

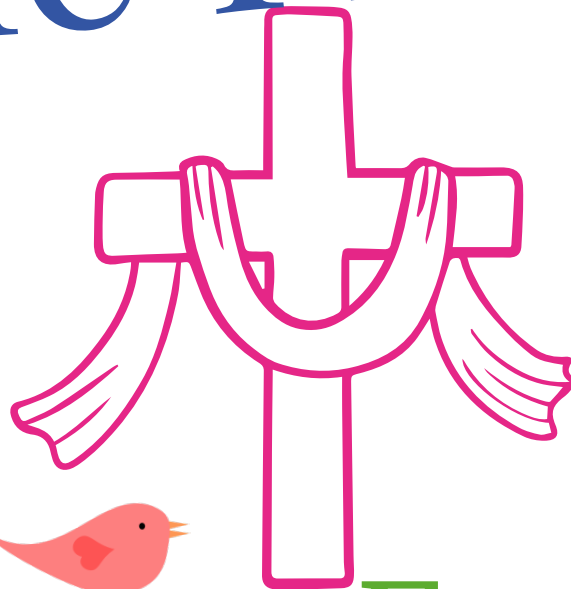
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Happy Easter

Announcements

Mark Your Calendars

<p>July 6th Limitless Event @ 10:00 am Location: TBA</p>		<p>March 23rd Day Apart Event @ 9:00 am Location: Cumberland United Methodist Church 163 South Coit Street Florence, SC 29501</p>
<p>MARCH 23RD LEGACY FUND DAY OF GIVING</p>	<p>Virtual Book study Theme: So You Want to Talk About Race March 9 @ 11:00 am</p>	<p>SEJ TENNESSEE April 19 - 21st See inside for more information and application</p>
<p>May 18th Come Together Be Together @9:30 am (Virtual)</p>	<p>June 22nd Charter for Racial and Environmental Justice Event @10:00 am (Virtual)</p>	<p>SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT. APRIL 6, 2024 @ 10:00 am Virtual</p>



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As the warmth of springtime approaches, bringing its vibrant colors and the melody of new life, we find ourselves once again embracing the blessed season of Easter. This time of renewal and hope holds a special place in our hearts, reminding us of the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the promise of new beginnings.

As spring approaches with vibrant colors and new life, we welcome Easter's renewal and hope, reminding us of Jesus Christ's resurrection and new beginnings. We were honored to be in person for the Local Officers Training in January. Thank you for your attendance and participation. Special thanks to St. Paul UWF for hosting and providing a nutritious lunch, and to St. Michael UWF for the fulfilling breakfast. We were spiritually inspired by the words of Rev. Shawn V. Chestnut, Pastor of Bethesda UMC, and warmly welcomed by Rev. Barry McFadden, Pastor of St. Michael. Eighty-seven Local Unit officers were in attendance. The St. Paul UMC choir set the tone of the day with musical selections.

Florence District members are on the move, growing spiritually and in leadership development by attending Book Talks, Committee Meetings, Leadership Advocacy Days, Climate Justice webinars, and listening to Digital Faith Talks. We are excited about our upcoming Day Apart hosted by Cumberland UWF on March 23, 2024. Please take a moment to register for this in-person program. Thanks to all Units that have submitted 2024 Pledges; see the note from the treasurer for further detail.

Let us continue to keep up with the events on the calendar. Officers and committee chairmen are working diligently to provide growth, information, and engagement. Your Executive Team is here for guidance and support. Feel free to reach out to a member.

May this Easter season inspire us to refresh our faith, cultivate our spiritual growth, and share love and kindness both locally and worldwide. Wishing you all a beautiful and blessed Easter filled with peace, joy, and the enduring warmth of God's love.

Happy Easter,

Melissa A. Epps,
President
Florence District UWF



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.




