Food, Faith, and Fellowship

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United Women in Faith

Wisconsin Conference 2024 Yearbook



Our Emblem......Our Logo United Women in Faith

Our new logo features our new name next to a Christian cross in muted colors of yellow, blue, orange, and green. The logo is symbolic of our forward-looking faith, the diversity of our organization and the world God so loves.

It represents the past, present, and future of our organization. The symbol refers to our Christian Roots.

The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith.

The typography is solid, modern, and bold, showcasing our power to support the causes in which we invest.

The colors represent:

Blue for faith

Green for Sisterhood

Orange for Action

Yellow for the light of Christ.

United Women in Faith

Mission

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.

Vision

Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Purpose

To be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Mujeres Unidas en la Fe Misión

Mujeres Unidas en la Fe procura conectar y nutrir mujeres a través de la formación espiritual cristina, el desarrollo de liderazgo, el compañerismo creativo y la educación, para que puedan inspirar, influir e impactar en comunidades locales y globales.

Visión

Convertir la fe, la esperanza y el amor en acción a favor de mujeres, niñas, niños y jóvenes en todo el mundo.

Propósito

Ser una comunidad de mujeres cuyo propósito es conocer a Dios y experimentar la libertad como personas integrales por medio de Jesucristo; desarrollar un compañerismo creativo y de apoyo; y extender los conceptos de misión a través de la participación en los ministerios globales de la iglesia.

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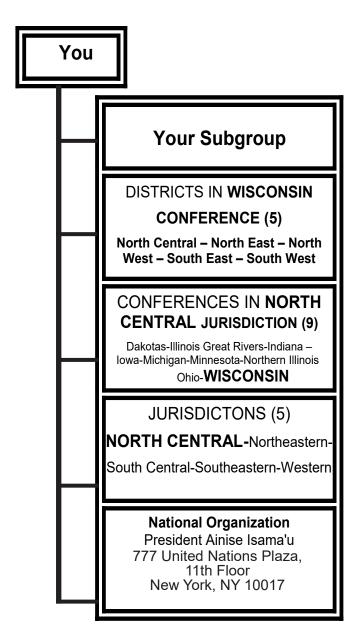


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I first saw that the theme of the 2024 Program Resources book was *Food, Faith, and Fellowship,* I was a little disappointed. We usually take the title of our yearbook from the theme of the Program Resources Book which tends to be action-oriented: *Healing and Joy on our Journey to God* (2022), *Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story (2023).* We are women of action. We turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. Yes, when we gather, even for committee meetings, there's usually food and fellowship. But our important work involves action! Or does it always?

Gathering together to eat sustains our bodies, but the fellowship also feeds our mind and soul. It creates connection with one another in community. The Bible is full of stories of shared meals and hospitality. One of our best-known stories is of Jesus feeding the thousands of people who gathered together to hear him. When the food some people had brought was gathered together, blessed and shared, there was enough for all. There was even food left over. Our God is a God of abundance.

After the death of Jesus, two disciples on the road to Emmaus first recognize Jesus when he takes the bread and breaks it. When Peter and some other disciples decide to go fishing without much luck, a man standing on the shore tells them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. After their net is bursting with fish, Peter recognizes Jesus. Jesus even has a breakfast of fried fish and bread waiting for them. Maybe the most important story of Jesus and food is the story of the Last Supper before Jesus's death. This is the story we celebrate in communion, the story of God's love for us.

May you be blessed this year with food, faith, and fellowship that nurture your body, mind and soul, as we do the important work of United Women in Faith.

Gloria Carter, Wisconsin Conference President

CONFERENCE REQ. & GOALS 2021-2024

- Hold Annual Meetings
- Hold Mission u Annually
- Conduct Officer Training
- Use Prayer Calendar and *response* magazine regularly
- Use Good Communication
- Hold Annual Legislative/Social Action Event
- Keep Accurate Membership Count
- Choose 2 Priority Issues Per Year
- Provide Nominees for National Board of Directors
- Establish Standing Rules

Conference Goals:

- 1. Strengthen and nurture our counterpart relations (e.g. using a new model for training).
- 2. Support efforts to engage young women and teens
- 3. Make/exceed pledges and adjust spending
- 4. Improve use of technology resources
- 5. Model use of resources including prayer calendar, *response* magazine at all events, and facilitation of the team reading a common book or participate in a service project, etc.
- 6. Develop a bridge to other cultures
- 7. Offer Seminar (e.g., Ubuntu) or other opportunity each year.

