



United
Women
in Faith

CATCH the VISION

September, 2023

Wisconsin Conference

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GLORIA CARTER

SISTERHOOD

Recently I was going through some old photos and came across a photo of a group of women that included a much younger version of me. My husband Jim had completed grad school at Kansas State University and accepted a position with the company Eli Lilly in Greenfield, Indiana. We packed up, moved to Greenfield with our 3-year-old son



Sean, and started looking for a church. We found an active church with many people our age. The United Methodist Women group there decided to start a new circle for young women with one of the older women (probably in her forties!) as our mentor. We had many good discussions in that group. In one discussion, we wondered just what the group of older United Methodist Women did in their meeting. We decided they probably just sat around, drinking tea.

Over the years I have learned much more about United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith. I know about the important work we do throughout the world in mission and social action. But at that time in my



life, United Methodist Women gave me a sisterhood when I was far from my family with a young child. We should not underestimate the importance of that sisterhood and the support we give each other throughout life challenges. And it's okay to drink tea while doing it.

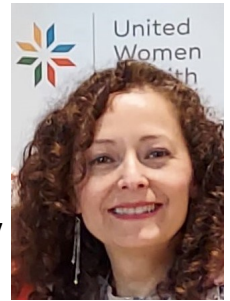
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Interview with Heidi Careaga, Financial Chair for National UWF Office

Can you explain how you are involved with United Women in Faith?

I have been involved with United Women in Faith for almost 25 years. I have served in local units, district, and conference levels. I am currently serving with the Board of Directors and functioning as the Finance Chair this quadrennium (2020-2024). This gives me a place on various committees, such as the Executive committee, personnel committee, and the legacy fund steering committee, aside from the other committees that I have been assigned to within the board of directors.



The National Office has hired a new General Secretary and CEO. Tell us how you are related to that?



Photo credit: Janet Joyner, Photography

The board of directors votes on many matters on behalf of the organization matters of properties, scholarships, grants, annual budget, audit, all the programming and education, and of course, that includes electing a new General Secretary if needed. Harriet Olson announced her retirement last fall, and the personnel committed worked with a search firm to search for potential candidates around the nation. It was a tedious process, and thankfully, we found the ideal candidate! We are grateful for our new General Secretary/CEO, Sally Vonner. She has served our organization faithfully for many years already, and her experience and gifts will give us a continuation to where we need to be “one foot in front of the other” as she mentioned in her speech during her installation.

As with most organizations, United Women in Faith is struggling with finances. I understand that you developed an idea to help raise funds that is now being used nationwide. Can you tell us about that?

#move4mission is an idea that came to me during my many walks and runs around the neighborhood during the pandemic. I was praying and brainstorming, and as I continued to see ads in social media for fundraisers such as 3k or 5k walks or runs or challenges I asked myself, why not do this 4 mission? I took the idea to the Senior Leadership Team and they approved it. I have teamed with Tamara Wims, our national treasurer and CFO, and other staff to develop the project to what UWFaith has access to today! We used an already set-up platform used by UWFaith’s staff and the Upper New York Conference in 2018. This gives us an opportunity to move not only physically, but spiritually as we prepare to find creative ways to fun-raise! Fundraising does not have to be boring or difficult. #move4mission gives you the opportunity to share your UWFaith story and get new women interested in what we support as they sponsor you in your #move4mission event. The event can be just you moving (walking, hiking, crafting, writing), or you can do it as a unit, district, or conference event. The point is to have fun while raising funds for mission. Go to our #move4mission page (link page 3) to join our Facebook group, purchase your move4mission t-shirt, and access other information available.

What are the funds raised being used for?

This year, the #move4mission funding event(s) will support the Education and Leadership Development programs that our organization provides. This includes the reading program, Mission u training for teachers and leaders, Leadership development days, youth and adult education programs at NMI (National Mission Institutions), economic development training to international partners, The Future is Now Scholarships, the DHM program, and much more.

For more information go to <https://uwfaith.org/move4mission/> (Hold the control key while clicking on the link)



Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering Move 4 Mission Event

**Friday October 13, '23 at 2:45 PM
Downtown Eau Claire**

**Meet at the Lismore Hotel, 333 Gibson Street
to explore sculptures in the downtown area!**

**This is an accessible walk for all abilities. Donations in honor of
this effort will go to the National UWFaith Office for Education
& Leadership Development.**

You may get sponsors for this event.

**Plan to join us for our own Wisconsin Conference
Move 4 Mission Event!**

If questions, contact Deb Pattee at patteedk@uwec.edu or 651-295-6842

From Cherrie Hartley, Coordinator Program Resources

I always look forward to this time of year. I am usually anxious, and as excited as a kid in a candy store. Why? This is the time when the United Women in Faith publish the new list of books for the Reading Program. The 2024 list has been published and it lives up to expectations. This list of books never disappoints; it is varied, diverse, includes some great novels, books that are challenging, some controversial and many aimed at helping us work on our spiritual growth. There is something for everyone and I encourage you to check this new list. You will be happy you did. If you have never participated in the Reading Program, this is a good time to start. You will not be disappointed. You can enjoy this program as an individual or with a group of your friends. Furthermore, starting this year, you can also purchase the 2024 Reading Program books at bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith. That's a plus.

