

Mission Echo



SCCUWF Newsletter | September 2025

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Fifty-Third Annual Meeting Celebration

October 24-25, 2025



United
Women
in Faith

St. Paul United Methodist Church

1320 Fernwood-Glendale Road • Spartanburg, SC

Theme: The Good Shepherd Cares
Ezekiel 34

Register Today!



Keynote Speaker:
Chip Walters

Founder & Executive Director
Sidewalk Hope

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Friday Service:
Rev. Cathy Mitchell

Spartanburg
District Superintendent

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Greetings From the Desk of the President

Debra Schooler



Greetings! My Wonderful Sisters

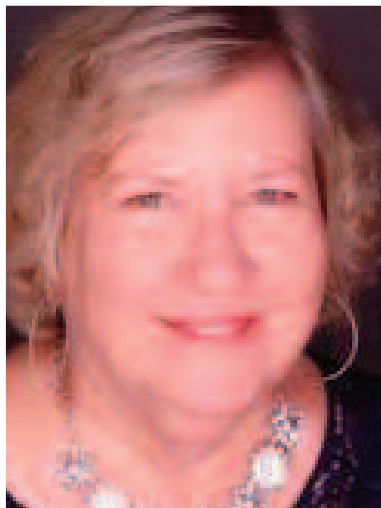
I pray everyone is doing well and enjoying this cool break from our very hot July. We are hard at work planning our annual meeting in Spartanburg on October 24. I pray everyone will plan on attending as it will be a spirit filled time of fellowship, learning, and taking care of the administrative work of our conference.

Our South Carolina sisters are working hard in their districts making sure we follow our vision of "Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world". We are powerful when we work together and when we follow God's will and design for our UWfaith. What a privilege it is to be a part of this wonderful community.

Please read the articles written by our executive team in this "Mission Echo". Kathy will give you more details about our annual meeting. Lots of events are planned, and we have work to do. As our organization struggles financially, please dig deep so we can continue to fulfill our mission.

I leave you with this written by David Harris, April 3, 2011:

"Within the dark gloomy night three ladies with lanterns await to guide us along the path and lead us safely home. The ladies are simply called Faith, Hope and Charity."



Debra Schooler
SCC UWFAith President

Faith is our faith we hold as a bond so dear that the good Lord will guide us away from the evil that we hear.

Hope is that new beginning that rises with the morning sun that our day will be filled with abundance of joy, laughter, and love from dawn to dusk.

Charity is for the helping hand that we sometimes need, but we also give along our way home. The hand we out stretch to someone who has fallen along the way.

They are three sisters of mercy that are always around, the ones that show us the way when we have fallen on rocky ground. The three saviors in our life, Faith, Hope and Charity".

Debra

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Start making your plans to attend this year's Conference Annual Meeting being held in Spartanburg on October 24-25. St. Paul United Methodist Church located at 1320 Fernwood-Glendale Road will be hosting this event. Our theme is **The Good Shepherd Cares** and is based on the entire chapter of Ezekiel 34.

Please try to review this passage ahead of time.

Registration check-in will be October 24 from 2:00pm-5:00pm in the space right outside of the sanctuary. There will be various displays and information tables including information on next year's **National Assembly** being held in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 15-17. If you would like to bring a display, please let me know in advance, so we can save a spot for it.

Our keynote speaker will be Chip Walters, director of **Sidewalk Hope**, a local ministry operating out of Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg. They have a Bible Story vehicle they take around the community to share Bible stories, food, and love with the children who attend. The story-telling truck will be on display in the church parking lot. To thank them for being a part of this year's Conference Annual Meeting, you will be able to give them a monetary donation to assist with their Christmas presents ministry for the 600 children they serve. Checks can be made to **Sidewalk Hope**.

At 4:00pm on October 24th, our four state mission projects will have representatives

sharing the latest news about their organizations. Our Conference Education and Interpretation coordinator, Beth Addis, will be speaking about the importance of Mission Giving to continue our far-reaching ministry. This will be followed by a question-and-answer time. The Opening Session will begin at 5:00pm.

On Friday evening, Spartanburg District Superintendent Rev. Cathy Mitchell will be presenting the message during our worship time.



Kathy Roys, VP SCC UWF

On Saturday, October 25th, we will continue with our meeting at 9:00am. Registration check-in that morning will be from 8:00am-9:00am for those only attending on Saturday. The **Sidewalk Hope story-telling truck** will continue to be on display in the parking lot.

The registration form is included in this issue. Please pay close attention to the fee schedule as it will increase in October as we get closer to the event. Please send your registration by the end of September for the lowest fee. It helps us out greatly in preparations rather than having to guess what we will need to provide. We only publish program books according to timely-received registrations. We cannot afford to pay for extras. We must order and pay for the meals in advance. Your cooperation would be a great blessing to our Program Committee.

