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Who Can We Be Together?

Building Communities of Hope and Joy

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings dear United Women in Faith Sisters!

When we look at the Book of James, Chapter 2, vs. 14-17, we are reminded that not only should we have faith, but we need to put that faith into action:

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also, faith by itself if it does not have works, is dead."

Your President has been very intentional in showing "Faith, Hope, and Love in Action" over the past few months by embodying James' message of "Faith without works is dead."

- I was asked to be a guest speaker at a local unit UWF meeting at First Church of Hyattsville UMC. Some topics included how to increase membership, the new branding, what are different units doing and how are they impacting their community, etc.
- Attended the funeral of a friend and UWF Sister, Gladys Carter, who was the President of the Greater Washington District. A Letter of Condolence and a Resolution from our Conference UWF Leadership Team were read during the service and given to the family.
- As a member of the Epworth House Mission Project Committee, I assist them by hosting their ZOOM meetings.
- As your Conference President, I was invited to attend a nationwide virtual meeting of Conference UWF Presidents with Sally Vonner, from National UWF. We discuss pertinent issues and ask questions of our National UWF leadership.
- By virtue of my office, I continue to attend Susanna Wesley House Board of Directors meetings. Our most recent meeting was held in person, on-site!
- At a recent virtual meeting, NEJ President, Mikele Haskins-Delmore, updated all NEJ Conference Presidents and encouraged each of us to educate our membership on the Charter for Racial Justice.
- During the months of April - June, I trained as a Mission u Study Leader, and taught two classes at the Mission u event in July.
- I hosted a BWC UWF Charter for Racial Justice Committee meeting – The Committee planned a book review of "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo to be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 18 and ending October 16. This will again be virtual. More information to follow.

- Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith was asked to participate in an Aventri Registration Pilot Program to bring a standardized registration system to the Conference level of United Women in Faith. It is hoped that this tool could simplify the process of registration for Conferences nationwide and allow us all to get to know more about our members. Meetings began on July 18, 2022, and have continued for several weeks. Our Conference Communications Coordinator, Kim Marie Walker, and Conference Treasurer, Dorothy Medley, are participating along with myself. More information on this will follow.

Please mark your calendars for our virtual BWC UWF Annual Celebration on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Our Program Committee, headed by Vice President Ruthella Lievers, has planned an enjoyable and informative time together. Also, later in this newsletter, keep an eye out for the 2023 Slate of Officers and the “Nominations from the Floor Form” which we need to offer again for anyone who would like to nominate additional persons for any of the offices, including vacancies. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

May God be blessing you this day!

Yours in Christ,
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TREASURER

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“INACTIVE UNITS”

United Methodist Women allows units to transition to inactive status. The process is described below. United Methodist Women cannot endorse disbanding units as the establishment of units in every UMC church is mandated by the *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 1901.

Local Presidents will need to ensure that the following steps are performed for a unit to officially go inactive:

1. Notify Leadership

- Unit president is to contact the district president and membership nurture outreach coordinator (or the conference membership nurture outreach coordinator, if needed) to report the decision and request assistance. Depending on the reason(s), the district or conference officers/coordinators may suggest a specific course of action, for example:
 - Utilize the Census Analysis 2019 to determine where active units may be within the district for members of the unit wishing to remain active with United Methodist Women.
 - Refer to the local bylaws, Article 1 Section 4b., which identifies other types of units, including how to form a cluster or charge unit. <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/2021-2024-handbook/constitution-and-bylaws>
 - Offer “challenges & solutions” scenarios from Leadership Development Days and develop a solution for this unit.
 - Schedule a conversation with the district membership nurture outreach coordinator

2. myUMW

- Prior to going inactive, the unit president will offer each individual unit member an opportunity to remain a member through joining a district or online unit or the newly formed cohort through the National Membership option. Have them enter their information into the myUMW database at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW



- Unit president shall send the name of the unit and all unit members to the district membership nurture outreach coordinator and to the National Office indicating who will remain a member of United Methodist Women and who no longer is interested in membership. The National Office email is membership@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

3. Funds

- It is required that the local treasurer will notify both the district and conference treasurers of the discontinuation and maintain communication with them throughout the process.
- The local treasurer must send the district and conference treasurers a report of the unit's giving for the past 4 years, which they will forward to the national treasurer.
- Any remaining unit funds must be sent to the district treasurer. If there are designated or restricted funds, they should be sent to the national treasurer along with the original documentation describing how the funds are to be used. The district treasurer will also require copies of the final audit/review financial report.

4. Evaluate & Report

- The local president will send the reason for going inactive and any pertinent information to membership@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

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NOMINATIONS

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6 NRSV

A season of change is embracing the world and the United Women in Faith. In 1869 eight bold, brave, courageous, and visionary women put the Laywomen of the United Methodist Church on a path to engage, empower, and bring change to the lives of women, children, and youth. This heritage continues today as the UWF continues to weave change into its historic legacy to bring a better life for all of God's Creation.