I want to share with you a book that I read which is on the 2024 Reading Program. It is very topical so I was glad to see that it was on the list. The title of the book is : **THE BOOK OF ROSY A Mother's Story of Separation at the Border** and the authors are Rosayra Pablo Cruz and Julia Schwietert Collazo. Rosayra (Rosy) is a Guatemalan woman with two sons who 'dares' to flee her country with her two boys and seek asylum in the United States. The title of the book gives you a clue as to her experience on entering this country. She is seized and put in detention at the Eloy detention Center and her sons are separated from her and sent elsewhere. She meets other female detainees who are all now dressed in drab green prison uniforms that conceal the used and soiled undergarments they are given to wear. The conditions in the center are intolerable and insufferable, and the guards take pleasure in tormenting them and always threatening them with disciplinary action such as solitary confinement. The guards are inhumane and treat the detainees as lesser humans, telling them that the suffering they are experiencing now is something the detainees brought on themselves.

"Among the many things that people don't understand about migration is this: No one wants to leave the people they love. Most people don't want to leave the land where they were born, or the soil where their umbilical cord was buried. If they believed that staying would ensure survival, they would never set off on such a treacherous journey. They would never walk through that door, fighting the impulse to look back with the deepest longing a person is capable of feeling. But since they know they are at risk, they put one foot in front of the other and try not to look back, trying to hold themselves together, even as they feel that they're being ripped into two jagged-edge pieces that will never fit neatly together ever again." These are Rosy's words about migration and she speaks for countless immigrants who are 'forced' to leave their country and go to other countries and suffer innumerable indignities when they would rather stay in their own country if that were feasible.

When separated moms are released from detention, they are asked several questions, including the question "what did you believe the future would hold for you and your children?". Surprisingly to some, a woman might respond that she doesn't know. Her vision spread only to the border. Beyond the border, life is a blank slate. Her ability to see the future is limited because she has no frame of reference for imagining life beyond the border. I encourage you to read this book. The story is painful but inspiring. You will want to know what happened to Rosy and her children and what role Julie played in Rosy's life.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES

Throughout the standing rules: Change United Methodist Women to **United Women in Faith.**

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Article 1, Section 1: Mission Team

-Add “The” to “Committee on Nominations Chairperson”

-Article 1, Section 2: Publicity of Slate

-Replace “*an appropriate media ‘Catch the Vision’*” with “**the conference newsletter**”

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Section 2b - change wording

“Mission Projects located in Wisconsin originated by either...” Replace with : “**begun**”

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ARTICLE III (continued)

DELETE Sections 2 -- 4

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DELETE continuation of Article III, Section 4;

renumber Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5

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ARTICLE IV - FUNDS (continued)

Section 4k: Any officer who qualified to receive a Special Mission Recognition pin may choose to receive a Certificate without a pin **instead to have a donation to Mission made in their name.**

DELETE Section 6/Retitle Section 7 as Section 6

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Section 6 (continued)

Sec. 6d: When a Conference meeting necessitates commercial overnight accommodations, the rate of reimbursement shall be at a rate of ~~four (4)~~ **two (2)** to a room.

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ARTICLE V - Mission u

Section 1: General Rules

DELETE b. Mission u Communications Coordinator...; re-letter Sec. 1

Section 2: Mission u Committee Membership

a. Replace *Communication Coordinator* with **Technology Coordinator**

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES (continued from page 5)

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b. "Nominations for these positions.." Delete "by September 1"

c. Delete: By September 1st; the Dean may appoint...

d. Replace *Mission u Communications Coordinator* with **Technology Coordinator**

Section 3e: Scholarship Guidelines

(Needs to be relettered. It starts over with "a, b," after the numbered sections.)

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Section 3: Scholarship Guidelines (continued)

(reletter) e. Delete phrase: "The Nancy Rivers Scholarship shall be disbursed to women under 45 attending the Wisconsin Mission u for the first time..."

Delete Section b (f): "A portion of funds..."

ARTICLE VI - PRINTING AND MAILING

Section 2: District Newsletters

Add phrase: "District Newsletter shall be sent to...all Conference Officers, **including District Presidents,**

Delete phrase: "five officers in each Communications Coordinator and two (2) others and the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer" and as many other women as is feasible in the local units"

Replace with: **local presidents**

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ARTICLE VII - REVISIONS

Updated: October 2019- 2023

Message From Retired Deaconess Judy Vasby

I moved to Deaconess retired status as of April 27th. That is exactly nine years since I was consecrated at our UMW Assembly in 2014. I appreciate all the encouragement and prayers Wisconsin Conference UMW/ UWF have given me through my preparation to become a deaconess and during my active years. A key verse through my journey has been, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

Blessings, Judy Vasby

2024 Yearbook Note

For the 2024 Yearbook, we will need District Presidents and/or Communication Officers to email or mail their District Officer and Unit Officer contact information to Chris Anding at christinemarie1950@gmail.com or P.O. Box 634, Evansville, WI 53536 by Dec.15, 2023 for a printout date of January 15, 2024. Thank you and God Bless.



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All are invited to the 2023

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL GATHERING

“Mosaic of Faith: We are All Part of God’s Story”

October 13 & 14, 2023

Lake Street United Methodist Church, 337 Lake Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703

FRIDAY OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY:

10:00 – 11:30: **Volunteer Opportunity for Service** - We will be helping at Hope Village Chippewa Falls. We will be making laundry detergent, dryer balls and fabric softener. The materials will be there, and each volunteer will contribute \$15 for the provided materials. 1825 Kennedy Rd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Ingathering materials: This year we are collecting detergent, soap, diapers, shampoo, conditioner, paper products (such as Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper), and feminine products which will go to Lather with Love, Lighten your load and food pantries.

