

# Jubilate

North Central District UWF  
Newsletter August 2023

## President's Message

James 2:14-17 (NRSV)

“What good is it my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or a sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat your fill,” and you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

I am thinking of the above Bible message, as I contemplate listening to Rev. Janet Wolf at our District Annual Gathering this fall. Rev. Wolf was the resident theologian at Assembly 2022. She electrified the Assembly 2022 attendees with her frank and intelligent look at systemic racism and oppression and all its effects on our current society. She used the James scripture as the foundation inspiring us to show our faith with our actions, as called by God. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear truth-telling from one of the most powerful women theologians of our time. Her message is inspiring and reminds us that as United Women in Faith, we believe that love in action can change the world. You do not want to miss this message. The North Central District UWF Annual Gathering is Saturday, September 16 at Port Edwards UMC.

The 2022 unit survey is available until August 30 for your units to fill out. The survey is intended to be completed by the unit president. Questions are related to how your unit or group is thriving in sisterhood, faith and action and how you are committed to act boldly for justice and transform communities. If you are completing the survey, please paste the link below into your web browser and then dive into the questions. Answering the questions will take about 15-20 minutes.

Your responses matter. Your answers will allow the United Women in Faith National Office to deliver more resources on the areas that matter most, gather engagement data based on region, and celebrate all the work you are doing on behalf of women, children, and youth.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Wisconsin\\_Conference](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Wisconsin_Conference)

It is an exciting time to be a United Women in Faith member. I hope you will be able to join us at the District Annual Gathering on September 16 at Port Edwards UMC. See the registration form later in this Jubilate. Please review the recommended by-law changes. The Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering will be in Eau Claire on Oct. 13-14. Theme is: Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story. Registration information will be available late July or early August.

Blessings,  
Ruby Dow  
NC UWF President

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**Plan now to attend our 2023 Annual Gathering**

It may be Summer, and we are enjoying the warm weather and all of the activities that go with Summer, but your Officer Team is planning the Annual Gathering. For those that have never been to the Annual Gathering, we invite you to come and join us. We will do everything we can to make you feel comfortable and enjoy the day. We all start somewhere! Come and join us!!

The Annual Gathering includes the yearly business for our district. It also has an Ingathering where we bring needed things for a project in the area. The Ingathering for this year will be the South Wood County Emergency Pantry (now renamed FOCUS). The items the pantry is in need of are: pasta (not spaghetti), chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, soap, laundry detergent and other things not allowed to purchase with food stamps.

The guest speaker will be a video recording of Rev. Janet Wolf, Author of Practicing Resurrection who presented to the Assembly 2022 in Florida. Those who went to Assembly will tell you Rev. Wolf is definitely worth your time to hear her. She will talk about systemic racism and oppression and all its effects on our current society.

We will also have a silent auction. If each unit would bring a basket or grouping of items to auction off, it would be helpful.

The offering given on Saturday, September 16 will go to paying our Missions pledge.

Again, please come and meet other women of Faith and enjoy developing new friendships and renewing friendships with those we know. If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone on the Officer team.

The registration form for the September 16 Annual Gathering is on Page 3. Please copy to distribute to your members. See you in Port Edwards!

**Sister Units Assigned for 2023**

Remember to reach out to the Leadership Team member assigned to your local unit. Each of the district officers would like to offer our service in working with your organization. It may be providing programming, attending one of your fundraisers, or any other thing you might need.

Carol Anderson 715-284-2456- Berlin, Markesan, Mauston

Joan Burk-Miller 715-432-0897- Mercer, Minocqua

Sue Loeffler 815-546-5033- Rhinelander, Black River Falls, Tomahawk

Margaret Getzin 715-842-9254- Almond, Port Edwards, Wild Rose

Carol Hornby 715-284-9655- Alma Center, Tomah, Trempealeau, Rockland

Julie Mieke 715-348-5778- Merrillan, Plainfield, Sparta, Wausau Wesley

Ruby Dow 608-847-2398- Winding River, Norwalk, South Burr Oak, Wisconsin Rapids

Cindy Tyjeski 715-323-9656- Wautoma, Antigo, Mattoon, Wausau First

North Central District Annual Gathering

Racism, Oppression and Its Effects on Society

Speaker -- Rev. Janet Wolf

Rev. Wolf electrified Assembly 2022 with her frank and intelligent look at systemic racism and oppression and its effects on our current society. Don't miss an opportunity to hear one of the most powerful women theologians of our time.

