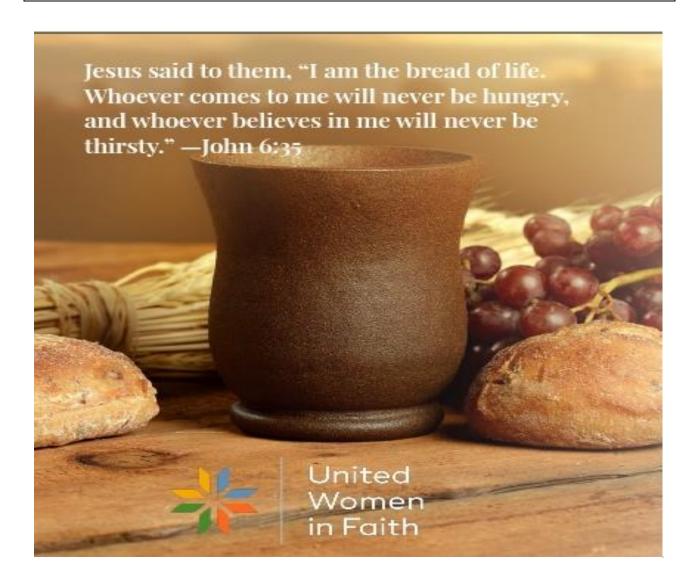
### BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN in FAITH FLAME NEWSLETTER

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### Let Us Break Bread Together!

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

Wow, can you believe that it is March 1, 2024, and we are in our Lenten season. As I move about in this very busy season, I think about and ponder on what Sally Vonner, General Secretary and CEO United Women in Faith and Roland Fernandes, General Secretary General Board of Global Ministries, wrote in the forward of our Daily Prayer Guide 2024.

"Faith and Food are strong partners in the human experience."
"Breaking Bread Together," prompts humble thanksgiving for God's abundant provision of nourishment and grace."

In the theme scripture, Acts 2:42, it talks about the early Christians and their continued steadfastness in the apostles' doctrine, and they all lived in the most endearing communion and intimate friendship one with another, and especially expressed their mutual affection in breaking of bread — **TOGETHER**, and joining in the exercise of social prayer.

I want 2024 to be the year that we devote ourselves to continued steadfastness in the legacy that our foremothers have left us and that we live, work, grow, serve, and pray **TOGETHER** in our United Women in Faith community across the local units, the district, and the conference.

Let's be in community **TOGETHER**. Let's break bread **TOGETHER**. Let's serve God **TOGETHER**. Let's serve women, children, and youth **TOGETHER**. Let's take time each day to nourish ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually. Let's take time every day to nourish our relationship with God and with each other.

We, the BWC United Women in Faith, have been called to encourage each other to nourish our communities around the world and the women, children, and youth.

This work, this ministry, this calling as United Women in Faith, keeps us busy, but it is very rewarding as we continue to learn, meet many people and bond more closely with people.

My schedule has been filled to the brim and then some.....BUT I'M NOT TIRED YET!

As we prepare to move further into 2024, lets continue to meditate, pray, and thank God for all that he allows us to do.

Although it has been very hard to find some constant period of time or day to just "be still", I am still prioritizing my total self-care and developing my leadership skills to ensure that I am the best leader for the Baltimore Washington Conference United Women in Faith.

Although this was in my December 2023 Flame article, please be reminded that The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church **says that in every local church there SHALL be an organized unit of UMW.** Please see page 192 of the Discipline, Article 256:5.

Local United Women in Faith Guidelines are found in Article 5 of the Constitution for the Officers and Committees for the Local Church.

Please see Article 6 regarding the funds.

Further reference can be found in the discipline: "The Constitution of United Methodist Women in the Local Church, as proposed by United Methodist Women and codified in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016, ¶256.5.

The Bylaws for membership are found on page 3.

We must work together to ensure that all of our sisters, all of our local units, all of our United Methodist pastors understand the relationship between the BWC United Methodist Church and the BWC United Women in Faith.

Thank you all for stepping up into the role and plan that God has prepared for all of us as United Women in Faith.

We all are charged to use our talents and abilities to organize, motivate, lead, and work with enthusiasm.

We are charged to lead with dignity, fairness, and love in action.

We are charged to be loyal to the purpose and dedicated to upholding the mission.

We are charged to work closely, work together in unity and connectivity for the benefit of the mission.

Do you accept this responsibility and promise to fulfil to the best of ability the duties of your office/role?

### I SAY I DO!

Let's stay "Pumped Up" for Christ, and "Stand BOLDLY" for women, children, and youth. Let's continue to reignite and reenergize ourselves, our local units, our districts, and our conference United Women in Faith sisters.

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 all the ladies you know and meet to be a part of **OUR LOVE IN ACTION** so that we can change the world for the better.

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### **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### Greetings my Dear Sisters!

As I embark on year number two, as your conference Vice President, I thought of 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 25, Which in summary reminds us that by means of His one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which He has the final say in everything. Each of us is now part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain, His Spirit where we all come to drink.

What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and its proper place. No part is important on its own.