Social Action Goals

- 1. Improve awareness of how current social issues affect our members and the people we are pledged to serve.
- 2. Provide workshops and seminars on topics such as health care inequalities, climate change, income injustice, homelessness, racism, sex trafficking, gender equity and inequalities in mass incarceration.

Membership Nurture and Outreach Goals

- 1. Have 100% of units reporting membership count.
- 2. Incorporate methods of nurture for women, especially teens and young women in a creative supportive community.
- 3. Support units when chartering, reorganizing, or going inactive.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GOALS for 2024

Theme: We are ALL Welcomed to Come to God's Table

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8

For those of us who have "tasted" the goodness of the Lord, we may more easily relate to our theme about feeling welcomed at God's table! There is that special feeling of being drawn in...into something so appealing that we would want to come back again! Can you see where I am heading here? How can we United Women in Faith welcome other women – women of all ages to the Lord's table in this new year ahead? How can we help others "taste" what we know to be so very good? I have always believed in the idea of hospitality, and will always remember my own mother inviting my friends over to the house – and yes, even to church if I wanted them to spend the night! I do not think we are hosting too many sleepovers anymore, but can we find other ways to host others to come to our home, our church, or anywhere? I think that our 2024 Program Guide has something important to ponder, as the title helps us to imagine: *"Food, Faith, and Fellowship."* These program ideas may just lead us to where we could be focusing and investing our energies in this new year before us! *"Happy New Year!"* Are you feeling energized, or are you already feeling fatigued and stressed with the thoughts of more things to do, once again! Let me share something that I have learned many years ago - about keeping our Lord in the mix of things as we plan:

"The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness which restores my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind, and his guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret...For His presence is here. His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity. By anointing my mind with oils of tranquility, my cup of joyous energy overflows. Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever."

May this be a year of growing our hospitality as we invite and welcome others to God's Good Table! Let this be our new year's goal.... Blessings to you in 2024 as we enjoy ways to provide "Food, Faith & Fellowship!"

GOALS TO REFLECT ON:

- Lean on the Lord as your pace-setter.
- Stop for quiet intervals to restore your serenity.
- Follow His lead for efficiency, calmness of mind & balance.
- Remember: God *will* prepare *YOUR* refreshment & renewal, even in the midst of all your activities.
- Invite others to UWF gatherings & provide them good food, with faith-filled & joy-filled fellowship!

CONFERENCE DATES FOR 2024

January 13	Executive Team-Zoom Meeting (9-12)	
March 9	Mission u - Zoom Meeting (9-12)	
April 13	Social Action Day - Zoom Meeting with	
	watch parties (9-12)	
April 20	Executive Team-Zoom Meeting (9-12)	
May 30-June 2	North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial	
	Event-Indianapolis	
June 18, 20, 25 & 27	Zoom Mission u 6:30-9:00PM	
July 13	Overview Day at New Lisbon: Winding Rivers UMC	
August 16-18	Executive Team/Mission u Meeting at Pine Lake	
October 11-12	Annual Gathering Eau Claire Lake Street UMC	
November 2	Mission u/Executive Team by Zoom	
November 21-23	Leadership Development Days-Zoom Meeting	

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Proposed Conference Dates for 2025

January 11	Executive Team-Zoom meeting (9-12)
March 8	Mission u-Zoom meeting (9-12)
April 5	Executive Team-Zoom meeting (9-12)
April 12	Social Action Day (9-12)
June-July	Mission u
Aug. 22-24	Executive Team/Mission u Meeting at Pine Lake
October 10-11	Annual Gathering
November 1	Mission u/Executive Team Meeting by Zoom (9-12)

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Join us at Mission u as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.

Jesus told his followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us?

Mission u 2024 offers three exciting curricula on this theme: Order your copy here: uwfaithresources.org

Adult — Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher Youth — Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom by Nica Sy Children — Me in the Kin-dom by Kathy Cook

Join Us!

