



United
Women
in Faith

Sage Wise

Proceeding with wisdom,; well judged, shrewd, well adapted to the purpose

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President' s Message:

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Proverbs 18:15 The New International Version (NIV)

Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is – what is good and pleasing and mature.

Romans 12:2 Common English Bible (CEB)

As a ten-year-old in 1968, I remember the uproar regarding changing the name from The Methodist Church to The United Methodist Church, along with grouping the two organizations named Woman's Society of Christian Service (for stay-at-home women, which met during the day, and the acronym was WSCS) and Wesleyan Service Guild (for working women, which met at night, and the acronym was WSG) into WSCS/WSG. Oh, my goodness, their [purposes] were integrated into something new! Heaven forbid! We can't make changes!! We've always have done it this way!! (Misinformation as there had been many changes from 1869 to 1968.) It was predicted God was going to turn His anger against us!! [Fortunately, the prediction did not happen.]

Four years later, a new logo and name replaced WSCS/WSG with the name United Methodist Women. A new PURPOSE was written. Oh, the uproar again!! Why do we need a new name? Why do we need a new PURPOSE? Why? Why? Why? It has never been done this way!!

Fifty years later, the uproar is happening again in my home church. Why the change of name, why the change of the logo, why, why, why???

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This information comes from the new website www.uwfaith.org.

“The Purpose remains the purpose. Our structure remains the same (just with more ways to join in the work). The core of who we are remains the same.

We’ve been around for 153 years now—not because we stay the same but because we’re willing to follow God’s call to new places. We are love in action. We are a faith-driven sisterhood ready to change the world. You are a crucial part of a bright future.

Our Mission

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Our Vision

We 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 face the realities we see in the world, even when they are not the ones we would like to see. However, our goal is not to bear witness simply to harms but also to God’s love by acting boldly to change those harms.

Our Action

Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God’s love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

Expanding the Organization and the impact

Joined together by a common faith and single-minded purpose, our organization further expanded when the Ladies’ Aid societies were started in the early 1900s.

In 1972, United Methodist Women first became the women’s mission organization as part of The United Methodist Church’s Board of Global Ministries. And in 2012, The United Methodist Church General Conference voted to make United Methodist Women’s national policymaking body autonomous.

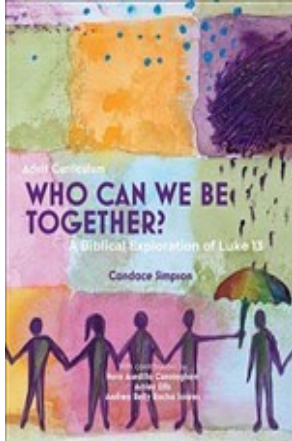
Today, we mark the beginning of a new era. As United Women in Faith, we stand ready to not only continue our legacy but forge courageous new paths. We will go wherever we are needed, without hesitation, because the needs are great but our power, our resolve and our faith are even greater.”

I encourage you to explore the new website, get acquainted with it, and embrace the new changes!

Joyce H, Orem

Sage District United Women in Faith President

Virtual Mission u, 2022
July 14-16 and/or July 29-31
Who Can We be Together?
Building Communities of Hope and Joy



Please join us at Mission u 2022 as we reflect on the **COMMUNITY** that Jesus is calling us to be. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crisis and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus in Luke 13 that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia. What could be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways as Jesus did in Luke 13?

The Study Book is now available from either United Women in Faith eCommerce Website (<https://www.UMWmissionresources.org/>) or Amazon More information and registration form coming soon.

SOCIAL ACTIONS – As I consider this term, I see the two words reflect the necessary parts of our Women in Faith bold declaration to advocate for women and children: we can't do this alone (social), we each must step forward (action).

“As it fosters spiritual growth and develops leaders, United Women in Faith seeks to improve the lives of women, children, and youth in the United States and internationally. United Women in Faith advocates on peace and justice, economic inequality, education, the rights of children, human rights and farm workers' rights.”

United Women in Faith has defined the what – Social Actions is the HOW we strive to attain these goals.

On the website, uwfaith.org, you can dive in the wonderful variety of podcasts and programs that will help you decide what actions you can take and what to look for in your community. The amount of information is a bit overwhelming, but I choose one podcast to watch each week..

How have you focused your actions locally in this new year? My personal choices have been:

1. to join a door knocking team for distributing information about increasing minimum wage – this effort in Idaho has already been tabled but, oh what I've learned;
2. to write letters to our Idaho senators to encourage them to vote YES to approve Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the Supreme Court;
3. to write to our governor to (nicely) scold him for signing a law he acknowledges to be unconstitutional;
4. to again sign up as a poll worker for the upcoming election; and
- 5 To send funds to UMCOR to support relief for Ukrainians devastated by the war in their nation.

Small steps, yes, but I find that looking for an opportunity each week to participate, to speak up, to do SOMETHING, keeps my prayers focused on the possibilities and connects me to others who seek to help.

Mary Getchell, Social Action Chair, Sage District United Women in Faith

This seems like the perfect place to put in a plug for my other project this spring.. The League of Women Voters of Idaho is preparing an online Voter Guide, Vote411.org. It will be especially helpful this year because it includes mapping data that allows you to enter your address and find the candidates for your legislative and congressional district and their responses to our questionnaire. This year we made the questions very open ended, hoping to get everyone to respond.

Look for Vote411.org toward the end of April.

Vote411.org is a national project, available in Oregon too.

Elinor Chehey

THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

Thanks to all of you who participated in our 2022 Day of Giving on March 23rd. Our theme this year was “Embracing the Future” and for the second year we were on Facebook live. I was able to participate for several hours and I was really impressed and amazed at some of the wonderful interviews with women involved with all aspects of United Women in Faith. We have a Legacy goal of \$60 million and our end of year 2021 total was nearly \$40 million which is 65% of that goal. It is not too late to donate and you can do so by going to uwfaith.org and scroll to the square that says “Make a donation.” Every conference has been challenged to add 10 Legacy Builders during 2022. A Legacy Builder is a woman who commits to giving \$18.69 a month. It is an automatic donation. If you decide to become a Legacy Builder, please let me know. We are on our way to adding our 10 in ‘22!

Are you attending Assembly in person? If so, you may want to attend the first ever Legacy Banquet held at Assembly. You can purchase a ticket by going to the United Women in Faith website - uwfaith.org/legacy-banquet

Spring is a time of new beginnings. I saw some daffodils peaking up just the other day. As United Methodist Women we are experiencing new beginnings also - a new name, a new logo, a new mission statement. Consider your legacy as we ensure that our organization will continue to put faith, hope and love into action for future women, children and youth.



Blessings,
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I hope all of you enjoyed our EMEE program on Bidy Mason by Pastor Jen. I already have a speaker for our Sage District Annual meeting. It's all about having an attitude of gratitude. I'm also hoping our meeting will be in person. It's so much more fun seeing all of you and catching up. In the meantime, I pray you will all have a great Spring and Summer and are able to get out and enjoy nature. And visit friends and family now that things seem to be opening.

Think positive,

Evelyn Battema, Vice President Sage District

Mission Giving, 2021

Oregon-Idaho Conference was given a certificate
In recognition for reaching

105% Mission Giving for 2021

“Your giving has supported connecting and nurturing women,
children and youth through Christian spiritual formation,
leadership development, advocacy, and education.
Together we all inspire, influence, and impact our local
and global communities.”

I will have the actual certificate image sent to each local unit. I couldn't copy it into the newsletter. Elinor

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