11:30 – 12:45: **Lunch** - Cowboy Jacks, 1432 Front Porch Place, Altoona, WI 54720

1:00 – 2:30: **Visit Chippewa Valley Museum**, 1204 E. Half Moon Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Group tour - Seniors \$10, Adults \$12.

2:45 – 4:00: **Explore sculptures in downtown Eau Claire**

FRIDAY EVENING

Registration from 5:30 - 6:30 pm; program begins at 6:30 pm for all. This year no separate training for district officers. It will be held at a separate time – October 26th

Worship leaders: Linda Caprariello and Irene Verdegan with Karol Hommen on the piano.

Self-care: Sarah Aiken-Felling “*Acupressure for Emotional Resiliency*”

Keynote: Kerri Parker “*How to have difficult conversations.*”

SATURDAY MORNING

Registration from 8:00 - 8:30 am; program begins at 8:30 am

Worship leaders: Linda Caprariello and Irene Verdegan. Karol Hommen on the piano.

Self-care: Sarah Aiken-Felling “*Acupressure for Emotional Resiliency*”

Speaker: Heidi Careaga “*Latest UWF Info using our website*”

Keynote: Mike Cohoon, Founder of Hope Village Chippewa Falls

Foot Washing Ceremony: Barb Certa-Werner, Assistant to the Bishop

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 – 2:00 Breakout sessions:

- *Learn about some ministries of the Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition which all can be easily duplicated in your city: Lighten your load, Hope Village Mentoring, Lather with love, Soles for Souls, & Food for Kids* with Gayle Klitzke
- *Kairos Prison Ministry* with James Kilpatrick
- *Our Whole Lives (OWL): Faith and Sexuality over the Lifetime* with Kathy Hartke
- *Soul Care: The Healing Power of Plants* with HealHMargaret Murphy
- *Shaping Destiny video: Stories of Trauma and Resiliency* with Deb Pattee

REGISTER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 FOR A REDUCED FEE OF \$25 (INCLUDES SATURDAY LUNCH)

Contact: Jan Voss, 10087 151st, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Jbv128@gmail.com 715 559-3430

A block of rooms has been reserved under United Women in Faith for \$134.95 at Staybridge Suites Eau Claire-Altoona, 1515 Bluestem Blvd, Altoona, WI 54720. To reserve a room call: (715) 830-0800. Fax: 715 830-0802. Web: www.staybridgesuites.com/altoonawi. Room block and rate expire on October 1, 2023. If you reserve your room before Oct 1, you will not have to pay any tax.

Directions to Lake St. UMC – 337 Lake St. Eau Claire, WI 54703

From West – Take I-94 eastbound to Exit 65 (Hwy 37). Turn right onto Hwy 37 to Clairemont Ave. Turn left onto Clairemont Ave to Menomonie St. Turn right onto Menomonie St. (at end of bridge) & follow to 5th Ave. Turn left onto 5th Ave. to Lake St. Turn right onto Lake St. Church is on corner of Lake St. and 4th Ave.

From South – Take I-94 westbound to Exit 65 (Hwy 37). Turn right onto Hwy 37, then follow directions to church given for those coming from the west.

From East – Take Hwy 29 westbound to Exit 75A (Hwy 53). Go south on Hwy 53 to Exit 89 (River Prairie). Turn right onto River Prairie and go to Hwy 124 (Hastings Way). Turn left onto Hastings Way and go over bridge to stoplight at Main St. Turn right onto Main St. Follow Main St. to stoplight at Farwell St. Turn left onto Farwell St. Go 1 block and turn right at the stoplight onto Lake St. Church is on corner of Lake St. and 4th Ave.

From North – Take Hwy 53 south to Exit 89 (River Prairie). Turn right onto River Prairie and follow directions to church given for those coming from the east.

Note – These directions are not necessarily the most direct route through Eau Claire to the church, but involve the least number of turns and avoids most high traffic areas.

Wisconsin Conference Annual Gathering
of United Women of Faith: Lake Street
Methodist Church in Eau Claire, WI

October 13 & 14, 2023

**Early Registration Deadline: September
22 at \$25**

**Late Registration Deadline: October 1
at \$35.**

If you register after October 1, you will
need to make your own lunch arrangements
for Saturday.

Friday optional activities:

Circle those you plan to attend

10:00 – 11:30: Volunteer service at Hope
Village in Chippewa Falls making 3
different things!

1:00: Visit the Chippewa Valley Museum

2:30 – 4:00: Tour the streets of Eau Claire
to see the largest display of sculptures in
the country.

Saturday afternoon breakout session:

Please circle preference for breakout
session.

- A. *Learn about some ministries that
you might also duplicate in your
area.*
Gayle Klitzke
- B. *Kairos Prison Ministry.*
James Kilpatrick
- C. *Our Whole Lives (OWL): Faith
and Sexuality over the Lifetime.*
Kathy Hartke
- D. *Soul Care: The Healing Power of
Plants.*
Margaret Murphy
- E. *Shaping Destiny video: Stories of
Trauma and Resiliency.*
Deb Pattee

Please PRINT: If registering for more than one person, copy and complete
a separate form for each person.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____ District: _____

Please check all that apply:

____ Teen (Teen only Age)

____ First Time Attending

____ UWF member

____ Clergy

____ Guest (not UWF member)

Lunch: Chicken salad on a croissant plus fruit salad. There will be
accommodations for both vegetarians and those who are gluten free.