The Slate of Officers for 2023 leadership is a product of the change that is affecting this historic women's organization. Harriett Jane Olson's letter in the 2022 January/February Response Magazine encourages the UWF to 'build a movement'. The movement needs strong women leaders. This season of change has been costly because of the pandemic, however, Harriet Jane Olson writes, *"Leaders don't emerge in times of quiet or calm. Leaders step up when change is needed. Leaders steer through tumult and loss. Leaders make hard decisions, often without perfect information."*

The Baltimore-Washington Conference UWF is resilient and resourceful. An example of the resiliency is the work of Annapolis, Baltimore Metropolitan, Baltimore Suburban, Central Maryland, Cumberland-Hagerstown, Frederick, Greater Washington, and Washington East Districts in attending to the UWF Units in their efforts to communicate, nurture, and fulfill not only our PURPOSE but most importantly to help the church fulfill the mission of Christ.

It can take time to become accustomed to change and a new order, but most importantly, change is an opportunity to build on what has benefitted women, children, and youth since 1869. Through the years we have become an even stronger organization as we have addressed and continue to address the growing issues impacting women, children, and youth. I encourage all women to commit your service to the local United Women in Faith church unit, your District team, and the Conference team. Your gifts, talents, and services are needed. The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith needs you, ***"We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation."***

Daphne L. Hurd, CON
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**United Women in Faith
Baltimore Washington Conference
2023 Slate of Officers**

Position	Officer	District
President	Kim Marie Walker	Annapolis
Vice President	Dianna Kelly Woodlon	CMD
Secretary	Janice Crowe	Annapolis
Treasurer	Dorothy Medley	Annapolis
Communications	VACANT	
Nominations	Daphne L. Hurd	BMD
Program Resources	Tangela Terry	Annapolis
Education & Interpretation	VACANT	
MNO	Hilda James	BMD
Social Action	Sherie Koob	Frederick
Spiritual Growth	Wendy Johnson	BMD

Presented August 13, 2022

**Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith
Form for Nomination from the Floor
2022 Annual Celebration
Submission Deadline: September 30, 2022**

The United Women in Faith bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for a nomination from the floor for this year's Baltimore-Washington Conference Officers' election which will take place virtually as a part of our Annual Celebration on Saturday, September 30, 2022. **If you want to make a nomination for more than one office, you must complete a form for each.**

For # 4 and 5, please highlight or bold your choice. Send all Nominations from the Floor forms to Daphne Hurd, Chair, Committee on Nominations, by **completing the form, save it to your desktop and send as an attachment to her email: daphnelhurd@icloud.com**. She must receive them no later than Friday, September 30, 2022.

NO nominations from the floor will be accepted as valid after Friday, September 30, 2022.

If you have questions, contact Daphne L. Hurd at 410-235-0103.

1. For which office is your nomination?

President_____

Vice President_____

Secretary_____

Treasurer_____

Spiritual Growth Coordinator_____

Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator_____

Social Action Coordinator_____

Communications Coordinator_____

Education and Interpretation_____

Program Resources Secretary_____

Nominations Committee Chairperson_____

Member, Committee on Nominations_____

2. Nominee's Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

3. Please enter the nominee's home, cell, and work numbers. If she does not have one, or it is unknown, please enter "NONE" in the space.

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

4. Please identify the age range of the nominee. (Optional)

- ☐ 18-30 years
- ☐ 31-40 years
- ☐ 41-50 years
- ☐ 51-65 years
- ☐ 66-70 years
- ☐ 71 and over

5. Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply. (Optional)

- ☐ African
- ☐ African American or Black
- ☐ Asian-American or Asian
- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ Caucasian or White
- ☐ Hispanic or Latina
- ☐ Hmong
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Pacific Islander
- ☐ Please write in your own preferred description

6. Please identify district and local church to which nominee belongs.

District: _____

Local church: _____

Nominator Information (REQUIRED)

Please let us know who is completing this nomination form. Nominator Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

OFFICER DESCRIPTIONS

PRESIDENT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen who are members of the United Methodist Church are eligible to be elected President. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith. The president, working with the leadership team, will actively seek to advance all phases of the work of the United Women in Faith.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years. If a leader has already completed her eight-year tenure in positions other than President, she may still be elected President and serve out the 4-year term of office.

Basic Responsibilities:

- Preside at all meetings of the Conference Leadership Team and serve as an ex-officio member of all other committees, where they exist, except the committee on nominations. “Ex-officio” is defined as having voice and no vote. Preside at all meetings of the organization and its leadership team
- Sign off on all official legal and financial documents
- Co-sign on the Conference bank account
- Develop with the leadership team ways to plan and engage in mission
- Represent or designate someone to represent UWF whenever opportunities are afforded
- Understand and uphold the Purpose and constitution and bylaws of United Women in Faith
- Regularly engage in planning, goal setting, and evaluation with the leadership team
- Establish a relationship with the District Presidents
- Promote United Women in Faith’s mission among all women in the church
- Work to ensure the participation of a diverse, inclusive group of women in all parts of United Women in Faith.
- Promote and plan activities for the Charter for Racial Justice.

Other Duties as Assigned.

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

VICE PRESIDENT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith. Working cooperatively with the president, she will assist the Conference in fulfilling the Purpose.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Guide the leadership team in planning and implementing the mission emphasis of the Conference organization to fulfill the PURPOSE
- Promote ecumenical relations.
- Chair the committee on program where one exists or, if there is no separate committee,

chair the leadership team when dealing with matters relating to program. She will serve on the committee on finance where one exists. Plan for the annual meeting and/or special programs such as workshops, seminars, or retreats.

