

Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | September 2023



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51st

Annual Meeting

October 20 - 21

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St. John UMC

104 Newberry St NW • Aiken, SC

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Shirley P. Gordon

Executive Director and Campus Minister for the
Orangeburg Wesley Foundation

2023 SC CONFERENCE

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Greetings From the Desk of the President

Clarice Blakeney



Fifty-first Annual Meeting Coming Soon

The 51st South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting is only a month away. I hope you are as excited as I am to celebrate a year of many firsts, gains and wonderful events. We stood out in the nation with the number of units and members reported for the census last year. I am very proud of the sisterhood we share and represent. Thanks for always stepping up for mission projects, racial justice, children and education. We are involved in a plethora of programs, activities and outreach that impacts many lives.

We will do whatever is required to live up to the purpose and expectation of our organization. I hope your annual meetings are successful and that you are looking forward to a prosperous and fulfilling conference year.

Together we can provide resources for those in need. Please know that I am

always available to listen, assist and visit. Many women, children and youth worldwide are depending on us to share love through our giving. Now that we are getting back to more in person gatherings and normal routines, I am convinced we will do more for others.

See you in Aiken,



Clarice Blakeney,

President SCCUMF

Extended to September 30th

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Survey REMINDER



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Greetings to everyone!! We are at the last end of the crunch for the Membership count. We have until **August 31st** to have our survey completed. Please tell everyone you see to ensure they have got it done.

Here is a comparison to last year's count and what has been done as of August 1st.

Church	2022	2023
Anderson	21	3
Charleston	37	8
Columbia	24	1
Florence	15	2
Greenville	13	5
Greenwood	15	5
Hartsville	21	6
Marion	14	0
Orangeburg	35	11
Rock Hill	25	15
Spartanburg	22	4
Walterboro	13	4

Here is the link if you have not done it yet.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthCarolina>

Please contact **Angela Allen** with any questions: **864-680-9029** or Angela.Allen@charter.net

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION

The Conference United Women in Faith is making exciting plans to celebrate our upcoming Annual Meeting as women united in our faith to be God's loving hands and Jesus' supportive voice for all women, children, and youth. Our theme is Unity in Christ focusing on Ephesians 4:2-3.

This year's event is being hosted by the Orangeburg District and will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Aiken on October 20-21, 2023. Rev. Shirley Peterson Gordon will be our keynote speaker. She is in ministry with the Wesley Foundation in the Orangeburg area, so she will be bringing her Limitless university student members along with her to participate in the program.

Other youth will also be performing during our program.

The Orangeburg District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Nelson, will be preaching at the Friday evening Communion service.

We will hold one group workshop addressing our national focus on climate justice. Charlotte Ward of Citizens' Climate Lobby will be the workshop leader. Ms. Ward will also have a display area set up during our registration check-in time to provide resources and ideas on how to be better creation caretakers of God's world. Be sure to bring a refillable water bottle with you.

Other activities will include meeting with our Conference coordinators to discuss our areas of mission and view their displays. We will have a greeting card station to provide supportive messages to the clients and staff of our state mission projects, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center; Killingsworth; The Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg; and Wallace Family Life Center. Cards can also be created for the residents and staff of

Brooks-Howell Home as a follow-up of this year's mission trip to this location. Attendees are also welcome to bring greeting cards from their units.

Our young women's Limitless team will be collecting useful items for Stand at the Crossroads Ministries, a local mission

organization in Aiken. Director, Deborah Lamb, will be sharing information about this ministry. See the wish list in this issue.

Of course, we will be acknowledging all the great work being done by our districts and local units this year. Send in your reports on time to be included in the program booklet.

Be sure to register by September 30 to take advantage of the lower registration fee. The fee will increase in October. You will find the registration form and hotel list in this issue.

See you in October!

Kathy Roys,

SCC UW Faith Vice President/Program Coordinator



Kathy Roys, VP SCC UWF

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. ****

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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 & Meditation Room

Session 1

- 2:45pm Gathering & Opening /featured local mission speaker – **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 & Meditation 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: 8:15am-9:00am

Session 3

- 9:00am 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 po



United Women in Faith

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith
Fifty-first Annual Meeting Celebration

October 20-21, 2023

Theme: Unity in Christ

St. John UMC

104 Newberry St NW Aiken, SC

Register Today!



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Shirley P. Gordon

Superintendent
Rev. Ken Nelson
Friday Evening Speaker



Charlotte Ward
Workshop Leader



Ladies are encouraged to call to check current prices

Hotels in Aiken, South Carolina 51st Annual Meeting

Hilton Garden

350 Eastgate Drive
803-641-4220 **\$149**
Plus Tax

Hampton Inn

100 Tamil Drive
803-648-2525 **\$139**
Plus Tax

Country Inn & Suites

3270 Whiskey Road
803-649-4024 **\$149**
Plus Tax

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

2897 Whiskey Road **\$119**
844-201-6444 Plus Tax

Charter for Racial Justice Event Follow-up



A big thank you to everyone who participated in our first Racial + Environ-

mental Justice online program. Our guest speaker, attorney Ben Cunningham with the South Carolina Environmental Law Project, was very informative and obviously quite passionate about helping the marginalized communities in our state that are dealing

with environmental issues such as toxic drinking water. We have heard a lot of enthusiasm in response to this program to get involved.