Online Mission u Tues/ Thurs, June 18, 20 & 25, 27, 2024 6:30-9:00PM

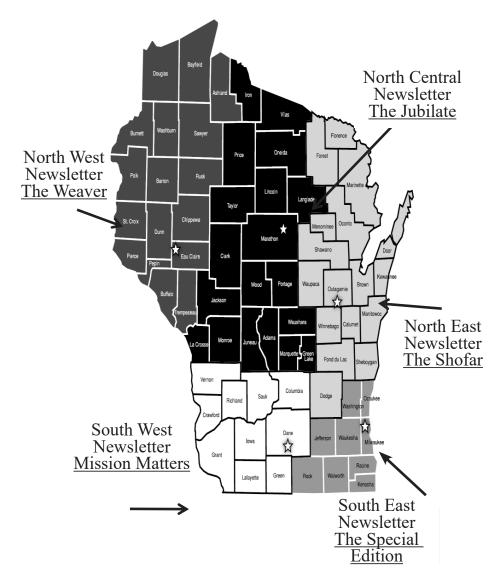
In Person Overview Day New Lisbon: Winding Rivers UMC Saturday, July 13, 2024 9:00AM-3:30PM

YOMICA (Youth Mission Camp) at Pine Lake Camp see camping brochure for dates and registration

Come learn together for the transformation of the world!



United Women in Faith MAP OF WISCONSIN CONFERENCE DISTRICTS



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United Women in Faith website for news, events & inspiration: https://uwfaith.org Wisconsin

Conference United Women in Faith website:www.wisconsinumw.org

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Feb. 3	Team Meeting-Wausau First UMC, snow date-Feb. 10
April 13	Social Action Day by Zoom 9-12
May 4	Team Meeting after Spring Retreat at Pine Lake
June 22	District Team Meeting Berlin UMC
Sept. 14	District Annual Gathering Berlin UMC

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NORTH EAST DISTRICT MEETINGS and EVENTS:

January 6	Team Meeting Tele-Conference at 10AM
March 2	Team Meeting Tele-Conference at 10AM
April 27	NE District Retreat-Kaukauna Peace UMC
June 1	Team Meeting Tele-Conference at 10AM
August 2	Team Meeting at Oshkosh Algoma Blvd. At 10AM
September 21	NE Dist. Annual Day of Celebration at Oshkosh Algoma Blvd.
November 2	Team Meeting Tele-Conference at 10AM

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Jan. 15	District Team Meeting by Zoom 10AM-12PM
March 11	Dist. Team Meeting, Parkview UMC, Turtle Lake 10AM-2PM
April 26	Dist. Team Meeting Parkview UMC, Turtle Lake 10AM-12PM
April 27	Spring Day of Enrichment, Parkview UMC,
	Turtle Lake 9AM-3PM
July 23	District Team Meeting 10-12, Noon Picnic Potluck with past
	District Team Members TBD Rice Lake
Aug. 24	District Team Meeting 10AM-12PM TBD
Sept. 27	District Team Meeting Set up 1:30PM TBD Chippewa Falls
Sept. 28	District Fall Gathering 8:45AM-1:30PM TBD Chippewa Falls
Nov. 9	District Team Meeting TBD
Dec. 7	District Team Christmas Gathering

DISTRICT MEETING DATES & NEWSLETTERS 2024 cont'd

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March 16	Team Meeting at W. Allis Blessed Hope UMC 8:45AM-Noon
May 11	Team Meeting at W. Allis Blessed Hope UMC 8:45AM-Noon
August 31	Team Meeting at Milton UMC 8:45AM-Noon
September 21	SE District Annual Gathering at Milton UMC
November 9	Team Meeting at Caldwell UMC 8:45AM-Noon

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April 27	SW District Spring Retreat at Platteville UMC
June 15	Team Meeting at Prairie du Chien UMC 9:30AM
August 3	Team Meeting at Portage UMC 9:30AM-3PM
September 14	SW District Annual Gathering at Portage UMC
November 9	SW District Day of Enrichment at Dodgeville UMC

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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2024 BUDGET AND PLEDGE TO MISSION

PLEDGE TO MISSION (All 5 Channels of Giving)	\$ 150,000
INCOME	
A&MD Withheld from Pledge Payments	\$ 81,960
Registration Income-Mission Action Day	1,400
Registration Income-Annual Gathering	 1,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 84,860
EXPENSES	
Standing Committees	\$ 5,000
Special Events	800
Membership	100
Communication,Postage,Phone-Officer	200
Catch The Vision	2,500
District A&MD Funds	48,710
Jurisdiction A&MD Funds	1,500
Quadrennial Events	3,000
Conf Officers to Dist Annual Gathers	100
Delegates to Required Meetings	500
World Federation of Methodist & UCW	2,000
Hmong Language Coordinator	1,000
Korea Language Coordinator	1,000
Native American Coordinator	1,000
Spanish Language Coordinator	1,000
Mission u Conference	8,750
Annual Gathering	3,000
Officer Materials	500
SMR, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission	500
Yearbook	1,800
Church Women United	200
Audit	1,000
Contingency Fund	500
Newly Commissioned WI Missionary	 200
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 84,860

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OF WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin Conference Organization of the United Women in Faith shall be those found in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Board of United Women in Faith of the current year.