- Implement the plan and evaluate the effectiveness of each program
- Stand in for the President as needed

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

TREASURER UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman who is a member of the Conference United Methodist church and eligible to be bonded through the UWF, Inc. national office. Must have a working knowledge of computer and information technology. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Make sure you have one checking account in the name of United Women in Faith. The president of the Conference and the treasurer are the signers on the account.
- Write checks for all disbursements as approved by the executive committee, recording the date, payee, reason for payment and amount in the cashbook, checkbook or in the computer records.
- Arrange for the year-end audit/review. A full-scale audit may not be warranted if your unit is medium to small. If this is the case, we recommend a financial review. The audit may be performed by the treasurer of another Conference or organization or by a committee in the local organization formed for the purpose of this financial review. This may not be the finance committee. Ask the auditor/reviewers to send the audit report directly to the United Women in Faith district treasurer.
- Serves as the chair of the committee on finance where one exists, if there is no separate committee, chairs the leadership team when dealing with matters relating to finance
- Prepares a proposed budget for consideration by the Conference leadership team and submits it to the Conference organization for adoption
- Establish a relationship with the district treasurers

Other Duties as assigned.

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

SECRETARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman who possesses a working knowledge of computer and information technology. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith. The secretary will be informed about the programs and the total involvement of the Conference Leadership Team in order to perform the responsibilities assigned to her and to assist the president.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the

elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Attends all meetings of the Conference leadership and of the Conference organization
- Serves as the custodian of all records and official documents of the Conference
- Keeps accurate minutes of all meetings
- Signs all official, legal, and financial documents, making certain they are properly dated
- Keeps an accurate roll of Conference membership
- Assists the Conference president in preparing agendas, programs, and other mailings
- Make itemized reports to the Conference Leadership Team at regularly scheduled meetings and annual meetings.
- Send a list of elected leaders, including addresses, ZIP codes, telephone numbers and email address, to the secretary of the district organization immediately upon their election and interim changes, and send the name of the new president to the resource center: United Women in Faith Mission Resources.

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman who possesses a thorough knowledge of the duties of each elected member of the Conference leadership team. No member of the nominating committee may hold another office on the Conference or District level. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith. She is responsible for the nomination of all elected leaders of the Conference Leadership Team. This requires a clear understanding of the duties of each elected leader and knowledge of the skills, interests, and potential of the members of the conference.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the Conference Leadership Team as Chair of Nominations is limited to two years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of Nominations Committee members is limited to a total of four years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference Leadership Team is limited to a total of eight years limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Serves on the Conference leadership team and other committees as assigned
- Keeps the members of the nominating committee aware of positions that need to be filled each year and vacancies that may occur throughout the year
- Helps members of the committee see their task as an ongoing one
- Prepares a slate of recommended elected leaders to be nominated to the Conference leadership team at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting at which the election will be held
- Ensures that the leadership of the Conference organization reflects the diversity of the membership within the Conference
- Presents an annual written report of term and tenure of the Conference leadership team members to the leadership team
- Develop a relationship with District Nominations Chairs
- Develop plans to help members of the committee see their task as an ongoing one.

- Provide information to the committee concerning vacancies that need to be filled.
- Identify and promote new leadership.

Other duties as assigned.

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS MEMBER UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman who possesses a thorough knowledge of the duties of each elected member of the Conference leadership team. No member of the nominating committee may hold another office on the Conference or District level.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Committee Composition:

- The committee will be composed of no fewer than five members, including the chairperson, the number to be determined by the Conference organization on the basis of membership distribution and size.
- The committee will be representative of the membership of the Conference in matters of employment, age, and racial and ethnic background. Representation for racial and ethnic groups in proportion to their membership should be seen as a minimum requirement.
- The committee may elect a vice chairperson.
- The committee will be divided into classes, with no member serving more than one four-year term
- Members of a new class will be elected annually to replace the class that is rotating off; others may be elected to fill any vacancies remaining in previous classes.

Duties:

- Meet at least semiannually and on the call of the chairperson
- A slate of nominated officers with background information and/or expressions of interest must be in the hands of the Conference UWF Annual/Meeting Celebration. This slate must be sent to each Local Organization thirty days prior to the Conference UWF Annual Meeting Celebration. District Presidents are responsible for informing the Local organizations.
- Make nominations to fill vacancies that occur throughout the year
- Work throughout the year to identify women for leadership roles in the Conference organization
- Ensure that the leadership of the Conference organization reflects the diversity of the membership with regard to age, race, marital status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, sexual identity, gender expression, disabilities, and employment outside the home.

Other duties as assigned.

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COORDINATOR, MEMBERSHIP NURTURE OUTREACH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the

treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years

Duties:

- Serves on the Executive Committee of the Conference United Methodist Women
- Collects membership data as requested by the Membership Development Office of the National Office.

- Analyze the membership needs of the Conference

Assist District and local MNO's with activating, re-activating, and Training.

- Develop a relationship with the District Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator

Trains new District MNO's

Other duties as assigned.

