

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

UNITED WOMEN in FAITH

FLAME NEWSLETTER

VOLUME II

June 2023



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Cover Page	Page 1
Table of Contents	Page 2
President	Pages 3-4
Spiritual Growth	Page 5
Treasurer	Page 6
Nominations	Page 7
Social Action Coordinator	Pages 8-9
Communications	Page 10
Secretary of Program Resources	Page 11
Legacy Fund	Page 12-13
Board of Trustees	Page 14
Charter for Racial Justice	Page 15
Mission u	Page 16
District Presidents	Pages 17-23
Spotlight on the Districts	Page 24
Hot Off the Press	Pages 25-32
Conference UW Faith Projects	Page 33
Epworth House Mission Project Committee	Page 34
Susanna Wesley House	Pages 35-36
BWC United Women in Faith Scholarships	Page 37
End Page	Pages 38-39

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I greet you in the Matchless name of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Although quarter 2 of 2023 has been just as busy...no I must be real and say busier...than quarter 1, I am still truly honored and humbled to be your President and I am still learning to be the best leader and ministry team member that I can be for the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith (UWFaith.)

My schedule has been filled with:

meetings with the BWC/Pen-Del Bishop Easterling, BWC Connectional Table, BWC Sessions Committee, BWC Arrangements Committee, the Trustee Board of the Conference United Women in Faith, Charter For Racial Justice, Susanna Wesley House Board of Directors, Epworth House Committee, Church Women United Maryland, Church Women United DC, Mission u, UMM Prayer Session, and the Conference Wellness Board.

attending Maryland and National Advocacy Days, Baltimore Suburban District and Washington East District Spring Prayer Breakfast, Greater Washington District Legislative Seminar, Annual Conference, Annual Conference UMM/UWFaith Collaboration Luncheon, Epworth House Spring Celebration,

trainings and learning with the United Women in Faith Digital Daily Digest, New Conference Presidents' Leadership Training, districts newsletters, Deaconess & Home Missioners' Voices From the Field

I am also still focused on my tasks as the interim Communications Coordinator, tasks such as updating our website, updating our 2023 directory, and finalizing this June 2023 Flame newsletter, which by the way is just a tad bit late just in case you hadn't notice.

I still think about the newness of my role and responsibilities and all that I have learned and all that I will learn. I am grateful to God for all of the wonderful sisters that I have met and the sisters that I am working more closely with and getting to know better.

Although my calendar is still filled with entries of upcoming events and activities, and completing the duties and responsibilities as interim Communications Coordinator and Conference President, I am still excited, rejuvenated, and ready to see and be a part of what God has planned for us, the Baltimore Washington Conference United Women in Faith.

Let's stay ENGAGED with our relationship with GOD, and engage with OUR SISTERS to engage other sisters to join us in this wonderful ministry.

My challenge to myself and all of you is to spread the word that **ALL WOMEN are welcome to be a UNITED WOMAN IN FAITH—and all means all.** So, invite your family, your friends, your neighbors, and the ladies at your hair salon, nail salon, and your grocery store to be a part of **OUR LOVE IN ACTION** so that we can change the world for the better.

Kim Marie Walker
BWC United Women in Faith President
Burrwalker123@gmail.com/kwalker@bwcumc.org
443-534-1549/410-309-3449

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Love of God

Love of Self

Love of neighbor

The Great Commandment

²⁸ ^u And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, ^v Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, ^w the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ ^x The second is this: ^y You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment ^z greater than these."

Mark 12:28-31

God's essence is love, and he wants that love to flow fully through your life. Choosing to love yourself means agreeing with God's perspective on you as someone who is beloved. Your Creator made you valuable and worthy of love. [Psalm 139:14](#)

You and all other souls are made in God's image ([Genesis 1:27](#)).

Proverbs 19:8 encourages us to love our own soul so much that we find goodness and truth.

We're supposed to love and care for ourselves and, in turn, love others in the same manner **Leviticus 18:19, KJV**

Love of Self as God loves you.

Wendy Johnson, Spiritual Growth Coordinator

TREASURER

The name of the organization amended to **United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Washington Conference (UMWBWC)**. The DBA (Tradenname) is **BWC United Women in Faith (BWCUWFaith)**. This is the name registered in the IRS, Maryland and General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) databases. Use these names on all documents, flyers, correspondence, and bank accounts.