See you in Spartanburg!

Kathy Roys,

SCC UWFaith Vice President/Program Coordinator

A stylized, handwritten signature of the name "Kathy" in black ink.

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Theme: The Good Shepherd Cares
Ezekiel 34

Keynote Speaker Chip Walters



Founder & Executive Director Sidewalk Hope

Chip Walters is the Founder and Executive Director of Sidewalk Hope. After 29 years as an educator at the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind, Chip felt called to minister to children in the city of Spartanburg. After several years as a Children's Minister, Chip committed to serving the children and families of Sidewalk Hope full-time. Chip has a Bachelors Degree in Deaf Education and a Masters Degree in Comprehensive Special Education. She is a member of Hope Point Church.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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53rd South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

October 24-25, 2025

St. Paul United Methodist Church,
1320 Fernwood-Glendale Rd., Spartanburg, SC



(Please print legibly.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ District _____ Church _____

Check all that apply:

☐ First Timer ☐ Conference Officer/Appointee ☐ District Officer ☐ Past Conference President
☐ Under 40 ☐ Unit President ☐ Mission Director ☐ Clergy
☐ Missionary / Deaconess ☐ Invited Guest ☐ Voting Delegate (per guidelines – UWF Handbook)

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Attending Friday dinner _____ Attending Saturday lunch _____ Gluten Free _____

****By registering for this event, you understand that your photo may appear in any SCCUWF publication/ media avenues. ****

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Friday, October 24 Registration check-in: 2:00pm- 5:00pm

Displays, project **Sidewalk Hope** truck tour, pull tabs & State missions gift cards drop-off, **I Have Talent** cards to complete, **Prayer Room**, 4:00pm **State Mission Projects speakers and Mission Giving** information session

Session 1: 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Dinner: 5:45pm-6:45pm – Gym MEAL TICKET REQUIRED (in name badge holder)

Worship & Communion: 7:00pm Rev. Cathy Mitchell, Spartanburg District Superintendent, preaching - Sanctuary

Saturday, October 25 Registration check-in: 8:00am-9:00am

Session 2:

9:10am General Business, Informational Moments, Memorial Service, Mission Offering, Reports, Pledge Service, Keynote Speaker: Chip Walters, Executive Director of **Sidewalk Hope**, a children's Bible stories project Retirement of Officers, Nomination & Election of Officers, Installation of Officers, Announcements, Adjourned

Lunch – MEAL TICKET REQUIRED

Mail registration fee payable to **SCCUWF** to Registrar Michele Harvey, 810 Palmetto St., Spartanburg, SC 29302

\$45 if postmarked by **September 30**.

\$60 if postmarked by **October 15, the mail-in deadline**. Onsite fee will be **\$70** (also after October 15)

Please register early. We need the time to make final preparations. Thank you for your consideration!

Annual Meeting Hotel Recommendations

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Ladies are encouraged to check current availability early

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

895 Spartan Blvd.
Spartanburg, SC 29301
864-699-7777

\$132
Plus Tax / per night

Ask for SC Conference United Women in Faith

Cut-off Date: September 23, 2025 | Cancellation: 72 hours prior to arrival

Hampton Inn & Suites I-26 Westgate

Reservations: Call 864-699-2222
and request the “UFW” rate

Online: Use the Group Booking Link

(or enter rate code “UFW” under “Special Rates – Group Code”)

Cut-off Date: September 23, 2025 | 3-day cancellation policy

\$152
Plus Tax / per night

Hilton Garden Inn Spartanburg

Reservations: Call 864-913-1200
and request the “UWF” rate

Online: Use the Group Booking Link

(or enter rate code “UWF” under “Special Rates – Group Code”)

Cut-off Date: September 23, 2025 | 3-day cancellation policy

\$164
Plus Tax / per night

All reservations must be made by September 23, 2025 to receive the group rate

OFFICERS' TRAINING

For ALL District Officers

Saturday • November 8th • 9:00 AM via Zoom

Important updates and valuable information will be shared — even if you are a returning officer, your participation is essential.

Please make plans to attend and encourage all officers in your district to join us.

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Cathy Joens
*Director of
Church Relations
at
Epworth
Children's Home*



**Saturday
November 8th
9am**

Connect as early as 8:45am

**Presidents • Vice Presidents • Secretaries • MN& O •
Communications • Treasurers • Social Action • Historians
• Cluster Leaders • Education and Interpretation • CON •
Spiritual Growth • Secretary of Program Resources**

*All district officers, historians, and cluster leaders
are requested to attend Officers' Training.*

Registration Link:
<https://shorturl.at/c2ER5>

News You Can Use From The Treasurer

Greetings My Siblings in Christ,

As fellow members of United Women in Faith, we are part of a remarkable sisterhood—a powerful network of support and empowerment. This year, our collective efforts have made a tangible difference in the lives of countless women and girls worldwide. We've worked tirelessly to equip them with the skills and resources necessary to become leaders in their communities, workplaces, and beyond, ensuring that women of all backgrounds, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, or economic status, have access to these vital opportunities.