Memorial Recognition

By September 8 please send the names of your members who have passed since our gathering in September 2022 to Spiritual Growth Coordinator Margaret Getzin, 412 Kolter St., Wausau, WI 54403 or email to Margaret at margaretg202@gmail.com

Port Edwards UMC
411 Wisconsin River Drive
Port Edwards, WI 54469
715-887-3011

Saturday, September 20
Registration 9:00 – 9:30 AM
Program 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Special Events:

\*Please bring a donation for FOCUS (formerly the South Wood County Emergency Pantry). The items the pantry is in need of are: pasta (not spaghetti), chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, brushes, soap, laundry detergent and other things not allowed to purchase with food stamps.

\*A Silent Auction will also be held to support North Central District's pledge to missions. Each local unit and individuals are asked to prepare an item or basket for the silent auction. Our worship offering will also support our pledge.

Registrations deadline is September 8, 2023.

Registration Fee is \$20 on or before September 8. After September 8 the fee is \$25.00. Make checks payable to North Central District.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Dietary Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and fee to
Joan Burk-Miller, 606 E. Cassidy Dr., Wausau, WI 54401
Questions? Call Joan at 715-842-0897 or email her at woodsygirl@dwave.net.

**Money Moments from District Treasurer**

Continue sending in your unit monies. At the close of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, mission giving totaled \$9,680.77 or 24% of our \$40,000 Pledge to Mission. While this is a little behind 2022, I know you can do it!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual District Gathering in Port Edwards on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The silent auction is always a winner for everyone. We encourage units and individuals to donate items for this venture. Auction monies received go toward our Mission pledge.

As a reminder –end-of-the-year unit monies must reach me by December 15<sup>th</sup> to be posted in 2023. Monies received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be held over until January 2024. Look for the 2024 Unit Pledge to Mission form elsewhere in this Jubilate. Please either bring along to the District Gathering or mail me at your earliest convenience.

This will be my final post as your treasurer. These past 8-9 years have flown by. Thank you all for your earnest support, wonderful notes of thanks and gratitude and your generous attitude. I will miss you!

Blessings,

Joan Burk-Miller, District Treasurer  
606 E Cassidy Dr., Wausau 54401  
Phone 715-842-0897  
woodsyclub@dwave.net

\*\*\*\*\*Local Unit Pledge to Mission\*\*\*\*\*

**North Central District 2024**

Local Unit/Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to UWF mission through North Central District for 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Treasurer or President

Bring to September 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering in Port Edwards – OR – mail to:

Joan Burk-Miller, North Central District Treasurer 606 E Cassidy Drive, Wausau, WI 54401

## Jumping to a Conclusion is not Always Accurate

Have you ever jumped to a conclusion about a situation before you had all the facts or assessed someone's personality before you got to know them? It is easy to judge a book by its cover and that is just what I did with the Mission u study book, "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation" by Riva Tabela.

"Harrumph!" I muttered. "Kin-dom instead of kingdom. Is this another cute play on words or an attempt to "fix" a perfectly good English word?" During the three days of study, I was delighted to learn that it was neither. While Christians are very comfortable with the Lord's Prayer as we use it in church services and on other religious occasions, the Mission u course led us deeper into understanding the prayer and the words Jesus chose to instruct and inspire his followers. One activity asked us to paraphrase the prayer and make it our own. What follows is my effort:

Oh, my heavenly Father,  
 Holy is your name!  
 May your reign come to earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give me my daily sustenance.  
 Forgive me my errors and omissions as I forgive those who have hurt or offended me.  
 Lead me away from troubles of my own making and deliver me from evil.  
 All glory and power is yours, now and forever! Amen

**Calendar alert! Saturday, May 4, 2024 is the District Spring Retreat at Pine Lake Camp.**  
 Bonus: There will be a shuttle running between the parking area and Amphlett Hall for us.