To get more information on various issues being addressed around the state by this organization, you can go to their website: scelp.org. They have a wealth of information throughout this website. At the top you can click to receive regular notice of their activities and ways to engage in opportunities to take actions, and you can also subscribe to their newsletter.

While you look at their projects, see what is going on in your area. You can get involved by



contacting local decision-makers about the issue of concern.

More Charter for Racial Justice activities will be forthcoming. Be sure to attend Annual Meeting to learn more.

Kathy Royce

Charter for Racial Justice Committee member

Limitless Collection List

**For Stand at the Crossroads Ministries, Aiken
At SCCUW Faith Annual Meeting 2023**



Stand at the Crossroads Ministries is a Christian-based residence program that helps and encourages women coming out of brokenness who are committed to learning to live healthy, productive lifestyles. Through this community of faith, women are shown that they are not alone anymore, that they are valued, and can become productive members of society.

Stand at the Crossroads Ministries houses and ministers to eight single women in apartments, and can accommodate five families of women and children. In addition to transitional housing, the campus includes a community room, laundry cottage, thrift store, office, and playground. This facility is run and staffed by volunteers. Deborah Lamb is their executive director.

Pots & Pans	Kitchen garbage bags	Paper Towels	Toilet cleaner
Laundry detergent	Plastic zip bags –	Napkins	Tub cleaner
Clorox cleaner	sandwich, quart, gallon	Toilet paper	Pull-ups for 3T and 4T
Window cleaner	Brillo pads	Grocery gift cards (Walmart)	Kleenex

Be A Blessing!

Hello everyone!! The end of the third quarter is near. Your District Annual Meetings will be held during the month of September. Please make sure your 2023 pledges are sent to your District Treasurer as soon as possible. Also, your District Treasurer needs to know the amount of your 2024 Pledge to Mission by 8/23/2023. Our Finance Committee meets on 8/26/23 and the budget for 2024 will be on the agenda. We need each individuals pledge to prepare the 2024 budget. Our District

Treasurers are working hard to process your Mission Givings and get them to me in a timely manner. Despite the changes taking place in our churches, I hope and pray your local units are meeting again and everyone is paying your pledges, donations to the 4 Missions, etc.

Let's pray for each other and our churches!!

Thank you,
Ruby Hannah

SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

September - Killingsworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

February - Wallace Family Life Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

Spiritual Growth! Spiritual Growth! Spiritual Growth!

By: Vickie Harvey

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all those who participated in our April Spiritual Growth Event as well as those of you who attended Mission u. I am grateful for those of you who also participated in our Prayer Room. It is through prayer that our relationship with God may grow and prosper.

It is now time for annual meeting. Our annual meeting will take place in Aiken on October 20-21st. At this time, we will remember our sisters in Christ who have passed on since our last meeting. Please send this information to your Spiritual Growth Coordinator in your district. She has a deadline to meet so make sure you turn them in as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars for our Officers Training to be held Saturday November 11th. It will be held at Trenholm Road UMC and any District Officer needs to attend.

Martin Luther: "I have so much to do (today) that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer"

PRAYER PALS

Growing spiritually is a better way that we can understand our part in God's mission and ministry in our world. Connecting with our other United Methodist Sisters in our conference through prayer and blessings can help us become stronger in our Christian journey. If you are interested in participating in this connection, please contact me or your district Spiritual Growth Coordinator. You will be given your prayer pals information and they will be given yours.

Please send this information to **Vickie Harvey**
email: vtharvey62@gmail.com or
mail it to 440 Goldmine Road,
Spartanburg SC 29307

Please fill out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____ Phone: _____

Other information you wish your prayer partner may need to know:



Breath in, Breath Out. Something as simple as breathing draws us closer to God. The ancient practice from the 6th Century of breath prayer ties a short, rhythmic prayer to our breathing. It's simple and a meaningful way to practice mindfulness. What do you need? Choose a comfortable name for God. Let that form your prayer spoken internally with your breath.

An example:

INHALE: **Peace** EXHALE: **Jesus** INHALE: **Your focus**
EXHALE: **God** INHALE: **Guidance** EXHALE: **O Lord**

Repeat this anytime you wish.

Education and Interpretation

We had some nice things brought to the Craft Room at Mission u and we raised \$871.76 for the four SCCUW Faith Mission Projects. What wasn't picked up by the original donors was sent to Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, to be used as they wished. Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the Craft Room, especially Jane Scott, and to Sue Owens, Vickie Harvey, and Shirley Crosby who delivered the leftover items to Bethlehem Center.

District Mission Today reports are due to me by Sept. 1. My deadline to report to the conference is Sept. 15. Last year the conference had 107 Mission Today units. Can we increase our Conference total by 10% this year? That would be 118 units. We can do it if we all work together!!