Dessert: Bars

Coffee, lemonade, and water

Bring refillable coffee and water containers.

There is no childcare available.

Emergency contact information:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Day Phone _____

Evening _____

Photo release: Photos will be taken at our Annual Gathering and could be
used in material to promote United Women in Faith. I permit my photo to
be used by Wisconsin United Women in Faith to help share United Women
in Faith with others.

Name (print) _____

Sign _____

Date _____

Special request: ____ I need a scholarship (25 scholarships available,
awarded to the first 25 to make a request).

Please make checks payable to: WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UMW
Mail to Registrar: Jan Voss, 10087 151st, Chippewa Falls,
WI 54729.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mission u Wrap Up Report for 2023



The Wisconsin Conference, United Women in Faith Mission u for 2023 was very successful. Whether you attended by live Zoom or in person all would agree the friendship, fellowship and transformative learning was a wonderful experience.

Live Zoom Mission u was held June 20, 22, 27 & 29. Forty-five persons were in attendance. Pastor Michele Hopp was our Study Leader. In-person Mission u was held July 13-15, 2023.

Forty-six persons were in attendance. Pastor Ellen Rasmussen, Pastor Scott Walters and Julie Mieke were our study leaders.

A big shout out to the Mission u team!!!! With everyone's help Mission u, was definitely one to remember! Thank you all!!! I am reminded daily it is going to take a village, each and every one of us, to create God's Kin-dom on earth.

The 2024 theme is "Living the Kin-dom - Year 2" --Watch for information to follow! I can't wait!

Mary Lainberger signing off as Dean.....and welcoming Laura Pfeffer!

As In-coming Dean I want to join Mary in celebrating a successful 2023 Mission u. We had very positive feedback on our evaluations for all of our study leaders both on-line and in-person. They all did wonderful jobs leading this study. Of course both on-line and in-person venues have their challenges, but evaluations were very positive and this was especially true of the hospitality shown by our in-person host unit at Baraboo:First United Women in Faith. They took us in as we switched our location and supported us and our attendees in everyway possible. We could not have had so successful an experience without them.

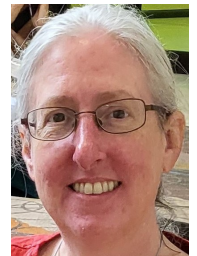
We are busy planning for Mission u 2024 where we will be continuing our exploration of our theme of "Living the Kin-dom". We will require leadership to support our efforts, so if you are interested in helping to continue to make Mission u happen, please let me know. We would be happy to add interested persons to our team as at-large members or other positions suited to your gifts. Mission u team is open to everyone, men, women, members of United Women of Faith or members who are from different denominations, truly this is one of most open of all of our teams. It takes a team to make Mission u happen and I look forward to announcing our new schedule for Mission u and our new study leaders for 2024 as well as welcoming all who are able to participate.

Laura Pfeffer

In-coming Dean Mission u

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Report from Camp YoMiCa by Camp Coordinator Hazel Christopher

There was a total of 18 campers, 12 girls and 6 boys at Pine Lake. Nine were return YoMiCa campers. Many of the same children come back each year.

Some of the activities were devotional time with counselors, worship, daily classes led by Caitlyn Fischer, prayer labyrinth, archery, swimming, volleyball, and much more.

Caitlyn Fischer has been a counselor since 2013 and director since 2018.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
TREASURER'S BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL REPORT WITH PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET
2023 REPORT

	<u>2022 Budget</u> <u>2022 Actual</u>		<u>2023 Budget</u> <u>2024 Proposed Budget</u>	
PLEDGE TO MISSION (All 5 Channels of Giving)	\$	185,000	\$181,581.20	\$ 150,000 \$ 150,000
INCOME				
A&MD Withheld from Pledge Payments	\$	95,150	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 85,670 \$ 81,960
Interest Income		-	1.30	- -
Registration Income-Mission Action Day		1,000	1,251.37	1,200 1,400
Registration Income-Annual Gathering		2,400	1,405.00	2,200 1,500
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>\$ 31,157.67</u>	<u>\$ 89,070 \$ 84,860</u>
EXPENSES				
Standing Committees	\$	7,500	\$ 3,479.98	\$ 7,500 \$ 5,000
Special Events		500	600.00	800 800
Membership		100	-	100 100
Communication, Postage, Phone-Officer		100	385.97	100 200
Catch The Vision		2,000	1,336.33	2,000 2,500
District A&MD Funds		56,000	15,500.00	50,300 48,710
Jurisdiction A&MD Funds		1,850	1,850.00	1,500 1,500
Quadrennial Events		3,000	2,538.92	3,000 3,000
Conf Officers to Dist Annual Gathers		100	102.00	100 100
Delegates to Required Meetings		200	-	200 500
World Federation of Methodist & UCW		2,000	-	2,000 2,000
Hmong Language Coordinator		1,000	-	1,000 1,000
Korea Language Coordinator		1,000	-	1,000 1,000
Native American Coordinator		1,000	-	1,000 1,000
Spanish Language Coordinator		1,000	-	1,000 1,000
Mission u Conference		10,600	3,000.00	7,970 8,750
Annual Gathering		2,600	2,761.32	3,000 3,000
Officer Materials		1,200	48.60	500 500
SMR, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission		300	2,300.00	500 500
Mission u Scholarships - Elders		200	-	200 -
Mission u Scholarships - Others		1,000	-	1,000 -
Yearbook		1,500	1,336.50	1,500 1,800
Church Women United		200	200.00	200 200
Audit		2,000	-	1,000 1,000
Contingency Fund		500	-	500 500
Newly Commissioned WI Missionary		100	-	100 200
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>\$ 35,439.62</u>	<u>\$ 89,070 \$ 84,860</u>
NET INCREASE/DECREASE IN NET WORTH			\$ (4,281.95)	- -
Beginning Net Worth Balances			15,357.70	
Ending Net Worth Balances			<u>\$ 11,075.75</u>	
			(0.00)	