Margaret Getzin  
 Spiritual Growth  
 715-842-9254 [margaretg202@gmail.com](mailto:margaretg202@gmail.com)

## Greetings from Social Action Coordinator Sue Loeffler .....

With summer temperatures breaking all records in several areas of our country and our world, the impact of climate change is being experienced in a personal way by many. Sweltering heat has gotten people's attention. Will it be enough to instill concern for the future? Will there be motivation to address issues and make change?

United Women in Faith has not taken a wait and see approach. Protecting God's creation and those who are disproportionately affected by global climate change is one of UWIF's core principles. Our recent Social Action Day "Faithful Climate Action" was informative in identifying the impact of climate change on maternal and infant health. Climate change impacts the most vulnerable of us, those with the fewest resources to be able to adjust or to obtain help. UWIF offers many resources on the website to educate ourselves on Climate Justice and actions in advocacy. Just Energy for All working group meets monthly to share and plan activities and anyone can participate. Links to contact elected officials are ready for you to use to act in the following areas:

- **Support Clean Air** -Tell elected officials to support clean air and climate legislation and funding!  
 Join United Women in Faith and other partner organizations in advocating for clean air.

- **Ask for Fair Share Funding for Climate Justice** -Urge elected officials to fund the U.S. Fair Share to advance climate justice and contribute to a just, equitable and sustainable future.
- **Prioritize Climate Justice** -We must tell Congress that we need more Climate Justice legislation that will deliver on protections and justice for impacted communities, jobs, climate action, and clean energy.

**Midwest Mission Update** – Midwest Mission reported that during the first week of July, 400 Student Kits and 400 Personal Dignity Kits were distributed to Northcott Children’s Home in Milwaukee, WI, Harbor House in Superior, WI, and UM Children’s Services in Milwaukee, WI.

**Harbor House Crises Shelters** – Here is an updated list of supplies needed:

- Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Dish Soap, Garbage Bags
- Clorox Wipes, Disinfectant Spray, Multi-Purpose Cleaner, Small Area Rugs
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Razors, Towels, Pillows
- Clothes & Underwear (M-XL Men’s and S-2XL Women’s), Shoes

Contact person is Krystal Brandstatter ([Krystal.b@harborhousecs.org](mailto:Krystal.b@harborhousecs.org)) 715-394-9608

**NEW Call To Action:** Support ban on assault rifles

In the wake of horrific shootings, we are pressing on Senators every week to pass gun safety laws. Of top priority is a ban on assault weapons, the bill has many Senate cosponsors. We want a senate vote. Call your US Senators and Sen Majority Leader Schumer to support Senate Bill 25 - the ban on assault weapons.

Thank Senator Tammy Baldwin for being a co-sponsor (608) 264-5338

Ask Senator Ron Johnson to become a co-sponsor (202) 224-5323

Ask Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to bring the Bill to a vote (202) 224-6542

Sue Loeffler

PO Box 285, Mercer, WI 54547

[susanellenloeffler@gmail.com](mailto:susanellenloeffler@gmail.com) 815-546-5033

### **Report Your List of Officers....**

I would like to remind each of the units to complete the unit leadership form as soon as possible. If you do not elect your officers until the fall, you can mail the form to me or complete it online and email it to me. I am hoping to have all of the information no later than November 1st. This information is critical to the conference and district as planning and working to make our pledge to mission possible.