As United Women in Faith, we are part of a team. The work to be done cannot done alone, and as a team we must rely on and trust each member to do their job. Each of us has unique abilities, gifts, and talents. I feel we each were given specific abilities in order to fulfill the call of God on our lives. Personally, I don't need your abilities to do what it is that I am to do on this planet, and you don't need mine. We just have to be committed to discovering the gifts within us. We are all supposed to be working together towards our mission to serve women, youth, and children and to build God's kingdom. We will do it in different ways, but we are all headed in the same

direction. So, let us be united and cheer each other on and rejoice that we are all part of one team. We are all one body, and in order for this body of United Women in Faith to function optimally, all the parts must be doing our jobs in love and support of each other. There are no lone rangers in God's army. Together we are invincible. Alone we are ineffective.

I look forward to a year of successes and I wish you peace to your minds and health to your bodies. Feel free to contact me and share your visions and your district and local unit needs, my contact information is wooddelyte@verizon.net email. 410-486-3735 home or 443-604-6108 cell.

The son of man did not come to be served but to serve. Mark10:45

Peace and Blessings, Dianna Kelly Woodlon, BWC VP

### **TREASURER**

### 2024 Administration and Membership Development Budget

The Conference's Administration and Membership Development, (A&MD) is the amount of money the Conference estimates it will need for its programs and activities during the 2024 year. It provides funds for operation, promotion of the purpose and membership development.

<b>General Expenses</b>			<b>Delegate Expenses</b>	
		5	Mission u for Districts (30 members	
Travel	100	0	at \$500 ea.)	1500
		5		
Postage	150	1	Appalachian Ministry Network	0
Printing/Copying/Direct		5		
ory	100	3	Districts: (for NEJ/Assembly \$400 ea.)	2800
Supplies	300		Total, Representatives	4300
Mission Resource Mail	0			
Response (30X12)	360		Ecumenical Support	
		6	Wesley Learning Center (revised by	
Mission u attendance	500	0	WLC president)	0
	350	6		
Mission u Fee	0	1	Limitless	0
		6	World Federation Meth Women/Conference	
Sampler (50x5)	250	2	Center	100
		6		
Webpage	250	3	BWC Charter for Racial Justice	1000
Total, General	551			
Expenses	0			
			Total, Support	1100
Administrative Funds	_			
Spiritual Growth	50		Courtesies	
		7		
Social Action	50	0	Gift in Memory/Mission	200
Education &		7	Pins /Money for outgoing officers	
Interpretation	50	1	(SMR)	800
Membership	75		Total, Courtesies	1000
Program Resources	100			
Communications	100		National Projects	
Nominations	50		Assembly/NEJ Offering/Legacy	400

		8	NEJ 2024 (Leadership Team voting	
Language Coordinator	50	0	delegates)	4000
President's		8		
Discretionary	700	1	Legacy Endowment Fund	2000
Mission Projects		8		
Brochures	100	2	Northeastern Jurisdictional	1500
	100		NEJ 2024 (3 other Leadership Team	
Audit Fee	0		members)	1200
Bank charges	150		Total National Projects	9100
Total, Administrative	247			
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Dorothy Medley Conference Treasurer February 17, 2024

### **NOMINATIONS**

It is the season of Lent, a time of sacrifice and resurrection. We come with renewed hope, purpose, and commitment to United Women in Faith. The challenges and divisiveness impacting the United Methodist Church and the world will not impede the work that UWFaith vision or Purpose. We are a Sisterhood committed to engage, inspire, influence, and empower women, children, and youth. We cannot do this unless you join us by binging your passions, skills, talents, and Holy Boldness to the Conference Team. Your support is needed. Audrey Stanton- Smith, Editor, response Magazine, writes in the January-February 2024 issue, "we need to be a light in the darkness, to exude hope, to actively seek to alleviate the pain of the community, and to be "a church that gives the community all the support it needs, "Bishop Cynthia Moore- Koikoi...." That action is also the action that UWFaith must endeavor to fulfill as we strive to live and deliver our PURPOSE as a conference. "Members of the United Women in Faith are the hands and feet of Jesus, putting love into action in many creative ways, Audry Stanton-Smith, Editor, response, January-February 2024."

### **VACANCIES**

The Baltimore-Washington Conference United Women in Faith has the following openings on the Leadership team, **Nominations Committee Members (5-7)**, If you are an advocate for social and environmental justice join the Leadership Team. The Baltimore Washington Conference United Women in Faith needs committed, passionate, and courageous women to serve as members of the Nominations Committee. Join the team as we **MOBILIZE**, **CHALLENGE**, **RECONNECT**, **BUILD**, **and PREPARE THE BWC FOR THE FUTURE** to

serve women, children, and youth, to fight for justice, dignity, and equity. Be a part of the dedicated, dynamic, and proactive leaders of this conference as we strive to fulfill the PURPOSE.

The Committee on Nominations works with the Chairperson to identify, recruit, and promote filling positions for all elected members of the Executive Conference Team and members of the Charter for Racial Justice Committee. The CON work had to develop a TALENT BANK of interested candidates for future vacancies.