Please mail form to: Carolyn W. Scott, P.O. Box 1564, Lake City, SC 29560 by August 1st, 2024

Name of Church: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

DATE COMPLETED

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 an article from Response and New World Outlook or UWF Action Alerts relating to racism.
4. _____ 4.  Supply 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 UWF Program Book.
7. _____ 7. Participate in a UWF 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 UWF Legislative Day
10. _____ 10. Participate in postcard-writing which encourages legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged.
11. _____ 11. Experienced worship, Bible study, or UWF 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 UWF Webinar-

2024 FLORENCE DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Office	Name	Phone	Address	Email
President	Melissa Epps	(803)-316-4971	1650 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080	Eppsmelissa@gmail.com
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Secretary	Pearl R. Brown	(843)-319-6450 (c) (843)-382-3564	2076 Cade Road, Lake City, SC 29518	Prbrown2076@gmail.com
Treasurer	Dorothy Murray	(843)-356-0398	P.O. Box 602 Kingstree, SC 29556	Thebig_DM@yahoo.com
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Spiritual Growth	Kimberly Graham	843-496-1919	614 East Cricklewood Drive Florence SC 29505	kdteach94@aol.com
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E & I	Anita Simon	(803)-305-5974	P O Box 2102 Sumter SC 29151-2102	Leki1380@yahoo.com
Chair CON	Mildred Cunningham	(843)-382-8154	729 Doodle Hill Loop, Nesmith, SC 29580	Cunninghammildred4@gmail.com
CON	Connie Dennis	(843)-659-2644	3560 Pudding Swamp Rd. Turbeville, SC 29162	Cjdenniscd3@yahoo.com
CON	Lutie Brown	(843)-365-4468	212 F. Guerry Road Kingstree, SC 29556	
CON	Shirley Woodard	(843)-354-3600 (843)-356-9540	51 Montana Dr. Kingstree, SC 29556	shirley_woodard@yahoo.com
CON SC Conference	Azilee Dickey	803)-491-6699 (c)	205 Kilpatrick Drive Sumter, SC 29154	deejie721@yahoo.com

DON'T MISS IT

LAST DATE TO REGISTER

MARCH 19, 2024



EVENT:

Let's Get Together for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting! Have you registered yet? If not, you still have time. **Deadline is March 19th.**

Go to:

WWW.SEJUWF.ORG

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith
2024 Mission Trip
Boarding for the “Get Together”



Name: _____

Address: _____

Cellphone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Cost of Transportation and 1 Meal: \$185.00

Make Checks payable to the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith

Mail form(s) with a check(s) to:

Jacquelyn Session

1018 Bordeaux Avenue

Sumter, South Carolina 29153

Contact Information: jacquelyn.session@outlook.com

803.883.6070

Transportation cost is due by February 29th, 2024

Travelers Must Make Hotel Reservations by March 19th, 2024

Please provide the front desk with arrival date and group name to reserve rooms: South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith.

Pick up locations: Please circle our pickup choice:

Charleston - Grace UMC - 1601 Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, SC - Depart 7:00 am

Columbia - Columbia College - Campus Police Parking Lot - Depart 9:00 am

Spartanburg - Silver Hill UMC - 778 John B. White St. Blvd., Spartanburg, SC - Depart 11:00 am

****You are responsible for registering for the SEJ Conference****

Florence District United Women in Faith 2024 Calendar

March

- March 1 *Presidential Scholarship Applications deadline*
- March 2 **Finance Committee @ 1:00 pm (Virtual) ****
- March 9 **Program Committee @ 10:00 am (Rock Hill Hosts/Virtual) ****
- March 9 **Book Study @ 11:00 am (Virtual)**
- March 23 **Day Apart @ 9:00 am (In-Person)**
Location: **Cumberland United Methodist Church/Cumberland UWF Host**
163 S. Coit Street, Florence, SC 29501
- March 23 **Legacy Fund Day of Giving, 155th year (all Day)**

April

Special Emphasis Month - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

- April 6 **Spiritual Growth Event @ 10:00 am (Virtual) Anderson District Hosts**
- April 19th - 21st **Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting**
Location: Chattanooga Tennessee
- April 23 - May 3 **U M General Conference (Charlotte, NC)**
- April 28 **Executive Team Meeting @ 6:00 pm (District Officers Only)**

May

- May 18 **Come Together Be Together/ Mt. Zion UWF Hosts @ 9:30 am**
(Virtual Event) Location: 701 St. John Street, Kingstree, SC 29556

June

- June 9th - 12th **SC UMC Annual Conference/ Greenville, SC**
- June 22 **Social Action for Racial and Environmental Justice Event**
Venue: Virtual @ 10:00 am