At the Conference Annual Meeting, October 20-21, St. John's UMC, Aiken, SC, we will be collecting gift cards and **new** postage stamps for the Mission Projects. The Mission Representatives have contacted the Mission Project Directors and asked their gift card preferences. They are listed below. **Bethlehem Center**, Spartanburg: Amazon, Office Depot, and Staples.

Columbia Bethlehem Community Center: Burger King and McDonald's [small dollar amounts for children's prizes], Home Depot,

Lowe's, and Walmart.

Killingsworth: Food Lion, Office Depot, and Walmart.

Wallace Family Life Center: Food Lion, Walmart, and Visa.

There will be a card-making station at the Annual Meeting where you can create a special card for one of the Mission Projects. There will also be a large gratitude card for each of the Mission Projects that you may sign. You may put your gift cards and stamps inside the card you make. Whether you make a card or not, please put your items in a small envelope with the



name of the Mission Project it's for on the outside and your name and your unit's name inside. There will be a basket to collect the cards and envelopes. We do not expect that everyone will get an individual thank you note, but I know the Mission Projects would like to know who thought enough of them to take the effort to bring a little extra.

There is a new fundraising initiative by UW Faith National called **Move for Mission**. Check out the national website, uwfaith.org/move4mission, for

fundraising ideas for Education and Leadership Development.

Please bring your pull-tabs to Aiken for Sue Owens to take to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. Although there are other drop-off locations, this is convenient and Sue has graciously consented to continue to do this. Remember, that the Conference Annual Meeting is the **LAST time** you can bring your used postage stamps to be sent to the Marion Mission Storehouse in Indiana, unless your unit or district has decided to continue to collect them.

Their address is:

Marion Mission Storehouse (MMS)

PO Box 38

402 E. Highland Ave.

Marion, IN 46952

If your district is electing a new Education & Interpretation Coordinator, I look forward to meeting her at Officers' Training on Saturday, Nov. 11, at **Trenholm Road UMC, Columbia**. Registration is from 9-9:30 AM and the program begins at 9:30. I hope to see continuing E&I's as well.

Hope to see you all in Aiken!

Beth Addis

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Anderson, SC 29621-2686

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2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction



United
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April 19 – 21, 2024

1 Carter Street

Chattanooga, Tennessee

THE CHATTANOOGA CHOO-CHOO IS FUELING UP!

Are you ready? Do you have your bags packed? Do you have your **G, J, and L dollar bills** all collected? Well, you have a little more time to wait. Let's not put the caboose before the engine. You will have many more loads of laundry to do between now and packing time. You will, hopefully, have more dollar bills to collect which will add to our Mission Giving Offering and our gift to the Legacy Fund. But.....

Registration for the 2024 SEJ Quadrennial Event will open on Sept. 1, 2023.

Early registration is **only \$210**—a bargain price for the week-end that you will experience! You will hear inspiring, enlightening, and encouraging speakers! **Janet Wolf**, our speaker for the 2022 Assembly, will be **our keynote speaker**. We will have workshops with others who will challenge you as well. Our music director will be Linda Furtado. If you have attended LDD or Mission u training, you have been introduced to her talents. You will eat together at lunch and dinner on Saturday. You will be entertained by a local comedienne during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday night. New Board of Director members will be elected. New Board members and Southeastern Jurisdiction Team members will be installed. You will finally be able to **GET TOGETHER** with other members of our jurisdiction. All this and much more for the low, low price of \$210. But—for those who like to put off until the last minute—**late registration will be \$240** beginning on January 1, 2024. **The deadline for registration is March 19, 2024.**

It's time to save those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters—and, oh yes—those dollar bills. I look forward to seeing you there!



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Get Together!

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION QUADRENNIAL EVENT
APRIL 19-21 2024 | CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE | www.sejuwf.org

What does it mean to answer the call to “love one another”
(John 13:34) in 2024? Come GET TOGETHER! to:

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood

DEEPEN our relationship with God

EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

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

Get
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SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION
QUADRENNIAL EVENT

sejuwf.org

Come to Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 19-21, 2024

GET TOGETHER to feel the joy of faith-filled women, uniting.

GET TOGETHER to nurture your soul.

GET TOGETHER to deepen your relationship with God.

GET TOGETHER to explore the power of love to make a difference.

WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER

What does it mean to answer the call to "love one another" (John 13:34) in 2024? Come GET TOGETHER to explore the possibilities through

- Inspiring worships
- Engaging workshops
- Riveting and motivating speakers
- Renewing soul care

PRICE

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event is a great value at the early registration fee of \$210. Few other faith-based conferences offer so much for such a low fee.