### **Basic Responsibilities:**

- a. Meet quarterly and on the call of the chairperson.
- b. Make a slate of nominees available to the leadership team at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting at which the election will be held, and then to the membership at the annual meeting.
- c. Make nominations to fill vacancies that occur throughout the year.
- d. Work throughout the year to identify women for leadership roles in the Conference organization.
- e. Ensure that the leadership of the Conference organization reflects the diversity of

the membership with regard to age, race, marital status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, sexual identity, gender expression, and disabilities. Other duties as assigned.

Daphne L. Hurd, Nominations Chair, <a href="mailto:daphnelhurd@icloud.com">daphnelhurd@icloud.com</a>. 410 627-7877

### **SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR**

### **Greetings Sisters!**

It's hard to believe the Maryland Legislative Session is already about halfway through, and by the time you read this, bills passed in one chamber will be crossing to the other for vote before the end of session in early April!

I want to thank those who came out for our Legislative Advocacy Day on February 21. Advocacy is an important part of what we, as United Women in Faith, do. Nearly every Conference offers an opportunity for their members to participate in an Advocacy Day. I'll venture to say we're the only one that now offers three opportunities! So, if you missed the Maryland Day (or participated and want to do more), please make sure you've marked your calendars for our second Federal Advocacy Day on September 18 and the first ever DC Advocacy Day on October 22. Planning for those events will begin, in earnest, this summer, so watch for details.

What is it your Unit is doing to promote the national priority issues for United Women in Faith around Creation Care and Mass Incarceration of People of Color/The School-to-Prison-Pipeline? Have you found the resources provided at <a href="https://uwfaith.org/">https://uwfaith.org/</a> on the priority issues? If so, are they helpful or not? I would love to hear from you and give feedback to our national staff.

Sherie Koob Social Action Coordinator 202-329-7113 sheriekoob@hotmail.com

### **EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION COORDINATOR**

Thank you so much for electing me as your new BWC UWFaith Education & Interpretation Coordinator. I am so looking forward to serving all of you in this capacity.

The **Education and Interpretation Coordinator** holds primary responsibility for interpreting the impact and importance of Mission Giving as an act of faith and commitment and serve as a leader who empowers women to understand, interpret and participate in United Women in Faith's mission with women, children and youth, and outreach of the church, as well as engage in raising funds for mission and outreach.

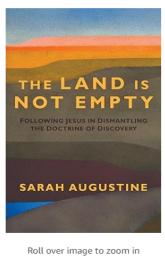
In addition, the E&I Coordinator administers the Mission Today and Diversity Today programs.

This year the requirements have updated, and both forms are included in this newsletter. Please look them over as they will guide you in planning activities in your unit.

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### SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES

### **MAY 18**



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### The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery

Paperback - June 22, 2021

by Sarah Augustine (Author), Mark Charles (Foreword)
4.6 ★★★★ 

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4.3 on Goodreads 187 ratings

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White settlers saw land for the taking. They failed to consider the perspective of the people already here.

In *The Land Is Not Empty*, author Sarah Augustine unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery—a set of laws rooted in the fifteenth century that gave Christian governments the moral and legal right to seize lands they "discovered" despite those lands already being populated by indigenous peoples. Legitimized by the church and justified by a misreading of Scripture, the Doctrine of Discovery says a land can be considered "empty" and therefore free for the taking if inhabited by "heathens, pagans, and infidels."

In this prophetic book, Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on indigenous peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven.

- -Order on Amazon \$13.39
- In person discussion on May 8th.
- Executive Team please order your Program Resource booklets, you can be reimbursed
- -please see Ms. Medley.
- -Movie in person July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- -Next book discussion will be is September 14th, please send me your suggestions to mst2136@yahoo.com.

### Let's expand our minds, obtain more knowledge, and pick up a book and read. In all that we do may we always SPARKLE for

**JESUS!!** 

Tangela Brown, Program Resources

### **COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR**





### Sonya Murphy We are so excited to have you on our team!

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an Ocean." ~ Ryunosuke Satoro ~



### **DIRECTOR**

When you hear the title "Children's Defense Fund" what comes to mind? Marian Wright Edelman?

The phrase, "The sea is so wide, and my boat is so small?" or "Children's Sabbath?" **Yes, all that rings a bell!** The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is celebrating 50 years with a new logo, a new catchphrase ("unleashing the joy of growing up"), and new leader, Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson.

Colleen Cates (Director) and Emily Jones (Executive for Racial Justice) had the opportunity to attend Child Well-Being in America: A National Policy Forum held at Howard University, Washington DC, in November 2023. There were numerous workshops ranging from Children's Mental Health, Early Development and Maternal Health, Children's Rights in a Democracy, Voting with Children in Mind, Juvenile Justice and more. The highlight of the forum was the 30th Anniversary CDF Freedom Schools Celebration, which fosters environments that support young people (K-12) to excel and believe they can make a difference in themselves.