Friday-October 14, 2022 10:00AM Pre-Gathering

We were welcomed by Sandra Jackson, Baraboo & invited to work on service projects led by Becky Hovde in the church's Neighborly Free Store in the lower level. The Neighborly Free Store provides seasonal clothing, personal dignity kits and school supplies for those in need free of charge. Next we had the option of visiting nearby scenic sites and environmentally sensitive areas. Ten of us chose to go on a tour of the International Crane Foundation followed by a tour of the Aldo Leopold Shack.

5:30PM Registration began for the Gathering

6:30PM Gathering Music was led by Rev. Grace Cajuat with piano accompaniment by Charlene Flygt & audiovisual by Mike Pullen.

Deb Pattee, Vice-President, opened the Gathering and thanked Janet Brice, President & everyone who helped prepare for it. Gloria Carter, President, read from the Prayer Calendar. Deb made introductions & led the United Women in Faith Purpose in our native languages. Mary Lainberger, Dean of Mission u, spoke on the Mission u theme, "Living in the Kin-dom" & schedule for 2023.

7:00-7:40PM-Worship-Rev. Dr. Grace Cajuat. Deb led a unison prayer written by Rev. Dr. Troy Carr followed by a Friday Night Litany and a prayer by Rev. Debbie Hills. Music followed by Amy Grant "Arms of Love" & hymns upon request

7:40-8:15PM- Dramatic presentations by officers of what they do-President-Gloria Carter. Vice-President-Deb Pattee & Marie Garnhart. Secretary-Chris Anding & Marilyn Eyster. Treasurer-Lisa King. Social Action-Kathy Hartke. Nominations-Josie Gobel & Cindy Morse.

8:15-8:45PM-Healing and Joy through Music- Lee Anna Rasar and Mandy Alvar (Zoom) who use music therapy in the prisons near Eau Claire expressed thoughts about anger expressed in music written and played by Mandy on guitar.

Saturday AM October 15, 2022 "Healing & Joy on our Journey to God"

8-8:30AM Registration Mission Fun Facts Quest, Fellowship over snacks provided by Baraboo UW in Faith.

Gathering music-Rev. Grace Cajuat

Greetings: Deb Pattee, Vice-President, who made announcements, encouraged us to fill out the Mission Fun Facts by looking over the displays & fill out evaluations at the end of the Gathering to facilitate planning for next year. She again thanked the team led by Janet Brice who helped her. Gloria Carter, President, welcomed us, read about & prayed for Global Ministries in Georgia from the Prayer Calendar. Mary Lainberger, Dean of Mission u, introduced Heidi Careaga from Janesville & originally from Guatemala. Heidi is the SE & SW District Secretary for the Conference United Methodist Church, on the National United Women in Faith Program Advisory Board & is National United Women in Faith Finance Chair. Mary then introduced Lisa Jones, our keynote speaker who works for Wisdom.

9:00-9:30AM Why a New Name? Heidi Careaga, showed a video on the United Women in Faith website. Our name has changed 20 times having Methodist in it for a short time. United Methodist Women has been planning to rebrand for 4 years. We now have two names-United Women in Faith & United Methodist Women (for finances only). The new name will refresh our organization reflecting our open doors. We want to continue to be united & have never required membership in the United Methodist Church so others can join. Our new logo represents our past, present & future of our organization & our diversity with multi-colored flames around the cross. Blue means faith, green-sisterhood (sisters in Christ/faith), orange-action & yellow-life of Christ. What is not changing-our mission, vision, purpose, pledge to mission, 5 channels of giving, deaconesses, home missionaries, support of our national mission institutions, regional missionaries, social action days & response magazines. There are new innovations for Mission u & Leadership Development Days which is online. Healing & Joy on our journey to God is our theme for 2022. We added a new name, website, resources, Faith Talks & Voices from the Field, Thrive newsletter and Soul Care Retreats (to be added next year). There is an all access member option. Women are invited to be inspired, to influence others & to have an impact. Targeted giving has been added. We need to introduce more options to prospective members, make sure current members feel valued &

appreciated to help retention. Heidi asked us to continue to reach those without email by phone or snail mail. We need leaders now to lead the way to effect change, continue nurturing our unit & have soul care retreats. Our sisterhood is acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation & part of the hard work is keeping our church united. Luke 13 tells us we need to have the faith of a mustard seed by taking action & through hard work, sharing our faith and vision with others. We are women of faith & are called to take action. Matthew 28:19-20. "Go together and make disciples of all nations..." We read the mission, vision & purpose next.