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COORDINATOR, SPIRITUAL GROWTH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Presents prayer and action emphasis from the Prayer Calendar at all executive committee meetings and Conference events

- Encourages and promotes use of the Prayer Calendar among individual members

- Shares in carrying out the responsibilities of all Conference mission areas

- Helps the membership understand and appreciate the biblical and theological basis for our mission and ministries with women, children, and youth

- Provides opportunities for women to realize personal growth and spiritual renewal for mission by developing retreats and Soul Care activities.

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COORDINATOR, SOCIAL ACTION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Shares in carrying out the responsibilities of all Conference mission areas

- Receives and participates in the United Women in Faith Action Network

- Assists women in the Conference in study, action, and reflection regarding current and emerging social, economic, environmental, and political issues

- Helps the Conference focus on at least one priority social action issue each year, as

defined by national and conference United Women in Faith such as, concerns for women, children and youth; the elimination of racism; supporting the Charter for Racial Justice; and promoting economic and environmental justice

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COORDINATOR, EDUCATION, AND INTERPRETATION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

- Shares in carrying out the responsibilities of all Conference mission areas.
- Encourages use of mission resources such as, the Prayer Calendar, Program Book, response Magazine, and the Reading Program books
- Promote the Mission Today Unit goals at Conference events
- Help Conference understand the mission and outreach ministries of United Women in Faith
- Identify and recommend mission workers (missionaries, deaconesses, US-2's, mission interns, staff of national mission institutions) to tell the mission story at Conference gatherings
- Arrange visits to mission projects/sites supported by Mission Giving
- Promotes Mission u and proposed mission study materials
- Emphasizes the need for continual financial support for the program and mission of United Women in Faith
- Seeks ways to educate and interpret the mission of United Women in Faith and educate others and promotes the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, Children's Sabbath and UWF's Action Network
- Tabulates and reports Mission Today Unit data at the Conference Annual Celebration each year; presents Crystal Award to District with highest proportional participation on mission Today checklist.

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COORDINATOR, PROGRAM RESOURCES UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith.

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Duties:

- Serves on the Executive Committee of the Conference United Women in Faith
- Assists members and elected leaders of the Conferences to know about and secure

resources that enable them to fulfill the PURPOSE

- Keeps up to date on the extensive selection of printed and audiovisual materials available at the Mission Resource Center
- Promotes individual and unit subscriptions to response Magazine
- Promotes participation in the Reading Program for the entire UWF membership

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

COORDINATOR, COMMUNICATIONS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Qualifications: Must have a working knowledge of computers, information technology, and social media. Only laywomen are eligible to be elected. A laywoman serving as a pastor of a church is not eligible to serve as an elected or appointed leader of United Women in Faith.

Tenure: No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the Conference organization is limited to a total of eight years.

Duties:

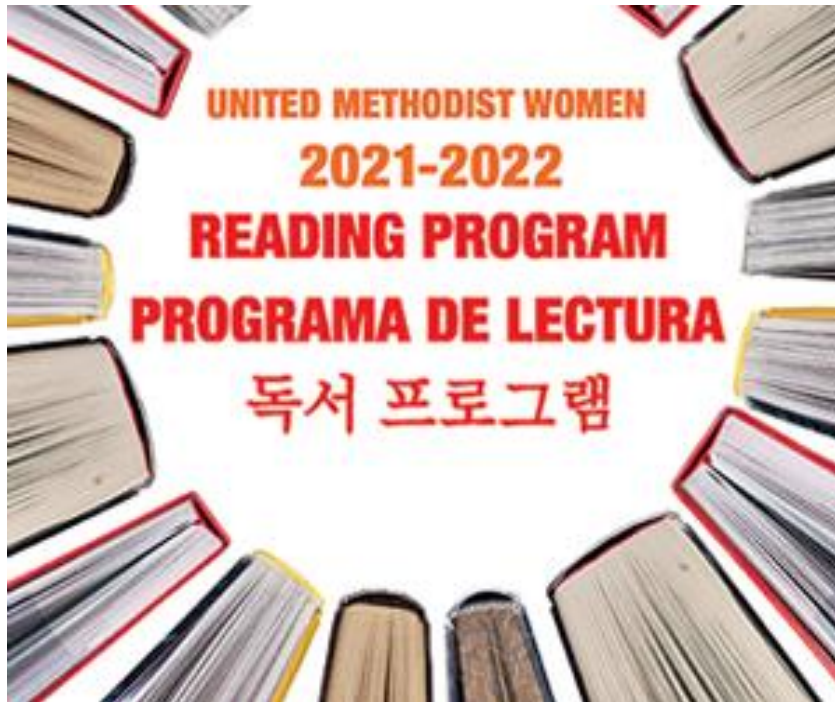
- Serves on the Executive Committee of the Conference United Women in Faith
- Work with elected leadership to promote the organization and Purpose as well as publicize United Women in Faith activities at all levels;
- Establish and maintain contact with church and secular press;
- Serve as editor of the Conference United Women in Faith's newsletter, newspaper or column;
- Compiles annually the Conference United Women in Faith Directory. Can enlist assistance from the Conference President, Conference Secretary, or another officer.
- Ensure that Conference United Women in Faith actions are promoted via the Internet and social media, enlisting help as needed.
- Updates the BWCUWF Website as needed.