I represented United Women in Faith for an afternoon celebrating "100 Years of Social Witness" at the United Methodist Building in Washington DC on February 13th. The Event was sponsored by the General Board of Church and Society. The United Methodist building was erected in 1923 and has been a center for Methodist social witness on Capitol Hill and beyond for over 100 years. Each of the attendees received an autographed copy of the book, "For Justice and Enduring Peace: 100 Years of Social Witness" by Dr. Jessica Smith. If you would like to see the hour-long program, it is available on YouTube.

2024 is an exciting year! My time as a member of the National Board of Directors is beginning to wind down. My last Program Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting is coming March 8-9. I am still a director until the end of July, and until then, I still have various National committee meetings to attend.

Let's "Get Together" at the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) United Women in Faith Quadrennial Meeting in Providence RI, April 18-2. Our conference is projecting that 60 ladies will register. Let's support our NEJ President, Mikele Haskins Delmore! The leadership team have gotten some heavy-hitters and events planned:

**Keynote Speaker - Bishop Vashti McKenzie** – 1<sup>st</sup> female Bishop of the AME Zion Church, 1<sup>st</sup> African American female Director of the National Council of Churches **Brinae Ali** – Tap/Rap Story of Mary dancer from Assembly 2018 **Assembly Band Music Director and combo** 

### Plus workshops and the Legacy Banquet

I hope to see my conference show up and show out in our new conference scarves!

Thank you as always for your support, commitment, and dedication to our organization.

Colleen F Cates
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### **NEJ PRESIDENT**

Shalom Sisters! I bring greetings to you from the 2024 Northeastern Jurisdiction Event Team. We pray that your holiday season was joyful, and that time was well spent with friends and loved ones. But most importantly that you gave yourselves the opportunity to relax and practice a little soul and self-care as we move into a busy season ahead! The days are counting down as we are well on our way to beautiful Providence, Rhode Island where we will experience the great hospitality of our New England Conference members as they host us April 19-21, 2024, at the Rhode Island Convention Center! The theme for the event is "GET TOGETHER" based on the scripture coming from John 13:34 "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another." We are so excited as we were not able to meet in 2020 and hope that you will join us there as we gather in "sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation."

Registration closes on <u>March 19, 2024</u>, and we are encouraging our members to visit our website, <u>nejuwfaith.org</u> and register for the Jurisdiction event. Our registration numbers are slowly climbing, but we need your help! We are asking all who are able to and haven't done so to please register! We are counting on you, now more than ever to show up and show out to help ensure this event is a success! We are proud to announce that **Baltimore's own Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie** will be our

keynote speaker!

This dynamic woman of God, a retired bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is now the current President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches

of Christ in the US, and you won't want to miss her as she shares an encouraging word! We are also proud to announce that from our Baltimore Washington Conference will be **Assembly 2018 tap dancer Brinae Ali**. If you haven't seen her in action, we encourage you to visit the <u>nejuwfaith.org</u> website to view her awe inspiring and deeply moving work!

Don't forget that there will be workshops, worship, soulful music, inspirational talks, tours, a Legacy dinner and much, much more as we convene in April.

Most importantly there will be an election to elect new Board members who will serve

Again, don't forget to visit the <u>nejuwfaith.org</u> website to register for the event as well As hotel registration. The site houses all event information, schedules, workshop descriptions, board of director and new event team bios as well maps and a host of other information relevant to the event!

Lastly, if you are planning to attend and would like to volunteer in any capacity at our event, please email me at <a href="mailto:mhaskinsdelmore@gmail.com">mhaskinsdelmore@gmail.com</a> and I'll be more than happy to sign you up. Email me as well if you have any questions or need help with registrations or hotel information.

We pray that you will join us there in supporting our United Women in Faith and as always, we continue to pray for peace and healing for you and your families. See you in Providence!

Blessings,

Mikele Haskins-Delmore President, Northeastern Jurisdiction 2024

you, the members of United Women in Faith!



### **LEGACY FUND**

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. **Order Online** or Call the Toll Free #. 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

OR

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



### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Committee on Nominations-Report on the Board of Trustees of the BWC United Women in Faith

Board of Trustees is excited to announce that Emma Krouser, former president of the Annapolis District, is the new President of the Board of Trustees of the BWC United Women in Faith.

Miriam Mokuena (Central Maryland District) is the Vice President



### **COMMITTEE ON CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (CFRJ)**

The National office of United Women in Faith announced a grant opportunity this fall for up to 20 Annual Conference CFRJ Teams. Our team submitted an application and were pleased to be selected as one of the 20 awardees awarded a one-time \$500 grant to do a project.! The proposal from our Team centered around a plan to do a workshop in the fall of 2024 on Critical Race Theory (CRT). This workshop will be open to all – not just members of United Women in Faith – in the Conference (and neighboring conferences). We would like to understand what CRT is and is not so we can help dispel myths, share what we learn and help increase dialogue around racial justice issues. The team is beginning to outline plans for the workshop, identify partners and a potential speaker. If this is something you would be interested in working on with us, please contact any member of the CFRJ Team.

The CFRJ Team has voted on the book for our Annual August Book Discussion.

