

From: **Kim Marie Walker**
To: **Baltimore Washington Conference**
Subject: **A Call to Action on Mission Giving**
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Dear BWC United Women in Faith,

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks for all you have given to our sisterhood. In these uncertain times, your prayerful and financial support is changing our world for the better in ways our foremothers may have only imagined. In 1869, when those eight women in Boston grew a network and funds large enough to send Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain to India, they began a legacy of love that *you help to continue through your pledges and gifts to mission.*

How are your mission dollars at work?

Perhaps you've recently read on the United Women in Faith website or in **response** magazine about how our deaconesses demanded justice in the Philippines and how their work led to the arrest of a ruthless president. Or maybe the article about Bethlehem Centers, our National Mission Institution in Nashville, showed you how vital Mission Giving is to the seniors who depend on them for their next meal and the children who learn there. Did you see the story about Imayam Social Welfare Association in India, where we're helping to decrease the school dropout rate and let young women know they don't have to fall victim to child marriage and abuse? **Mission Giving made that possible!**

Our Baltimore-Washington Conference is impacting lives as we continue to support our Conference Projects—**Baltimore Parish Works, Baltimore, MD**, which provides a unique opportunity through financial aid to enhance day camps and summer enrichment programs for youth and provides support to feeding programs, such as Manna House and Jacob's Well; **Epworth House Mission Project, Washington, DC**, which provides yearly academic support to a selected female from overseas at Wesley Theological Seminary. The student serves as a Missioner-in-Residence and promotes a sharing experience between the United Women in Faith and women overseas; **Family Crisis Resource Center, Cumberland, MD**, which provides shelter and counseling to victims of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault/abuse through intervention and prevention; **BWC United Women in Faith Scholarship Fund**, providing financial assistance to high school graduates, undergraduate, and graduate college students; **Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (previously known as Shenandoah Women's Center), Martinsburg, WV**, providing counseling and shelter for sexually assaulted and abused women and children in the Tri-County West Virginia area; **Shepherd's Staff, Westminster, MD**—providing emergency services to children, adults, families, seniors, and homeless persons in a spirit of compassion and respect; **Susanna Wesley House, Baltimore, MD**—which provides group living in a home-like setting to nine women with a modest income and their children. The women are provided schooling, job training, and counseling; **YWCA, Annapolis & Anne Arundel County – Domestic Violence Counseling, Arnold, MD**, **providing** individual and family counseling, computer training, parenting, education, mentoring, after-school programs for at-risk children, and emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; **Limitless** which provides a space for young women as they embody the United Women in Faith purpose. The vision is to equip young women of faith, to transcend barriers and to do justice in their communities by putting their faith, hope, and love

into action. The hope is to create a multi-generational team that would envision and strategize together to engage young women across conferences; and **Charter For Racial Justice (CFRJ)**- which provides plans for the implementation of the Charter, monitor conference-approved action plans to implement the Charter and regularly evaluate progress made on conference, district, and local implementation plans. In addition to our Conference Projects, our local units and districts also support our designated giving projects.

When your pledges and gifts to mission are combined with those from sisters from within our conference, we fuel a mission that transforms lives! But there is more work to do and more love to share. Will you share your love by fulfilling your pledge early this year and/or increasing your giving, thereby helping our conference meet its yearly pledge? **The need to make mission possible is as great as it has ever been.** I know that together we can fill some of the gaps left by these difficult financial times.

With your pledge, you are in loving solidarity with thousands of women of faith who are ensuring the continuity of United Women in Faith's vital mission efforts here and around the world.

Thank you for all you do to put love into action. Please reach out to your BWC United Women in Faith District Treasurer to fulfill your pledge early, increase your gift, or [donate online](#). ***(Our conference will be credited for online gifts!)***

In deepest gratitude,
Kim Marie Walker, BWC United Women in Faith Conference President