Hats off to Mary Jo Grimm, district treasurer for Cumberland-Hagerstown. Mary Jo has served almost 10 years as treasurer. Prior to serving as the district treasurer, she served approximately 20 years. We wish her well as she transitions from an officer to a member. Until a new treasurer is elected, local units may submit to the conference treasurer, Dorothy Medley. The district treasurer for Cumberland-Hagerstown retired effective January 1, 2024.

Procedure for inactive units **United Women in Faith (UWFaith)** (new Form IGRC UWF v11). The form is an attachment to this document and are available from your district treasurer.

Sale Use Tax Exemption Certificate (SUTEC) update. Need a dissolution clause for Articles of Incorporation. On hold pending approval of dissolution clause by Leadership team. After approval email to State of Maryland, Department of Assessment and Taxation.

DBA update. On hold pending approval of a Resolution authorizing the president and treasurer as signatories on the checking account. Once the document is signed, each district treasurer and president should take the documents to the bank and have the bank update your account with the dba information and add the new signatories The payee may be either **United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Washington Conference (UMWBWC)** or **BWC United Women in Faith**.

Leadership Team to approve a resolution to use the same rate as the Baltimore-Washington Mission Center uses for mileage. The current rate is 65.5.

Respectfully submitted.
Dorothy Medley

NOMINATIONS

The goal of the Conference On Nominations (CON) is to have each district from this great conference represented. Baltimore Washington Conference United Women in Faith is a diverse community of women from various cultures, educational, and social backgrounds. We are proud to have such diversity in our conference.

The CON takes this opportunity to invite local units to serve on District and Conference committees. You are needed to continue the work and advocacy that we have been serving in since 1869. Although COVID, the aging of many seasoned women, and other impactful situations have prevented us from meeting in person, I want to encourage you as United Women in Faith to not forget the legacy that we have forged for the inclusion, social justice, equity, and empowerment for women.

Serving is not just a voluntary action but it is a struggle as we live our lives in a broken and divided world that calls us to take notice and act, which fulfills our PURPOSE. The United Women in Faith needs your time, talents, and Tenacity to bring awareness, change, reconciliation, and wholeness to the people of the world. Yet, the oppressed depend on advocates to respond to the challenges of Micah 6:8, "No, the LORD has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God." Micah 6:8 GNBDC; and the instructions from Christ "...I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!" Matthew 25:40 GNBDC.

I invite you to join the BWC UWFaith and continue the work of Christ, "We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation."

I would like for you to reflect on the following question:

Who, What, and How can I help to press for justice in our world? The answer be an active officer on the BWC UWFaith Leadership Team, learn more by visiting the National website www.uwfaith.org, and the BWC UWFaith webpage www.bwcumc.org/ministeries/uwfaith

Love, peace, joy, and Health

Daphne L. Hurd, Coordinator, Nominations
410 627-7877

uwfnominations.org or daphnelhurd@icloud.com

SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR

Greetings Sisters!

I am happy to report we had successful Advocacy Days in Annapolis with Maryland Legislature and DC for Federal Advocacy (our first ever at that site!). I even participated in the Pen-Del Advocacy Day in Dover, DE (their first ever!) to support the work they are doing there. In the midst of all of that, some of us also participated in the National Day of Action organized by ThirdAct in March.

We were part of the "Rocking Chair Rebellion" that set up outside four banks urging them to stop supporting Fossil Fuel Infrastructure projects. Thank you to all who participated in our various Advocacy ventures in March and April!

Legislative Advocacy is one of the ways United Women in Faith stand up for the rights of women, children, and youth. It doesn't always mean you have to travel and show up at a rally, or travel to the State Capitol to meet with elected officials or go to City/County Council meetings to speak up about something they are considering, although all of those are important. It can mean contacting decision makers through phone calls to their offices, emails, handwritten notes, or signing on to a group letter.

As your Social Action Coordinator, I serve on the Leadership Committee for the Conference Legislative Team. I encourage all UWFaith members across the BWC to sign up to receive Action Alerts from our Conference Legislative Team at <https://bwcaction.org/action-alerts/> (part way down the page on the right). These Alerts are sent via email when there is an urgent need for people to contact decision makers about an issue. Background information is included. The "ask" from our Team includes statements from the United Methodist Social Principles to show why we are, or are not, in favor of a particular piece of legislation. There is frequently a sample script you can use to make calls, an email you can sign on to or sample language for a letter you can write. It's your decision to follow through, or not, and/or to modify the suggested language to make it your own. You may not know a lot about the issue, but as a woman of faith, you can trust us to have done the research on these issues before we contact

you. Please sign up. Help us build our network by asking others (your spouse, your clergy, the people in your small groups at church, etc.) to sign up as well. If you would like me, or a member of our Legislative Team to speak to your unit, or congregation, about the place of Legislative Advocacy in the life of the church, please let me know.