I am also looking for contact information for any district or national members. If you could either email or mail that to me that would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to also remind you that sometimes the notes from UWF can be used for church anniversary celebrations. Our histories are so much fun and inspirational to all. Blessings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Julie Mieke

1316 Silver Spring St, Wausau, WI 54401

Email: [Julie.mieke9@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.mieke9@gmail.com)

Phone: 715-348-5778

North Central District Local Unit Leadership

Please complete and return to Julie Mieke by email or mail. [julie.mieke9@gmail.com](mailto:julie.mieke9@gmail.com) 1316 Silver Spring Street Wausau, WI 54401

Local unit/church\_\_\_\_\_

President\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Growth Coordinator\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Social Action Coordinator\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Education & Interpretation Coordinator\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (C)\_\_\_\_\_

Program Resources Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Communications Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Committee on Nominations

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Nominations \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Nominations \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Member of Nominations \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other leadership position

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

An additional note, if you have a change in phone number or email address, can you please forward those to me so that you can continue to receive the Jubilate and get any information from the district and conference team to keep your United Women in Faith unit active and achieving our purpose?

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1316 Silver Spring St, Wausau, WI 54401  
Email: [Julie.miehe9@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.miehe9@gmail.com)  
Phone: 715-348-5778



## Why Should I Participate in the UWF Reading Program?

1. Wide variety of books on many different topics with varying points of view.
2. World renowned authors
3. Some New York Times Best Sellers, both Fiction and Non-Fiction
4. Children's books can be shared with kids and grandkids.
5. You will be surprised at how often you can interject into conversations what you have learned. I have discovered this with my UWF sisters and longtime friends, as well as casual acquaintances.
6. You can get some books on tape, and a few are on video.
7. Selections include historical books as well as books relevant to today's issues. Most are pertinent to UWF's focus issues.
8. Reading one book every two months makes it manageable.
9. Bonus books count as 2.
10. An easy way to support UWF if you are a reader
11. Your local library will have, or should be able to order most of the books.
12. A sense of accomplishment when you finish!!!!

Sue Shapiro  
414-416-5102  
1365 Bills Lake Road  
Lac du Flambeau, Wi. 54538 [terapn@yahoo.com](mailto:terapn@yahoo.com)

## Reading Program Plans

Choose and follow one of the four plans, then report your completion to the District Program Resource Coordinator. You can read books listed from the previous five years to be credited. (just don't repeat books already reported) Happy Reading!

**PLAN I** – 5 books each year, 1 from each category. Regular reading of Response magazine.

**PLAN II** – 10 books each year, 2 from each category. Regular reading of Response magazine.

**PLAN III** – 15 books each year, 2 books from each category PLUS 5 additional books from any category. Regular reading of Response magazine.

**PLAN IV** – 20 books each year, 2 books from each category PLUS 10 additional books from any category. Regular reading of Response magazine.

**2023 Reading Program Report Form**

Send completed form to North Central District Program Resource Coordinator by **August 28**.

Sue Shapiro: 1365 Bills Lake Road, Lac du Flambeau, WI. 54538 email: [terapn@yahoo.com](mailto:terapn@yahoo.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the required reading for **PLAN** \_\_\_\_\_. The books I have read are listed per title/author.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have also read Response Magazine (six issues a year).

**Education for Mission:**

**Leadership Development:**

**Nurturing for Community:**

**Social Action:**

**Spiritual Growth:**

Additional books I have read to complete **PLAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations**

**Let’s begin with the good news.**

Vice-President Cindy Tyjeski from Wisconsin Rapids has agreed to a second term of office. Thank you, Cindy!

Treasurer Joan Burk-Miller has served many years as our North Central District Treasurer. She took more years of office to get the district through the confusion of the Covid pandemic. So thank you, Joan. And wonderfully, Joan has agreed to become our Coordinator of Membership Outreach on the September 16 ballot at Annual Gathering. Thank you so much Joan. We are glad to have you stay on the Leadership Team.

**Now for the challenges to be met.**

The Nominations Committee is looking for a woman willing to serve as our **district treasurer**. This is a mandatory office. The district team cannot function without a treasurer. This is a two-year term.

Nominations is also looking for a **Communications Coordinator** to edit and send the Jubilate twice a year. This is also a two-year term.