### Committee on Charter for Racial Justice (CFRJ) Members 2024

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### **SAVE THE DATES and stay tuned for registration**

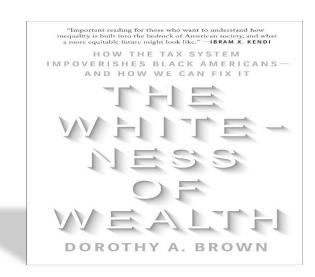
The Baltimore Washington Conference United Women in Faith Charter For Racial Justice (CFRJ) Committee presents

**The August 2024 Book Discussion:** 

The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes

Black Americans – and How We Can Fix It,

by Dorothy A. Brown, published in March 2022, 288 pages



A groundbreaking exposé of racism in the American taxation system from a law professor and expert on tax policy

Beginning Sunday, August 4, 2024 at 7 pm
We will meet virtually on Sunday, Aug 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2024
Bring Your book and favorite beverage

### MISSION u

### SAVE THE DATE

Baltimore-Washington & PeninsulaDelaware Annual Conferences
United Women in Faith
and BWC Wellness and Missions
will host
Mission u 2024
July 20,2024
Maritime Conference Center

Linthicum Heights, MD

Deans: Linda Yost, BWC

Denise Snyder, Peninsula-Delaware



# District Presidents



### **ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT**



Hello Sisters-in-Christ. Happy (belated) New Year. I am honored to be the new Annapolis District president.

We are currently working on the details for our Spring Brunch currently scheduled for Saturday, April 27. We will also have our baby shower where we collect much needed items for babies in the communities. We will send out a formal notice once we have worked out the details.

In 2024 we will be looking at how we can support our local units, including looking at growing our numbers to include the younger generation.

Several of our units are already hosting events to support their communities.

Asbury-Jessup UWFaith hosted "Super Bowl of Caring", a canned food drive where they accepted canned soups until the Super Bowl. Leading up to their 84th Anniversary celebration in February, "Walking by Faith, Not by Sight", Cecil Memorial UWFaith collected ramen noodles, granola bars and personal hygiene items & socks to support the Annapolis High Panther Pantry. These are just a few of the projects local units have going on to fulfill our purpose to support the community of women, youth, and children. We are excited about the April NEJ in Rhode Island and look forward to meeting our sisters from all over to fellowship and worship together. We've heard from others that have attended such gatherings in the past so we are looking forward to each new person having their own personal experience.

Lent is supposed to be a time of reflection or renewal. As we go through our "self-sacrifice": no chocolate, no social media, less eating out; or doing more positive activities: reading the Bible more, exercising, drinking more water, re-thinking better use of our "free" time during this Lenten season, let us not forget that what we are

seeking to accomplish during those 40 days. We should be reminded the 40 days is a period of change. The changes we make during the 40 days are changes we should prayerfully continue as we come out of Lent realizing that we are now different people due to sacrificing/changing/giving up an old way of life. Because of that we become better humans as we go forward.

Pamela Roxanne Aulton
Annapolis District President
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### **BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

Greetings from Baltimore Metropolitan District.

The 2024 theme for BMD is ENCOURAGEMENT. This year we will not only do our missions but strive to intentionally encourage and to uplift each other.

Four of our BMD officers will be attending NEJ in Providence, RI.

Our unit officers training was on February 24, 2024, via zoom. We have planned to have our annual fundraiser Walkathon in April, Prayer Brunch in June, and a Fellowship event in July as well as our Spring and Annual Meetings – ALL IN PERSON, weather permitting. We will continue to have meetings with our unit presidents biannually to evaluate ourselves and to stay in fellowship.

### Stay tuned for the flyers!

The BMD team focus will be on global as well as national and local missions that are in line with 2024 United Women in Faith objectives, Climate Justice, and School to Prison Pipeline.

The Metropolitan unit is holding their annual crab feast fundraiser (see flyer and pictures from last year).

Sheila Grier

**BMD** President

### **BALTIMORE SUBURBAN DISTRICT**



### Save the Date

Baltimore Suburban District Spring Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 4, 2024

Host Unit: Northern Baltimore County

Location: Hereford Faith & Life Church

16931 York Road

Monkton, MD 21111

Time: 8:30 Registration

9-9:30 Breakfast Buffet

10:00 Program: Gun Violence and Prevention

11:30 BSD Treasurer Workshop

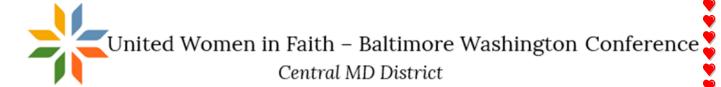
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### **CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT**



Greetings from the Central MD District!

I hope this brief message finds the beautiful women of the BWC-UWFaith abundantly blessed and showered in love. It's an honor to be in your presence.

With great joy, I'm submitting this "welcome" as the Central Maryland District President. If you attended our district Town Hall last month you met me as your VP and now, I am very humbly greeting you as the Central MD District President.

When our conference President, Kim Walker, asked me to step into the role of president, I responded with a quick "yes" knowing the time for the Central MD District to come alive, is now. Another reason for my quick "yes" is because our district has 2 tremendously talented leaders already in place.