Your dedication and generosity during the first two quarters of 2025 have been truly inspiring. Your contributions, both through your local unit and our national online giving platform, have been instrumental in enabling the South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith to work towards meeting our pledge.

Through Mission Giving, we're turning our vision into action. As a conference, we did an incredible job this quarter, contributing towards our \$200,155.00 pledge to mission goal. Here's a breakdown of the five channels of Mission Giving contributions received:

\$32,991.25	Pledge
2,130.00	Special Mission Recognition
1,075.00	Gift to Mission
815.00	Gift in Memory
<u>2,942.38</u>	World Thank Offering
\$39,853.63	Total Mission Giving

Including designated giving and mission projects, a total of \$65,718.42 was received during the second quarter – a testament to the collective compassion of our members.

As we approach the third quarter, let us reflect on the progress we've made together and renew our commitment to supporting women, children, and youth across the globe. Your continued support is vital to our mission, and every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact. Let us continue to uplift and empower each other, extending our reach and amplifying the voices of those in need.

Thank you again for your unwavering support and partnership. May we all continue to be a blessing to one another.

With gratitude and blessings!

Janice Cockfield Eaddy
SCCUWFaith Treasurer

Janice



*“Mercy to the needy is a loan to God, and God pays back those loans in full.”
(Proverbs 19:17 MSG)*

Mission u 2025 Practicing Hope

By: Sandra Love

MISSION u

Practicing Hope was the theme for this year's Mission u, held at Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, SC.

Our class instructor, Rev. Millie Nelson, did a wonderful job challenging us to deeply reflect on the word "hope"—what it means to each of us and what we are truly hoping for. She reminded us that practicing hope is essential if we want to see positive change and transformation in our lives. Hope must be part of our daily walk.

The PRAYER ROOM

The prayer room was a peaceful space where attendees could pause for silence, prayer, and meditation. It also included areas for prayerful coloring and card-making. Participants created get well and thinking of you cards for three of our officers who were unable to attend due to illness—thank you to everyone who took part in this thoughtful gesture.



The Prayer Room at Mission u 2025

We are deeply grateful for a meaningful and well-organized Mission u, made possible by the dedication of our Mission u Planning Committee.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 18, 2026

The 2026 **In-Person** Spiritual Growth Retreat
Washington Street UMC
Columbia SC

Watch your newsletters for more details to come!

H★I★S★T★O★R★I★A★N

I'm Shirley Crosby, your Historian and Archive Conference Representative.



Please spread the word within your districts — we're collecting any noteworthy or exciting historical updates from your area.

Wofford College has advised us to begin transitioning our

records to digital format in order to save physical space, which is becoming increasingly limited.

Going forward, we'll be storing materials on a shared drive, so please start submitting digital copies whenever possible.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Conference Meeting in October!

Warm regards,

Shirley

Education and Interpretation **Update**

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to the Mission u Craft Room or purchased something. You took my suggestions to heart and brought jams, jellies and snacks. We didn't sell all the snacks, but the kids at Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg's Day Camp benefitted from what we didn't sell. We had one dissatisfied customer who was unhappy there wasn't any pickles or chow-chow. Can we make her happy next year? Although we didn't make as much of a "profit" as last year, we made \$660. That's \$165.00 for each of the four Mission Projects: Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg; Columbia Bethlehem Community Center; Killingsworth; and Wallace Family Life Center.

It's time to start tallying up your figures for your **Mission Today** reports for your District E&I Coordinator. Your District E&I Coordinators (or their designees) will be sending in their totals to me during September so I can compile the Conference report. Remember, **Orangeburg**

and Charleston had the most Mission Today units last year. So, the other 10 districts have some work to do to catch up.

We will be collecting gift cards for the Mission Projects at the Conference Annual Meeting again this year. Because we're meeting in Spartanburg, Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, will be



the District Mission project. Kathy Roys will say more about what they want and need in her article, but they have requested Amazon, office supply store gift cards (Office Depot, Staples, etc.), A and Walmart. Columbia Bethlehem Community Center requests Dollar General, Family Dollar, Food Lion, Home Depot/Lowe's, and Walmart.

Killingsworth requests Food Lion (or other Columbia area grocery stores), Uber, Visa, and Walmart. I looked online and some other grocery stores in Columbia are Publix, Aldi, Lidl, Piggly Wiggly, Kroger, Fresh Market, and Whole Foods.

Wallace Family Life Center requests Food Lion, Office Depot, Visa, and Walmart.

All the Mission Projects can use **Forever stamps**.

