Course on Monday, July 22, 2024. **We need sponsors,** golfers and volunteers to make this event meaningful and fulfill our purpose. Women and Men are invited to participate. Please see the attached flyer.

Our Executive Director is Mrs.
Susan Sirmons. She is willing to travel and provide your group with information about Killingsworth, our/your success stories.
Our United Women in Faith Liaison is Ms.
Samoria Session. The Killingsworth Board of Directors says.

Thank You

Make a
Ponation
today

killingsworth.org

No donation to small

Golf Tournament

Windemere Golf Course

Monday, July 22, 2024

Sponsors needed

All Ponations Accepted



Killingsworth Home, 1831 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 803.771.6359 www.killingsworth.org

community.



Tournament Sponsor (minimum \$3000)

This will include up to **two free teams** in the tournament, and publicity on all literature for the tournament. In addition tournament sponsor will receive free advertising in the Killingsworth Newsletter and an opportunity to have your logo of Sway Bags and promotional material in Swag Bag.

Lunch Sponsor (\$2000)

This will include **one free team** in the tournament, publicity at the tournament, and on the Killingsworth website. Signage will be available as players get lunch. In addition, your logo can be included on swag bags.

Awards Sponsor (\$1000)

This will include publicity at the tournament and on the website. Logo and promotional material can be on swag bags.

Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$500)

Two sponsorships are available. This will include publicity at the tournament and website. Beverage cart will have signage.

Swag Bag Sponsors (\$300)

Multiple Sponsors available. This will include logo on he swag bag each golfer will receive.

Hole sponsors (\$150)

Signs will be posted at the tee box on holes. Donors can send logos for the signs.

Company Name	Total Enclosed
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Make checks payable to Killingsworth and mail to: 1831 Pendleton Street, Colum	bia, SC 29201

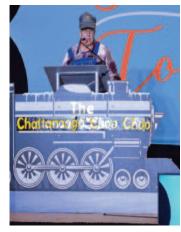
Snapshot from SEJ UWFaith Meeting















SCC UWFaith Communication Coordinator Takes on Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting in Chattanooga

by: W. Chandler-Flowers

I attended the 2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction Meeting in Chattanooga, TN where nearly 500 women gathered in April. The attendees were there to work, learn, and have fun.



An election was held for the next executive team and directors. The executive team was elected after just one vote, but it took several rounds to elect the directors and alternates. To pass the time during rounds, the voting delegates sang songs such as It's Me, It's Me, Oh Lord Standing in the Need of Prayer, Jesus Loves Me, and Thank You Lord . President Sue Owens even joked about singing "99 bottles of beer on the wall" to get through the rounds of voting during the election.

There were 61 voting delegates, and the goal was to elect one director each round. As the rounds continued, several ladies referred to the nominees' biographies to gather additional information for an informed vote.

President Owens emphasized the importance of voting in various elections including voting here at the SEJ UWF election, voting at the General Conference or the National election in November. She requested everyone to do their due diligence and vote.

After the conclusion of the election, the delegates made their way to lunch. It was my first time

attending an SEJ UWF Meeting, and it did not disappoint. Creativity was displayed throughout the event. The ladies adorned the UWFaith logo in a variety of ways.



Prior to the election

Saturday, on Friday evening, General Secretary and CEO Sally Vonner greeted the attendees and encouraged them to continue the work of the UWFaith. She stated the work must be continued because women and children need us.

One of the many highlights for me was the Saturday morning speaker Rev. Janet Wolf, who



reminded us about the inequality faced by many indigenous, black, and brown people every day. As Christians and members of UWF, it was emphasized that we must take action to make this

world a better place.

It was a an awesome weekend. I met new people, learned many things and even though I was one of the numerous victims who found the windows broken out of their cars at the hotel that Sunday morning, it was still a weekend to remember.

Choo- chooing on the Chattanooga train SEJ Style.