Keynote Speaker, Lisa Jones, "Healing and Joy Through Interfaith Groups"

Lisa Jones, President of United Women in Faith at Brown Deer UMC, Executive Director & Lead organizer in Outreach for MICAH, part of WISDOM & Vice-President of the Connectional Table & on the anti-racism task force, was our keynote speaker. Lisa talked about racism. MICAH was started in Milwaukee in 1988 by an ecumenical group of pastors who asked what it would look like to come together to do justice. MICAH (Milwaukee Inner-City Allied for Hope) is an acronym from Micah 6:8 and preceded WISDOM. MICAH was the original affiate of WISDOM with David Liners, the organizer. What if we live our faith values consistently with those of diverse backgrounds? Healing & Joy have to be the result of our work. All ethnicities are included in MICAH in a beloved community.

"Bringing our Pain to the Cross"- Rev. Grace read Mark's rendition of a woman who had suffered 12 years & then touched Jesus' robe. Deb read from pg. 13, Matthew 8:17 asking us to read Isaiah 53:3,5. We were asked to write painful things that were done to us or others and things we did to others. After 10 minutes, we were asked to write and bring these things to Jesus and have the papers burned outside by the Pastor. A symbolic burning was done in the sanctuary. Pastor Grace read Rev. 21:1-5 followed by a unison reading of Isaiah 61:1-4 pg. 1314.

Business Meeting: Gloria Carter, President, presiding with Laura Pfeffer, Parliamentarian, called the meeting to order. Voting bar was set.

Secretary: Gloria asked for any corrections or additions to the Annual Gathering Minutes from 2021 pg. 27-28.

There were none, minutes were approved as received by consensus.

Treasurer: Lisa King, Treasurer-Treasurer's Report pg. 29-30 shows first three columns for 2021. There is a balance of \$4612.39 in the checking account and \$12,914.81 in the savings account as of 12/31/21. Budget 2021 pledge to mission given-\$185,883.41. We were recognized at the National level with a Mission Giving Award for 2021. The budget for 2021 expenses were \$109,300.00 but only \$22,222.53 was spent due to Covid restrictions. Our beginning net worth was \$31,479.01 & ending net worth was \$15,357.70 in 2021. Our 2022 net worth was \$22,047. Pledge for 2022 remained \$185,000.00 and has been proposed to be \$150,000.00 for 2023 after discussion at the August '22 Meeting. We received \$30,000 for the Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith and an additional \$30,000.00 from the estate of Helen Bennett from Rice Lake for the Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund. Lisa encouraged applications for the Mabel Heil Scholarships for any woman who is a member of United Women in Faith or the United Methodist Church pg.51-53. A question was asked if a unit sent their pledge directly to National, would it be recognized and Lisa believed it would. Lisa suggested units & District members send their giving to their District Treasurers. Gloria asked the Executive Team to approve the Treasurer's Report-approved by consensus & filed for audit.

Mission u Nominations: Chris Anding, Conference Secretary and Mission u Nominations, announced the Slate of Officers-Mary Lainberger, Dean, Assistant Dean open, Registrar-Josie Gobel, Secretary-Chris Anding, Business Manager-Mary Rather, Nominations-Cindy Morse & Chris Anding. Gloria asked for a motion to suspend the standing rules regarding installing Mission u Officers -Diane Scorgie made a motion to suspend Standing Rules Sec. 2, pg. 60, Mary Garvens seconded-motion carried. Gloria asked for approval by vote of the Mission u Team-approved by vote.

Slate of Conference Officers: Cindy Morse, Nominations read the names of the new officers for 2023 with

Communications now open following Anne Scott's resignation. Gloria asked for a motion to approve the Slate of

Conference Officers 2023. A motion was made to approve the Slate of Officers by Gail Burgess, seconded by Billie LaBumbard-motion carried. Gloria asked for affirmation of the Committee on Racial Justice-approved by consensus.

Business Meeting closed

Pledge Service & Offering: Lisa King led the Pledge Service. District pledges were as follows: North Central \$40,000.00, North East-\$30,000.00, North West-\$40,000.00, South East-\$50,000.00 & South West-\$48,000.00.

11:45AM-12:20PM-Lunch #1 & #2. Options for when not at lunch.

1. My experience at Assembly-Lunch #1-Chris Anding & virtually Marie Garnhart Lunch #2-Linda K. Whitelock & virtually Mary Lainberger
2. Visit the Displays /Mission Fun Facts
3. Take a walk/visit the Rain Garden
4. Peruse the book table with Laura Ida

12:30 PM Turn in answers for Mission Fun Facts

1:00-2:00 PM Breakout Session

1. Culturally Competent Inventory-Grace Cajiuat
2. Society for Biblical Studies Pilgrimages with Scott Carlson
3. Stories of Healing in a Jail Ministry with Mandy Alvar & Lee Anna Rasar
4. Hands on approach to the new website with Heidi Careaga
5. Healing and joy with Afghani refugees at Fort McCoy with Kathleen Owens

2:15PM Gathering Music-Rev. Dr. Grace Cajiuat

Reports-Deb Pattee-District Reports-pg. 45-47, Mission u Report-pg. 49-55

Retirement of Officers-Ruby Dow led the recognition of retiring officers-Karen Mayeshiba, Marilyn Eyster & Lucy Silvester

Installation of Officers-Ruby Dow led the installation service for the new officers.