Other Duties as Assigned:

Adapted from the United Women in Faith Handbook 2016-20 and 2021-2024 handbooks.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2021-2022 READING PROGRAM



2022 Reading Program

The Reading Program is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share and discuss books.

There is something for everyone—the Reading Program is available for:

- Adults, youth, and children
- Enlightening subjects in diverse genres, including:
 - Education for Mission
 - Leadership Development
 - Nurturing for Community
 - Social Action
 - Spiritual Growth

response magazine and the Faith Talks podcast are part of the Reading Program.

Reading is rewarding.

As you read, you can track your progress using our easy-to-use [Reporting Form](#). When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a [Certificate of Recognition](#)

Reading is connecting.

The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. You can enrich the experience by doing one or several of these things:

- **Share the program** with United Women in Faith members and members of the community.
 - **Help people obtain books.** Distribute this guide.
 - **Connect with local and district groups.** Start a book club, download books onto an e-reader to pass around and share, and present book reviews at group meetings.
 - **Display a progress chart in your church** for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.
 - **Pray.** Books often raise concerns about people, countries, and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.
 - **Advocate for tangible change.** Many Reading Program books address issues including climate change, mass incarceration, and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.
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- Please click on this link www.umwmissionresources.org or call 800-305-9857

 [2021-22 Resources Order List Form,](https://www.umwmissionresources.org/downloads/2022Q2-UMF-OrderListForm.pdf)

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[2021-22 Mission Resources](#)

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<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/Media/downloadable/UMW-Order-List-Form-M2021Q2.pdf>

LEGACY FUND

I want to build upon the Parables we studied at Mission u in July. 2 Corinthians 9:7.
"Everyone should

give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God Loves a cheerful giver. "

As we continue to grow with the Legacy Endowment Fund let's consider another means of giving – Friends of Legacy. It is a Multi-Year Pledge, created for someone who would like to give \$5000.00 or more. The Pledge can be set up as a 3 Year or a 5 Year Plan. Please contact a Legacy Liaison for more information. I share this option to encourage you to Embrace Our Future Together. We have begun a new Chapter as United Women in Faith. The new Branding gives us a new look, a new approach to our ministry and mission service.

If you attended Assembly 2022, whether Online or In Person, you had a chance to hear and see the Leadership we have In United Women in Faith. It consists of women who truly believe we can reach the marginalized both near and far. The Experience Hall in Orlando opened my eyes to the many resources we have in the United Methodist Church. As believers in God and Jesus we are given the opportunity to serve our communities through our faith and good works. We need to bring a message of hope and prosperity to all.

The one question I am asked often is of the Year-to-Date Total for the Legacy Endowment Fund. As of 5/31/22 it is \$35,920,237. The 150 Next Campaign hopes to meet the Intended Goal of \$60 Million over the next few years. Please be a Cheerful Giver and Thank You for your support.
Be Bold,

Terri Booth
Baltimore Washington Conference

Legacy Endowment Fund, Liaison

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Board of Directors National Organization

Director's Message

Hello United Women in Faith!!

Have we gotten used to our new name? Our new logo? Our new Mission Statement is ***United Women in Faith seeks 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.***

It was so nice to see the Baltimore Washington Conference in-person at Assembly 2022, in Orlando, Florida, where we TURN (ed) IT UP!" Thank you all for helping us have an outstanding Assembly.



Here are a few Assembly Highlights:

Assembly Attendance---Registered **1,818 in-person & 1,107 virtual**

Ubuntu Day of Service—approximately **260** in attendance

- Cornerstone Seed Project approximately **1,200** envelopes stuffed
- My Neighborhood Children **1,500** hygiene bags
- Rise Against Hunger **1,000** food packets

Mobile App—**1,213** users with **17** Push notifications (participation rate increased by 38% since last Assembly)

Justice Action-**2,162** cards completed

- **767** cards sent to Congress regarding the School to Prison Pipeline
- **1,395** cards sent to Congress regarding Just Energy for All

Legacy Banquet- **720** women and men in attendance

- Banquet raised **\$46,946.10**
- Legacy Table raised **\$13,901.30**
- Subtotal=**\$60,847.40**

Assembly Donations

- Scholarships= **\$10,569**
- Friends of Assembly= **\$10,561**
- Assembly Offering= **\$54,907**
- Total= **\$136,884** (higher than 2018 with 56% of the attendees!!)

National is constantly updating the **new website**. Using the following link: www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53531 and then **Click on Downloads and Resources**, and you will be able to find the 2021-2024 Constitution & Bylaws, Financial Documents, Brand Guidelines and Logos, FAQ's on United Women in Faith, Virtual Resources and more.

Don't forget to tell your units to complete the 2021 Unit Survey. You can print the survey before completing it if you're not sure of your responses. **You cannot save your responses and return later to complete.** Let's try to complete 3% more than last year.

Special Note: The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH), and United Women in Faith along with the Native American International Caucus in the UMC are working together to determine **where and when Methodists sponsored "Indian boarding schools."** Our UMC agencies have begun looking at a short list of connections that needed further research and that they are setting out to do that work. We are aware that there may well have been other Methodist schools that were not connected to the predecessors of GBGM or UWFaith, but these records have seemed like the place to start. Our intention is to locate the work that needs to be done with the agencies, but to ensure from the outset that Native peoples are part of the design and are close to the work as it proceeds.