July

- July 6 **Limitless Event @ 10:00 am (In-Person/Location: TBA)**
- July 18 - 20th **Mission U @ Spartanburg Methodist College**

August

- August 10 **Florence District Fun Day/Meeting**
Location: Circle G Ranch/ 35 Wilson Chapel Road, Kingstree, SC 29556
- August 10 **Program Committee @ 12:30 pm (Virtual) ****
- August 17 **Social Action Committee @ 1:00 pm (Virtual) ****
- August 24 **Finance Committee @ 9:30 am ****
Membership, Nurture and Outreach @ 1:00 pm (Virtual) **

September

Special Emphasis Month - Killingsworth

- September 21 **Florence District Annual Meeting/Wesley UWF Hosts @ 9:30 am**
Location: Wesley Chapel/112 Deep River, Lake City, SC 29560

October

Special Emphasis Month - Bethlehem Center/ Spartanburg

- October 25 - 26th **South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting**
Location: **Woodland UMC/ Rock Hill UWF Hosts**
801 Cherry Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732
Time: 12:30 - 3:00 pm

November

- November 9 **District Officers' Training/Columbia UWF Hosts @ 9:30 am**
(Florence District Officers Only)
- November 14 **Killingsworth Gala/TBA**

December

- December 7 **Limitless Event @ 10:00 am/In-person/TBA**
- December 25 **Merry Christmas/Christ the Savior was Born**

Growing Spiritually

As we enter this season of Lent, I made a personal pledge to pray more. I wanted to share with you something I do daily in addition to my morning meditational scriptures and readings. I send some of the inspirational readings to family and friends, daily as a method to check in on them daily. I started doing this practice years ago to encourage those who ask me to pray for them and others whom I know are facing difficulty. It warms my heart when they reply that the messages were just what they needed. This year I have added the You Version Bible app daily scripture. This practice gives me a wonderful feeling daily as I can reach out to those, I'm not able to speak with daily. My challenge to you is to do something daily to share, encourage, inspire, motivate, and elevate others.

Just like Bishop Holston uses social media to pray with us daily at 7 am. This is a great place to start your personal method of ministering to others. Go to the South Carolina Conference website, <https://www.umcsc.org>. My challenge to you is to share something inspirational with others, such as a scripture, poem, song, or passage, that can help us change the world.

I leave you with this scripture, 1 Thessalonians 5:11-28, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. Now we ask you, brothers, and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers, and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

My challenge to you is to send an email, text, call or visit to encourage someone daily and you will be blessed.

Continued Blessings and Peace,

Kimberly Graham

Spiritual Growth



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Florence District's Annual Day Apart Event Registration

Event Timing: March 23, 2024 at 9:00 am

Event Address: Cumberland United Methodist Church

163 South Coit Street, Florence, South Carolina 29501

Contact: Kimberly Graham @ (843)- 496- 1919 or kdteach94@aol.com

You have the option to register electronically using the link below or print this page, complete it, and mail it to Florence District Secretary, Pearl R. Brown. Thank You

Registration Link: tinyurl.com/DayApartMarch2024

Name _____

Email _____

Church/ Local Unit _____

Church Address _____

Number of attendees from Your unit _____

Dietary restrictions

- None
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Kosher
- Gluten-free
- Other:

Mail or email completed form to:

Email: prbrown2076@gmail.com

Mail to: Pearl R, Brown, District Secretary

2076 Cade Rd.,

Lake City, SC 29560

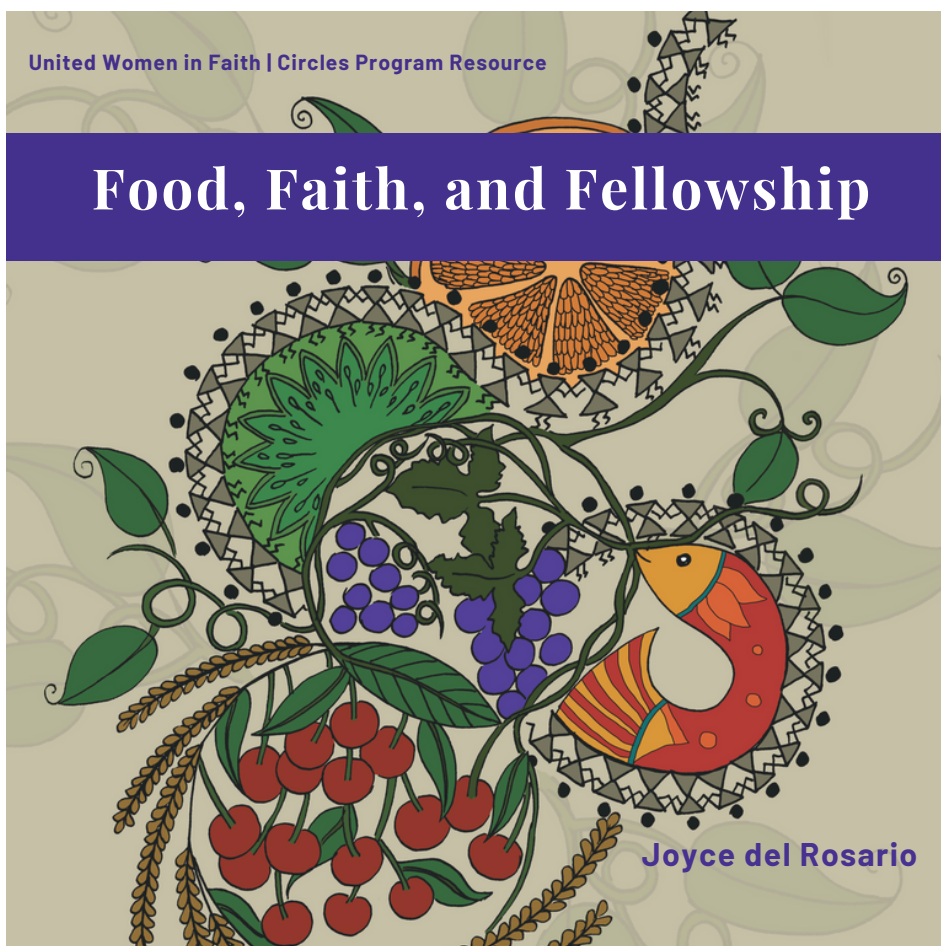


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Florence District *Annual Day Apart*

United Women in Faith | Circles Program Resource

Food, Faith, and Fellowship



Joyce del Rosario

Cumberland United Methodist Church

163 South Coit Street

Florence, SC 29501

March 23, 2024 @ 9:00 am

Reporting Dates for Local Units

<p>1st Quarter is January - March <i>Report due to District Treasurer</i> By March 5, 2024</p>	<p>2nd Quarter is April - June <i>Report due to District Treasurer</i> By June 5, 2024</p>
<p>3rd Quarter is July - September <i>Report due to District Treasurer</i> By September 6, 2024 <i>(Due early before Annual Meeting)</i></p>	<p>4th Quarter is October - December <i>Report due to District Treasurer</i> By November 29, 2024 <i>(District Treasurer Report is due to Conference Treasurer)</i></p>

Financial Gifts Change Lives

It's Not Too Late - Pledge Today!!!

Name of Church/Unit: _____

President or Treasurer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Mail to Dorothy Murray, P.O. Box 602, Kingstree, SC 29556

Florence District Local Officer's Training Workshop

We Sincerely Thank Every United Women in Faith Local Leader who came out to fellowship and develop their skills, while improving our District organization. As **Reverend Shawn Chestnut**, the Speaker, for this event said, **"LET'S GET BETTER, NOT BITTER"**. If you missed it, you missed a REAL TREAT. We are Grateful for everyone that participated and attended. Seeing the sea of beautiful leaders warmed our hearts.



Presiding: **Mrs. Katherine Sabb-Graham** (Flo. District Vice President)



The Dynamic Speaker for this event:
Reverend Shawn V. Chestnut;
 Pastor of Bethesda United Methodist Church



Reverend Barry McFadden; Pastor of St. Michael UMC/Kingtree

Melissa Epps (Florence District President) Training the Local Presidents



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REMITTANCE FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS

Thank you for giving

Local Unit: _____ Remittance : _____
 District: _____ Date: _____
 Conference: _____ Period From: _____ To: _____

Local: Submit Remittance Form to district treasurer with every check to explain how the money should be used.