Finally, two or three women are needed to serve on the **Nominations Committee**. Terms on the Nominations Committee are four years in length.

**Please pray about how you can contribute to the Leadership Team.** You each have talents to contribute and UWF is a wonderful place to give your time and energy. A full slate of officers will make everyone’s job easier. The leadership team has always been a source of support for its members. Job descriptions are available from Carol Anderson, 715-284-2456 or cmaeander@yahoo.com.

**Wisconsin Conference Officers 2023**

President	Gloria Carter	<a href="mailto:carter63597@tds.net">carter63597@tds.net</a>	608-849-7589
Vice-Pres.	Deb Pattee	<a href="mailto:patteedk@uwec.edu">patteedk@uwec.edu</a>	651-295-6842
Secretary	Christine Anding	<a href="mailto:christinemarie1950@gmail.com">christinemarie1950@gmail.com</a>	262-607-1386
Treasurer	Lisa King	<a href="mailto:lisaking6179@gmail.com">lisaking6179@gmail.com</a>	608-335-6179
Mbr. Nurture	Katrina V Willis	<a href="mailto:katrinav.willis@outlook.com">katrinav.willis@outlook.com</a>	608-658-3109
Prog. Resources	Cherrie Hartley	<a href="mailto:cherriecuffy@hotmail.com">cherriecuffy@hotmail.com</a>	414-358-5943
Social Action	Kathy Hartke	<a href="mailto:kdhartke@gmail.com">kdhartke@gmail.com</a>	262-366-6770

**Mabel Heil Scholarship**

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are a result of funds from the will of Sarah Mabel Heil, a woman from Cuba City, Wisconsin. The first scholarships were granted in 1981. Since then more than 240 women have received help with their education.

**Requirements and Instructions****Instructions:**

- Be a female member of Wisconsin Conference United Women of Faith.
- Submit a written answer to the question, "In what way do I consider myself a worthy student?"
- Send the completed application form to the contact person by May 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by the president of the local United Women in Faith or the pastor of the church.
- Request that a letter of recommendation be sent to the contact person by a church member who is not a member of your household and is not a relative.

**Rules:**

- Any member of Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith working to improve her education may apply.
- Please have all letters written (preferably typed) on one side of 8 ½ by 11 sheet of white paper using black ink.
- All applications are photocopied for the committee members.
- Scholarships are awarded one semester at a time. To be considered again DURING a one-year period, you must send a letter asking to be considered. AFTER one year you will need to fill out another form and secure new recommendations.
- If in any given year there is an increase of applications, these priorities will be followed: Women responsible for others will be favored. Women preparing to return to the employment field will be favored.
- Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than May 1 and October 1 to be considered.

**Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: Apply by May 1; notified by June 1; check sent by August 15.

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: Apply by October 1; notified by November 1; check sent by December 1.

**Contact Person:** Lucy Silvester, 373 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Nekoosa, WI 54445  
Phone: 715-325-2841  
Email: loosesilva45@gmail.com

Mabel Heil Scholarship Application

Wisconsin Conference United Women of Faith

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Local Church

Name and City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of United Women in Faith?

2. Activities:

In United Women in Faith \_\_\_\_\_

In your local church \_\_\_\_\_

In the community-----

3. Education: (Give year of graduation) High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted as a student? yes no Present (post high school) status:

Freshman\_\_\_\_ Sophomore\_\_\_\_ Junior\_\_\_\_ Senior\_\_\_\_ Graduate\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_

Course of study \_\_\_\_\_

4. Family Status \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please answer the following question using an additional sheet (white paper, 8 1/2 by 11 with black ink).

IN WHAT WAY DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A WORTHY STUDENT?