The Central MD District Treasurer is Penny Smith. Penny's one of the kindest women created by God, she's also a force to be reckoned with when it comes to administration and keeping the money legit. Penny's the Principal's Sectary at West Friendship Elementary School. She's an active member of Hopkins UMC, serving as their Finance Committee Chair. Friends, should you ask me a finance question please know my response will be "please ask Penny." Penny is being trained by our conference's own force to be reckoned with, Ms. Dorothy. Penny lives a life devoted to God, her church, and family. Ladies of Central MD, our Treasurer is a good one.

Friends, please prepare to thank me for bringing in my best friend of 48 years, Rosa Richmond, as our District Secretary. Rosa is an employee of Amtrak (forever) serving as their Senior Manager of Claims. She's Amtrak's *popular* manager of claims because Rosa is a straight shooter who brings the best out of her staff. Rosa is thorough, her work is accurate, and she's always on time. Rosa is also the funniest woman I've ever met. Rosa was the Booster Club Secretary for Atholton High School when her son was a student and football player. She took her commitment

to the Booster Club seriously and then had everyone in the stands laughing during football games. Rosa will keep us on task by referring to her notes should we veer of course. Rosa brings light and laughter everywhere she goes, she's bringing that to our district too. Like Penny, Rosa lives a life devoted to God her son, her dogs, her husband (yes in that order) her family, church, and friends. Rosa is a member of Locust UMC.

As your district president I am asking you to please guide me right. I welcome your thoughts, experience, and ideas. I lead a busy life. I am the Church Administrator at Loch Raven UMC, part-time secretary at Hopkins UMC and I'm a very active member of Locust UMC. I am committed to serving our district the best way I can, by bringing my best work forth, relying on you for guidance. Please encourage your units to join us when opportunities for collaborating are shared. I'm asking you to consider that there are always opportunities to collaborate, every minute of the day.

The Central MD District is being restored at this very moment; thanks be to God. Ladies, there are several opportunities for leadership open in our district. Please consider stepping up by stepping into a district leadership role. Feel free to contact me via text/call (301) 385-5985 or email.

Sending you love and hugs from Central MD.

Maurita Bowie

### **GREATER WASHINGTON DISTRICT**

United Women of Faith: 2024 Year of Action

Greetings Sisters,

In this 2024 year of action, we, the United Women of Faith, are called upon more fervently than ever. Driven by God's love and being united in sisterhood, we dedicate ourselves to the noble cause of improving the lives of women, children, and youth. Our commitment is unwavering, our purpose clear, and our actions impactful. Each day, we show up ready to make a meaningful difference in our communities, guided by a faith that empowers and a mission that inspires.

As we embark on this year's journey, we remind ourselves of the importance of equipping ourselves with the Word of God. It is our foundation and our strength, equipping us to face the challenges ahead and to perform the amazing work set before us. Together, we will continue to be a beacon of hope and a force for change.

Advocacy remains at the heart of our mission. Every four years, United Women of Faith identifies a specific focus for our advocacy efforts, complementing our ongoing work for gender and racial justice and the rights of oppressed and dispossessed communities. We prioritize the needs of women, children, and youth, ensuring that we hear their voices and defend their rights.

Our dedication is unwavering in tackling social justice issues, including racial justice, voting rights, and mental health care, alongside our efforts to fight against the criminalization of communities of color. These initiatives are crucial in our mission to forge a society that is both just and fair. We call upon every member of our community to stand with us in this important work.

The DMV community is where our efforts converge, where our actions meet the ground. We encourage everyone within this vibrant community to stand with us, to lend their voices, their time, and their resources. Together, we can make a tangible difference, altering the course of lives and shaping a brighter future for all.

Learn more: https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/

In this Year of Action, let us be driven by faith, united in purpose, and relentless in our pursuit of justice and equity. The path ahead offers opportunities for impact, growth, and transformation. Let's embrace it with open hearts and willing hands.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we will rise to the challenge, driven by God's love and our shared commitment to making a difference.

In Faith and Action,

Kunda Musonda, District President Greater Washington

President Greater Washington District

### **WASHINGTON EAST DISTRICT**

The Washington East District (WED) was active in 2023, having great participation in the Mission Today, Diversity Today, Reading Program and Pledges to Mission and are praying to have another successful year.

Approximately 38 Units appear to be active. Along with the help of the MNO, in the process of trying to contact the units via email and/or phone calls to find out the status. One unit is looking into merging with another Unit.

Will be installing Officers at two Units in the coming days.

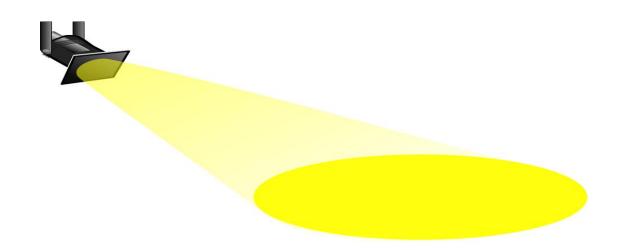
Held Local Unit Officer Training on January 27, 2024, Good turnout with a good response from the evaluation. Will continue to meet quarterly with Presidents.