Blessings and peace,

Sherie Koob

Social Action Coordinator

BWC UWFaith

sheriekoob@hotmail.com

COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR



United
Women
in Faith

Recently, the United Methodist Women took on a new name (a new logo and a new website) to better reflect how we answer our calling today. It's an exhilarating time, as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact. We remain women of passion and power, united by God's love in our mission to support women, children, and youth.

Our new name is part of the refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel, and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood. We will have the opportunity to join together to put our love into action!

For more information visit our new website at www.uwfaith.org.

Please be reminded that if you are not writing United Women in Faith, let's be consistent and in alignment with National and only use

UWFaith

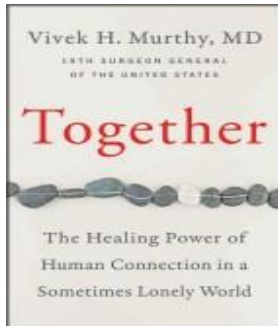
Do not use UWF and UWIF

Kim Marie Walker
Communications Coordinator-BWC-UWFaith burrwalker123@gmail.com

PROGRAM RESOURCES

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Nurturing for Community



TOGETHER: THE HEALING POWER OF HUMAN CONNECTION IN A SOMETIMES LONELY WORLD

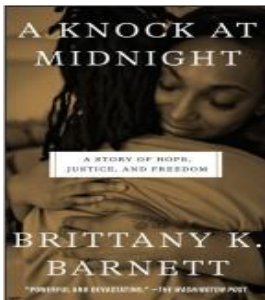
VIVEK H. MURTHY
HARPER WAVE (2020)

In this groundbreaking book, the 19th surgeon general of the United States Dr. Vivek Murthy makes a case for loneliness as a public health concern: a root cause and contributor to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today—from alcohol and drug addiction to violence to depression and anxiety. Loneliness, he argues, is affecting not only our health, but also how our children experience school, how we perform in the workplace, and the sense of division and polarization in our society. His message underscores the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health, and the social power of community.

- When reading was you able to see you in this book?
- Were you able to identify with the book?
- We will chat about this one on **Saturday, July 8th.**



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



A KNOCK AT MIDNIGHT: A STORY OF HOPE, JUSTICE AND FREEDOM

BRITTANY K. BARNETT
CROWN (2021)

Brittany K. Barnett was a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever—that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, businessowner, and, like her, Black daughter of the rural South. A victim of America's war on drugs, Sharanda had been separated from her young daughter and was serving a life sentence without parole for a first-time drug offense. As Barnett studied this case, a system came into focus with widespread racial injustice at the core of America's addiction to incarceration. Moved, Barnett set to work to gain Sharanda's freedom. The memoir is at once Barnett's coming-of-age story and a powerful evocation of what it takes to bring hope and justice to a system built to resist them.

- Please make your purchase on Amazon if you wish.
- We will chat about this one on **Saturday, August 12th.**
- If you would like to make a book suggestion, please forward me an email at mst2136@yahoo.com or call me 443-694-0465

United Women in Faith – Legacy

Fundraising by Terri Lynn

Excite, Invite, Participate

Every purchase of premium nuts, gourmet confections
and sweet & savory snack mixes benefits the



Webstore Address: BWCLegacyFund.terrilynn.com



LEGACY FUND

Baltimore Washington Conference

The BWC Legacy Endowment Fund has opened a Webstore with Terri Lynn Fundraising.

You can support our Webstore by purchasing these premium nuts, gourmet confections, and sweet and savory snack mixes.

This is our second promotion, order online.

Everything you buy gets shipped right to your door, and a portion of every sale goes directly to support the Legacy Endowment Fund, Baltimore Washington Conference.

