



Alabama-West Florida Conference United Women in Faith

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AWF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

SPEAKER: REV. KRISTEN WRIGHT

AN OVERNIGHT SOUL CARE RETREAT
AT BLUE LAKE METHODIST CAMP

OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2022

THEME: IN HIS SERVICE - JOHN 20:21

FIRST 50 REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE A SWAG BAG!
 INVITE A FRIEND AND BE ENTER INTO A RAFFLE
 REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.AWF-UMW.ORG

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**Virtual Mission u available Monday evenings in
September! Details and registration form inside
on pages 13-15.**

Greetings from the President

The July/August *response* reminds us “There is no one way to be a member of United Women in Faith. We are small groups in local churches and also hundreds of thousands of women united in faith to make big changes.” I see this in our conference. The past seven months have been filled with “returning”—returning to in-person worship services, returning to circle meetings, district meetings, and conference meetings. With COVID and the flu still challenging our ways of doing things, we, as United Women in Faith, are finding ways to connect. 2022 Assembly, held in May in Orlando, was an uplifting event that gave those in attendance an opportunity to sing together, pray together, and work together. July’s Mission u, held in Montgomery at Aldersgate UMC provided the same opportunities with a study of Luke 13 presented by gifted study leaders!

As you read through the July/August *response*, be sure to read Laurel O’Connor Akin’s article on “*What is Ours to Do?*” I am looking forward to seeing you in district gatherings and at our Soul Care Retreat (formerly known as Spiritual Enrichment Retreat) to be held at Blue Lake October 7-8. I look forward to hearing about your fall events and mission service. United Women in Faith is not sitting back and waiting; we are serving as we have always done since 1869.

Blessings,

Debbie Bracewell, President

AWF-UWFaith



Assembling UMCOR kits

Thanks to Debbie for
these Mission u Photos!



Opening worship



A Message from the Vice-President: Spiritual Enrichment Retreat!

We are excited for Spiritual Enrichment this October 7th - 8th! Our 2022 theme is "In His Service" with the focus scripture from John 20:21. I am so excited to have Rev. Kristen Wright, who is serving at Ashland Place UMC in Mobile, as our guest speaker. **Registration opens at 3 p.m. on Friday with the retreat beginning at 5 p.m.. We will conclude our retreat at 3 p.m. on Saturday after closing worship.**

We have a great line up of workshops prepared for our time together.

Workshops

- * Charter for Racial Justice Workshop - Deaconess Clara Ester
- * Contemplative Photography - Deaconess Laurel Akin
- * (Almost) Everything I Needed To Know About Peacemaking I Learned from Poetry - Rev. Emily Proctor
- * Praising God Through Dance with the Amazing Grace Praise Team
- * Food for Your Soul Bible study
- * Prayer Nature Walk - Self-led with Guide

We have planned two new highlights this year to increase our registration! The first 50 people to register will receive a swag bag. If you invited someone to SER and they write your name on their registration, you will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card! Help us spread the word about this great event!

Can't wait to be with you in person in October!

Katy

Register on-line at <https://www.awf-umw.org/event-details/spiritual-enrichment-retreat-2022>

Mail-in registration form, health form, and COVID screening checklist are included in this Alert.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21



Spiritual Growth (Soul Care)

United Women in Faith, we are women with a purpose. Our name changed, but our focus and Faith has not wavered. United Women in Faith, we're on this journey together. Our spiritual growth is vital as we connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation.

As we grow spiritually, we must make sure we realize that it is a part of our Soul Care. Life in this world will leave us feeling drained but we can find rest in the Lord. God rested after creation because He was modeling something that we would need. We're often reminded to practice healthy living as it is a source of energy and well-being.

Soul Care will be a term you will continue to hear as we reflect on our spiritual Growth. Our national office is now using this term as we prepare for Spiritual Growth retreats, they're focusing on spiritual health. Soul care is important because your spirit is what communicates with God. Each of us has our own relationship with God and HE with us.

I encourage you to do a daily devotion. Our Daily Prayer Guide 2022 (Experiencing God-Finding Joy) is an excellent source. As your Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator, I'm asking you to join me each month for a Spiritual Devotion on zoom, which I'm calling, "Food for Your Soul." I would like to thank those individuals that joined me on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.. I would like anyone wanting to take part in the events to email me, Zan Jones at Mahogany84@hotmail.com and I will forward you the link. I'm also soliciting any United Women in Faith of the Alabama West Florida Conference that would like to take part and lead a 15 minutes devotion during any of the Zoom sections listed below.