FEATURING

Rev. Janet Wolf as our Keynote Speaker.
Linda Furtado as our Music Director

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

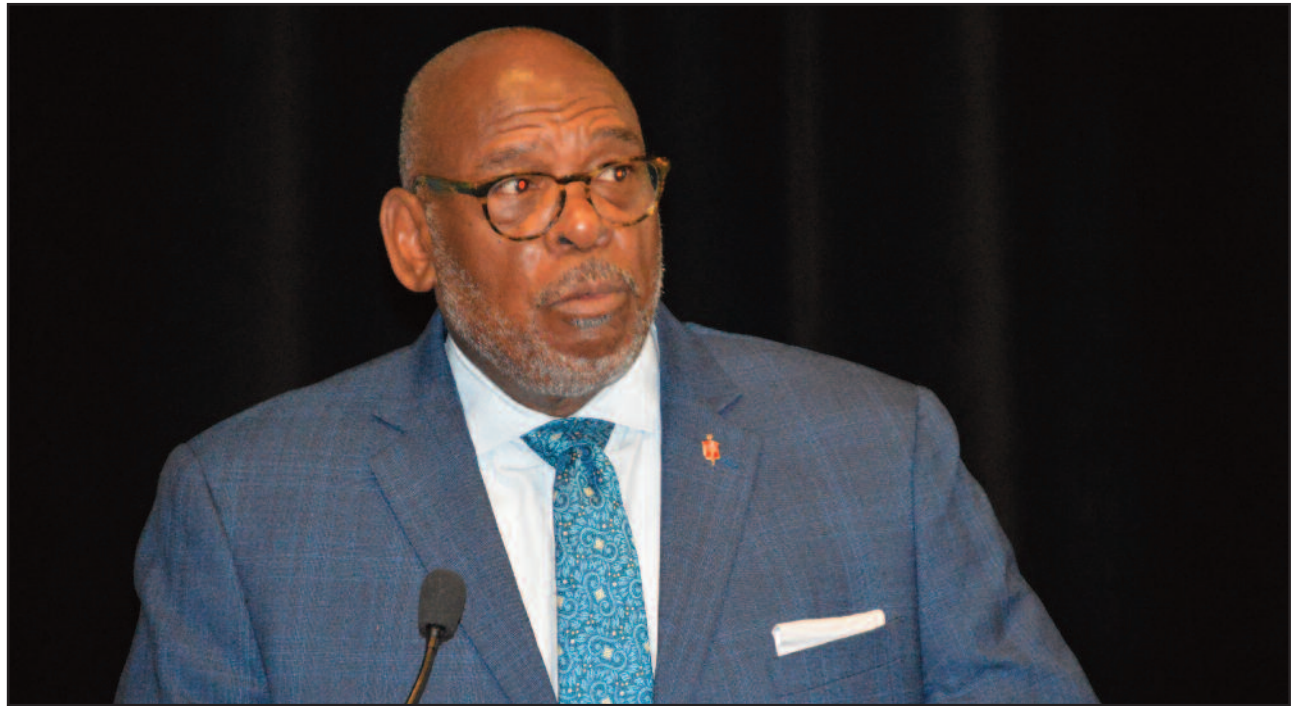
A Snapshot of Mission u

Photos taken at Spartanburg Methodist College - Mission u 2023



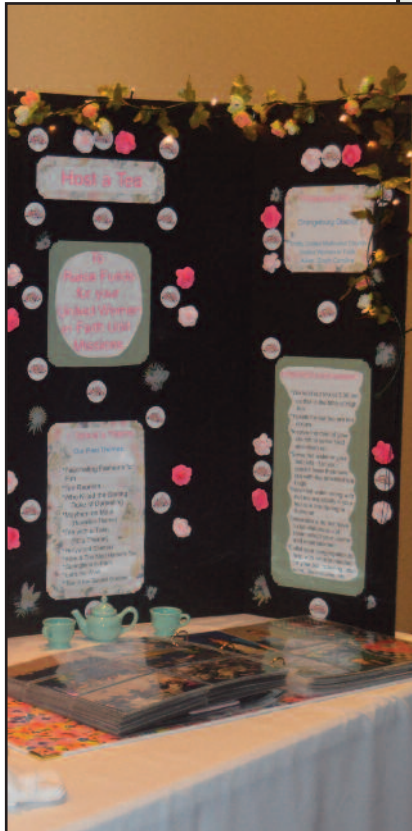
Bishop Holston delivers powerful Message at Mission u

A few of the many "faces" of Bishop Holston during his messages.



From Serious Moments to Laughter, it's all a part of Mission u

Attendees participated in "Rock the Runway" Mission u style and receives prayer clothes





United Women in Faith engaged in the events of the SC Annual Conference



A quiet moment before the next session at the SC United Methodist Annual Conference in June



United Women in Faith in attendance at the SCCUMC Annual Conference

Wallace Family Life Center

Submitted by Frances McCluney, Conference Representative to WFLC Board

Wallace Family Life Center recently welcomed new Marion District Superintendent Rev. Steven L. Brown to our Board of Directors. He is excited to be in mission with WFLC and is looking forward to serving. We thank his predecessor, District Superintendent Rev. Tim Rogers for his guidance and service and pray God's blessings upon him as he moves from ministry into retirement.