The Native American International Caucus responded to the letter sent by Harriett Jane Olson, General Secretary/CEO, United Women in Faith, and thanking the UMC agencies for their commitment to action in this vital work of truth-telling and seeking justice and healing from the travesty of Native American Boarding Schools. The active support of the General Secretaries of our United Methodist agencies that goes beyond words, as indicated in their letter of last year, is crucial in this work. We are grateful that the three agencies of UWFaith, GBGM and GCAH are now engaged in dialogue and initial planning on how to proceed.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in the fall!!

Peace and Blessings

Colleen F Cates

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NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION 2024

Shalom Sisters! I bring greetings to you from the 2024 Northeastern Jurisdiction Event Team. We pray that your summer was relaxing and that you were able to refresh for the busy months ahead!

Those of you who were able to attend Assembly 2022 either virtually or in person had the opportunity to experience the reveal of where our quadrennial event will be held in 2024. Just in case you haven't heard, we will be headed to beautiful Providence, Rhode Island where we will experience the great hospitality of our New England Conference members as they host us April 19-21, 2024, at the Rhode Island Convention Center!

The theme for the event is **"GET TOGETHER"** based on the scripture coming from John 13:34 ***"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another."*** We are so excited as we were not able to meet in 2020 and hope that you will join us there as we gather in **"sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation."** Be on the lookout for further registration, event and hotel details coming soon!

Speaking of Assembly, along with handing out branded tchotchkes (pens, magnets, lip balm and post-its) to the attendees, we put out a call asking for volunteers for the event. If you are interested in volunteering during the event, please contact me and I'll be more than happy to provide info and take your name.

Our Committee on Nominations has begun the work of talking to conferences, districts, and local units about filling positions for 2024-28. If you are interested in serving as a jurisdictional or national officer please contact Linda Yost, Daphne Hurd, or Ann Price. They will be gathering talent bank forms and are more than ecstatic to answer any questions that you may have.

Lastly, we thank you for your patience as we overhaul our website. We are in the process of updating it to reflect the new branding of the United Women in Faith! Once done it will house all event information as well as info on officers, job descriptions etc. and serve as a reservation portal for the jurisdictional event and hotels.

So, stay tuned. The best is yet to come! And as always, we continue to pray for peace and healing for you and your families.

Blessings,

Mikele Haskins-Delmore

President, Northeastern Jurisdiction 2024

COMMUNICATIONS



United Women in Faith Digital Resources

Become a Member of the United Women in Faith Digital Resources.

We hope you enjoy the Community Gathering program.

Let us COMMUNICATE God's Love and His WORD to keep Faith, Hope, and Love in Action.!!!!

Kim Marie Walker
Communications Coordinator-BWC-UWF
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COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CFRJ)

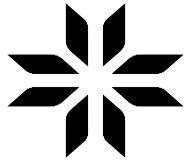
The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice become active during 2020-2021.

The Committee has the responsibility to:

- 1) develop and recommend to the Executive Committee plans for the implementation of the Charter
- 2) monitor conference-approved action plans to implement the Charter
- 3) regularly evaluate progress made on conference, district, and local implementation plans.

Committee on Charter for Racial Justice (CFRJ) Members 2022

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ANNUAL
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE VIRTUAL BOOK
DISCUSSION

JOIN US AS WE READ AND DISCUSS:

*WHITE FRAGILITY: WHY IT'S SO HARD
FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT
RACISM*

by

ROBIN DIANGELO

RECURRING SUNDAYS STARTING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 THRU OC
TOBER 16, 2022

7:00 - 9:00 PM

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing
information about joining the meeting.

Please contact Linda Yost with any concerns:
LJYOST@VERIZON.NET

MISSION u



Mission u has ended but we are still asking....
WHO CAN WE BE TOGETHER? JOIN THE UNITED
WOMEN IN FAITH

District Presidents



WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT

Blessings my Sisters in Christ.

I pray that you all have enjoyed your summer and have stayed safe.

We still have the vacancy of Nominations chair, Resource chair and Social Action chair. More importantly, we need a Treasurer beginning January 2023. It is vital that we have a Treasurer to accept this position as soon as possible to allow our current Treasurer to train the new one. I ask again, if any of you are interested in either of these positions to please contact Laretta Grier or me as soon as possible.

Our annual celebration will be coming soon, so please submit all your information so that we will win again this year!!

As always, we are continuing our efforts to help our WED units that need assistance and encouraging them to stay active and/or to reactivate, so that we can continue our mission.