We think you are going to love these premium products. They are really something special! You can start shopping to support us here:

<https://BWCLegacyFund.terrilynn.com>

If you would like to help us get the word out, mention our Webstore on Facebook, Twitter, or wherever you like to spend time on the web. Be sure to include <https://BWCLegacyFund.terrilynn.com> in your post.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees has immediate needs for the following:

- Work with the President for subsequent appointment to the position
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Nominations Chairperson

These positions can come from all the districts:

- Annapolis
- Baltimore Metropolitan
- Baltimore Suburban
- Central
- Cumberland-Hagerstown
- Frederick
- Greater Washington
- Washington East

Please contact:

Geraldine Whitley, President
Board of Trustees of the United Women in Faith of the Baltimore- Washington
Conference, Inc

COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CFRJ)

In light of all the racism concerns happening around the country, we feel it is necessary to reconstitute this committee.

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies is a committee that has a membership of seven members, one-third of whom shall be of color if possible.

The seven members shall include the President of the Conference UMW Leadership Team, who will serve as the Chairperson, the Mission Coordinator for Social Action, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.

Four additional members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. They shall be one district president, one member of the Executive Committee and two members selected to ensure inclusiveness and/or special expertise in the skills necessary to accomplish the task.

The committee shall:

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

Committee on Charter (CFRJ) for Racial Justice Members 2023

Kim Marie Walker, Chairperson – burrwalker123@gmail.com

Sherie Koob—sheriekoob@hotmail.com

Daphne Hurd-- daphnelhurd@icloud.com

Mikele Haskins-Delmore – mhaskinsdelmore@gmail.com

Janice Crowe—janice.a.crowe@comcast.net

Sabrina White – sve2042@hotmail.com

Willa Kynard – msk3334@yahoo.com

Kunda Musonda – careercoachk@gmail.com

Judy Smith – smarmayor@aol.com

Miriam Williams—williams.miriamd@gmail.com

Sheila Grier—sdgkng1947@gmail.com

Colleen Cates—craftyme53@gmail.com



United
Women
in Faith

Baltimore-Washington & Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conferences

United Women in Faith & Wellness and Missions

Sponsors

Mission u 2023

Living the Kin-dom

Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice
for Social

Transformation

Saturday, July 22, 2023, 8 AM- 6PM

Community United Methodist Church

1690 Riedel Road, Crofton, Maryland

Offering both in-person and virtual for children, youth,
and adults

Registration closes July 9, 2023

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS



ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT

Sisters United in Faith,

First, let me thank you all for attending our Annual Spring Brunch. Your presence ensured that everyone knows that "We are a community of women." Not only, that, but we are connected as United Women in Faith. Together we can do much more than we can do as individuals. Seeing all of you there made my heart full.

And, in United Women in Faith style, you threw the world's biggest baby shower. Yes, so many baby pantries and organizations benefited from the baby items you provided. We sent baby products to every sector of our District. In these trying times, I'm sure the moms and expectant moms were happy to receive those goods. I know at least seven cars were piled high with the wipes, diapers, baby food, clothes and other accessories that were donated. You ladies are wonderful.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful, gracious ladies of Mt. Zion UMC-Magothy for their exceptional hospitality in hosting our brunch. These ladies provided a smorgasbord of delightful and delicious foods for us. If you didn't get full – all I can say is that you did not try. Also, I was made aware of a Unit being restored – I am super excited about that. If your unit is hosting an event, please let the Communications Coordinator know so she can share it across the District. We would love to attend your events because we are a community. We need to support each other and combine our events/efforts when possible.

Our guest speaker, Colleen F. Cates, gave us a powerful word to help us continue God's mission here on earth. She started with a little test, and all of the tables did well, showing how scripturally based our United Women in Faith are. You absolutely rock, ladies.

I sent the 2023 Unit Survey to the local Unit Presidents this week so we can get a better count of how many of God's missionaries are at work in our District, Conference, and at the National level. Last year, the Annapolis District only had four units complete the Survey, this year, let's get as many units reporting as possible. The Survey is open until August 30, 2023.

Please let me and the District Leadership Team know what we can do to make doing what you do easier. That's why we're here. We work for you and the Conference works for the District. Please share information with ladies in your units that do not get it electronically. We want to keep them informed and let them know they are an integral part of United Women in Faith.

Yours in Christ,

Emma M. Krouser

Baltimore Metropolitan District



United
Women
in Faith

Town Hall Meeting

JOHN WESLEY UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH OF BALTIMORE CITY

Saturday

July 29th

10:00 am – 12:00pm

at John Wesley UMC

3202 W. NORTH AVE. BALTIMORE, MD 21216

Speakers:

Kim Marie Walker

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Sheila Grier

BALTO. METRO DISTRICT PRES.