Wanda

ANNUAL MEETING LIMITLESS DONATION SUPPLIES LIST

for Boys & Girls Club of Catawba Nation for Children and Youth Attending the After School/Summer Camps

Suuk Sarak ("Sprout House") K5-5 th Grade (50 children):

Spiral Notebooks

Cleaning Supplies
Lysol • Sanitizer • Clorox

(with and without pockets)

Pencils & Highlighters

Wipes •
Paper Towels • Facial Tissue
& Hand Soaps, etc.

Clothes & Shoes*
(for boys and girls)

*No specific sizes were given.
The items will be used for accidents and for those in need.

Suuk Yap ("Tree House") 6 th -12 th Grade (48 teens):

Highlighters

Spiral Notebooks

Pencils

Folders
(with and without pockets)

Socks*
(adult sizes - for boys and girls)

**The Catawba Nation is very thankful to be receiving these supplies for their children and youth.



52nd South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting October 25-26, 2024

Woodland United Methodist Church 801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill, SC

For registration information contact Frances Bratton, 803-230-6913, bratton.frances60@outlook.com

Theme: "Praise the Lord! Justice for All!"

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Dinner: 5:00pm-6:1	5pm – Gym MEAL TICKE	T REQUIRED (in name bad	lge holder)	
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Lunch – MEAL T	ICKET REQUIRED			
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PO Box 74, Clover, So October 15. Late fee	e: mail early registration fee C 29710 postmarked by Septe e and onsite fee are \$65. s \$20. Send registration and	tember 30. Regular regist	ration fee is \$55 if p	postmarked by

Have you seen our digital resources?

While the internet is nothing new, we have all been thrown into new depths over the past few years, discovering ways we can connect with one another and engage resources to nurture our faith and support the ways we put faith, hope, and love in action.

<u>United Women in Faith Digital</u> is a safe and secure online space to do exactly that—access online versions of your favorite United Women in Faith resources, and connect with over 4,000 other members on the platform!

Visit <u>uwfaith.org/digital</u> and create your free account or log in.

Participate in the Reading Program You can connect with readers from around the world to talk about the books you love. For more information visit the site listed above.



This information is a reprint from the UWFaith E-blast

SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTAS

September - Killingworth

October - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg
February - Wallace Family Life Center
April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

Join us for bimonthly conversations with United Women in Faith, hosted by Jennifer R. Farmer.



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PDF resources arranged within specific categories.

United Women in Faith Racial + Environmental Justice Event

The South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Charter for Racial Justice Committee is pleased to announce our second annual Racial + Environmental Justice Event. This virtual event will be taking place on June 22, 2024 at 10:00am. The issue of concern is protecting historically Black settlement communities from incompatible development. The primary focus will be on the Gullah Geechee community located on St. Helena Island, SC.

Our conference was awarded a grant from the National United Women in Faith to expand this project, so this year we will be presenting two guest speakers. One of the speakers will be Faith Rivers James, Executive Director of the **Coastal Conservation League**. She will be discussing the devastating cultural and environmental impact of development being proposed.

The other guest speaker will be Amy Armstrong, Executive Director and General Counsel for the **South Carolina Environmental Law Project**. This organization is providing legal assistance to the Gullah Geechee Sea Island Coalition.

Join us in learning about the proposed development and the harm it can cause to this special community of people and their land. Beaufort County had already established this area as a Cultural Protective Overlay District, but the developer is working to end it. Threats of incompatible development are a concern for other Black settlement communities in the Lowcountry, as well. Please **plan to participate**. Registration information will be available in this Mission Echo newsletter.

A site visit to the historic Penn Center and the Gullah community on St. Helena Island is being planned for President's Day weekend in February of 2025. We encourage our youth to come.

Kathy Roys SCCUWFaith Vice President & Program Coordinator and Charter for Racial Justice committee member



From the South Carolina Conference Committee on Nominations

First of all, thank you for your willingness to serve. Galatians 6:9 reminds us "Let us not become weary in doing good." The Committee on Nominations has been busy reviewing Talent forms, making contacts and looking for a few good women. Attached in this copy of the Mission Echo are again "I Have Talent Forms" and "Potential Leadership Forms".