A representative from each Mission Project will speak at the Annual Meeting on Friday afternoon about the Mission Projects and answer your questions. Please register early and reserve your space. We want to see you in Spartanburg at St. Paul UMC, Oct. 24-25.

Beth Addis

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Anderson, SC 29621-2686
baddis1108@yahoo.com

Legacy Endowment Fund

As of June 30th, 2025 the Legacy Endowment Fund is
\$50,469,466!

We're blessed to be so close to our goal!

Keep in mind, the fund is dependent
on market fluctuations. *Crystal*



Columbia District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting



Theme: Living Out Our Faithfulness

Scripture Focus: His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (Matthew 25:21 NKJV)

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Fadetra H. Boyd

Pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church-Yonges Island, Hollywood, SC

Event Details

- Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025
- Time: Registration 9:30 AM Program 10:00 AM Lunch 12:00 Noon
- Location: Francis Burns UMC | 5616 Farrow Road | Columbia, SC 29203
- Recognition: District Women of the Year
- Registration Fee: \$15.00 - Includes Lunch Make check payable to CD UWFaith
- Attire: Shades of Purple

Registration Form

Name _____ Vegan _____ Yes _____ No

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Name of Church/UWF Unit _____

Mail or Email registration form to:

Tiffany Phillips

2336 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223

tiffphillips2014@yahoo.com 803-543-9405

Registration deadline is September 12, 2025.



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Legacy Liaison Update
for June 30, 2025

*Submitted by
Crystal Barrs*

From National UWFaith: Legacy Endowment Fund. As of June 30th, 2025 the Legacy Endowment Fund is at \$50,469,466! **(We are blessed to be so close to our goal! But keeping in mind, the fund is dependent on market fluctuations).**

National wants conferences to focus on planned gifts through the 1869 Society and Legacy Friends. That will be the fastest way to make our goal. There will be **2 awards** given at the **Assembly Legacy Banquet** that both have to do with planned giving. One is for the conference that closes the most planned gifts in 2025, and the other is for the conference who holds the most Estate Planning Workshops.

Christie Campo from National, has been traveling the country sharing information on Estate Planning Workshop, *The Power of Women & Philanthropy*, and *Interactive Estate Planning Workshop*. Christie will be doing a meeting with South Carolina as well as Southeastern Jurisdictions soon. I challenge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to meet our goal. You will become part of the 1869 Society that carries perks just for getting involved. All UWFaith are welcome to attend these workshops.

The Legacy Banquet will be on Saturday night at Assembly 2026. It will be the second Banquet we have done. It is a fundraising event that will celebrate the success of The Legacy Endowment Fund and thank our generous donors. You might want to begin to talk the banquet up in your districts and local units.

I have pins for the Next150 available for purchase for those who are interested please contact me via phone, email, text, or in person. I will have pins at all our events. If I run out, I will order more for us, to support this mission of our programs through UWFaith website with information going forward to our future generations.

Thank you for your time and your support of our Legacy Endowment Fund, we are so close to our Goal lets show up and get one of the rewards at the Banquet at 2026 Assembly.

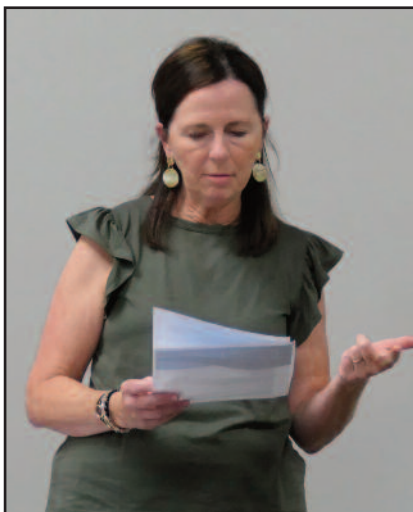
Blessings and a million hugs,

Crystal

Crystal Barrs, SCCUWF Legacy Liaison • 803 804-4061 cell/text • barrs.crystal@yahoo.com

A Snapshot of Mission u

Photos taken at Spartanburg Methodist College - Mission u 2025



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Photos taken at Spartanburg Methodist College - Mission u 2025



Columbia District President Carrie Murray spends a quiet moment in the Prayer Room at Mission u.



Florence District President Melissa Epps participated in the evening Plenary.



To beat the heat ladies gathered early for the evening Plenary.



UWFaith Cabinet Rep. Rev. Telley Gadson provided inspirational words at the opening session of Mission u.



Florence District UWFaith were well represented at Mission u.

There's something for everyone at Mission u

From planting seeds at Mission u to a Limitless Youth attendee sharing a laugh, Mission u covers it all.



