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United Women in Faith

South West District United Women in Faith

Fall 2024

President's Ponderings

God's love overflows through us in service to others

Well, this is the beginning of my 4th year as district president. What a time we have had. Together we learned new ways to navigate technology. We did not like it at first but through perseverance we made it through. As district president I have been honored to meet many amazing United Women in Faith.

Our scripture for the conference is Philippians 1:9-10

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

I will say that our district has much love that abounds with knowledge. Our conference leaders are available to us at any time we have questions. We are blessed by these god-fearing women. I know I have personally gained knowledge from these ladies.

We as United Women in Faith have several local opportunities to serve. This service can simply be prayer for upcoming events or physical participation as you are able. For the remainder of 2024 my prayer we see our conference continue to show God's love overflowing.

Michele Smith

President 2023-24

South West District United Women in Faith



South West District Mission Team

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Michele Smith

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Social Action

Ginger Sorenson

Spiritual Growth

Committee on Nominations

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Shirley Bryan

Parliamentarian

Debbie Bell

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Secretary's Scribbles

Writing the Minutes

Create a template

Stick to the facts (not conversations)

Record the Motions and Outcomes

Accept resignations

Adopt bylaws, resolutions, budgets

Approve minutes

Receive reports

Attach reports as appendix

Don't Delay!

Proofread! Proofread!! Proofread!!!

Marcie McNeil
Secretary 2023-24
South West District United Women in Faith



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT Alabama-West Florida Conference UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH Units and Presidents

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Theodore UWFaith

Ginger Sorenson

Theodore First UWFaith

Evelyn Stallworth

Thomasville UWFaith

Shirley Hodges

Legacy Church

at Toulminville-Warren UWFaith

Geneva Hogan

Wesley Chapel

Josephine Glover

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Treasurer's Tidbits

Happy Spring 2024!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well, happy and ready to assist the women, children and communities of our district.

The Southwest district has ebbed and flowed during the last few years with upwards of 25+ units. We had about 16 units throughout 2023.

A short overview of 2023:

- 10 units contributed to our district mission goal
- 5 units were 5 Star Units
- We had a goal of \$15,000 for 2023
- We raised \$21,612.25 for 2023!!!

Congratulations to our first units to send money in for 2024 – Christ United, Foley, and Theodore 1st.

Please keep getting creative with your activities and fundraisers throughout the year.

Please let me know if you need any forms, cards, etc.

Lastly, if your treasurer had any information that changed this year, please send me an email and/or text with your unit treasurer's name and contact information.

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Treasurer, 2023-24
South West District United Women in Faith

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The Five Channels of Mission Giving

-1-

Pledge to Mission

-2-

Special Mission Recognition

-3-

Gift to Mission

-4-

Gift in Memory

-5-

World Thank Offering

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Social Action

These are a few ideas from **A Focus on Racism and Racial Justice**. As well as my contribution.

"If we do not recognize racism, we cannot do anything about it." We must be able to recognize what is going on around us not on only through pray but action, sometimes through subtle actions.

"Love triumphs over division." must be willing to love by asking God to to give us the wisdom to do so. Our hearts must be opened by him for that purpose.

One of the quotes is very telling. **"God can use my ordinary actions of love to bring compassion to the world."**

Remember to live one another with compassion.

Prayerfully submitted
Ginger Sorenson
Social Action, 24-25



Committee on Nominations

Right now our District Team is in need of members. We gather 4 times a year to plan and prepare for the events of the District. If you or someone in your unit would be willing to serve a term beginning now for just the remainder of this year, please **contact Michele Smith, (251-895-1306)**.

For **2024-25**, we need assistance in the roles of Vice President, Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation, Spiritual Growth, and Membership Nurture and Outreach, and for the Committee on Nominations.

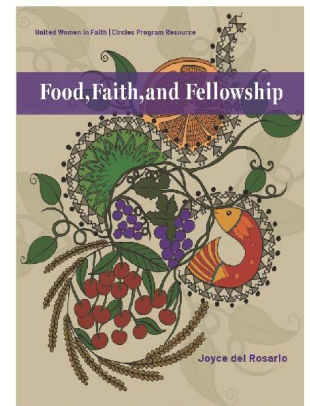
For **2025-26**, we will elect President, Secretary, Communications Coordinator, and Mission Coordinator for Social Action plus members for the Committee on Nominations.



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Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting

Let us Come GET TOGETHER!

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood

DEEPEN our relationship with God

EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

TOGETHER we can *do* more TOGETHER we can *be* more

TOGETHER the *power of love in action*
can change the world!

Join sisters in faith in Chattanooga, Tennessee from
April 19-21, 2024!

*THE TABLE AT THIS CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE -
NO NEED TO BELONG TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SO BRING A
FRIEND!*



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SOUTH WEST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE 2024 DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE CALENDAR

JAN 13	9:30 AM	AWF-UW Faith Conference Executive Mission Team Meeting	Metropolitan UMC
JAN 27	10 AM	South West District UW Faith Mission Team Meeting	Zoom
MAR 9	9am-12pm	AWF-UW Faith Conference Annual Day	Virtual
APRIL 6	10 AM	South West District UW Faith Annual Day	Theodore First UMC
APRIL 19-21		Southeastern Jurisdiction UW Faith Conference Chattanooga	
JUNE 8	10 AM	District Mission Team Meeting	UMC District Office
JULY 15		AWF-UMW Conference Executive Mission Team Meeting	Enterprise FUMC
AUG 17		Cooperative Mission u	Fairhope UMC
AUG 26	10 AM-2 PM	South West District Mission Study	Christ United Assembly Area
		<i>Living in the Kin-dom - Exploring the Lord's Prayer</i>	
OCT 4-5	3 PM	AWF-UW Faith Spiritual Enrichment Retreat	Blue Lake
NOV 2	10 AM	South West District UW Faith Spiritual Enrichment Day	TBD
		Election and Installation of District Officers & Officer Training	

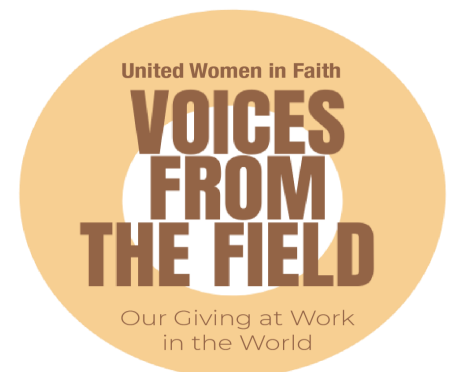


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