District: Consolidate local remittances. Submit Remittance form (online or paper) to conference treasurer with check.

Conference: Consolidate district remittances. Submit Remittance Form (online or paper) to national office with check.

MISSION GIVING	\$ Donation
1. Pledge to Mission (general)	
For Conference only: Minus designated percentage of Pledge retained for budget	
2. Special Mission Recognition (SMR)	
3. Gift to Mission (GTM)	
4. Gift in Memory (GIM)	
5. World Thank Offering	
All five channels help fund the budget and count for Pledge goal. Sub-Total Mission Giving \$	
SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS	\$ Donation
6. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 3001145	
7a. A Brighter Future for Children and Youth 3001146	
7b. Assembly Offering 3001148	
7c. United Women in Faith Project Names Codes (list below):	
7d. Enter Total from Supplementary Gifts Details Form (if attached to list more projects)	
8. Bequests 3001177 (attach copy of or excerpt of will)	
9. Other designated gifts (list):	
6-9 are unbudgeted extra support for specific projects. Sub-Total Supplementary Giftss	

Make check payable to: **Florence District UWF** **TOTAL CHECK \$** _____
 Last remittance of year due: November 29, 2024 Check Number _____

Prepared by: _____, Treasurer
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Submit to: **Dorothy Murray; Florence District Treasurer**
P.O. Box 602
Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

(Keep a copy of submitted forms for your financial records.)



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SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION (SMR)
PIN AND CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM FOR ALL TREASURERS

Local Unit: _____ SMR Order : _____
 District: _____ Order Date: _____
 Conference: _____ Period From: _____ To: _____

Local: Submit order form with remittance to district treasurer. Leave Send To blank if pin ships to treasurer at bottom.

District: Consolidate unit and district orders. FORM NOT NEEDED IF SUBMITTED ONLINE. If paper, send consolidated order form with remittance to conference treasurer. Leave Send To blank if pin ships to treasurer at bottom.

Conference: FORM NOT NEEDED IF SUBMITTED ONLINE. If paper, complete this form for any conference orders. Leave Send To blank if conference pin ships to treasurer at bottom. Send copies of all district and conference order forms to Mission Resources. See Special Mission Recognition Conference Summary of Orders form for remittance instructions.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION ORDERS				
	PIN TYPE OR DONATION ONLY	HONOREE NAME (IF KNOWN)	GIVEN BY	VALUE
1	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
2	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
3	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
4	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
5	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
6	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
7	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
8	SEND TO: (NAME ADDRESS)			
Total Special Mission Recognition (enter on Remittance Form) \$				

Remittance Check Number: _____

VALUES: \$40 Gold pin, \$60 Sapphire, \$100 Pearl, \$200 Emerald, \$500 Ruby, \$1,000 Diamond, \$2,000 2 Diamonds
 Please note whether you are purchasing the Cross Pin or Logo pin.

Attach additional forms if needed. Pins come with one certificate. Extra certificates are \$5 each.

Prepared by: _____, Treasurer
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email : _____

Submit to: **Dorothy Murray**; Florence District Treasurer
 P.O. Box 602
 Kingstree, South Carolina 29556
 (Keep a copy of submitted forms for your financial records.)



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COMBINED ATTACHMENTS
FOR LOCAL TREASURERS

Local Unit: _____
District: _____
Conference: _____

Remittance : _____
Date: _____
Period From: _____ To: _____

Local: Submit with Remittance to district treasurer. May use individual forms instead.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION (SMR) ORDERS			
PIN TYPE OR DONATION	HONOREE NAME (IF KNOWN)	GIVEN BY (IF NOT YOUR UNIT)	\$ SMR
Total Special Mission Recognition (enter on Remittance)			\$

PIN TYPES: \$40 Gold pin, \$60 Sapphire, \$100 Pearl, \$200 Emerald, \$500 Ruby, \$1,000 Diamond, \$2,000 2 Diamonds
Please note whether you are purchasing the Cross Pin or Logo pin. Pins will be sent to treasurer listed at bottom.