Epworth CH Representative





Irma Eaddy of Florence District stand during a break at SCCUMC



Former VP Rev. Pernerva Thomas waits for her queue as she sings with the Clergy choir



Dr. Dawnn Flowers was excited to see Rev. Dr. Evelyn Fulmore (left)



Greenville District President Spotlights UWF at SC UMC Annual Conference



UWFaith Cabinet Rep. Rev. Talley Gadsden (right), joins Bishop and Mrs. Fairley at the BMCR Worship Service



Azilee Dickey, UWF SEJ Vice President, listens during a session of the SC Annual Conference



Wallace Family Life Center

Submitted by Sara Woods
Conference Representative to WFLC Board

WFLC Updates: Building Community Through Service and Leadership

The Wallace Family Life Center (WFLC) Board convened for its fourth bi-monthly meeting on July 25th at the center, marking another milestone in the organization's commitment to serving the community. During this productive session, board members made key decisions that will shape the center's direction and discussed comprehensive plans for future initiatives. The meeting demonstrated the board's dedication to strategic planning and thoughtful governance as they work to expand the center's impact in the community.

August Food Drive Focuses on School-Age Nutrition

Community members are invited to participate in WFLC's third food drive of the year, scheduled for August 23rd at 10:00 AM. Under the leadership of Board Chairperson Rev. Malachi, this food drive will specifically target the nutritional needs of school-age children in the community. The center plans to purchase and distribute kid-friendly foods including fruit, vegetables, pizza, ramen noodles, and spaghetti—items that are both appealing to young people and practical for families. This targeted approach reflects the board's understanding of the unique challenges families face in providing accessible, affordable meals that children will eat and enjoy.

Leadership Search Begins as Center Prepares for Growth

In a significant step toward organizational development, the WFLC Board has initiated the search for a center director. This new leadership position will carry substantial responsibility, including the authority to hire additional employees as the center continues to expand its services and community outreach. The creation of this director role signals the board's commitment to professional management and sustainable growth that will better serve the community's evolving needs.

Recognizing Outstanding Volunteer Service

The board extends heartfelt gratitude and recognition to Mrs. Hattie Linda Sanders for her exceptional volunteer service to WFLC over the past year. Mrs. Sanders has demonstrated remarkable dedication through her multifaceted contributions to the center. She has delivered presentations that have helped communicate the center's mission to the broader community, worked hands-on at the center to support daily operations, and consistently maintained and supported the center's various business activities. Her tireless efforts exemplify the spirit of service that makes United Women in Faith such a powerful force for positive change in communities across the nation.

Through these developments—strategic governance, targeted community service, organizational growth, and volunteer recognition—WFLC continues to embody the values of United Women in Faith while adapting to meet the specific needs of the families and individuals they serve.

Sarah D. Woods, sadsawlife@yahoo.com

HAPPENINGS AT THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION (SEJ)!

Azilee Dickey | SEJ Vice President | 2024-2028 | deejie721@yahoo.com



Jurisdiction Presidents and Vice Presidents have been busy behind the scenes embracing suggested themes and scriptures from their teams when we converge in 2028! "We believe that informed, trained, and challenged Christians can bring much-needed transformation to the church and communities all over the world." Look for our tables in the Experience Hall at **Assembly May 15-17, 2026** in Indianapolis Indiana. Assembly challenges us to **Dream It! Believe It! Do It!**

South Carolina Conference United Women in Faith 2025 Calendar of Events

September Killingsworth Special Emphasis Month

October Bethlehem Columbia Special Emphasis Month

October 24-25 SCCUWF 53rd Annual Meeting - At St. Paul UMC, Spartanburg District

November 8 District Officers Training - 9am Virtual

December 25 Birth of Christ - Merry Christmas

SPECIAL EMPHASIS MONTHS

September - Killingsworth

November - Bethlehem Center Spartanburg

February - Wallace Family Life Center

April - Columbia Bethlehem Community Center

PROGRAM RESOURCE NEWS

Vickie Failor | Program Resource Secretary | vfailor@bellsouth.net

It was great seeing everyone at Mission u in Spartanburg. I would like to thank the units that shared books for the resource room. It was nice to have books for ladies to look and consider reading.

If you think that it is hard to complete a reading plan. I completed reading plan 1 in less than 1 hour while at Mission u. I read 4 children books 1 from each category and I had already read 1 book prior to attending Mission u. Also, attending Mission u counts as 2 books in the Spiritual Growth category and if you read the study book for Mission u outside of Mission u, it counts as 1 book for Spiritual Growth category. You can get credit for reading the Response Magazine, listening to Faith talks and Voices from the Field. It is not hard to complete plan 1 or even plan 2 for the reading program. Please consider reading the children books, they are easy read and you can learn a lot from the children books.