Please pray and seek guidance in your willingness to serve. You are an essential part of the good. We will have information available at the South Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville and I am available to meet and greet you with any questions.

Use it or lose it. Does that sound familiar? I have found it to be true, how about you? You are such a blessing to others. You have been blessed with the talents, knowledge and resources United Women in Faith need to survive.

I have witnessed and been told the richest places in the world are in the cemetery. Not the money, but instead the wealth of knowledge never passed on to others. Don't be a statistic, be part of the solution.

In His Service and Yours,

Azilee

Azilee Dickey
For more information (803)491-6699 or deejie721@yahoo.com.





South Carolina Conference UWFaith Potential Leader Form

Name: Date:
Address:
Phone: Email:
District: Ethnicity:
Age: 20's 30's 40's 50's 60's 70's 80's Employed?
Professional Skills/ Job Experience:
Offices/Appointments held in UMW/UWF:
Local Unit
District
Conference
Jurisdiction/National
Additional experience within the church or community other than UMW/UWF:
Which offices are of most interest to you?
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Nominations
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Charter for Racial Justice Committee Please continue on next page

Potential Leader Form

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Are you able to participate in online meetings?
Are you able to travel for meetings and events?
When would you be available to serve?
Are you able and willing to use your gifts and talents to uphold and strengthen the Purpose of United Women in Faith?
Please return this form to a Committee on Nominations member or send to:
Azilee Dickey 205 Kilpatrick Dr. Sumter, SC 29154
deeije721@vahoo.com

Pacial & Environmental Justice Event

June 22nd • 10 am

Topic: Protecting Historically Black Settlement Communities from incompatible development

Learn More About Gullah Geechee Community of St. Helena Island, SC Register Now https://tinyurl.com/3ssd5uay

Guest Speakers



Faith Rivers
JAMES

Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation League.



Amy
ARMSTRONG

Executive Director
and General Counsel
for the South Carolina
Environmental Law Project

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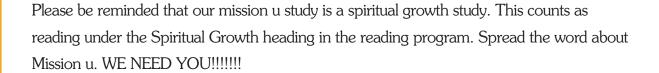
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Spiritual Growth News

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

A big thank you goes out to all of our ladies who attended the Spiritual Growth Event. It was such a wonderful day and filled with such warmth and friendship. Dee Henderson was an excellent speaker and her message on God as the Sower in Faith and Hope was inspirational and uplifting. We learned so much from her message. Thank you to the Anderson District UWF and their President Lynn Friedmon for their help in planning the event. Also thanks to the Clemson UWF for being our host church for the event. We appreciate the gift of music from the Handbell choir and the Chancel Choir of Clemson UMC. We were so blessed by the information that Kathy Roys presented concerning our Charter For Racial Justice and the upcoming events. It was a wonderful day and we are blessed with such beautiful women who gave up their time and talents to make this event possible. Much love to all of you.

Please be reminded that your District Spiritual Growth Coordinator will be asking for the names of our wonderful sisters who have passed away this year. We will be placing their names in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Please be reminded that this is for the past year. The dates run **September 1,2023 to August 31, 2024**. Let's make this an extra special time to remember these ladies.





Vickie Harvey
Conference Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator
864-266-1870 email:vtharvey62@gmail.com
Ephesians 5:2 Live a Life of Love

Greetings United Women in Faith and supporters

Spring is a majestic time of the year. The dormancy of winter is fading and new life is evident. Spring is a great time to reset. We spend so much of our time on the go, physically and or mentally, that to often we fail to notice God's awesome majesty. So I challenge you to take time to set aside some "me time." Spend time together not only carrying out the work of UWF but also time in joyful fellowship with one another.