STANDING RULES

The following standing rules shall govern the action of Conference and Districts as long as they are in harmony with Constitution and Bylaws of the National Board of United Women in Faith.

ARTICLE I – ELECTIONS

Section 1: Mission Team

A term shall consist of a two-year period. All officers shall be elected for one term and may be reelected for a second term except for the Treasurer, who may be reelected for a third term, to take office January 1 of the following year.

The President and Vice-President shall not be elected in the same year unless there are unavoidable circumstances. All other officers will be elected according to the term/tenure election guidelines as specified in the current United Women in Faith Handbook.

The Committee on Nominations Chairperson shall be elected for one term. This does not include the members on the Committee on Nominations, where a class needs to be filled. Member of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected in classes yearly.

Section 2: Publicity of Slate

The Committee on Nominations shall present the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee of the Conference Organization who will in turn present them to the local units of the United Women in Faith through the Conference newsletter at least one month prior to the Annual Gathering/ Meeting of the Conference. Nominations may be made from the floor providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance, the name of the nominee has been given to the Committee on Nominations Chairperson to verify eligibility and the name of the nominee is filed with the Conference Secretary.

Section 3: Responsibilities of Conference Officers

a. Conference elected leadership shall take office January 1 following installation.

- b. All elected/appointed Conference Officers are expected to attend all Conference United Women in Faith's meetings of which they are a part by virtue of their office. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings, without notifying the president, shall be subject to removal from office. A committee of three officers, appointed by the President, will meet with said officer, review the situation and make a recommendation.
- c. All elected Conference Officers shall submit a report in writing for each Executive Committee meeting.
- d. Retiring Conference Officers shall arrange transfer of all records, books, papers and property belonging to the Conference United Women in Faith within one month of leaving office.
- e. Retiring Conference Officers shall invite incoming Conference counterparts to be present, if possible, at the final District officer training session.

Section 4: Unexpired Term

For an officer to fill an unexpired term of office, if the time to be served is six (6) months or longer, the period to be served shall be considered the first term, thus giving the privilege of re-election of one additional term in the same office. If the time to be served is less than six (6) months, it shall not constitute a first term.

Section 5: Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

The Conference shall send three (3) voting delegates with all expenses

being paid by the Conference of the United Women in Faith to the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. Delegates plus one alternate shall be elected at the Annual Gathering in the year prior to the Quadrennial Meeting.

Section 6: National Board nominees

Nominees for the United Women in Faith National Organization shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Women in Faith prior to the Quadrennial Meeting of the Jurisdiction. The Conference shall elect two (2) nominees for the Board of Directors and one (1) alternate from a slate named by the Conference Committee on Nominations. The Conference will elect three (3) women to be considered to serve on the Program Advisory Group of the National

Organization from a slate named by the Conference Committee on Nominations. Additional names may be nominated from the floor of the Annual Gathering with the consent of the nominee. All expenses for nominees for the National Organization for the Quadrennial Meeting of the Jurisdiction shall be paid by the Conference.

Section 7: Appointed Leadership

Appointed leadership shall serve no more than four (4) years in any combination of such appointed position. Appointed leaders shall be members of the Executive Committee without vote. Appointed leaders shall have the same reimbursement privileges as other Executive Committee members. The description of responsibilities shall reside with the Conference President and Conference Chairperson of Nominations.

ARTICLE II-MEETINGS/ GATHERINGS

Section 1: Annual Gathering

- a. The voting body of the Conference Organizations shall be those members present at the Annual Gathering within the voting bar. The President shall establish the voting bar prior to the start of the business meeting. The voting bar shall be comprised of those Wisconsin United Women in Faith members present.
- b. The date of the Annual Gathering shall be set by the Executive Committee
- c. A majority of the voting members present is required to pass all motions.
- d. Missionaries who have been commissioned by and have served under the General Board of Global Ministries and Deaconesses who have been commissioned/consecrated and have served under the National Organization of United Women in Faith or its predecessor boards and who are present shall be recognized at the Annual Gathering.
- e. All invited leadership participants shall be given an honorarium/Special Mission Recognition /Gift to Mission and shall have paid, if necessary, registration fee and housing and travel expenses. This leadership could Include speakers, music leadership, focus group/workshop leaders, registrar and local arrangement person.