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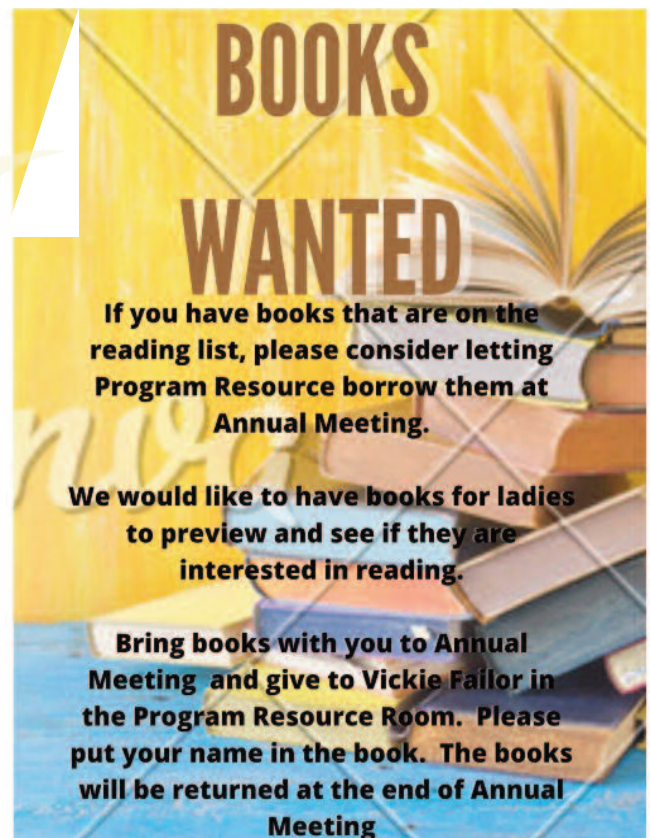
Also, I invite anyone that has books from the reading program to bring them to Annual Meeting and place in the program resource room/ table for others to view. Please make sure you have your name marked in the books.

By having books available it will give others the opportunity to view the books and see which books they might be interested in reading. The books will be returned to you at the end of the Annual Meeting.

If you have books that are on the reading list and you have already read them and would like to donate them for someone else to read, please bring the books to the program resource room and I will mark them as free books.

Reading Program information needs to be turned in to me by each district by September 10th in order to be published in the annual meeting program. I look forward to seeing everyone at Annual Meeting in October in Spartanburg.

Vickie



See
Update
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Get Ready for **ASSEMBLY 2026**

Dream it! Believe it! Do it!

Get ready for Assembly 2026

May 15-17

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Dream it!
Believe it!
Do it!**

Registration opens September 2, 2025

Travel and Lodging Information

Registration Fee:

Early Registration is **\$365** and runs from **September 2 through November 30, 2025.**

Hotel Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved for the **South Carolina Conference.**

To reserve a room, please use the direct booking link:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/UWF2026SouthCarolina>

Alternatively, visit the United Women in Faith Assembly main booking site and select the **South Carolina Conference** block from the "Select Attendee Type" drop-down menu. Prefer to book by phone? Call **317-262-8191** and state that you are with the **South Carolina Conference** to ensure your room is placed within our reserved block. A credit card will be required to guarantee your reservation.

Room reservations must be made by December 1, 2025.

Transportation:

Chartered bus transportation will be provided, with pick-up locations in **Charleston, Columbia, and Spartanburg, SC.**