The first few months of challenge you... ...Take 2024 has been quite busy. I'm so grateful for all of you and the work that you are doing. You continue to be actively involved in ministries of the local church. You supported Legislative "Me-Time" Advocacy Days with your presence, participation and commitment to action. I greatly appreciate the information you shared regarding several legislative bills that will help improve the lives of women, children and youth. The time that you have spent writing letters and calling legislators have not been in vain. We have supported senate bill S.910 which focuses on fair lending practices. It would require an analysis of the borrower's ability to repay and prohibit a loan if the borrower can't pay. Bill S.518 aims to cap interest rate to 36%. Currently there are no

limits on the rate and fees Supervised Lenders (auto title and high cost installment lenders) can charge. The lenders file the highest rate they want to charge each year with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The highest rate filled in 2021 was 950%. We had another opportunity to participate in the legislative process by asking our legislators to support House Bill, HB3563, a bill that would exempt sales tax from menstrual health products.

UWFaith I encourage you to continue to be active in policy making. Your voice matters. Your action produces results. Our sisterhood is powerful. Our faith is strong. We believe love in action can change the world and we work to make it happen.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-10, NIV.

Patricia Armstrong Social Action Coordinator aaggie8711@aol.com



We're 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 acting 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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Moving Forward

Hope and Passion Hope and Passion

New and exciting?

Mission u training is complete and local training are being scheduled. See the Mission u map (https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1mtSPMdRfWT3sUZERbWwJzWBJcgakD1bJ&ll=42. 92374859573408%2C-97.664504225&z=5) for currently scheduled Mission u's.

The Daily Prayer Guide 2024 will be going on sale for 25%. And we hope to get a new Order Form published as well.

Remember to order the Program Resource (digital) so you have access to the Monthly Gatherings with the author and host. If you have ordered the print resource, you can order the digital add-on for \$5-use this link for the offer (with your UWFaith.org/digital login): https://bit.ly/24-PR-add-external.

And finally, going out later today will be an eblast for Sally:

Please join Sally Vonner, CEO of United Women in Faith, for a Post-General Conference Town Hall Conversation: "Summer Town Hall: Moving Forward with Hope and Passion"

Date: May 23rd, 8pm Eastern Time (This is a virtual event)

REGISTER NOW:

https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=797633&mc_cid=6157e3f9c3&mc_eid=830c8ea53

Thank you

Shirley Crosby

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Reading Program Coordinator

Charter for Racial Justice Diamond Units

The Diamond Unit certificate is awarded at each District Annual Meeting to each unit that completes three or more activities from the list below that demonstrates the unit's commitment to the ideals in the Charter for Racial Justice. At least one of the diamond-marked activities must be included. You are to send a copy of this completed form to your District Social Action Coordinator before **August** in order to be recognized at your district annual meeting and receive the Diamond Unit certificate.

Name of Church:	
Contact Person & Phon	e:
DATE COMPLE	ACTION CHOICES
1	1. ♥Watch a video related to the Charter for Racial Justice
2.	2. ♥Give a book report on a Reading Program Book selected from the Social Action area
3	3. Share articles from <i>Response</i> and <i>New World Outlook</i> or <i>UMF Action Alerts</i> relating to racism
4.	4. VSupply each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice
5	5. Present a program using the Charter for Racial Justice
6.	6. Use a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMF Program Book
7	7. Participate in a UMF Social Action/Human Rights Mission Study
8	8. Give a report to the unit about an experience of attending a musical or theatrical performance by person(s) of a different race, culture, or ethnic background
9	9. Send at least one member to UMF Legislative Day
10.	10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
11.	11. Experience worship, Bible study, or UMF unit program/activity with an ethnic group different from your own
12.	12. Attend or host an international tasting party, culture fair, or other international event
13	13. Participate in a Bible Study on Racism
14	14. Celebrate Black History Month in February
15	15. Suggest and plan with your pastor a pulpit exchange with a pastor of another race
16	16. Plan an event with a unit of a different race or ethnic background (a celebration, worship, Vacation Bible School, etc.
17	17. Other: Participated with UMF webinar –