**Baltimore–Washington Conference Officers will be
present to answer all questions!**

For more information: Email:

baltmetrodist.umw@gmail.com

Baltimore Suburban District

Hello Sisters in Christ,

Our days should be full of hope and promise, the Covid 19 Pandemic has officially ended. While it is okay to remain cautious, it is time to venture outside of our homes. It is time to say hello to our neighbors, friends, and family that we have been so distanced from. As President of the Baltimore Suburban District, I hope to find active United Women in Faith to participate in or to lead a Mission Service or Advocacy Program. Many of the Programs are being conducted Online whether it be a Webinar, a Workshop, or a Book Study. To name a few:

- Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline
- Just Energy 4 All – Webinar and Working Group
- Reading Program
- Charter for Racial Justice – Study Group, August
- Faith Talks – Webinar Format, twice a month
- Mission U – In Person and Online, July

Many thanks to Connie Wiegel and her United Women in Faith Unit at Wesley UMC, Hampstead, MD for Hosting the Spring Prayer Breakfast. The welcoming spirit and fellowship were evident. Yvonne Terry, Executive Director of the Susanna Wesley House, was the Guest Speaker. Yvonne shared the many challenges the women and youth face as they gain stability to transition into their own home environment. Susanna Wesley House is one of eleven Baltimore Washington Conference Projects that we support with our Annual Pledge.

Please contact me to update the Officer's Contact Information for your Unit. If you feel your numbers are small and the responsibility is a burden, please call me to discuss some options. Some Units have formed Cluster Groups and the formula is working.

I'd like to leave you with this Scripture:

Ephesians 1:18 - I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers.

Terri Booth

Contact Email – terjericho@gmail.com



FREDERICK DISTRICT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ., I pray this finds you all well.

It has been a while-far too long since in fact. Covid has taken its toll on many of us in many ways. I lift those in prayer that have encountered loss by any measure and pray God's grace upon you.

I would like to take a moment to be transparent. The past several years has been hard physically and spiritually. It has been a difficult road in many ways. One thing has remained, is the work of the Lord never stops. Even when we feel weak, defeated, and unmotivated. From the local units to leadership, the struggle has been very real.

The Lord has spoken to my heart, and it is time for a revival. It is time for restoration. I am asking you to be in prayer for me and with me for a revival of the Frederick District United Women In Faith!

It is a blessing that some of you are still working hard in the vineyard and the fruit of you labor of love has continued to bless others. For others, we need to see beyond the boundaries that have been built up around us. We need be ignited with same fresh fire that has kept others moving forward.

Currently the District Team consists of myself and the Treasurer. I am asking each you to be in prayer for an increase in the leadership team.

We're a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. We are driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done.

Yours In Christ,

Angela Fossett

Frederick District President

WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT

Greetings from the Washington East District (WED)!

The WED started the year with 73 officers signing up for the Local Unit Training, receiving positive feedback from the Training Evaluation with the Officers feeling confident and competent to begin their Officer role. Local Presidents were looking forward to periodic meetings with the District President and met on March 30, 2023. We are also restoring the Cluster Groups where we hosted our first event with Clusters II and III on March 25, 2023, and with Clusters I and IV on April 22, 2023.

The first Turtle Newsletter (February) was a great effort on the Leadership Teams part, and it yielded great/positive feedback from the readers.

Happy to report the Annual Virtual Spring Celebration for the Epworth House was held on June 17, 2023, with the theme, "We Believe Love in Action Can Change the World" and Rev. Alexis Faith Brown, McKendree Simms-Brookland United Methodist Church, was scheduled to be the guest speaker but her mom, Rev. Kay Asbury, stepped in when needed.

We were also excited to host a hybrid Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Mission Center and saw local unit members we had not seen for a while.

Assisting the Conference President with her directive to reach out to the United Men in Mission, the WED UWFaith President and the WED UMM President have been in contact.

We were sad to lose one of our past Officers, Co-Communications Chair, Beverly Holman on February 11, 2023.