Communion was given by Rev. Cathy Christman

Closing-Gloria led the Litany pg. 61-62

Adjournment- by consensus

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Anding, UW Faith Secretary

KATRINA V. WILLIS, MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, & OUTREACH

The final deadline for submitting the 2022 Unit Survey has been extended to September 30, 2023.

Please share the link with those who still need to complete and submit the Unit Survey Here is the **2022 Unit Survey Link:**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Wisconsin_Conference (Hold the ctrl key while clicking on the link)

I sent out an email to all the Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinators (MNOs), district presidents, and any assignees to give them an update interim number of surveys completed and to request any updates, edits, and the status of any missing 2022 Unit Survey that have not been completed. I would like to request that everyone who submits the survey please send me an email with President Carter (at carter53597@tds.net) carbon copied on it to confirm that the survey has been submitted. Please send me any updates on units that are now inactive, church closures, requests for inactive unit packets, or any other revisions you would like to share.

As of August 31, 2023, I have received confirmation from the United Women in Faith National Office that the following units have submitted the 2022 Unit Survey:

District	Church	Unit/Group
North Central	First United Methodist Church	United Women in Faith
	Wausau First UMC	UWF-Wausau First
	Holy Trinity UMW/Centuria, WI	HTUMW-not acive
	Berlin United Methodist	Berlin UWF
	Parkview UMC	Parkview UWF
	Rockland United Methodist	Rockland UWF
	St. Luke UMC	St. Luke UWF
District	Church	Unit/Group
North East	First United Methodist Church Green Bay	United Women in Faith First United Methodist Church Green Bay, WI
	New London UMC	United Women in Faith
	New London UMC	United Women in Faith
	New London UMC	United in Faith
	Emmanuel	Emmanuel
	Bethany-New Hope UMC	Bethany-New Hope UWIF
	Bethany-New Hope UMC	Bethany-New Hope UWIF
	Bethany-New Hope UMC	Bethany-New Hope UWIF
	First UMC Neenah-Menasha	Miriam Circle
	United Methodist Church of New London	United Women in Faith
	Faith UMC, Brillion	Brillion Faith UWF/UMW
	Emmanuel UMC	Emmanuel
	Ripon Immanuel	Ripon Immanuel
	Randolph Courtland United Methodist	Randolph Courtland United Methodist Women
	Lakeshore UMC	Lakeshore
	First United Methodist Church—Oshkosh	United Methodist Women
District	Church	Unit/Group
North West	Lake Street United Methodist	United Women in Faith, Lake St.
	Spooner United Methodist Church	Spooner
	Osceola United Methodist	Osceola United Women in Faith
	Spirit of Grace Church	River Falls United Women in Faith
	Glenwood City United Methodist Church	Glenwood City UWF
	Downing United Methodist Church	Downing UWF
	First UMC-Exeland	Exeland UWF
	First United Methodist	Rice Lake United Women in Faith
	New Richmond United Methodist Church	New Richmond United Methodist Women
	Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church	Pleasant Valley United Methodist Women
	First United Methodist Church	Rice Lake UWF
	New Centerville United Methodist Church/Hammond Chg.	New Centerville United Women in Faith

District	Church	Unit/Group
South East	Oak Creek Community UMC	Oak Creek Community UMC
	Wesley United Methodist Church, Kenosha, WI	Wesley UWF, Kenosha, WI
	Bristol UMC	Bristol UWF
	Milton United Methodist Church	Milton United Women in Faith
	Milton United Methodist Church	Milton United Women in Faith
	Delavan UMC	Delavan United Women in Faith
	Delavan UMC	Delavan United Women in Faith
	United Methodist Church Whitefish Bay	United Methodist Church Whitefish Bay
	Delavan UMC	Delavan United Women in Faith
	West Allis Blessed Hope UMC	West Allis Blessed Hope
District	Church	Unit/Group
South West	Brodhead United Methodist	Brodhead United Women in Faith
	Portage	United Women in Faith-Portage
	Merrimac United Methodist	United Women in Faith
	First United Methodist Church Madison WI	First United Methodist Church United Women in Faith
	Viroqua United Methodist Church	United Women in Faith VUMC
	Crossroads UMC	Crossroads UWF
	Stitzer United Methodist Church	Stitzer United Methodist Women
	Dodgeville United Methodist	Dodgeville United Women in Faith
	Viola United Methodist Church	United Women in Faith
	Bethany UMC	Bethany UWF
	Baraboo First United Methodist Church	Baraboo First UWF
	North Windsor United Methodist Church	United Methodist Women in Faith
	Madison Trinity UMC	N/A
	Lancaster United Methodist	Lancaster UMW
	Bashford United Methodist Church	Bashford United Women in Faith

As always, I am available to assist units with questions and direct submission of the survey. Beginning on Monday, September 15th, I am scheduled to make follow up calls to the local units who have not submitted the 2022 Unit Survey yet. My goal is to facilitate 100% submission of the 2022 Unit Survey by the September 30, 2023 deadline.

The final 2022 Unit Survey Final Results and 2022 Unit Survey Analysis for Wisconsin will be sent out immediately upon receipt from the UWF National Office after the survey closes on September 30th.

Please contact me at 608-658-3109, if you have any questions or require additional assistance.

Thank you so much.