We are so grateful at Wallace Family Life Center for the many donations from churches, businesses, and United Women in Faith groups that have allowed us to make a difference for families during the summer months. Thank you for the housekeeping and school supplies, food, gift cards and checks which we have used to maintain the Center and to sponsor a variety of events which have benefitted the citizens of the Wallace community.

Serving children in the community has been our primary focus this summer. Led by Interim Director Linda Sanders, WFLC sponsored a Summer Camp from June 12th through July 20th. We were encouraged to have fifteen campers at the beginning of the summer. The morning routine included a time for song, ministry and prayer. Computer learning centers allowed children to work on skills and play games. In the afternoons children were engaged in hands on projects such as making star wreaths to celebrate the



Fourth of July. Though our numbers decreased by the end of the summer, the children who completed the Summer Camp received a certificate and a book bag filled with school supplies. Donations helped to provide lunches, supplies and materials for the camp.

Thanks to the generosity of others, WFLC hosted a Back-to-School event on the evening of August 7th. We were able to give away 30 book bags filled with school supplies to children in the Wallace area. We will soon host a second event to give away clear book bags which are now being required by schools.

With school back in session, WFLC will once again host its after-school program for students. Beginning on September 5th, the program will run Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. Students will receive a snack, have supervised homework sessions and time to enhance skills learned at school.

The Adult Education program will also soon be back in session. It will begin on September 6th and meet each Wednesday. Attendees will have opportunities to improve math and reading skills as well as work on arts and crafts projects each month.

Our Interim Director and Board members are currently working on ideas for the remainder of our calendar year. We continue to covet your prayers as we look for ways to serve others.

District Officers' Training

Nov. 11, 2023

Presidents

Treasurers

Secretaries

Communications

Trenholm UMC
Columbia

Social Action

All district officers, historians, and cluster leaders are requested to attend the Conference Officers' Training to be held at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, Columbia on November 11, 2023. The address is 3401 Trenholm Road, Columbia.

Registration will be from 9:00-9:30 am. Training should be done by 12:30pm. Lunch will be included. District Presidents are requested to send the number of officers coming, so we know how many to expect for lunch. Please let Kathy Roys know by Annual Meeting in October. Rev. Kathy James, Director of Church Relations at Epworth Children's Home, will be our guest speaker. She will be informing us of all the new services Epworth is providing. A love offering will be taken for Epworth.

Secretary of Program
Resources

Historians

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Vice Presidents

Cluster Leaders

CON

Spiritual Growth

MN & O



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United Women in Faith Board Elects Sally Vonner General Secretary and CEO

NEW YORK, NY—United Women in Faith is pleased to announce the election of Sally Vonner to the position of General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1, 2023. The May 22 board vote culminated a six-month nationwide search.

Ms. Vonner joined the organization's national staff in 2010 as Assistant General Secretary of Membership and Leadership Development. With reorganization in 2018, she became the Transformation Officer, coordinating the organization's visioning and strategic development to positively impact the lives of women, children, and youth. She oversaw an organizational rebranding that opened new ways for women to join, introduced program innovations and initiatives, and rolled out United Women



in Faith as the new public-facing name.

"Sally is not just a woman who knows this organization but also a visionary who possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience," said 'Ainise 'Isama'u,

board president. "She is the kind of leader who understands where we've been, where we are, and where we need to go."

Board Vice President Cynthia Rives said, "Sally's grasp of the current strategic plan will enable her to lead United Women in Faith boldly as we live out our belief that love in action can change the world. Equally important, she brings stability in a time of change as she is well grounded in our organization, knowledgeable of our history, and today's United Women in Faith."

[Full article can be found uwfaith.org](https://www.uwfaith.org)

"My primary focus is to continue and expand the mission and reach of United Women in Faith as we put our love and faith in action to change the world, and work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth around the world," Ms. Vonner said.

Greetings from Killingsworth!

Currently we have fourteen women living at the house and working toward their goals of wholeness. Some have successfully completed their time with us recently and are doing well on their own.

About this time last year, I came to you with a dismal report about expensive repairs that needed to be done on our property – this year the news is good!

It was a process, but we located two contractors who were certified to do our needed work. Their schedules were filled, and the weather did not always cooperate. It took time – but the roof is repaired, and the painting is underway!

And even better news – our UWF National office has made \$25,000 available for us to get this work completed! We did have some other significant contributions and it is a blessing that we have the money that we need for this project! God is good. And our sisters around the country who contribute to undesignated giving are also good.

We are returning to an in-person gala this year and you

will find more information in this newsletter. The date is Thursday November 9th, at 6 PM and we are returning to Seawell's. We look forward to seeing you there and we welcome sponsorships and contributions to our silent auction. Please contact me at jrscott780@att.net for more auction information.

We are fortunate to have Susan Sirmons as our Interim Executive Director. Susan has been a part of our support



staff for years and knows our mission well. She is dedicated to the success of our work and committed to our women. Susan attended Mission U and enjoyed getting acquainted with many of you. Please make time to visit her at our table at Conference Annual Meeting in Aiken.