Departure Date: **May 14, 2026**

Return Date: **May 17, 2026**

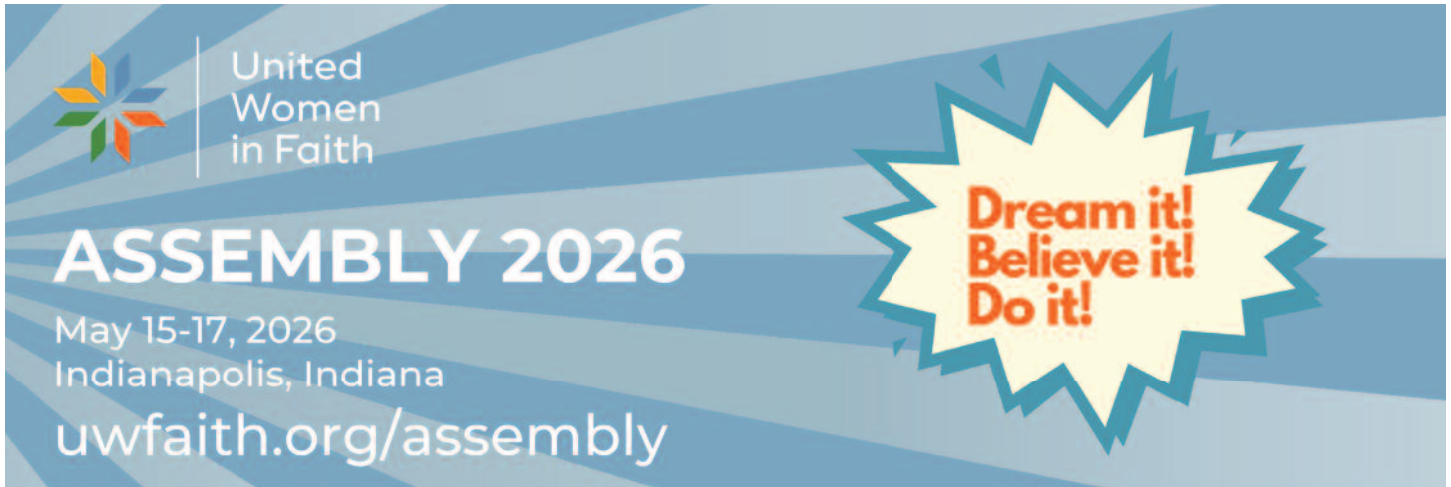
Update

The **cost of bus transportation** (based on 45 travelers) will be announced soon. More transportation details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Contact information:

Mary Yates, Trip Coordinator-803-778-7692-MARYYATES@SUNSHINETAC.COM

Ann Alexander, Secretary-704-616-1133-MHAALL5@BELLSOUTH.NET



What's Assembly 2026 all about?

It's a celebration of who we are and what we can achieve together.

Assembly is our chance to unite, recharge, deepen our faith, and make a difference.

What awaits you at this empowering event?

OPPORTUNITIES TO:

Be nurtured by deep Soul Care experiences.

Be equipped through cutting-edge workshops.

Be inspired by top women experts in their field.

Become influencers through networking connections.

Make an impact through action for justice.

It's time to talk, time to dream, and time to build because when women of faith put our love into action, we are unstoppable.

Come be transformed at Assembly 2026!

For more information contact:

Your Local / District President



uwfaith.org/assembly



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SAVE THE DATE

KILLINGSWORTH WOMEN'S HOME

GALA

SEAWELL'S
1125 Rosewood Dr,
Columbia, SC 29201

11.13.25



Killingsworth
1125 Rosewood Dr.
Columbia SC



You - Killingsworth Supporter
23 Anywhere St.
Anywhere, SC 29555

Dear Friend and Supporter of Killingsworth:

The **Killingsworth Gala** is planned for Thursday, **November 13, 2025** at Seawell's 1125 Rosewood Dr Columbia, SC. Doors open at 5:30pm and **Program begins at 6pm.**

We are very excited and planning is already underway. The **Fashion Show is back** as well as the **Silent Auction**. We need your help with providing items for the Silent Auction. It is our hope and prayer that you will help with the Silent Auction by donating item or items to make this a Fantastic Silent Auction.

The list is unlimited to the items you can donate.

- | | |
|--|---|
| -Vacation homes for week or weekend | - Jewelry |
| -Handmade quilts | -Handmade shawls and blankets |
| -Paintings | -Beautiful potted plants |
| - Dishes | -Glassware |
| -Placemats and napkins | -Gift certificates |
| -Wreaths and other holiday decor | -Gift cards (\$25, \$50 or \$100, etc). |
| -Tablecloths (Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter or it's your choice) | |
| -Wreaths and other holiday decor | |
| -New clothes (with tags you have never worn but want to donate) | |

The list is endless.

We will need your donations at least two weeks before the event. This will give time to get -items sorted and categorized and prepared for bidding. With your help, we can make this auction the best ever!! Together we can make it happen!

Call me to arrange a pickup or you may take to Killingsworth. Please call to let them know you are coming. 803-771-6359. You may call me with any questions.

Thanking you in advance | Sandra Love | Silent Auction Coordinator | 803-414-7323



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Election 2025

South Carolina Conference Committee on Nominations (SCCUWF) Report

<<<<REMINDER!>>>>

Voting At The Annual Meeting

The President or her duly elected alternate will serve as the voting delegate at the Annual Meeting. Each Unit may have an additional elected delegate for membership under 100 or two additional delegates for membership of 100 or more.

Other delegates include members of:

- District and Conference Executive Committees
- The appointees to SC Mission Project boards
- Past Conference presidents
- Nominees for conference offices
- Member of the Conference Committee on Nominations
- Deaconesses
- National UWF Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group

In addition to, Southeast Jurisdiction officers who reside within the bounds of the SC Conference

Be sure to check the voting delegate slot on your Annual Meeting registration form.

See you at the Annual Meeting in October.

SCCUWF Officer Nomination from the Floor

The Nominations Committee is required to interview the potential candidate to determine her eligibility to serve as a Conference officer before she can be included in the election. This form allows time to complete the process before the election is held.

Name of nominee: _____

Which office? _____

Nominee's phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Nominee's Church: _____

District: _____

Nominator's name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Why is this nominee being recommended for the position listed above?

Please notify the nominee she is being nominated from the floor.