### Goals

- Continue to support and build a relationship with the Local Units
- Update the bylaws\* WED Leadership Team will review/update the District bylaws
- Create the roles of all the Local Unit Officers and distribute at Presidents Meeting
- Assess and encourage the Local Units engagement in the Charter for Racial Justice
- Encourage more Local Units to participate in Book Discussions, there were a couple that participated this year and other Conference events
- Cluster Events

Prayer Breakfast – June 22, 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm; Venue to be determined.

Presented by, Madge Miles WED UWFaith President



## Spotlight on the Districts

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

### **Baltimore Metropolitan District**





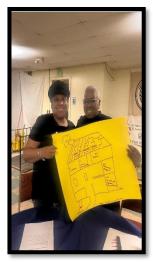
Metropolitan 2024 pledge service, prayer cloth and unit building exercise. Each lady was asked to come in take a pledge to mission card and write a prayer request on the prayer cloth. The prayer cloth will hang in our church archive room.

For our unit building- Our unit branched off in teams of 4 each team had to build a house with 5 bedrooms and a bathroom with a toilet. In the bedrooms you had to name different types of mission project your team may think could be successful such as, name different ways you could raise money as a unit to fund the mission projects, name ways you could contribute to the mission project(s), name ways the mission project can fail. For your bathroom, name 5 awful things you can flush down the toilet when proceeding with your mission project.

















# **United Women in Faith - Legacy Endowment Fund**

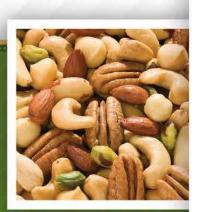
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United Women in Faith-Legacy Endowment Fund





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Thank you for being an important ingredient in our recipe for clean water over the years!

Please consider <u>becoming a monthly donor</u> to support us all year long.



Baltimore Washington Conference Legacy Endowment Fund Day of Giving Saturday, March 23, 2024 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Facebook Live Broadcast In Person or Zoom

BWC Legacy Fund Program

12 Noon & 2 p.m.

Location:
Baltimore Washington Conference Cent
11711 E. Market Place
Fulton, MD 20759

# **Faithfully Forward**

Join United Women in Faith as we step faithfully forward, uniting hearts and hands to create a brighter, more compassionate tomorrow for women, children and youth. Give to The Legacy Endowment Fund on the Day of Giving, March 23rd.

# Together we are building our Legacy!

RSVP for In Person Refreshments / Lite Fare Donation of \$18.69 or More

Zoom Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYldeGsE9YhbwEALBK5arv4xfup8Z2R

#### GIVE ONLINE:

https://uwfaith.org/dayofgiving

OR

Make Checks Payable to:

United Women in Faith, Attn: Legacy 777 United Nations Plaza, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Church Center for the United Nations

New York NY 10017 / Memo Notation - BWC Day of Giving



Contact a Legacy Liaison for more information: Daisy Farmer #240-533-6448

Terri Booth terjericho@gmail.com



United Women in Faith Digital

# Your United Women in Faith Digital Daily Digest

Want real-time updates? Choose to <u>be notified as activity</u> <u>happens</u>.

# **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAYS (LDD) SAVE THE DATE**

Will take place virtually November 21-23, 2024. LLD is an annual event designed for members of United Women in Faith to strengthen their leadership skills, network, worship, and fellowship together. All conference officers who will be leading in 2025 are invited to join for this 2 ½ day virtual event, along with select other leaders from across the organization. Registration will take place in Summer and Fall of 2024. More information to come.

# New Baltimore Washington Conference UWFaith Scarves!!!!

Ladies, we have new scarves with our new logo!



## Prices are as follows:

### **ONLY BLACK OR WHITE IS AVAILABLE**

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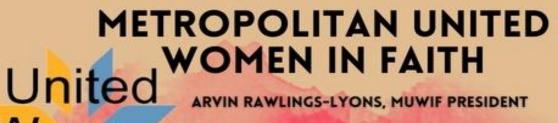
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# Annapolis District UMM Thursday Night 7:pm Zoom Prayer Line



Meeting ID: 874 5164 5476
Passcode: 777777



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# 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.

We believe love in action can change the world."

# World Day of Prayer Church Women United DC Unit

Theme: I Beg You....bear with one another in love. (Ephesians 4: 1-3)







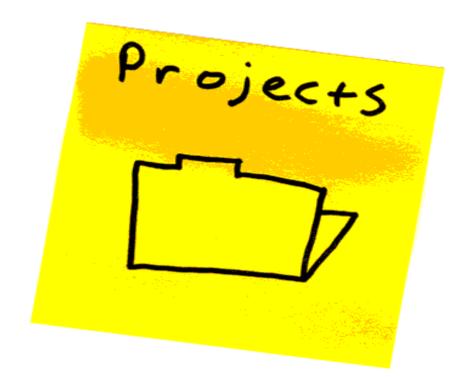


# **Love One Another**

The United Women in Faith cordially invite you to a United Methodist Seminar "Exploring the Social Principles" Thursday March 7, 2024 @10:00 am at United Methodist Building 100 Maryland Ave NE Washington, DC 20002 cost \$12.00.