Section 2: All Meetings/Gatherings and Events

- a. Speakers for meetings and events are to be selected by committee. No additional speakers may be added to the program without prior committee approval.
- b. There will be no displays, appeals for fund or sales of items unless prior approval has been granted by the Executive Committee before the event. (A guideline will be that it shall not detract from the sale of program resources or from Mission Giving. Mission projects located in Wisconsin begun by either Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith or the Wisconsin Annual Conference shall be allowed to have fundraisers.
- c. For any United Women in Faith event, the bus coordinator shall

have expenses and registration fee paid by the Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith.

Section 3: Conference Retreats

- a. Leadership shall be given an honorarium.
- b. Participants will be the Executive Team, Dean and Assistant Dean of Mission u and Mission u Registrar, Business Manager and Camp Coordinator.
- c. Mileage and meals to and from the retreat for leadership and participants will be at Conference expense at the regular rate.

ARTICLE III - COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Leadership of the Conference Organization; all members of the National Organization and Program Advisory Group, Officers of the Jurisdiction Organization including members of the Committee on Nominations, Officers of the World Federation of Methodist Women residing within the Conference, the President of each District Organization, the Resident Bishop, the Dean and Assistant Dean of Mission u and appointed leaders. When the District President is unable to attend the meeting, Districts shall send another District Officer or newly elected District President to take her place to ensure District representation at those meetings. The substitute shall have voice and vote.

Section 2: <u>The Committee on Nominations</u> shall be composed of nine (9) members elected by the Conference Organization in classes. The Chairperson of the committee shall be elected by the Conference, preferably from the third-year class of a four-year term, serving as chairperson for two (2) years. Membership on the committee shall be inclusive, taking into consideration, employment, age and racial/ethnic background. The pattern shall be as follows: Class 1-two (2) members; Class 2-three (3) members; Class 3-two (2) members; Class 4-two (2) members.

Section 3: <u>The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies</u> shall be composed of seven (7) members: President, a Language Coordinator, the Chairperson on the Committee on Nominations and four (4) additional members to be elected annually at the Conference Annual Gathering: One (1) District President, one (1) Executive Committee member and two (2) other members selected to ensure inclusive expertise. Additional members shall not serve for more than three (3) years. The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies shall meet at least semi-annually.

Section 4: <u>There shall be a Standing Rules Committee consisting of the</u> President, Treasurer, Secretary and two (2) others chosen by the Executive Committee. The President shall bring before the Executive Committee proposals for the revision of the Conference Standing Rules. **Section 5**: <u>The Administration Committee</u> shall be composed of the five (5) members of the Executive Committee including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one other person depending upon the emergency. It shall not change declared policy, budget or incur indebtedness.

ARTICLE IV - FUNDS

Section 1: Funds shall be received and disbursed as specified in the Bylaws.

Section 2: The Conference Organizations shall establish an Administration and Membership Development fund for the organization from a percent of the pledge to mission, the percent to be determined yearly. This fund shall include monies for the Jurisdiction and District Administration and Membership Development.

Section 3: The Conference Organization shall give a gift of \$100 to all newly Commissioned Missionaries, deaconesses, home missionaries, missionary associates, mission interns and US-2s of the Wisconsin Conference.

Section 4: The Conference Organization shall give:

- a. \$100 Special Mission Recognition to Conference Presidents, Vice- Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers on completing two (2) full terms.
- \$60 Special Mission Recognition for all other Conference Officers who complete two (2) full terms of Conference membership.
- c. \$40 Special Mission recognition for Conference Officers who have completed one (1) full term.
- \$60 Special Mission Recognition to Committee on Nominations who have completed four (4) years on the committee including two (2) as Chairperson.
- e. \$40.00 Special Mission Recognition to members of the Committee on Nominations serving four (4) years.
- f. Gift to Missions \$10 for each year served in honor of each member of the Committee on Nominations who has served less than four (4) years.
- g. \$40 Special Mission Recognition to appointed officers upon completion of a four (4) year term.
- h. \$60 Special Mission Recognition to the Dean of the Mission u who serves two (2) years and \$40 Special Mission Recognition for serving one (1) year.
- \$10 Gift to Mission to the Assistant Dean for each year served; a
 \$40 Special Mission Recognition shall be given to the

Registrar/Secretary, Business Manager and Camp Coordinator upon completion of four (4) years of service; a \$10 Gift to Mission will be given to all other committee members upon completion of their term. These (h) and (i) to be presented at Mission u.