Our current needs include new pillows, trash bags, and gift cards. The cards can be for grocery stores or for stores where our staff might purchase clothing for women who are starting new jobs. We do have a good collection of donated clothes, but there are times when different sizes

are needed.

In contrast to our good news, we do have serious financial problems currently. During the pandemic we were not actively seeking funds and now we are suffering from that. Inflation is hard on us all. We received several grants in the last year, but some were for specific programs therefore not available for day-to-day expenses. We are concerned about having enough money for salaries, utilities and food.

Our board is aware of this

critical need and is working hard toward a financially successful gala, then will be looking for other funding sources.

With a new Executive Director, Board President and Treasurer in place, we are finding some ways to use our current resources more conservatively. We solicit your prayers as we walk through a time of transition and financial difficulties. We also ask for your generous financial support as strive to keep this house viable for many years to come.

Jane Scott

SCCUWF Representative to Killingsworth



**KILLINGSWORTH
GALA RETURNS!**

KILLINGSWORTH  **transforming women**

“CHANGING LIVES ONE RESIDENT AT A

**Thursday, November 9, 2023
Seawell’s Restaurant
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29201**

6:00 P.M.~ 9:00 P.M.

**Online Ticket Sales Begin August 18th
Individual-\$65.00 / Table of Eight-\$500.00
Deadline for Ticket Sales is Friday, November 3rd**

**Killingsworth Home For Women
at killingsworth.org or mail below:**



Tear off and mail this portion with check/money order:
1831 Pendelton St. Columbia, SC 29201 (Payable to Killingsworth Inc.)
All information below required for registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone# _____
Email _____

Sponsorship Available

SIGNATURE	\$10,000
PLATINUM	\$5,000
DIAMOND	\$3,000
RUBY	\$1,000
EMERALD	\$500

\$10,000 Signature Sponsor:

- The Signature Sponsor gets their name listed everywhere we mention the Gala.
- The Gala will be named Killingsworth's 30th Gala presented by business name.
- The business logo will be included in the logo / graphic elements created for the Gala.
- Speaking time or the ability to present a video during the Gala.
- Two tables of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- Full page advertising space in the program booklet.
- Thank you plaque.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Mentions and links posted to Killingsworth's social media pages leading up to the event.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Numerous mentions and thank you(s) during the event itself.



\$5,000 Platinum Sponsor:

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- Half page advertising space in the program booklet.
- Company Logo and link on Killingsworth Website.
- A thank you plaque.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Mentions and links posted to Killingsworth's social media pages leading up to the event.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Numerous mentions and thank you(s) during the event itself.

\$3,000 Diamond Sponsor:

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- One fourth page advertising space in the program booklet.
- Company Logo and link on Killingsworth Website.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Mentions and links posted to Killingsworth's social media pages leading up to the event.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Numerous mentions and thank you(s) during the event itself.

\$1,000 Ruby Sponsor:

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.
- Company name listed in the program booklet.
- Company Link on Killingsworth Website.
- Personalized thank you letter from the residents of Killingsworth.
- Promotions in our e-Newsletter.
- Thank you during the event itself.

\$500 Emerald Sponsor:

- A table of eight for you and your guests will be provided.



SCCUWF Officer Nomination from the Floor

The Nominations Committee is required to interview the potential candidate to determine her eligibility to serve as a Conference officer before she can be included in the election. This form allows time to complete the process before the election is held.

Name of nominee: _____

Which office? _____

Nominee's phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Nominee's Church: _____

District: _____

Nominator's name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Why is this nominee being recommended for the position listed above?

Please notify the nominee she is being nominated from the floor.

Return the completed form to Nominations Chair (Azilee Dickey):

South Carolina Conference Committee on Nominations (SCCUWF) Report

Submitted by: Azilee "DeeDee" Dickey"

What a task. What a Task! WHAT A TASK!!! WE NEED YOU.

The Committee on Nominations has experienced a year unbeknownst to us as one previously on record. We have had the undaunting task to fulfill our slate of officers for the 2024 year amidst disaffiliations, illness and other challenges. Yet our faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, and we will survive.

We are still looking for a Conference Treasurer. Thanks to all who have submitted recommendations. This year our current treasurer, Ruby Hannah will retire with glowing honors and debts of gratitude for her exceptional service these last five years to the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith.

Also, we were also asked to recommend nominees for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team (SEJ), The Board of Directors (BOD), and the Program Advisory Group (PAG). Criteria for the Board of Directors and Program Advisory Committee are enclosed.

The election of the proposed slate of officers for 2024 will be held at St John UMC, Aiken at the SCCUWF 51st Annual Meeting on October 21 st . The Voting delegates are comprised from the local churches. These include from the local churches the Unit President or her duly elected alternate. Units with membership under 100 may have one additional elected delegate, while Units with membership over 100 may have two additional elected delegates. Other delegates include members of the District and Conference Executive Committees, the appointees to the four SC Mission Project boards, past Conference Presidents, nominees for Conference offices, members of the Conference Committee on Nominations, deaconesses, members of the National UWF Board of Directors, Program Advisory Group and Southeastern Jurisdiction officers who reside within the bounds of the SC Conference.