Return the completed form to the Nominations Chair (Anne-Marie Wallace).

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Joy in Serving

Poem by: Connie Campbell Brathcer

There is no joy in selfish living –
No real happiness is found;
But when our time is spent in giving...
Eternal pleasures abound.

My friend, there's just no earthly reason
To succumb to Satan's lure;
His pleasures are but for a season...
His path dark and insecure.

Let us serve the Great King of Glory,
Following His guiding hand,
Walking His path, telling the story...
Of His great redemption plan.

True joy is found in serving others –
Reaching out a hand to give;
May we help our sisters and brothers...
As long as we breathe and live.

It's amazing what giving can do –
There's Joy in Serving indeed!
The blessings always come back to you...
When you help someone in need.



Your Voice Matters. No more sitting on the sidelines.
We need you to serve. We need your God-given talents. We NEED YOU!
For More information about serving on a committee
Contact Anne-Marie Wallace at amnfailor@gmail.com.

More of Connie's poems can be found: <https://faithpoetry.com/faith10/joyinserving.shtml>

NOMINEES

CON: LINDA HUGHES

Linda Hughes is a hard-working servant leader with a heart for ministry. She has served as both President and Vice President at the local level, and as Spiritual Growth Coordinator at the district level.



Linda is now looking forward to continuing her service through the Nominations Committee at the conference level.

Grounded in faith and guided by her favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13 — *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”* — Linda approaches every role with purpose, humility, and a desire to uplift others through Christ.

CON: VICKIE HILL

Vikki Hill is a dedicated member of the Columbia District, where she serves on the District Executive Team. She is an active member of Brookland United Meth. Church, currently serving as both Vice President and Secretary of her local United Women in Faith unit.



At Brookland UMC, Vikki also leads the adult Sunday School class as the study leader and serves as the Nurture Coordinator on the church's leadership team, offering care and encouragement to members of the congregation.

She and her husband, Don, are blessed with one daughter and three wonderful grandchildren who bring joy and inspiration to their lives.



CON: MARCELLA YED



Marcella Boyd-Yed is a devoted wife to Melange Yed and proud mother of two wonderful children, Adjoray and Jean-Michée. She is an active member of Francis Burns United Methodist Church, where she serves

faithfully with the ushers, United Women of Faith, and wherever she is needed.

Guided by her deep faith, Marcella strives to let her actions reflect her love for God. She believes that service is a calling and hopes that her work speaks louder than words.

Outside of her church and community involvement, Marcella enjoys volunteering, capturing life's moments through photography, and cherishing quality time with her family.

MN&O: VERONICA M. FORTUNE



Veronica Ann Mack is a devoted mother of three sons and a proud grandmother of six. An active and faithful member of St. James Church, she has served on multiple committees over the years, including as

United Methodist Women Circle Leader and Chairperson of MNO. Outside her church work, she finds joy in cheering on her sons' athletic pursuits and giving back to her community. Veronica is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and she lives by her favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

SCC UWF Slate of Officers

SCCUWF Slate of Officers for 2026 (with year in term)

President: Debra Schooler (2)

Vice President: Kathy Roys (4)

Secretary: Ann Alexander (4)

Treasurer: Janice Eaddy (7)

Communication: Wanda Chandler-Flowers (4)

Social Action: Patricia Armstrong (4)

Spiritual Growth: Sandra Love (2)

Program Resource: Vickie Failor (2)

Education & Interpretation: Beth Addis (4)

MN&O: Veronica Mack-Fortune (1)

Committee on Nominations Chair: Anna-Marie Wallace 2027 (2)

CON 2026: Kim Neel (4)

CON 2027: Anne-Marie Wallace (2)

Chelsi Anderson (2)

Samoria Sessions (2)

CON 2028: Marcella Yed (1)

Linda Hughes (1)

Vikki Hill (1)

Charter for Racial Justice: Clarice Blakeney (2)

Kathy Roys (2)

Vacant

Other positions are appointed | Red = New to Board, if elected

You don't have to be a United Methodist to be....



We're a *sisterhood* acting in *faith* to tackle the *hard work* of the *world* without hesitation.

MISSION: We seek 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: We are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities.

We face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God's love by acting boldly to change those harms.

ACTION: Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

MISSION TODAY ACTION FORM

Please Send Completed Form To: _____

Send by this date: _____

Unit President: _____ Date: _____

Unit Name: _____ Number of Members in Unit _____

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

Check if your unit:

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

Check if your unit, circle, or subgroup:

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

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

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Announcements

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TRAINING
VIRTUAL
NOVEMBER 8TH
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**KILLINGSWORTH
IS SEPTEMBER
SPECIAL
EMPHASIS MONTH**



**Want to get
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Serve on a
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Anne-Marie
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**UWFaith
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Meeting
Oct. 24 - 25
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Spartanburg, SC
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