- \$40 Special Recognition shall be given to retiring National Board Directors and Program Advisory Group members from our Conference upon completion of three (3) or more years of service.
- k. Any officer who qualified to receive a Special Mission Recognition pin may choose instead to have a donation to mission made in their name.

Section 5: Gifts in Memory:

- a. The Conference Organization shall give a \$25 Gift in Memory in the event of the death of a member of the Executive Committee, including District Presidents, the Committee on Nominations and the Mission u Committee.
- b. A \$10 Gift in Memory shall be given in the event of a death in the immediate family (discretion of the Administration Committee) of the above-named committees.

Section 6: Payments:

- All checks written by the Treasurer shall be vouchered, except those to the National Organization and those to recipients of transient funds.
- b. A transportation allowance for all Conference Officers shall be allowed for authorized travel given to the driver only at the rate of 25 cents a mile for a vehicle carrying one (1) person and at the rate of 30 cents per mile for a vehicle carrying two (2) persons. A vehicle carrying three (3) or more shall be allowed at the rate of 35 cents per mile.
- c. Conference Officers shall be allowed a maximum of \$15 per diem meal expense; (\$3 breakfast, \$5 lunch and \$7 dinner).
- d. When a Conference meeting necessitates commercial overnight accommodations, the rate of reimbursement shall be at a rate of two (2) to a room.
- e. When reservations are made by the Conference, cancellations must be received by the registrar at least 24 hours in advance or the individual is responsible to reimburse the Conference.
- f. Conference officers may be reimbursed for total motel overnight expenses in unusual circumstances, (i.e. car breakdown, inclement weather).
- g. The Conference President's registrations, room, meals and

mileage to the Wisconsin Annual Conference shall be paid from the United Women in Faith Conference funds when not paid by the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

- h. When meetings are called by the Conference Organization, the expenses are those of the Conference.
- i. Annual Gathering:
 - 1. The Conference Organization shall pay Annual Gathering registration, meal cost, Mileage Meal cost, mileage and lodgings for Conference Officers and Conference nominees.
 - 2. Districts shall pay registration, meals, mileage and lodging for all District Officers attending including the newly elected officers.
- j. Dependent Care:
 - 1. Dependent Care for Elder, special needs, or childcare shall be allowed up to \$25 per day for elected leaders who attend Conference sponsored events or meetings, as well as Mission u training for Mission u. Local units and families are encouraged to volunteer help with this care.
 - 2. Special meeting notices shall include a space that can be checked if childcare or elder care help will be needed.
 - 3. Persons planning special meetings shall arrange for childcare with the understanding that if no children are present, reimbursements will be made for one (1) hour of service only. Safe Sanctuary policies shall be followed. See <u>Safe Sanctuaries Anniversary Edition: Reducing the</u> <u>Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth by J.</u> <u>Melton.</u>
- k. Conference Officers shall be encouraged to attend one District Annual Gathering (other than their own) each year at Conference expense.
- I. Conference shall budget to include District representation to Assembly and Jurisdiction Quadrennial meetings. Therefore, the Districts shall not budget for these events.
- m. District Organizations are responsible for expenses of the Conference Officers when attending meetings of the Executive Committee of the District in which they reside.

ARTICLE V- Mission u Section

1: General Rules

a. There shall be a Conference Mission u following the Mission u training event each summer. Mission u Committee members

(including the Dean and Assistant Dean) shall attend with expenses paid from the Mission u budget. All additional conference elected and appointed leadership, including members of the Conference Committee on Nominations shall attend at Conference expense.

- b. All District elected and appointed mission team members, as well as members of the District Committee on Nomination, shall attend at District expense. Meals, mileage, lodging, and registration are these expenses. If however, the District President or another representative is requested by the Mission u team to be present for a specific reason (e.g. to be at the registration tables) resulting in the need for additional lodging night(s), then the lodging cost for these night(s) shall be covered by the Conference.
- c. All invited leadership participants shall have an honorarium/Special Mission Recognition/Gift to Mission and shall have paid, if necessary, registration fee and housing and travel expenses. The leadership could include speakers, music leadership, focus group/workshop leaders and director of Learning Center.
- d. All National Board members and members of the Program Advisory Group, Jurisdiction Organization officers residing within the Conference and resident Bishop shall be invited to attend at Conference expense.