Mail to: Lucy Silvester, 373 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Nekoosa, WI 54445

Phone: 715-325-2841

Email: [loosesilva45@gmail.com](mailto:loosesilva45@gmail.com)

**Standing Rule Revisions**

At the end of this issue of Jubilate, you will find the revised Standing Rules. These are submitted by the Leadership Team for your approval at the Annual Gathering on September 16. The team has made the following revisions:

- All references to United Methodist Women (UMW) have been changed to United Women in Faith (UWF).
- Program Books will no longer be sold at District events since this service is not available through the Resource Center.
- The Jubilate may be published up to three times per year since a special issue may be needed at times.

Please look through the Standing Rules before the Annual Gathering. Save this copy for your local officers to use.

**Local Officer To Do List**

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Reverence Pages</b>
By August 28	Submit all members’ Reading Program Reports	See pages 9 – 10
By August 30	Complete national membership survey	See page 1
By September 8	Submit registrations for Annual Gathering	See pages 2 – 3
By September 16	Submit annual mission pledge form	See page 4
By November 1	Submit local officer information	See pages 6 – 7
By December 1	Mabel Heil Scholarship applications due	See pages 12 - 13

**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**  
**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE**  
**WOMEN IN FAITH**

**STANDING RULES**

The following standing rules shall govern the action of the District as long as they are in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the National United Women in Faith (National UWF).

**ARTICLE I- ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1** The following officers shall be elected for a two-year period, starting office on January 1 of the odd year following election at the Annual Meeting of the District: President; Secretary; Mission Coordinator for Social Action; Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach; and Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth.

The following officers shall be elected for a two-year period starting office on January 1 of the even year following election at the Annual Meeting of the District: Vice-President; Treasurer; Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation; Secretary of Program Resources; and Communications Coordinator.

Members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected yearly to serve a four-year term.

Presidents, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation of the District, and Mission Coordinator of Social Action shall serve as ex-officio members of the Northcott Neighborhood

**SECTION 2** Publicity of the Slate: The Committee on Nominations shall present the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee of the District who in turn will present the slate of nominees to the local units of the North Central District through the "Jubilate" at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting. A majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting is necessary for election.

**SECTION 3** For an officer to fill an unexpired term of office. If the time to be served is six months or longer, the period served shall be considered the first, thus giving the privilege for re-election for an additional term in the same office. If the time served is less than six months, it shall not constitute a first term.

**SECTION 4** No officer shall serve in leadership responsibilities on District, Conference or National UWF simultaneously.

## **ARTICLE II - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1 Annual Meeting**

- a. The voting body of the District Organization shall be those members at the Annual Meeting.
- b. The date of the Annual Meeting will be set by the District Executive committee.
- c. Motions will be approved by majority vote,

### **SECTION 2 District Team Meetings**

- a. The Leadership Team of the District shall be composed of the elected leadership of the District, Conference, National UWF officers that reside in the District and the District t Superintendent.
- b. Members of the Leadership Team present may vote, including the Chair of Committee on Nominations. Committee on Nominations members cannot vote but are encouraged to participate in discussion.
- c. The Leadership Team members are expected to attend all Leadership Team meetings, District Workshops that apply to their office, Conference Annual Meeting, and Mission u. They should give advance notice to the District President if they need to be excused.

## **ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1** The Committee on Nominations may be composed (if available) of up to eight members elected by the District Organization for four-year terms. One of the committee will be elected at the Annual Meeting as chairperson. A chairperson can only serve in that position for two years.

**SECTION 2** There shall be a Standing Rules Committee consisting of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairperson of Committee on Nominations and one other person chosen by the Leadership Team. Its duty shall be to bring before the Leadership Team proposals for revision of the District Standing Rules. The Standing Rules shall be studied and reviewed as necessary every two years. The rules shall be effective immediately upon adoption by those present at the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE IV – FUNDS**

**SECTION 1** Funds shall be received and disbursed as specified by the Constitution and Bylaws under District Organization in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National United Women in Faith.

**SECTION 2** The District Organization shall at the time of completion of years of service give a

- a. \$10.00 Gift to Mission to an officer if serving only one year.
- b. A Gift to Mission (\$10,00 for each year served) to a Committee on Nominations member who has served less than 4 years.