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July 1st

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South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

2024 Mission Trip Boarded for the "Get Together"

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All aboard!! The South Carolina Conference of the United Women in Faith boarded for the 2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction Thirteenth Quadrennial Meeting "Get Together". This exciting time for togetherness in mission was held from Friday, April 19th through Sunday, April 21st, 2024 with fifty-six enthusiastic women attending this exciting time of sisterhood of faith with twenty-one boarding the bus and thirty-five traveling by personal vehicles and/or flights to the beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The United Women in Faith came prepared to enjoy the fun, fellowship, celebration, worship, workshops, panel and discussions, meet the SEJ Leadership Team and nominees to the United Women in Faith Board of Directors, witness the election and cheered for our nominees by the voting delegates! What a time we had partaking in ALL of this! The hospitality throughout the weekend was warm and the women in attendance came prepared to uplift and to expand the concept of mission throughout the Southeastern Jurisdiction and beyond. Mission opportunities through Massage Envy allowed participants massages for \$1 a minute for mission giving. The giving of dollar bills with a "G" for God, "J" for Jesus and Jurisdiction, and "L" for Lord and Legacy traveled well within the wallets and purses to the SEJ at a total of \$31,493.00. The pledge for the Legacy Fund was \$146,921.00 for the entire weekend. We were challenge through National to give \$15,000.00 and look at God!!!

The SEJ Leadership Team was extraordinary! Thank you, Sue Owens, SEJ President and Samoria Session, Program Advisory Group (PAG) Member for the exemplary job and utilizing your remarkable talents and skills exhibited in your role to transform the world. Congratulations to Azalee Dickey, SEJ Vice President and Betty Void, SEJ Nominations Chairperson. Thank you for your willingness commitment to equip, organize, educate, advocate and service the Southeastern Jurisdiction for the next four years. Thank you for representing the South Carolina Conference of the United Women in Faith with compassion and humility while making a difference in the lives of others.

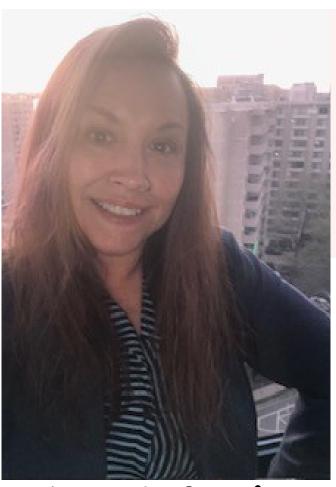
Thank you, South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith, for boarding as we enjoyed making lasting memories together while strengthening our sisterhood. Please stay tune for additional trips to increase mission awareness.

Peace, love, and blessings,

Jacquelyn Session
Jacquelyn Session

Mission Trip Coordinator

TOGETHER we can do more. TOGETHER we can be more. TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world.



Keynote Speaker

For SC United Women in Faith Conference

October 26, 2024 10:45 am

Located at:
Woodland United Methodist Church
801 Cherry Rd.
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Patricia Lench

Catawba Nation
Assistant Chief

Patricia, a trailblazer within the Catawba Nation, made history as the first female Assistant Chief. She grew up with very humble surroundings and was able to get ahead through hard-work and sheer determination. She holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business. Patricia owns an HR consulting business, Red Spirit Consulting, which is not currently taking any new clients due to her current role serving the tribe.

With a background in HR along with various leadership roles within the tribe, her experience showcases her dedication to the community and a commitment to serving others. Patricia's leadership has had a significant impact on the Catawba Nation, advancing tribal initiatives and improving the well-being of its members. Her passion for uplifting people shines through, she loves to inspire innovation, creativity, and authentic connections. Patricia is dedicated to leadership, committed to progress, and creating a positive impact on the community. She is always ready to ignite inspiration and drive positive change!

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