Looking forward to reaching these goals:

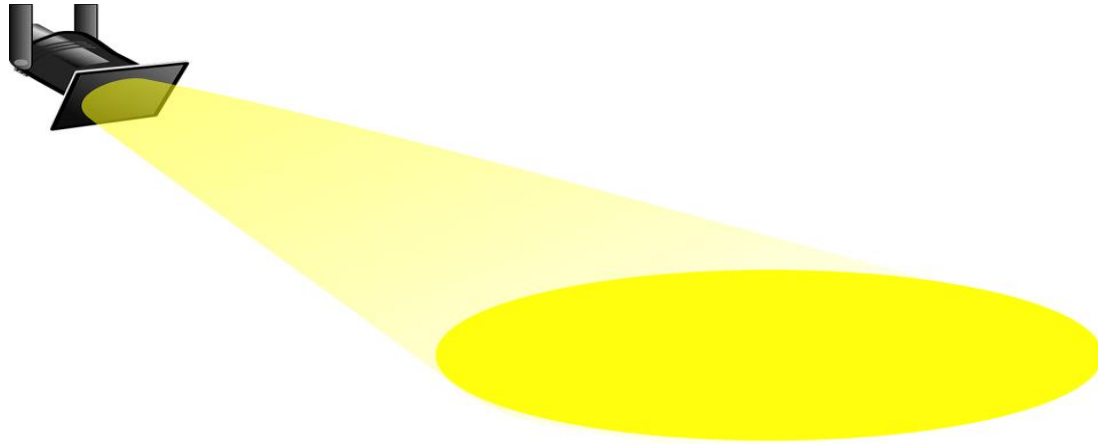
- ❖ Support and build a relationship with the local units.
- ❖ Work with Leadership to provide assistance to help grow the local units.
- ❖ Help the local units to thrive again!
- ❖ Encourage local units to engage in more Sisterhood with other local units.
- ❖ Engagement in the charter for racial justice.
- ❖ Participation in book discussions.

We ended 2022 with some vacancies; however, there is only one position vacant, the Education & Interpretation Coordinator and hopeful it will be filled soon.

As mentioned in the Turtle Newsletter,
the WED will continue to BE BOLD,
will TURN IT UP and GET TOGETHER for a great year to continue the mission
for women, youth, and children!

Madge Miles
Washington East District President





Spotlight on the Districts

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

NOT OFF THE PRESS



Sally Vonner as General Secretary and CEO!

United Women in Faith is pleased to announce the election of Sally. Vonner to the position of General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1, 2023.

Ms. Vonner joined the organization's national staff in 2010 as Assistant General Secretary of Membership and Leadership Development. With reorganization in 2018, she became the Transformation Officer, coordinating the organization's visioning and strategic development to positively impact the lives of women, children, and youth.

In accepting the new post, Ms. Vonner said:

"My primary focus is to continue and expand the mission and reach of United Women in Faith as we put our love and faith in action to change the world, and work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth around the world. I commit to lead with faith and trust in God, the support of the directors, the Program Advisory Group, my colleagues, and most of all, the members of United Women in Faith."

Please join United Women in Faith in celebrating!



Baltimore Washington Conference
Legacy Endowment Fund
Saturday, August 5th – 1 o'clock

A Lite Summer's Lunch

Program to follow with Guest Speaker

Kenya Roberts, National Office

Every Member Campaign



Legacy Builder

Friends Of Legacy

Location:

Baltimore Washington Conference Center 11711 E.
Market Place Fulton, MD 20759

Donation of \$18.69 or More Pay at the Door

or Online @ <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund> Memo: BWC Legacy
Endowment Fund

Contact a Legacy Liaison for additional information:

Daisy Farmer – Telephone #1-
240-533-6448 Terri Booth –
terjericho@gmail.com





Seed Funding Applications Now Open!!

The Office of Economic and Environmental Justice invites United Women in Faith groups to apply for grants to help support local organizing campaigns to advance just energy for all. Funding is available for work happening at the circle, unit, district, conference, and jurisdiction level. United Women in Faith groups are strongly encouraged to apply for a grant to support work that is happening collaboratively, in coalition/partnership with other organizations or groups, so long as such work involves substantial participation from local United Women in Faith members and is focused on supporting energy infrastructure projects.

About the Just Energy for All Campaign

Our Just Energy for All Campaign works for energy that is cleaner and more just for all of God's people and creation. This means advocating for 100% renewable energy (RE) – such as solar, wind, small-scale hydro and geothermal – that is centered on justice and equity.

Goal of UWFaith Grant Support

To advance United Women in Faith's efforts to promote just energy for all by providing small-scale grants to augment existing campaigns and/or develop new campaigns.

Available Grant Support

Consideration will be given to funding requests of \$100 – \$3,000. We invite each applicant to carefully consider the amount of funding needed and to document in detail the budget and the rationale in the application.