Spiritual Growth (Soul Care) Devotion-" Food for Your Soul", (All the Zoom sessions will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 9:45 a.m.)

September 17, 2022

October 15, 2022

November 5, 2022

December 3, 2022

Be blessed, United Women in Faith of the Alabama West Florida Conference. Remember, we're on this Faith Journey together.

Faith, Love & Action,

Zan M. Jones,

Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Zan Jones leads prayer at
Mission u closing worship



Membership Nurture & Outreach

Greetings All!

First and foremost, I hope you are all having a great summer. The Unit survey is still going strong, so if you are a unit president, please make sure you complete it prior to August 30, 2022. You can access the survey in 3 easy steps!

1. Visit: uwfaith.org
2. Select the Menu = drop down
3. Under the Resources section you will see the 2021 Unit Survey right below "Shop & Download"

New membership resources have arrived! They can be found at <https://www.umwmissionresources.org/content.asp?tid=1387>. Here you will find lots of helpful resources like the new brand guidelines and logo; PowerPoint/script on "Let's Talk Change" and "New Wineskins: Time to Grow"; FAQ's; and the Excite-Invite Recruitment Guide. There are also virtual resources on how to host Zoom events.

If you have a nominee for the Nell Chance Excellence in Service Award, please email me at KristineUWF@gmail.com.

A little about the award: This award is named in memory of Nell Chance as a way to remember her and the many ways she believed in our mission as United Methodist Women. She was a moving force in the mission work of United Methodist Women of the Alabama-West Florida Conference for many years and a passionate believer in our mission to women, children and youth. Nell was a member of Monroeville United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church in Monroeville, Alabama. During her adult life, she served in many positions not only in her local unit, but district, conference, and jurisdiction as well. She was the Alabama West Florida Conference President from 1997-2000.

A brief letter should be submitted by individuals or mission teams giving biographical information and explanation of how the nominee has demonstrated the standards set by Nell Chance. A photo of the nominee, if available, included with the letter will be most helpful.

***Deadline to nominate someone is the second day of Soul Care (Spiritual Enrichment) Retreat.**

Warmly,

Kristine

Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach

Education and Interpretation

In the July/August 2022 *response* magazine, Ainise 'Isama'u, the national president of United Women in Faith, states, "Working with the local unit is the key to this organization's success. If none of the information ever gets to the local unit, then what's the purpose of the national organization?" I say the same is true for the conference and district levels. As officers and coordinators, we must support our local units and make sure they get all the necessary communications and access to resource materials. "

Each individual member is important but the strength of the local unit is its sisterhood supporting each other and working together to reach women, children and youth around the world. The local unit is the origin of our mission dollars and our giving is the lifeblood to keep nearly 100 national institutions and projects open and serving communities in the United States. Our UWFaith mission is expanded by the numerous grants awarded each year to agencies that support our Social Action campaigns. On May 20, United Women in Faith announced at Assembly the awarding of a \$250,000 grant to strengthen the relationship of young girls and incarcerated mothers. The organization, Girls Embracing Mothers' (GEM), goal is to break the cycle of incarceration and support girls and women in their efforts to lead healthy, healed and whole lives.

Tamara Clark, our national treasurer, in her 2021 financial report defines where our dollars go. Total conference giving of \$8.7 million was supplemented by interest, rental and other sources for a total income of \$22.45 million with expenditures of \$27.54 million. Sale of property and the endowment more than covered the \$5.09 million deficit. The national organization continues to be excellent stewards of our monetary gifts and accomplished more with less during the pandemic.

We are challenged to increase our membership in order to support our pledges to mission for 2022. Telling stories is key to painting a whole picture of United Women in Faith's purpose. That knowledge impacts mission giving, recruitment of new members, involvement in social action and racial justice, and strengthening spiritual growth.

The **Reading Program** and other transformative educational opportunities are key components in challenging our worldview and sparking deep discussions. Recently, my local unit book club read *Failing Boldly: How Falling Down in Ministry Can Be the Start of Rising Up* by Christian Coon. This Leadership Development book from the 2021-2022 Reading Program list is highly recommended. We discovered that it applies to failures in any life situation so don't let the title dissuade you. The publisher's summary states, "Few people would consider failures to be a gift from God. If you are trying to energize and grow a ministry, however, embracing the lessons and gifts of failure may be the best way to maintain an encouraging place for people to seek the heart of God. Personal stories of missteps and mistakes of those working to grow ministries show how failure is a springboard to new experiences and, hopefully, a deeper connection to God."