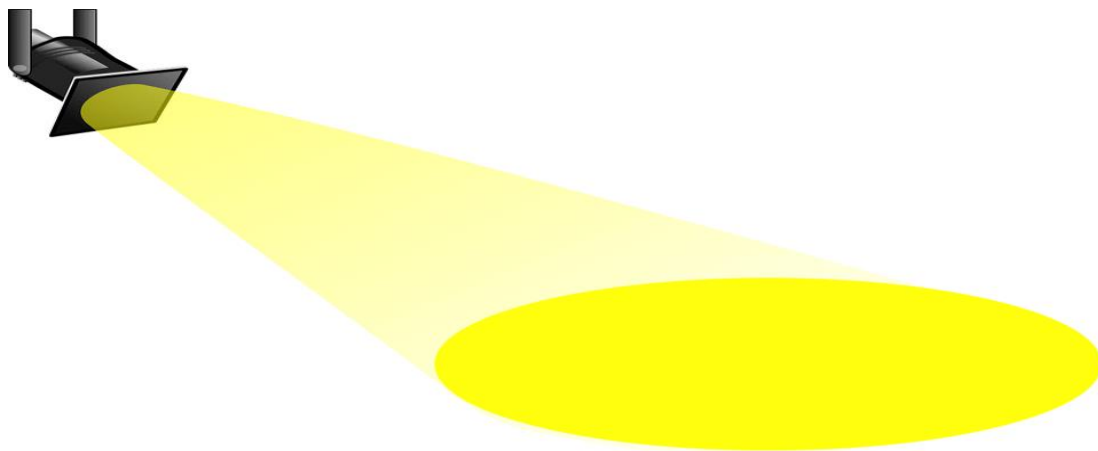
Please remember if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the information below.

GOD BLESS,

Dr. Diane Shorts, President

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Spotlight on the Districts

DISTRICTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT!
**WHAT UNITS ARE DOING WITHIN THEIR
CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES**

BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT



**WESLEY UNITED
WOMEN IN FAITH
IN HAMPSTEAD,
MD
ASSEMBLING
HYGIENE KITS
FOR
IMMIGRANTS
BEING BUSSED
FROM TEXAS TO
WASHINGTON,
DC**



NOT OFF THE PRESS

UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit ("Period Pack")

This is the link: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit/>

Providing basic necessities to support vulnerable menstruating populations. Menstrual Hygiene Kits are distributed during disasters, whether socio-economic or as the result of a natural occurrence.

UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit ("Period Pack") Assembly & Shipping Instructions (\$14 per kit)

- [UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit \("Period Pack"\) Materials](#)
- [Assembly Directions](#)
- [Important Notes](#)
- [Packing & Shipping Instructions](#)

- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2 oz. bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of wet ones
- 10 Tampons (5 regular and 5 super absorbency)
 - Unscented
- 10 Sanitary Napkins
 - Unscented
 - Long super ultra-thin
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
 - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
 - Do not remove from packaging
- One pack of flushable wipes (42 count)
 - Unscented
- One travel sink-size laundry detergent (.25-.45 oz.)



United
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Take Action to End Corporal Punishment in Schools

Your Senators and Representatives can help end corporal punishment in schools by cosponsoring the **Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2021** (S 2029 and HR 3836). [Click here to urge your elected officials to take action.](#)

As women of faith, we believe that **children and youth are beloved by God**. We are committed to ending the school-to-prison pipeline and working for a world where all children experience school as a safe and supportive environment in which to learn and grow. The use of corporal punishment undermines student safety and well-being.

The bill defines corporal punishment this way:

"CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. —The term 'corporal punishment' means, with respect to a student, a deliberate act which causes the student to feel physical pain for the purpose of discipline, including an act of physical force, such as striking, spanking, or paddling, inflicted on a student's body, requiring a student to assume a painful physical position, or the use of chemical sprays, electroshock weapons, or stun guns on a student's body."

It is unacceptable to us that corporal punishment remains a part of school life for far too many students. According to the Office for Civil Rights at the US Department of Education, a total of **69,492 students were subjected to corporal punishment at school in the 2017-2018 school year**. These students came from more than twenty states plus the District of Columbia.

Corporal punishment was **disproportionately used against Black students and Native American/Alaska Native students**. According to that same 2017-2018 OCR data set:

- Black students are 15.1% of enrollment, but 37.3% of students subjected to corporal punishment.
- Native students are 1.0% of enrollment, but 1.9% of students subjected to corporal punishment.

In other words, Black and Native children are targeted for the deliberate inflicting of physical pain as a form of "discipline." The echoes of historical violence are disturbingly clear and should be alarming to all people of conscience.

Federal action is needed. If passed, the Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2021 (S 2029 and HR 3836) would prohibit corporal punishment in all schools that receive federal funding. The bill includes both enforcement mechanisms and investments in alternative strategies to improve the educational environment. [Email your legislators today](#) urging them to cosponsor the Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2021.

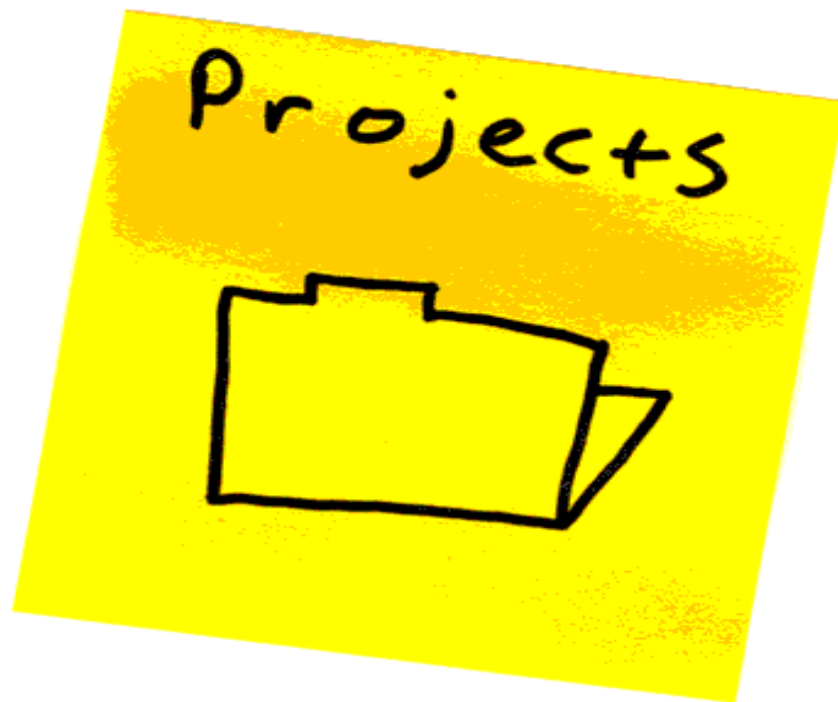
[Take action here.](#)