Funding is limited, so please budget responsibly and request only the amount that you will need. The funds may be allocated for the purchase of materials, services, direct work involved, or for grant writing purposes. For now, we are not able to accommodate requests for more than \$3,000.

Learn More

Resources that might be helpful as groups prepare their application can be found here: [2023 Seed Funding Resources](#)

Timeline

- Application submissions begin in June 2023
- Rolling Deadline- First round will review applications July 24 and the second deadline is based on available funding.
- Groups notified of funding support decisions – August 2023
 - Selected group(s) receive funding – September 2023
 - Implementation – September 2023 to September 2024

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/PmZcWpxFFEpgcpZn9>

All applications will be collected online via the form above. If you have questions about the application process or wish to confirm receipt of your submission, contact climatejustice@uwfaith.org. For a preview of the application, click here:

***Grace & Peace, The Office of Economic and Environmental Justice
United Women in Faith. If you have any questions about
these strategy and capacity building sessions, please reach out to
climatejustice@uwfaith.org.***

Northeastern Web Site is now available.

nejuwfaith.org

SAVE THE DATE!

April 19-21, 2024

John 13: 34 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (NRSV)



**Welcome to Beautiful
Rhode Island!**

GET TOGETHER! GET TOGETHER and join us in beautiful Providence, RI, April 19-21, 2024, as we convene the 2024 Quadrennial meeting of the Northeastern Jurisdiction United Women in Faith.

REGISTRATION--Please check back here periodically for updates on registration which will open in the Fall of 2023. You'll be able to register for the event as well as reserve your room.

We believe love in action can change the world."

UMCOR Partnerships and Programming in the Horn of Africa

Since 2021, UMCOR has implemented three relief projects in Ethiopia through local UMC partners. Accessible areas are limited but we are slowly making progress in increasing the local capacity to reach more displaced families affected by political unrest and natural disasters.

In 2022, partnerships were formed with professional implementors in Kenya and Somalia, in response to the drought.

In Kenya, IsraAid is working on a 12-months project in Turkana Sud County, to address water access and nutrition, through building WASH infrastructures and local capacity development to deliver essential services and promote community resilience.

In Somalia, our partner Kaalmo Relief & Development implemented two projects in the Gedo region in 2022, where 1,200 families were assisted with food vouchers and unconditional cash over 6 months.

We are currently preparing for a new intervention to address the impact of recent flash floods affecting IDP camps in Dolow district. The focus will be on restoring WASH infrastructures, increasing access to clean water for people and livestock.

Regarding South Sudan, partnerships are being formed with professional partners to address the needs of Sudanese refugees and South Sudanese returnees. A grant was recently approved for partner Water Is Basic to address urgent needs at the border.

We are also preparing a proposal with Help a Child SSD to address Food, Hygiene and Shelter in the longer term.

Funding for these programs come from the International Disaster Response Advance #982450.

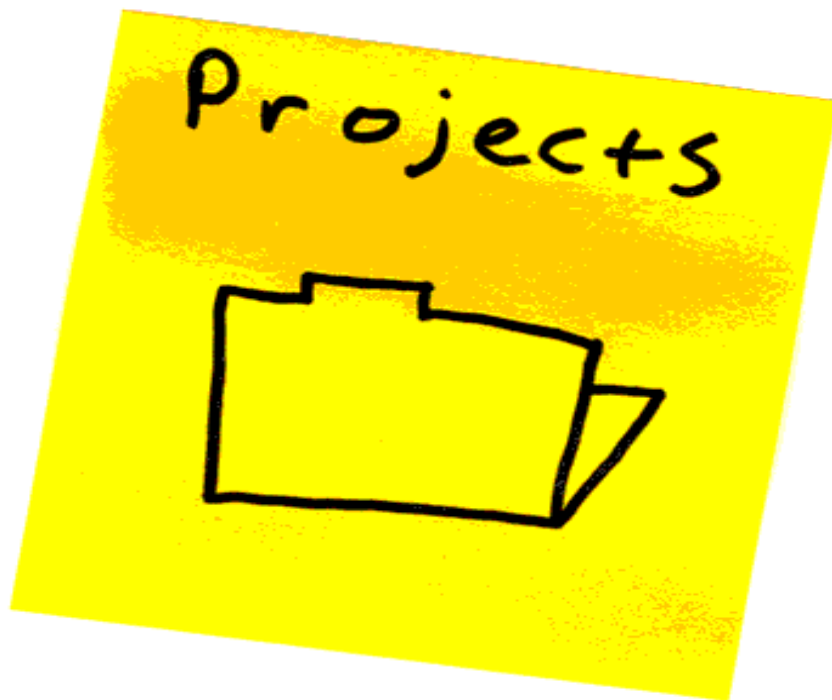
Bintou Diao

*Program Manager International Disaster Response
UMCOR*

***Annapolis District UMM
Thursday Night
7:00 pm Zoom Prayer Line***



***Meeting ID: 874 5164 5476
Passcode: 777777***



Conference Projects

THE EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE

Is in need of a Treasurer.