Let us continue to tell the stories that educate and motivate us to greater service because we believe that love in action can change the world.

Joyce Genz, E&I Coordinator

From the AWF-United Women in Faith Conference Secretary

This Fall we will again meet for our Annual Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake Assembly Grounds in Andalusia. The plans are being finalized now for hosting our United Women in Faith membership on October 7th and 8th. Please plan to take this opportunity to gather and join in some focus groups, listening to a special speaker, and of course, take part in the elections of some of our open offices of the Alabama-West Florida Conference Executive Mission Team (leadership.)

As a policy of our AWF-UW Faith, there is a Scholarship Committee that includes the Vice President, the Spiritual Growth coordinator, and the Secretary; the Secretary is Chair of the committee for scholarships to our annual events (i.e., Annual Day (AD) and Spiritual Enrichment Retreat (SER). When a scholarship is submitted, it must be sent to the Secretary and then the committee meets to review any applications. Based on the scholarship criteria that is provided we review the applicant's info, and then award to the member who qualifies. **Please note that the 2022 Spiritual Enrichment Retreat will now have three (3) scholarships awarded.**

And now, I am taking this opportunity to encourage anyone wanting to attend this annual event and be considered as a scholarship recipient to follow the steps provided within the guidelines of the scholarship policy. You can find a scholarship application here in the newsletter and it is located on our website www.awf-umw.org; just click on "Forms" and then find "conference scholarship form"; there is an Excel document and a pdf document-choose either and download a copy. Complete the form and return as directed.

As a side note, we are in the process of rebranding the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat as a *Soul Care Retreat* and you will be hearing more from others about that in future Alert issues.

Service and Peace,

Debbie Bell, AWF-UW Faith Secretary and Scholarship Committee Chair

mawbel36575@yahoo.com



Many thanks to United Women in Faith, the musicians, and all those at Aldersgate UMC who helped make our in-person Mission u event a success!

REPORT OF THE AWF-UMW TREASURER

For the Year 2022		as of 8/19/22		
MISSION GIVING (PLEDGE)	Pledge	Paid by Districts	Balance	% Paid
Bay Pines	11,000	4,321	6,679	39.3%
Marianna/PC/Dothan	20,500	9,390	11,110	45.8%
Southwest (Mobile)	24,575	6,007	18,568	24.4%
Montgomery	20,675	3,280	17,395	15.9%
Pensacola	20,000	2,901	17,099	14.5%
Events - Offering	2,700	1,087	1,613	40.3%
TOTALS FROM DISTRICTS	99,450	26,986	72,464	27.1%
Pledge to National	84,533	23,632	60,900	28.0%

Passed by the AWFC Women of Faith Executive Team for 2023:

2023 DISTRICT BUDGETS		
Bay Pines		1,427
Marianna-Panama City-Dothan		2,770
Southwest (Mobile)		2,625
Montgomery		2,563
Pensacola		2,250
Total District Budgets		\$ 11,635.00
2023 DISTRICT PLEDGES		
Bay Pines		8,000
Marianna-Panama City-Dothan		18,000
Southwest (Mobile)		15,000
Montgomery		17,000
Pensacola		15,000
Events-Offering		2,700
Total District Budgets		\$ 75,700.00
2023 CONFERENCE BUDGET		\$ 23,925.00
COMBINED CONFERENCE & DISTRICT BUDGET		\$ 35,560.00
CONFERENCE PLEDGE (TO NATIONAL)		\$ 64,345.00

Cynthia Brown, Treasurer

AWF United Women in Faith

God, I see Your tender love in all the things around me. I feel your comfort when I'm down and know that You surround me. With blessings that I cannot count, with grace beyond all measure, with mercy that I don't deserve and with things that bring me pleasure.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

After a long and difficult search and many prayers, the Committee on Nominations was able to fill all but one of the vacant positions for 2023. The position of Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation remains vacant.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who agreed to serve on the Conference level in the following positions:

President - Debbie Bracewell

Secretary - Debbie Bell

Communications - Deanie DeFelix

Education and Interpretation -

Social Action - Joyce Genz

Committee on Nominations member - Class of 2026 - Carolyn McInnis

Charter for Racial Justice - Laurel Akin and Cynthia Jackson (Appointed)

Desiree Clarke, Chairperson of Committee on Nominations

Members: Peggy Cunningham, Class of 2022

Shirley Hodges, Class of 2023

Clara Ester, Class of 2024

Melda Deverell, Class of 2025

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Slate of Officers Biographies

Communications Coordinator: Deanie DeFelix, retired since 2018, was an English educator for thirty-plus years, beginning in 1971. She has also taught Sunday school for older youth and now has graduated to "Discussion Leader" for her Adult Sunday School Class, unofficially called "The Young at Heart Class," at Graceville FUMC. Deanie loves serving wherever she can in her church and believes in the power of prayer.



She and her husband David live on the family farm started by her parents in the late 1940s. Their older son Dave gradually bought the land as he helped keep the farm going while getting his education at Troy Dothan in business. Younger son Matt is a property appraiser and lives on the farm as well.

On July 8 of this year, Deanie and David celebrated fifty years of marriage, thankful for the many blessings they continue to enjoy from our Lord. Faith and family are what has kept them together, with their two wonderful grandchildren, ages 16 and 11, giving them the motivation to keep going (5 travel baseball tournaments this summer and several late-night barrel racing rodeos).

Deanie's first district position was E & I Coordinator for Marianna-Panama City, then she took Communications, and she is finishing this year as Dothan-Marianna-Panama City President. The best part of these positions for her has been making such dear friends with so many UWFaith saints!

Social Action Coordinator: Joyce Genz says, "The position of Social Action fits well within my love of lifelong learning and serving others, especially marginalized populations. I lived on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona for 19 years where I was employed as an educator by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Arizona Public Schools System, and a small mission school. I met and married my husband Bill while teaching at the same BIA boarding school in Arizona.

I am the retired dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies at Spring Hill College in Mobile AL, where I also taught in and served as the director of the Intensive English Language Institute. In retirement, Bill and I continue our love of education by teaching English as a Second Language at Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile AL. I have also taught 3 studies in Mission u.

I am active in our local unit and currently serve as chairman of nominations at Christ United. I

am finishing four years as the Alabama-West Florida Conference Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Evangel University in Springfield MO, a Master of Science in Instructional Design from the University of South Alabama and completed doctoral coursework in Organizational Behavior and Adult Learning at Nova Southeastern University. We have two children, Daniel, who died at the age of 21 from Muscular Dystrophy, and Geraldine (Geri), who lives in Pensacola with her husband Sam.



Nominations Committee Member: Carolyn McInnis says, "I live in Enterprise, Alabama with my husband, Rae. We have two daughters, Lauren and Kaitlin. I am a member of the Enterprise First United Methodist Church and have served on the Missions committee, the Nominations committee, and the Staff Parrish Relations committee. I have served UMW/UWFaith in my local unit as the treasurer, vice president, and president. I have also served as the Dothan district treasurer and the communications coordinator."



For re-election to a second term:

President: Debbie Bracewell **President: Debbie Bracewell** has completed a four-year term as Dothan District President. Her professional experience includes the positions of high school English teacher, cheer coach, cheer judge, executive director of National Council for Spirit Safety and Education, editor of online cheer magazine, and public speaking. She currently is an after-school tutor and volunteer for church and community.

Debbie has been a member of the Enterprise First United Methodist Church Circle 6 since 2004 and is the current president of the United Methodist Women unit at Enterprise First United Women of Faith. She has served as Dothan District President, Membership Nurture and Outreach chair and Communications chair. She has been teaching mission studies at the conference and district level since 2014. and currently serves as conference president.

Debbie has a degree in English Education from Troy State, a master's degree in Secondary Education from Troy State Dothan, and a master's degree in Strategic Communication from Troy University. Debbie is a widow with 2 sons, 2 stepsons, and 10 grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and traveling.

Secretary: Debbie Bell says "I will accept the nomination as Secretary for the next 2-year term, 2023-2024. I welcome your consideration to, once again, be the AWFC-UWFaith Secretary. As the secretary for these last 2 years, I am thankful to have met with the District secretaries for training, for questions and answer times, and for getting through all the meetings, events and recordkeeping duties. My husband, Richard and I live in the Semmes community of the Mobile area. Our families are close by, and we gather with them when we can. We both love the outdoors and doing for others. Our dog Thor is still with us and (I believe) has a plan to outlive us both.