GIFT TO MISSION (GTM) ORDERS			Donate \$5 or more per card on Remittance when ordered.		
TYPE OF CARD (if cards per pack)	# CARDS	# PACKS	TYPE OF CARD (cards per pack)	# CARDS	# PACKS
New Baby M7056 (10)			Thank You M7061 (10)		
Congratulations M7057 (10)			Thinking of You M7062 (10)		
Peace M7058 (10)			Encouragement (variety) M7063 (5)		
In the Service of Christ M7059 (10)			Happy Birthday (variety) M7064 (5)		
On Your Special Day M7060 (10)			Christmas (variety) M7065 (5)		

Will pick up from district treasurer? YES NO - Please mail. If mailed, cards will be sent to treasurer listed at bottom.

GIFT IN MEMORY (GIM) ORDERS			Donate 5 or more per card on Remittance when ordered.		
TYPE OF CARD (cards per pack)	# CARDS	# PACKS	TYPE OF CARD (cards per pack)	# CARDS	# PACKS
In Loving Memory M7066-1 (5)			Thoughts and Prayers M 7066-2 (5)		

Will pick up from district treasurer? YES NO - Please mail. If mailed, cards will be sent to treasurer listed at bottom.

SUPPLEMENTARY GIFTS DETAILS	\$ Donation
United Women in Faith Project NamesCodes (list below):	
Total Additional Supplementary Gifts (enter on Remittance)	\$

Prepared by: _____, Treasurer
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email : _____

Submit to: **Dorothy Murray**; Florence District Treasurer
P.O. Box 602
Kingstree, South Carolina 29556

(Keep a copy of submitted forms for your financial records.)

READING PROGRAM

Reporting Form

Formulario de Información del Programa de Lectura

독서 프로그램독서 프로그램



PLAN I

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

PLAN II

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

PLAN III

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

PLAN IV

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

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

For books on previous reading lists, go to:

uwfaith.org/read



REPORT OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

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

NAME:

PLAN CHOSEN:

I

II

III

IV

CURRENT YEAR:

MISSION EMPHASES

Education for Mission

Leadership Development

Nurturing for Community

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

I have completed the required reading for PLAN _____. The books I have read are listed on this form.

LOCAL UNIT

DISTRICT

CONFERENCE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

I have also read response regularly.

response Check off the issues you have read!

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Send this form to:

Stephanie Bolden
2596 Black Street
Timmonsville, SC 29161

Greetings, United Women in Faith of the Florence District!



It was truly a pleasure to see all of you in person and in large numbers at our annual training in January. I believe that our theme, *'Food, Faith and Fellowship'* fit well with our time together. Thank you for attending and continuing to care about and support our mission.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our host, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Kingstree SC, Rev. Jerry Gadsden, Pastor, St. Paul's United Women in Faith Unit and other church members for the warm reception and assistance in helping us prepare for the training. We thank St. Micheal United Methodist Church, Kingstree, Rev. Barry S. McFadden, Pastor, and St. Michael's United Women in Faith unit for providing us with breakfast.

This proves that when we come together with the same mind and spirit, God is in the midst and success follows.

I trust that your year is off to a great start and that you are planning big things for your unit. Please be attentive to the events scheduled on the District and Conference calendars. It's important that we attend events, virtual and in person, that are thoughtfully planned out for all of us for learning and sharing experiences. Please take advantage of the resources found on UWfaith.org. If you find it difficult navigating this digital world, please reach out to your counterpart in the district.

Please gather information throughout the year so that you will be able to complete and submit the necessary forms in a timely fashion for our annual meeting in September.

This is Women's History Month. Let's take time to celebrate all women past and present. I look forward to seeing you all again in person at our Day Apart on Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:00 am, Cumberland United Methodist Church in Florence and SEJ Quadrennial Meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 29-31, 2024. Also, virtually for our Spiritual Growth Event, Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, and Come Together Be Together May 18, 2024, at 9:30 am.

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!

Submitted with All God's Blessings!

Katherine Sabb- Graham
Vice-President
Florence District



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From The SC Committee on Nominations Chair

The Conference Committee on Nominations held its first meeting of 2024 and found we have several vacancies for the upcoming year. We are truly appreciative of all of you who continue to serve and are willing to serve.