If you are interested, please contact President Gertrude White,
trudytil@aol.com



FROM EPWORTH HOUSE

"BE A FRIEND TODAY"

There always is a friend in need Along
life's lonely way;

Don't count on him to ask you, Just he
there for him today.

Just knowing there is "someone" Is often
all it takes.

To lift a body's spirits And a
loyal friendship makes.

A smile, a little laughter,

A letter that you send, Can
make a world of difference.

At a time, one needs a friend.

An arm to proudly lean on In
times of stress or strife, Can
truly be a blessing On the
road we know as life.

Catherine Janssen Irwi



**Susanna
Wesley House**
incorporated

Susanna Wesley House, Inc

The Susanna Wesley House serving the Mount Vernon Community since 1919, in Baltimore City have a rich history. The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened a home to accommodate 12 working girls in a rental home on West Fayette Street called, Wo-Ho Mis Lodge. In 1921 this organization purchased the property at 607/609 two Townhouses as a boarding house for working women. These facilities served the needs of women for over a century with a variety of opportunities. In 1993 these properties were restored after a fire damaged 607 and 609 was consecrated as a transitional home for homeless women with dependable children. This model included having two bedrooms, with a bathroom and closet space. And a shared kitchen. Additionally, three self-contained suites for larger families are available. In 2017 the house was reopened under the name Susanna Wesley House in honor of the founding mother of Methodism, because of the example of faith and religious reverence she set for her children that inspired John and Charles to become spiritual leaders and launch the Methodist movement.

By 1919 SWH, accepted 15 women with children, and all meals were served by a cooking staff in a dining setting room where before and after school/care was provided to mothers who were working or job hunting.

Due to administrative challenges in 2003, the Board agreed in 2018 that SWH needs to be reconfigured by providing nine units, with each mother having two bedrooms, a private bathroom, as well as a shared kitchen.

A key element to remember is that before the re-opening of SWH for new residents, living arrangements for visiting missionaries from around the World were housed at 609 Park Ave, Baltimore, City. Currently, 609 has gone through a historic transformation and continues to provide service for homeless women with dependable children. Professional staff and a supportive devoted Board of Directors serve them.

Currently, SWH is operating in a program pause phase which includes, rebranding, revitalizing, and creating opportunities, for moving forward with

bold strategic planning. The Previous residents are located to new housing opportunities in the community, new flooring throughout the building, a brighter and welcoming atmosphere,

The **new mission** for Susanna Wesley House is to provide transitional housing for homeless women and their dependent children by offering programs and resources that promote independence as they move toward self-sufficiency.

Goals:

1. To promote a safe and stable environment.
2. To move families to permanent housing within 24 months of arriving at SWH.
3. To provide programs and services that assist families with independent living.

Objectives:

1. Provide trauma-informed case management regularly to
 - a. assess families' barriers and causes of homelessness.
 - b. Create a family plan to address needs.
2. Partner with community organizations to connect families to educational programming, permanent housing options, employment, and healthcare services.
3. Conduct feedback and evaluation processes.
 - a. during intake as families arrive.
 - b. during the exit as families leave for permanent housing.
 - c. as a part of outreach to connect with families who once participated in the program.

On behalf of Susanna Wesley House, Inc, the Board, staff, and residents thank you for your support and continues generosity as we serve homeless women with dependable children. We value your appreciation!

Respectfully Submitted.

Elizabeth Mitchell Stemley

Board President

CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN in FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

We had ten (10) 2022 Scholarship recipients!

We are preparing to review 36 applicants for the 2023 scholarship application!

Applications are only accepted on-line at <http://bwcumc.org> from January 4 thru March 1.

Matthew 5:16

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

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

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

Kim Marie Walker
BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Committee Chairperson
burrwalker123@gmail.com/kwalker@bwcumc.org



United
Women
in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

We believe
love in action
can change
the world.