Section 2: Mission u Committee Membership

a. The Committee for Mission u shall be composed of the following elected leadership by virtue of office: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Chairperson of Nomination, the four Mission Coordinators, Secretary of Program Resources, Technology Coordinator, Young Women's Coordinator, Dean, Assistant Dean, Business Manager, Registrar/Secretary, Language Coordinators and Camping Coordinator. The Dean, Assistant

Dean, Business Manager, Registrar/Secretary, Technology Coordinator and Camping Coordinator shall be elected by the Mission u Nominating Committee and shall be other than Conference officers.

- b. Nominations for these positions shall be made by the Mission u Nominating Committee. This committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Nominations plus two (2) members appointed by the Dean from the Mission u Committee. These appointed persons shall serve a two (2) year term. The Nominating Committee may fill vacancies as they occur.
- c. The Dean may appoint no more than four (4) at-large members for a two (2) year term.

- d. <u>Tenure of office:</u> The Dean and Assistant Dean shall serve no more than two (2) years. The following officers shall serve no more than four (4) years: Registrar/Secretary, Business Manager, Technology Coordinator, Camping Coordinator, member of the Mission u Nominating Committee and membersat-large.
- e. The Dean and the Assistant Dean as well as others designated by the National Organization shall attend Mission u training at Mission u expense.

Section 3: Scholarship Guidelines:

- a. Following the guidelines, the Registrar in consultation with the rest of the scholarship committee (Dean, Registrar, Business Manager and Conference President) determines who is to get a scholarship. In the event of unusual circumstances, these guidelines may be waived by the scholarship committee.
- b. Conference Scholarships:
 - 1. Registrar is to keep a card file of recipients, cross indexed by individual units and years received.
 - 2. Those who have not received scholarships, will have priority over those who have received support.
 - 3. Scholarships are the amount of a registration fee for one (1) Mission u event and will be given until the Wisconsin United Women in Faith Conference's budgeted amount is met.
- c. Newly Ordained Elders or Elders transferred into the Conference or newly consecrated Local Pastors shall receive a registration scholarship for one (1) Mission u event for the year of ordination or transfer to be used that year or the second or third year following ordination/consecration.
- d. Gilpin Memorial Scholarship Fund:
 - 1. Interest earned on the memorial fund will be used for scholarships.
 - 2. Preference shall be given to first time attendees.
 - 3. Scholarship shall not exceed the amount of the registration fee of one (1) Mission u event.
- e. The Nancy Rivers Scholarship shall be disbursed to women under 45 who are attending the Wisconsin Mission u not to exceed the amount of the registration fee of one (1) Mission u event.
- f. Mission u shall offer childcare services for Mission u as determined by the committee. This could include on-site

childcare or stipends offered to help offset the cost of childcare arranged by the participant e.g.,up to \$25/day for the first five (5) requests with registration.

ARTICLE VI-PRINTING AND MAILING

Section 1: When Conference elected leadership sends a mailing of general plans or resources to District counterparts, they shall send a copy of the cover letter to the District President, Conference President and Conference Secretary.

Section 2: District Newsletters

District Newsletters shall be sent to National Board of Directors and

members of the Program Advisory Group residing in the Conference, all Conference Officers, District Presidents and District Communication Coordinators and the local Presidents and as many women as is feasible in the local units.

Section 3: Correspondence

It shall be the policy that each Conference Officer actively involves the corresponding District officer when it becomes necessary for her to communicate with local units. Any letter to elected leadership of the local units should be agreed upon jointly by those whose names appear as preparing the letter.

Section 4: Yearbook

There shall be a Conference Yearbook. The Yearbook shall include the names and contact information of the Conference Executive Committee, District Leadership, Local Unit Presidents, and other pertinent information.

Section 5: Yearbook Mailing

Mailing of the Yearbook shall be sent to: All Local Unit Presidents, all District Officers, members of the Conference Executive Committees, and members of the Standing Committees. Retiring Conference Officers for up to two (2) years, the area Bishop and District Superintendents, the area Staff and Conference Archives, Officers of the North Central Jurisdiction, Presidents and Secretaries of other Conferences in our Jurisdiction, CEO of United Women in Faith and President of the National Board and shall be kept on file with the Conference Secretary's records.