If you have trouble with the links above, try copying-and-pasting this URL into your browser: <https://p2a.co/xODeK7y>

Looking to read the full bill text? See links below:

Senate Bill 2029: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2029/text>

House Bill 3836: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3836/text>



Conference Projects

EPWORTH HOUSE

2022 Epworth House Committee Officers

Gertrude T. White (GWD) – President

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VACANT – Secretary

Lynn T. Davenport – Treasurer

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VACANT– Hospitality Chair

Jane Grays (WED) – Membership Chair

Ellen S. Davis (GWD) – Nominations Chair

Rosetta Daniels (WED) – Nominations Committee

Gertrude T. White
President



SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE, INC

The mission – To assist women in need and their dependent children; to provide a safe, clean home, and to ensure a viable program for the residents to obtain independent living.

The Board of Directors are excited about the renaissance transformation makeover conducted by “My Girlfriend’s House” from Capitol Heights, Maryland at Susanna Wesley House that upgraded all apartments. The families are pleased with the beautification for their living arrangements.

Susanna Wesley House is seeking volunteers with a variety of skills to help make a difference in the quality of life for homeless women and their children. We need the following:

- Human Service Counselors - To work one-on-one with residents/children.
- Technology Support- Assistance with newsletters, website, and social media.
- Partnership- Recommendations for housekeeping services and potential volunteers.

Thank you for your continued donations and support in helping to provide a safe haven for homeless women with children. Please feel free to contact Susanna Wesley House to make arrangements for your next site visit.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth M. Stemley

SWH Board President



**Susanna
Wesley House**
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www.susanna-wesleyhouse.org

Consider a donation to Susanna Wesley House in your Charitable Giving!

Dear Friend:

Today, I want to share a story that illustrates the impact of your support for Susanna Wesley House (SWH)—a story about a remarkable woman and her son where support from our organization has helped to create an impactful and meaningful life for them both.

In 2018, Kathy R. was exhausted from living from one emergency shelter to the next. She had to move after being evicted from her home (due to her disability and inability to work). At the time she faced homelessness, her 14-year-old son, Joel lived with relatives. Then, Kathy found SWH where she and her son moved into a two-bedroom apartment. She states, "The year that I moved into SWH, I was able to reconnect with my son, and give him a good Christmas for the first time."



Since then, Kathy and Joel have developed a strong bond and Joel has increased his grades and is doing well in school. Kathy has begun online classes for a career as a medical assistant. She credits Susanna Wesley House with being able to go back to school, and for teaching Joel structure and household responsibilities.

In December, Kathy, and her son, moved into their own permanent housing which was found through staff at SWH. She states, "Susanna Wesley House gave me a new start."

For over 100 years, we have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of women and their children. We know you have many options when it comes to your year-end giving. We hope the work we do has inspired you. There are hundreds more stories like Kathy's – people for whom your contributions have provided the opportunity to build a better life.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly contribution, go to [Support Us | Susanna Wesley House \(susanna-wesleyhouse.org\)](https://support.us|susanna.wesleyhouse.org). You may also mail your donation to 609 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201, made payable to Susanna Wesley House.

\$25 provides school supplies for the afterschool program

\$50 provides case management resources and referrals to assist families with healthcare & housing needs

\$100 provides cleaning and maintenance for the house

\$250 provides an apartment turnover to prepare for a new mother and child coming to Susanna Wesley House

Thank you for changing the lives of homeless women and children such as Kathy and Joel.

All the Best,

Yvonne Terry

Yvonne Terry

Executive Director

Elizabeth Stemley

Elizabeth Stemley

President, Board of Directors

CONFERENCE UWF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Fund, Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith.

Provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of United Methodist churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Praise God that we had ten (10) 2021 Scholarship recipients!

And we had ten (10) 2021 Scholarship recipients!

Applications are only accepted on-line at [http://: bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org) from January 4 thru March 1.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Please continue to remember our youth and young adults as they enter higher education to help them grow and succeed in their fields of choice. Local Unit Treasurers, as you collect donations for the scholarships, please send them to your District UWF Treasurers, who will then send them to your Conference UWF Treasurer, Dorothy Medley.

On behalf of the BWC UWF Scholarship Committee, we thank you, we thank God for you and may God continue to bless you all.

Kim Marie Walker
BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson
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