- c. \$40.00 Special Mission Recognition (certificate and pin) to District who have served two years.
- d. \$40.00 Special Mission Recognition (certificate and pin) to a member of the Committee on Nominations serving four years.
- e. \$60.00 Special Mission Recognition (certificate and pin) to a member of the Committee on Nominations who has served four years on the committee including two years as chairperson.
- f. \$60.00 Special Mission Recognition (certificate and pin) to an officer who has served four years in succession on the District Team.
- g. \$100.00 Special Mission Recognition (certificate and pin) to an officer who has served six years or more in succession on the District Team.
- h. President's Pin to retiring President at the end of her term of office in addition to the appropriate SMR.
- i. \$60.00 Special Mission Recognition (certificate and pin) to the District Superintendent at the end of her/his term.
- j. The Chairperson of the Committee on nominations shall notify the Treasurer to order an of the above recognitions at the team meeting prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

### **SECTION 3 Gifts in Memory**

The District Organization shall give a \$25.00 Gift in Memory in the event of the death of a member the Leadership Team or death of spouse/partner.

### **SECTION 4 Order with the Mission Resource Center**

The Treasurer shall place an order with Mission Resource Center for 'The Bundle published by National UWF to be sent to the Vice-President and to the Secretary of Program Resources.

### **SECTION 5 OFFICER EXPENSES**

- a. District Team members shall receive a transportation allowance of 30 cents per mile to attend Team Meetings and District UWF functions. A vehicle with at least four team members shall be allowed 35 cents per mile.
- b. District Team Members shall be allowed a maximum of \$15.00 per day for meal expenses (breakfast- \$3.00, lunch - \$5.00, dinner - \$7.00).
- c. Team Members will be reimbursed up to \$25.00 for dependent care expenses to attend Conference or District functions.
- d. The district shall be responsible for the expenses of Conference Officers when attending meetings of the District in which they reside.
- e. All expenses must be vouchered.

- f. All Team Members shall attend Mission u at District expense. This includes registration, meals, housing and mileage to and from school. Team members may attend either the in person or Zoom event. Team Members will pay for their own books.
- g. Newly nominated Team Members as well as elected Team Members will have their registration, meals, housing (if necessary), and mileage for District Annual Meeting paid for by District.
- h. District will pay registration, meals, housing (4 per room) and mileage for Team Members, including newly elected members to the Conference Annual Meeting.
- i. Housing and mileage necessary for Team Members attending other functions on behalf of the District will be paid for by the District.
- j. When it is necessary for a District Officer to travel more than 200 miles one way to attend an authorized meeting, she may voucher her overnight lodging in addition to meals.

## **SECTION 6 Other Expenses**

- a. Invited leadership participants at District Events shall be given an honorarium/Special Mission Recognition/Gift to Mission. Registration, mileage, housing (if necessary) and other preparation expenses will also be paid.
- b. Child Care shall be provided at District Events.

**SECTION 7** A Gift to Mission will be given to recognize local units for being a “Mission Today” unit, a “5-Star” unit and a Reading Program participant.

## **ARTICLE V – PRINTING AND MAILING**

**SECTION 1** Team members mailing material to local unit counterparts shall send copies to the District President.

### **SECTION 2 District Newsletter (“Jubilate”)**

- a. Shall be sent to all North Central District Team Members; North Central District Pastors; North /central /district Superintendent; President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of each local unit in the North Central District; Wisconsin Conference Officers; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Coordinator of each of the other Districts in the Wisconsin Conference; the Bishop; National UWF Members living in Wisconsin; and Jurisdiction Members living in Wisconsin.
- b. Will be published up to 3 times a year.



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**Save These UWF Important Dates**

North Central District 2023

District Events:

September 16

District Annual Gathering at Port Edwards UMC

Conference Events:

October 13, 14

Annual Gathering at Eau Claire

North Central District 2024

Spring Spiritual Growth Retreat

May 4, 2024

Pine Lake Camp

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