I will share and include these four questions that are asked on the nomination form:

A. I accept the nomination as stated above. If elected by the general body, I will assume the office January 1st of next year. **I do.**

B. I understand that I will do my best to attend all district events, meetings and conference calls. I also understand that I might be called upon to visit local units within my district. **I will.**

C. I promise to financially support United Women in Faith through my local unit pledge. **I promise.**

D. I have read the duties and responsibilities of my nominated office and promise to perform those duties to the best of my ability and for the advancement of the United Women in Faith purpose. **I have read and I promise.**

E. I will be a team player for my district and gladly accept the position and responsibilities that come with the office.. **I will.**

BY SIGNING MY NAME I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE OFFICE AND ITS DUTIES AND ACCEPT THIS AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY. **I do.**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO STANDING RULES

Changes to be voted on during the October 8, 2022 Business Meeting at Blue Lake Methodist Camp. You may review the entire document with recommended changes at www.awf-umw.org. The deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ font and the insertions are in red font.

Recommendation One: Revise the last sentence of IV. B.2 as below

IV. Committees,

B. There shall be a committee of District Presidents.

2. The committee shall select its chairperson annually. Her tenure shall be ~~for one year only~~ **no more than two years**.

Recommendation Two: Add a new section under V. Elections and Meetings. C. Tenure as below

V. ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS

C. TENURE

1. No elected officer will hold the same office for more than four years, except the treasurer, who can hold the same office for six years. Tenure on the leadership team for the elected leadership of the conference organization will be limited to a total of eight years.
2. When a leader serves as president and has tenure remaining to serve in another office (within the eight years), she is eligible to serve again. If a woman has already completed her eight-year tenure in positions other than president, she may still be elected president.
3. All years of service as an elected leader of any conference United Women in Faith, United Methodist Women, Woman's Society of Christian Service and Women's Society of World Service, including secretary/chairperson of the Wesleyan Service Guild, will be counted when determining tenure.
4. Service of six months or more in an officer year by an interim or acting officer will be counted as one year of tenure.
5. Appointed leaders not specified in the bylaws will serve no more than four years on the leadership team in any combination of such appointed responsibilities. This is in addition to tenure limitations described in Article V. C. 1 and C. 4
6. A two-year term as chairperson of the committee on nominations does not count towards tenure as described in Article V. C. 1 and C. 4. The two-year term does count as part of the maximum four-year term for leadership on the committee on nominations.
7. No elected/appointed leader of the conference organization will hold any other office beyond the local unit of United Women in Faith.

Virtual Mission u 2022!

For those who were not able to attend our recent Mission u, a virtual Mission u 2022 will be offered on Zoom on 3 consecutive Monday evenings, September 12, 19, 26, from 7 to 9pm. The adult study, *Who Can We Be Together*, is "A Transformative Biblical Curriculum," which turns to the stories that Jesus told and Luke recorded in the 13th chapter of his Gospel, to challenge us "with a bigger and broader vision of the kind of community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief, and massive disruption."

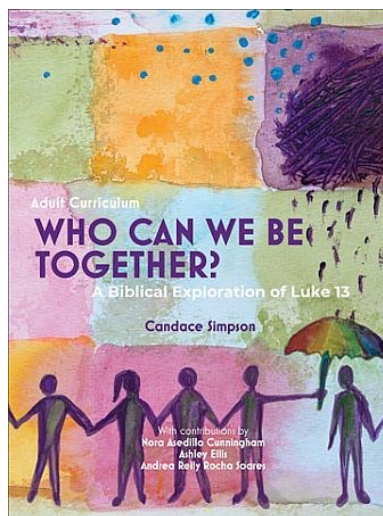
Goals:

- Experience spiritual practices that support us through uncertainty, loss, and grief
- Develop capacity to interpret Scripture in multiple ways
- Build our Biblical and theological understanding of key metaphors in the parables of the mustard seed and yeast
- Engage in community conversations to explore which small actions to heal and restore can be activated locally and globally (in connection with the justice priorities of United Women in Faith).

Go to [https:// www.awf-umw.org/](https://www.awf-umw.org/) to register online or use the mail-in registration form on page 15.