United Women in Faith 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 believe that Christ calls us to live out our faith in the world by seeking justice and pursuing peace. The Social Principles have long been a part of how we as United Methodists express that deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ. Come to the Church and Society United Methodist Seminar "Exploring the Social Principles" to explore the 2024 new revision of the Social Principles.

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# **Conference Projects**

## THE EPWORTH HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE

Epworth House Mission Project is a project of the United Women in Faith of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The Washington East District United Women in Faith and the Greater Washington District United Women in Faith have major support responsibilities for the Epworth House Mission Project.

# **EPWORTH HOUSE MISSIONER-IN-RESIDENCE**Autobiography of Glenia De Ademandra Dias

Angola, Africa, and am married to Costa Nicolau Cristóvão. I am a dedicated and compassionate individual with a strong passion for promoting human rights, peace, and development. I have a Bachelor of Pedagogy in Primary Education from Queen Nzinga Mbande University; a Master of Human Rights, Peace, and Development from Africa University; and currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary. I am looking forward to becoming an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church and working as a Human Rights Advocate.

My work experience includes serving as a Sub-Warden at Africa University, where I demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. I also have a background in education, having worked as a primary school Assistant Teacher at "Santo Antonio" Primary School NO 3005; and I was a Young People Ministries Coordinator at Sao Paulo United Methodist Church (SPUMC) in Luanda-Angola. My commitment to serving spiritual and societal needs is evident through my roles as a Young Adult Ministries Evangelist, as well as my volunteer work in teaching children.

In addition to my academic and professional achievements, I was an active member of various organizations, including the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Student Movement and the United Methodist Student Fellowship group at Africa University. I was also a dedicated member of the Women Fellowship Group at the same University, highlighting my strong sense of community and support for others.

I am fluent in both English (second language) and Portuguese (primary language). Apart from my academic and professional pursuits, I enjoy reading books, listening to music, fitness activities, and advocating for the most vulnerable in society. Psalms 24 reflects my deep spiritual connection to God and guides me in my endeavors. My deep commitment to worship and my active involvement in church further demonstrate my dedication to spiritual growth and community engagement.



# THE SUSANNA WESLEY HOUSE MISSION PROJECT COMMITTEE

Susanna Wesley House, Inc. 609 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

## **Board Report**

Mission- Susanna Wesley House's mission 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.

Susanna Wesley House, Inc. A National UWF Mission Project under the umbrella of the BWC- UWFaith. As a non-profit organization, we are pleased to share our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your continued generosity that is used to enable homeless women and their children to be successful in their journey toward stability and self-sufficiency.

We have experienced the excitement of families transitioning into new opportunities for community living and new job opportunities. One resident was able to complete nursing training and is gainfully employed in a healthcare facility. Another resident received a certificate in food management and was hired by a catering company. We negated the arrangement for a family to move into public housing. Currently, the SWH is experiencing external and enteral rehabilitation to ensure the environment is safe for families.

Susanna Wesley House continues to move forward under the new leadership of Ms. Kenyona Davis. She states that she is" passionate about creating an innovative safe space for women and their children to obtain the resources and skills necessary to stabilize, restore, and sustain permanency." She has a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University in the City of New York. She has served as a leader in both the telecommunication and addiction treatment /mental health fields, Leading organizations and growing skills, and talents, in revenue for various organizations. She has spent years consulting in factional leadership and program management for leading firms and organizations in various fields and is an experienced social worker and technology expertise. Ms. Davis is working toward driving the mission for Sussanne Wesley House through a solution person-centered programming and partnership that gives our women skills and tools for a sustainable tomorrow.

Susanna Wesley House is always seeking new partnerships and board members to help support our mission of helping women pause, rebound, and succeed. If you are interested in visiting SWH contact us at 410 837 3787 to make arrangements.

Remember- "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9.7. We are called to help others because it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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 had seven (7) 2023 scholarship recipients!

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 assurers, as you collect donations for the scholarships, please send them to your District United Women in Faith Treasurers, who will then send them to our Conference United Women in Faith Treasurer, Dorothy Medley.

Applications are accepted every year on-line at http://:bwcumc.org from December thru March.

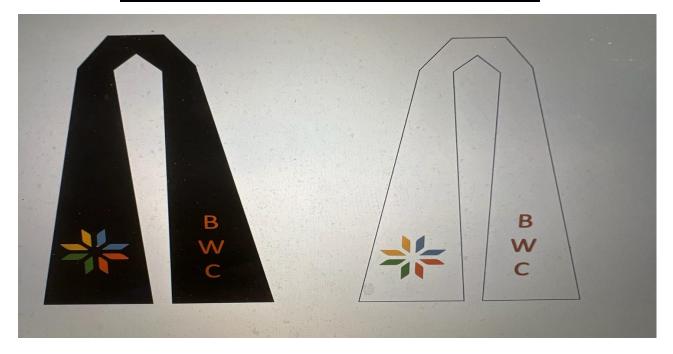
#### Matthew 5:16

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.

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

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