The following positions will be vacated in October on the Executive Team by letter of non-consideration or tenure (four years served): President, Vice President, Secretary Program Resources, Spiritual Growth, three Committee on Nomination positions, and three elected members for the Charter for Racial Justice Committee. Please pray and seek guidance in your willingness to serve. We will be transparent and answer any questions you may have to the best of our ability and/or guidance of National.

Ladies, we need you to survive. You have been blessed with the talents, knowledge and resources United Women in Faith need to survive.

In His Service and Yours,
Azilee "DeeDee" Dickey

Azilee



Azilee B. Dickey, CON Chair
Cell 803-491-6699
Email: deejie721@yahoo.com

I HAVE TALENT!

Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith

Name: _____

District: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle preferred contact: phone or email



Please return form to a member
of the Committee on Nominations

I HAVE TALENT!

Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith

Name: _____

District: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle preferred contact: phone or email



Please return form to a member
of the Committee on Nominations

South Carolina Conference UWF (UMW) Potential Leader Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Ethnicity: _____

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 ___

Communications ___ Spiritual Growth ___ Social Action ___ Program Resources ___ Education

& Interpretation (Missions) ___ Membership, Nurture & Outreach ___

Charter for Racial Justice Committee ___ (Please continue on back.)

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 • email: deejie721@yahoo.com

In an effort to defray printing costs, beginning with the 3rd Quarter (September), "The Flame" will no longer be printed and mailed to Units. However, we acknowledge that some Presidents may prefer to receive a physical copy through postal mail. If you would like to continue receiving a mailed copy, we kindly request that you submit a payment of \$6 for third and fourth quarter to:

Dorothy Murray, *District Treasurer*
P.O. Box 602
Kingstree, SC 29556

Upon receipt of payment, "The Flame" will be mailed to your Unit's President. Please ensure that payment is submitted promptly to facilitate uninterrupted delivery.

Additionally, we would like to reassure you that "The Flame" will still be accessible to all Units by email and the conference website (www.umcsc.org/women).

If you are receiving an emailed copy of the newsletter, you will continue to receive a copy through your email. If you are not on the email list and would like to be added, please submit your name, position, unit name, and email address to:

Trinette McKnight *Florence District Communication*
***Email:* Tmcknightfd@yahoo.com**

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Florence District Executive Team

The Flame Newsletter Mailing Request Form

President's Name: _____

Unit: _____

Church: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Check Number: _____

Make check payable to: Florence District UWF

Mail to:

Dorothy Murray; FD Treasurer

P.O. Box 602

Kingstree, SC 29556

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: **Anita Simon, P O Box 2102 , Sumter SC 29151-2102**

Send by this date: **August 1st, 2024**

Unit President: _____ **Date:** _____

Unit Name: _____ **Number of Members in Unit:** _____

Units, which include all circles, must complete at least **10** of the following items. **All units must complete #1.**

Check if your unit:

- _____ 1. *Made and met its Pledge to Mission.
- _____ 2. Used the **Daily Prayer Guide at most meetings** to pray for people in mission and for our mission work with women, children and youth.
- _____ 3. Added at least one or more members to its roll.
- _____ 4. Had at least one member who subscribes to **response: the magazine of women in mission.**
- _____ 5. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend Mission u and/or a district or local mission study.
- _____ 6. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the District Annual Meeting.
- _____ 7. Had at least one member (other than a conference or district officer) attend the Conference Annual Meeting.
- _____ 8. Had at least two members who wrote to at least five people listed in the **Daily Prayer Guide** – at least once during the year.
- _____ 9. Participated in **education programs for children through prayers and donations of funds, supplies or volunteer hours at schools, homes and churches. This includes Vacation Bible School participation.**
- _____ 10.* Is a Five Star Unit, contributing to all five channels of Mission Giving which are Pledge to Mission, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition and World Thank Offering.
- _____ 11. Had at least one person complete one of the plans in the Reading Program.
- _____ 12. Invited a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one unit meeting during the year.

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

- _____ 13. Included a **response** moment where an article from **response: the magazine of women in mission** was lifted up as a way to tell the mission story in at least three meetings.
- _____ 14. Had at least two programs from the Program Book.
- _____ 15. Implemented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least two ways.

****Those items noted with an asterisk will be verified by the district treasurer.*** _____

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

- Mahatma Gandhi


**Happy
Easter**




From:

The Florence District Executive Team