The Reverend Jim DuFriend is our 2022 Dean and Deaconess Clara Ester is our Assistant Dean. Virtual Study Leaders are Cynthia Brown and Joyce Genz.

Mission u Schedule: Monday, September 12, 7.00 p.m.-9p.m. Opening Welcome & Announcements, Sessions 1 & 2
September 19, Sessions 3,4,5; September 26, Sessions 6, 7, 8 and Closing Plenary.



Luke 13: A Transformative Biblical Curriculum

Virtual Mission u Study Leaders

Cynthia Brown is a native of Alabama. She is a graduate of Troy State University. Her dedication for improving the quality of life for individuals in low-income communities was demonstrated by the development of Heritage Training and Career Center. The center is a non-profit which provides remedial education, employment, and support services to children and families living below the poverty level and/or individuals in need of a hand-up in Autauga, Elmore and Montgomery Counties and critical housing repair programs in the City of Montgomery. Cynthia is a member of the UWF Unit at Chapel UMC, Eclectic, Alabama and was recently elected to serve as Conference Treasurer.



Joyce Genz is honored to be chosen as a facilitator for this year's study. She has previously facilitated "Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church" and "Bearing Witness in the Kingdom" in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. Joyce has facilitated other mission studies at the local and district levels. She began her professional career in Arizona where she was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Navajo reservation. Later she taught in the Chinle AZ Public School system and then at a small mission school.. She is the retired dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies at Spring Hill College in Mobile, where she also taught in the Intensive English Language Institute for 8 years and served as the director of the institute for another 10 years. In retirement, Joyce and her husband Bill continue to teach English as a Second Language at Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile to students from all

over the world. Joyce holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, and Master of Science in Instructional Design from the University of South Alabama. She also completed doctoral courses in Adult Education and Organizational Leadership. Joyce currently serves as the Alabama-West Florida Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation. Besides being active in education and the United Women in Faith's local ministries, Joyce loves to read, cook and garden.



2022 Alabama-West Florida Cooperative Mission u Virtual Adult Study

Who Can We Be Together

Registration Form

VIRTUAL CLASS SCHEDULE: 3 Monday evenings: September 12, 19, 26 --- 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ALL Sessions will be led by Cynthia Brown and Joyce Genz on Zoom. (Link will be sent to all registered by Sept)

Registration Deadline: August 26, 2022 to guarantee delivery of the study guide.

Mail this completed form with full payment to Betty Helms, Registrar: 3043 Headland Ave., Dothan, AL 36302. Email: betty@fumcdathan.org Cell: 334-790-8962. Make checks payable to Mission u. For online registration and credit card payment, use the link: <https://www.awf-umw.org/> Direct all questions to the registrar. Email confirmation and a Zoom link will be sent to the registrant.

NAME_____ DISTRICT_____

ADDRESS_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

PHONE_____ EMAIL_____

PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY: FEMALE MALE CLERGY LAY CEU CREDIT NATIONAL DIRECTOR JURISDICTION OFFICER DISTRICT OFFICER CONFERENCE OFFICER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

FEES: Class fees cover study book, Who Can We Be Together: Luke 13 Study Book, + mailing expense NOTE: a \$10 Registration Fee is required.

Please Note: For registrations received after the August 26 deadline, the study book will be mailed but may not be received in time for the first session on Sept 12th.

One registration sheet per person.

_____ \$25—Study book/ mailing expense/registration fee

_____ \$10—Registration fee—NO BOOK (must have purchased book beforehand. You may purchase a Kindle Version at amazon.com)

_____ Offering to support United Women in Faith STARS – a program to mentor at-risk girls from LeFlore High School in Mobile, AL)