Included is the Nomination from the floor form if needed. Nominations from the floor require CON to interview the nominees for eligibility and background experience for the position before the nomination can be accepted.

United Women in Faith, thank you for your willingness to serve the Purpose and Mission of United Women in Faith.

There is still time to register! If you will be the delegate, please check the voting delegate space on the registration form.

2023 Officer Nominations

SCCUWF Slate of Officers for 2024 (with year in term)

President: Clarice Blakeney (2)

Vice President: Kathy Roys (2)

Secretary: Ann Alexander (2)

TREASURER: VACANT

Communication: Wanda Chandler-Flowers (2)

Social Action: Patricia Armstrong (2)

Spiritual Growth: Vickie Harvey (4)

Program Resource: Shirley Crosby (4)

MN&O: Angela Allen (3)

Education & Interpretation: Beth Addis (2)

Committee on Nominations Chair: Azilee Dickey (2/4)

CON 2024: Velva Ellerbe, Sandra Love (4)

CON 2025: Linda Kennedy (3),

CON 2026: Kim Neel, (2) Diandra Frierson Polk

CON 2027: Theresa Douglas, Gloria Bowden, Jacqueline Williams



****South Carolina Voting Delegates for SEJ at the Quadrennial Meeting** April 19-21, 2024, Chattanooga Tennessee. are:
Clarice Blakeney, W. Chandler-Flowers, Kathy Roys

Board of Directors (BOD): Conferences elect 2 nominees and an alternate at their Annual Meeting in 2023

BOD: (need 3)

Program Advisory Committee (PAG): Conferences elect 3 nominees at their Annual Meeting in 2023.

PAG: Debra Schooler, Marcella Forrest, (need 1)

<<<<REMINDER!>>>>

Voting At The Annual Meeting

The President or her duly elected alternate will serve as the voting delegate at the Annual Meeting. Each Unit may have an additional elected delegate for membership under 100 or two additional delegates for membership of 100 or more.

Other delegates include members of:

- District and Conference Executive Committees,
- The appointees to SC Mission Project boards,
- Past Conference presidents,
- Nominees for conference offices,
- Member of the Conference Committee on Nominations,
- Deaconesses
- National UWF Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group,

In addition to, Southeast Jurisdiction officers who reside within the bounds of the SC Conference

Be sure to check the voting delegate slot on your Annual Meeting registration form.

See you at the Annual Meeting in October.



DISTRICT MISSION TODAY reports are due Sept. 1st. Last year the conference had 107 Mission Today units. Can we increase our Conference total by 10% this year? That would be 118 units. We can do it if we all work together!!
Send report to: Beth Addis
baddis1108@yahoo.com

Looking to get Unit/Circle Involved
Check out the

SOCIAL ACTION

READING PROGRAM BOOK

Or other topics your Unit/Circle is passionate about

Contact Patricia Armstrong at
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for more information

WRITE your LEGISLATORS ABOUT ITEMS

IMPORTANT TO YOU

They are there for you.

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Skills Needed

- ◆ Competency in one of the following: Finance, Governance/legal, Strategic Planning/Marketing – beneficial but not required
- ◆ Leadership and working well on committees
- ◆ Excellent communication skills including prompt attention to emails.
- ◆ Good organizational techniques.
- ◆ Basic understanding of technology, social media, and a willingness to learn as technology develops.
- ◆ Build relationships with others at all levels of the organization

Resources Available

- ◆ Knowledge of the United Women in Faith resources, understand how to access them, and be familiar with them. Regularly read response magazine, utilize the Daily Prayer Guide and Program Book. Belong to the United Women in Faith Digital.

- ◆ Resources include:
 - ◇ response magazine
 - ◇ UWFaith website
 - ◇ Mission u materials
 - ◇ UWFaith Digital
 - ◇ national staff

Responsibilities (Continued from inside)

and monitor the finances and financial structure of the corporation.

Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Elect officers of the corporation
- ◆ Ensure the corporation complies with the State of New York laws
- ◆ Set policies and monitor implementation
- ◆ Approve the total budgets for the organization
- ◆ Maintain confidentiality
- ◆ Hire, supervise and support the General Secretary/CEO
- ◆ Establish and review strategic plan and goals



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Serving the National Organization: The Board of Directors



Term of Service: 2024—2028



United Women in Faith Digital
Member resources for local programming and transformative education.

Role & Responsibilities

The Election Process

- ◆ Conferences elect 2 nominees and an alternate at their Annual Meeting in 2023.
- ◆ Each jurisdiction elects a certain number of national directors at the 2024 Jurisdiction Meeting.
- ◆ June 23, 2024: Extended Governance Committee selects 1 director per jurisdiction to serve on the national Committee on Nominations.
- ◆ All nominees not elected will be considered by the national Committee on Nominations to be selected as an additional member or as a member of the Program Advisory Group.
- ◆ A national director is also a member of the Program Advisory Group.