Peace and blessings,

Katrina V Willis

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PROPOSED WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UWF SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024

President	Gloria Carter	7224 Springfield Circle Waunakee, WI 53597 608-849-7589 carter53597@tds.net	Second Term Expires 2025
Vice President	OPEN		
Secretary	Chris Anding	P.O Box 634 Evansville, WI 53536 C-262-607-1386 christinemarie1950@gmail.com	Second Term expires 2025
Treasurer	Lisa King	W615 Riverview Ct. Fall River, WI 54932 608-335-6179 Lisa.king6179@gmail.com	Third Term expires 2024
Program Resources	OPEN		
Spiritual Growth	Linda Caprariello	3930 Monona Dr. Monona, WI 53716 608-695-1012 lindacap1012@gmail.com	Second Term expires 2024
Membership, Nurture and Outreach	Katrina Willis	2922 Harvey St. Madison, WI 53705 608-658-3109 Katrinav.willis@outlook.com	Second Term expires 2025
Communications	Marilyn Eyster	122 East Cox Rd. Edgerton, WI 53534 608-868-3585 C-608-480-9424 marilyn.eyster@gmail.com	First Term expires 2024
Social Action	Kathy Hartke	19655 Burmingham Ct. Brookfield, WI 53045-4143 h-262-366-6770 kdhartke@gmail.com	Second Term expires 2025
Education and Interpretation	Mia Harberl	951 E. Elizabeth St., Apt. 105 Shawano, WI 54166 920-265-8794 miahaberl@gmail.com	First Term expires 2024
Committee on Nominations Chair	Linda Whitelock	6137 Dell Dr. Madison, WI 53718 608-575-1517 whitelocklinda@att.net	Term expires 2025

PROPOSED WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UWF SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024 (continued from 17)

Committee on Nominations	Josie Gobel	309 W. Johnson St. Apt. 930 Madison, WI 53703 920-988-0705 josiegobel@charter.net	Class of 2025
Committee on Nominations	OPEN		Class of 2025
Committee on Nominations	OPEN		Class of 2026
Committee on Nominations	OPEN		Class of 2026
Committee on Nominations	OPEN		Class of 2027
Hispanic Language Coordinator	OPEN		
Hmong Language Coordinator	OPEN		
Korean Language Coordinator	Soyoun Choi	886 Chapel Dr. Milton, WI 53546 C-608-758-4250 soyounparkchoi@hotmail.com	Second Term expires 2025
Mission u Dean	Laura Pfeffer	W10132 Koltes Rd. Lodi, WI 53555 h-608-592-5228 C-608-698-7508 Pfeffer.umw@gmail.com	Term Expires 2025
Mission u Assistant Dean	OPEN		

NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Heidi Careaga
2. OPEN
- 3 OPEN (Alternate)

Spiritual Growth: Linda Caprariello

"Teach me your ways so I may know you..." Exodus 33:13

"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen, or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to the children after them." Deuteronomy 4:9

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

Psalms 32:8

This past weekend, I returned to my favorite camp that I LOVED as a young girl - Pine Lake! It was there that I had my first big crush - on the life guard - I did not want to go home! As wonderful as that first crush was for me, I can remember something even better...it was *there* that I knew that God was *"for real,"* and that Jesus was my *"forever friend!"*

Are we ever too old to learn these truths? I say, *"No way!"* Our scripture reminds us, that when we turn to Jesus and read God's Word, we will learn something new, even if we've heard it before, as young children ourselves! As I prepared for the Conference Team Meeting at Pine Lake, I thought more and more about this new role that I was learning to navigate, as well as about gaining more knowledge about our National UWF and the amazing mission work they are providing! It made me realize that even though I am a retired teacher, there are still opportunities before me to teach others about the ENORMOUS LOVE of CHRIST, and of His desire to lead and teach us! These are times where we may not only continue to serve, but to also show others - young and old, how to follow in His path of service in mission, and into paths that lead us to helping and healing in everyday situations, as we listen and learn together!

Everything is pointing to the beginning of another school year, and with that comes a range of emotions! It is the time where teachers, parents, children, youth and young adults in college are facing that first day of school, with feelings of anticipation and excitement, but also with many fears, anxieties and fatigue! Can we find ways to teach those spiritual truths that have helped us in life? Can we help lead others to feeling calm, with strength and less panic? When our Lord goes before us each day, we can count on less melt-downs!

Let this be our challenge...to make it a time to find ways to reach out to the younger women in the church and our communities...To let them know that we are here to offer up help and strength through our prayers! Perhaps, we could go out to the bus stops, with doughnuts and a cup of coffee, including a word of *"God bless your day!"* It's our call to be creative in outreach!

Doesn't it always come back to the basics? God's Word has something in it worth learning and sharing! Let us only be so BOLD in the doing!!

Mabel Heil Scholarship Fund Wisconsin Conference

The Mabel Heil Scholarships are 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 Women in Faith and are invested in the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Any Wisconsin United Methodist woman working to improve her education may apply.

For more information or an application contact Lucy Silvester at loosesilv45@gmail.com or call 715-325-2841.

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Calendar 2023

Oct. 13-14	Annual Gathering — Eau Claire, Lake St. UMC
Oct. 26	Leadership Development — zoom (7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.)
Nov. 4	Mission u/Executive Team Meeting — zoom (9 a.m.— 3 p.m.)
Dec. 1	Catch the Vision due date
Dec. 15	Officer Contact Information due to Conference Secretary for 2024 Yearbook