_____ TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.....

Section A		HEALTH FORM	
All Participants MUST Register, even for 1 day. A 2022 HEALTH FORM MUST BE BROUGHT WITH YOU WHEN YOU CHECK-IN. A COVID-19 Self Screening FORM WILL ALSO BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO YOUR ENTERING THE BUILDING			
Section B		NAME - ADDRESS INFO	
Name as to appear on Name Tag: (Below)		Email Address (Below)	
Mailing Address:		City	State
Phone #:		District	Local Unit/Church
First Time:		Is this your First Time participating with an SER event? () yes () No	
SECTION C		DISTRICT & CONFERENCE OFFICERS - ONLY	
All District and Conference Officers will pay Registration Fee plus any balance not covered by the 2022 reimbursement rate of \$65. If you are on the 2023 State of Nominations complete below			
District Office		Nominated for the office of: (Below)	
Conference Office			
SECTION D		LODGING	
		If you don't list a roommate and you wish a Double Room, a roommate will be assigned to you.	
ONE NIGHT	Occupancy	Per Person PER Night	Single rooms are limited; therefore all request may not be honored. First come - First served.
LINWOOD			
	Double	\$ 35.50	\$ -
	Single *	\$ 58.00	No roommate* \$ -
CENTER SECTION			
	Double	\$ 29.50	\$ -
RV Park			
	Hookup	\$ 20.00	one night only \$ -
COMMUTER - NO LODGING		Check Here	
NOTE: All campers are to furnish their own linens, including blanket, pillow and towels. Most rooms have twin beds with a few having queen. An email will be sent telling you which size bed you have.			
SECTION E		MEALS	
To get accurate Meal count, please indicate by putting 1 or 0 in the # Column Below		#	COST
1	Friday Dinner		\$ 10.00
2	Saturday Breakfast		\$ 7.75
3	Saturday Lunch		\$ 9.50
SECTION F		REGISTRATION, LATE FEES & TOTALS	
1	SUBTOTAL Section D and E		\$ -
2	District Presidents & Conference Officers can deduct \$65 for this 24-hr period from the Total Due. Put in as a Negative \$, no more than \$65		
3	SUBTOTAL Line 8 and 9 (can't be a negative number, enter zero instead)		\$ -
4	Late Fee if postmarked after Due Date	\$10.00	
5	Registration Fee -	Required Fee	\$ 18.00
6	TOTAL OWED & ENCLOSED		Please add all Lodging + Meals + Registration + Late Fee
SECTION G: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Where did you learn about SER?			
Who invited you to SER?			
Special Needs (dietary or physical):			
Make all checks payable to AWF-UMW			
Mail to: Cynthia Brown, Conference Treasurer		cynthiabrown350@gmail.com	
2151 Double Bridge Ferry Road		334-202-2469	
Eclectic, AL 36024			

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

9/23/22

DATE & LOCATION

OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2022

BLUE LAKE METHODIST CAMP

EVENT

2022 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT

REGISTRATION FORM

ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE - UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH



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ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH HEALTH FORM

For the Calendar Year 2022

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

Name		DOB	
Home Phone	Work #	Cell #	
Physician's Name		Phone #	
Health Insurance Company		Policy #	Group #

Masks are requested to be worn at all times, except eating. If you are feeling ill prior to your arrival, especially if you have fever, please do not attend the event. A registered nurse (RN) will be on site in case of emergencies.

Allergies to medications:

Other Allergies (food,
animals)

Conditions that treating personnel might need to be aware of:

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UWF event, I authorize ALWF UWF to call/contact:

Name	Relation	Phone #	Alt. Phone #
Name	Relation	Phone #	Alt. Phone #

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE BELOW PLANS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Plan In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during my stay at a UWF event, I authorize ALWF UWF to: 1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed. 2. Release my health information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment. 3. I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Women in Faith, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Consent Plan I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the cases of illness or injury. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedures to take place: I hold harmless the AL-WFL Conference United Women in Faith, the ALWF Conference, The United Methodist Church and/or the owners of the facility for which the event is taking place for any act or failure to act during a medical emergency.

Your Consent Signature

Date

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

COVID Safety Agreement

Each person is asked to complete the self-screening questions below and refrain from attending SER if the answer to any of the questions is "yes."

Covid-19 Self-Screening Questions

1. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 OR anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Have you had a positive Covid-19 test in the past 14 days? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Have you traveled outside the country in the last 14 days, or have you been around someone who did? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I, _____, confirm I have truthfully answered the questions to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

What's Ahead for AWF United Women in Faith in 2022

- ♦ October 7 & 8: Spiritual Enrichment Retreat at Blue Lake Assembly
- ♦ November: United Women in Faith Sunday Celebrations
- ♦ Soul Care Devotionals on Zoom Sept. 17, October 15, November 5, December 5 (see page 4 for more information)

Save the Date for our next Annual Meeting! March 24-25, 2023 in Mobile

More Mission u photos on our website <https://www.awf-umw.org/2022-mission-u-picturews>