Time Expectations

- ◆ June 26-30, 2024: National Committee on Nominations meeting. Nominate additional five board members, nominate national officers, nominate Program Advisory Group members, and additional nominations.
- ◆ July 19, 2024: Organizational Meeting, virtual
- ◆ August 22—25, 2024: Orientation Meeting, virtual
- ◆ Board Meetings:
 - ◇ October 4-5, 2024
 - ◇ April 11-12; October 3-4, 2025

- ◇ April 10-12; October 2-3, 2026
- ◇ April 9-10; October 8-9, 2027
- ◇ March 31-April 1, 2028
- ◆ Committee Meetings: schedule TBD
- ◆ Other meetings as needed. Some directors will be elected to represent United Women in Faith on boards of related institutions and organizations.

- ◆ Annual PAG Meetings:
 - ◇ March 6-9, 2025
 - ◇ March 6-7, 2026
 - ◇ March 5-6, 2027
 - ◇ March 4-5, 2028
- ◆ Jurisdiction Cohort Meetings: every other odd month, with Annual PAG Meeting being the March monthly meeting.
- ◆ Teams & Committees as needed
- ◆ Special events as needed

Commitments

As a member of the Board of Directors, loyalty to the organization, it's interests and well-being are prioritized ahead of conference and personal interests. Meeting attendance is required. A director is expected to be informed about issues by reading and reviewing all meeting materials to be prepared to make thoughtful decisions.

The directors are members of the Program Advisory Group.

Directors participate in the work of the organization through virtual meetings, conference calls, webinars and in-person meetings at the local, district, conference, and national level.

Read all meeting materials prior to and after all meetings to be prepared for discussions and actions.



Responsibilities

The board of directors oversee, lead, and care for both the United Women in Faith national organization and the United Methodist Women corporation. It is the responsibility of the board of directors to protect the assets

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Faith, hope and love in action

Skills Needed & Resources Available

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- Team player
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**Serving the National
Organization: Being a
Program Advisory Group
member**



Term of Service: 2024–2028

Role & Responsibilities

Service

How am I selected to serve on the Program Advisory Group and what is the time commitment?

- ◆ Conferences elect 3 nominees at their Annual Meeting in 2023
- ◆ June 26-30, 2024: The national Committee on Nominations selects 1 nominee per conference for each who doesn't have a national Board of Directors member. Each selected nominee is notified prior to election.
- ◆ August 22 – 25, 2024: Orientation Meeting, virtual
- ◆ Annual PAG Meetings:
 - ◇ March 6-9, 2025
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- ◆ Jurisdiction Cohort Meetings: every other odd month, with Annual PAG Meeting being the March monthly meeting.
- ◆ Teams & Committees as needed
- ◆ Special events as needed
- ◆ Represent United Women in Faith on boards of related institutions and organizations.

Responsibilities

Program Advisory Group members serve as a visible and available liaison between United Women in Faith districts, conference, jurisdiction, and the national organization. She represents the membership to the Board of Directors and national organization in the areas of: programming, leadership development, membership growth, spiritual growth, and advocacy.



Commitments

As a member of the Program Advisory Group, you are expected to attend all meetings and be prepared by reading and reviewing all meeting materials. PAG members participate in the work of the organization through virtual meetings, conference calls, webinars and in-person meetings at the local, district, conference, and national level.

Read all meeting materials prior to and

after all meetings to be prepared for discussions and actions.

Promoting the Legacy Endowment Fund and Mission Giving is a critical role. Explaining where the money goes and being an advocate for meeting and increasing the conference pledge is also an important role.

Report to the conference leadership team at all meetings and events. Be able to articulate the full scope of the organization including history, purpose, and mission priorities. Interpret and promote the Legacy Endowment fund. Promote mission giving by telling the stories of how the lives of women children, and youth are impacted. Report the successes and needs of the membership with directors and staff.

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United
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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.

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2023 Calendar of Events

September – Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October – Bethlehem Center -Spartanburg, Special Emphasis Month

October 20-21– SCCUWF 51st Annual Mtg. /12:30pm - 3 pm/St. John's UMC, Aiken, Orangeburg District

November 11 – District Officers Training/ 9:00am /Columbia District UWF host

December 2 – Limitless Event /10am- virtual

December 25 – Baby Jesus is born.

Missed the Racial and Environmental Justice Workshop?



Copy and paste the link to learn all
about the Clean Water Initiative

<https://youtu.be/-UHecIDNYgk>

*Everyone deserves
clean water*

Announcements

**KILLINGSWORTH
IS SEPTEMBER
SPECIAL
EMPHASIS MONTH**

UNIT SURVEY
DEADLINE EXTENDED
SEPTEMBER 30TH
More information
on page 3

**DISTRICT
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reports are due
Sept. 1st
Send to Beth Addis
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**MISSED THE
RACIAL &
ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE WORKSHOP**
See it on our
Youtube Channel

**UW Faith
2023 Annual
Meeting**
Oct. 20 - 21
St. John UMC
Aiken, SC

**NOVEMBER
SPECIAL EMPHASIS
MONTH**
**BETHLEHEM CENTER
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