Section 6: Promotion of Activities

- a. The Conference Organization shall promote (by mail or other means of communication) only such activities as are directly associated with the work of the United Women in Faith as outlined by the National Organization.
- b. It shall be the policy that no authorized appeal for funds shall be made to local units, District or Conference Organizations on

behalf of any organization or individual without explicit prior approval by the Executive or Administrative committee.

Section 7: Conference Newsletters

- a. The Conference Newsletter for United Women in Faith will be published four (4) times a year.
- b. It will be sent to all Conference and District Officers, Local Unit Presidents and Secretaries, Mission u officers, Mabel Heil Scholarship Committee, District Superintendents, officers of the North Central Jurisdiction, Presidents and Communications Coordinators of other Conferences in our Jurisdiction.

Section 8: Preservation of Documents

Copies of all above mentioned documents must be preserved in hard copy form.

ARTICLE VII-REVISIONS

Section 1: The Conference standing Rules shall be studied and revised, if necessary, at least once, during the Quadrennium. They may be amended at any meeting of the Conference organization by a 2/3 vote of the voting members of the Conference Organization.

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MABEL HEIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Purpose: The Mabel Heil Scholarship is made possible by earnings from a trust established in the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a resident of Cuba City, Wisconsin. Funds are awarded by the Heil Scholarship Committee of the Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Women, and are invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Any Wisconsin United Methodist woman working to improve her education may apply.

Available Funds:

- a. Funds will be invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, in a fund split 60 percent equity and 40 percent fixed.
- b. Funds available to provide scholarships for each semester will be calculated as 2.5 percent of the fair market value of the Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund as of the end of the month prior to the approval of scholarships.

Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Must be a female member of the United Women in Faith and/or United Methodist Church, Wisconsin Conference
- b. Submit a written answer to the question, "In what ways do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- c. Letter of recommendation from either the president of the local UWFaith unit or from your pastor.
- d. Letter of recommendation from a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative. (Person writing letter on behalf of applicant is to send the letter directly to the contact person.)
- e. All letters must be written (Preferably typed) on one side of an 8.5x11" sheet of white paper using black ink.

Application Procedure:

- Awarded for one semester at a time. To be considered again for any subsequent semester, send a letter asking to be considered
- b. Graduate students may apply for each semester as long as they meet the other requirements.

- c. Application and two (2) letters of recommendation OR RECONSIDERATION LETTER must be received by May 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester. Checks will be disbursed by August 15 and January 15.
- d. Application forms may be requested from the address below.

Obtain application from and send to: Mabel Heil Scholarship Lucy Silvester 373 15th Ave Nekoosa, WI 54457 For more information, call 715-325-2841 or email at loosesilv45@gmail.com

Committee Composition and Purpose:

- a. The Mabel Heil Scholarship Committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and one member from each district. The members shall be appointed by the Conference President, with approval by the Executive Committee. In addition, the Conference President and Treasurer shall serve as ex officio members of the Committee, with voice and vote.
- b. The at-large members of the Committee shall be appointed to serve one five-year term, with each member's term ending a different year, beginning as follows:
 - 2022: North West District member's term starts
 - 2023: South East District member's term starts
 - 2024: North East District member's term starts
 - 2025: South West District member's term starts
 - 2026: North Central District member's term starts
- c. The Committee shall elect its Chairperson for one three-year term.
- d. The Committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications of eligible applicants and determining the amount, if any, awarded to each applicant.

A LEGACY OF MISSION

In 1869, eight (8) women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. They raised money to send two (2) missionaries to India, a woman doctor and woman teacher. United Methodist Women is the successor to that and other woman's missionary societies. One hundred and fifty years later, United Methodist Women is the largest faith-based women's mission in the world, changing lives for women, children, youth and families down the street and around the globe. United Methodist Women is a unique movement for transformation in our church and our world.

The Legacy Fund continues to be an important part of this celebration. The Legacy Fund will **permanently** sustain the work of United Methodist Women. That means that your gifts to this endowment will support women in Mission in the future. Your gifts will stand alongside United Methodist Women for decades to come. Your gifts will enable our great organization to continue to change lives for women, children, youth and families down the street and around the globe for the next 150 years. Follow the below link to learn more about the History and Legacy of United Methodist Women.

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