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INSIGHT

Northern Illinois Conference

June 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

02 --- North Central Jurisdiction
Quadrennial Event ends
02 --- PS District Leadership Team
[16-18 --- UMC NIC Annual Conference](#)
19 --- PN District Salad Supper
19-22 --- Church Women United, Inc.
Quadrennial Assembly
21 --- LN District Leadership Team
22 --- PC District SCARCE Field Trip

July

[12-14 --- Summer Mission u, Stronghold
Center, Oregon, IL](#)
13 --- KUMC Summer Mission u,
Flossmoor, South Suburban Korean
[19-21 --- Summer Mission u, Wesley
Woods, Williams Bay, WI](#)
15 --- PS District Leadership Team

August

02 --- PN District Leadership Team
07 --- PS District Leadership Team
08 --- PC District Leadership Team
11 --- KUMC Praise Night, Wheeling, First
Korean
12 --- LS District Leadership Team
16 --- LN District Leadership Team
16 --- PC Trip to Northcott Neighborhood
Center, Milwaukee, WI

September

[07 --- NIC Leadership Team](#)
21 --- PS District Annual Celebration
21 --- PN District Annual Celebration
28 --- LN District Annual Celebration
28 --- LS District Annual Celebration

For More Detailed Information and Future Events:

[View the Google Calendar](#)

President's Report

By Barb Farley

This year's amazing General Conference is behind us and we, United Women in Faith, are moving forward with hope and passion. Sally Vonner, our CEO of UWFaith, addressed through a webinar all UWFaith members and friends on May 23. Her message was one of new beginnings and excitement for the future of our 155-year strong, magnificent organization! She gave a message that encouraged us all to let go of some of the things that have plagued us and be open to what God has in store for us! Give it our very best shot, take risks and know that this is our moment to provide a different perspective and radical hospitality.

Faith unites us as we move forward into a new season. We are our own agency of the United Methodist Church. We have our own Board of Directors, monies and freedom to welcome all and transform the world through love in action. Let's feel the joy when faith-filled women unite.



Let's nurture our souls through the strength of our sisterhood. Let's deepen our relationship with God. Let's explore the power of love to make a difference. It was wonderful to see many of you at NCJ in Indianapolis. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Northern Illinois Conference Annual Conference in Schaumburg in June and at Mission u in July! One foot in front of the other and leading with love, we will soar to new heights!

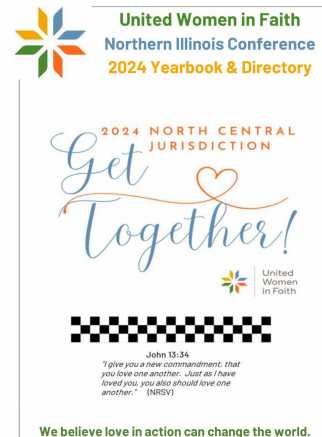
Secretary's Report

By Lois Voss

The United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference Annual 2024 Yearbook & Directory is ready for your order. This is your resource of conference, district, and local leadership, plus church, jurisdiction, and national information! You'll find our calendar, budget, standing rules, internet resources, past presidents, mission personnel, and deaconesses. Our cover focus is on the Quadrennial Jurisdiction Gathering. New this year is color on all sides of the covers. Order on the Cheddar Up site [HERE](#).

Payment may be made by credit card through Cheddar Up or by a check (payable to UWFaith NIC) sent to our conference treasurer: Janeen Hamack, % Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL 60010.

The online version is password protected on our website uwfaithnic.org. To receive the password, contact Lois Voss at: loiskvoss@gmail.com or Shelly Davenport at: sdavenportarch@gmail.com.



Summer Mission u

First time attendee scholarship application form [HERE](#)

Paper registration form [HERE](#)

Online registration [HERE](#)

(website may be down June 8-10 for maintenance, if you get an error message please try again June 11)

2024 Summer Mission u is right around the corner!

Registration is here. It is time to pick your weekend and register now!

When registering online, when you check out, any first timers or commuters will see the discounted fee. If you prefer the paper form the correct registration fees are shown for all categories of registration.

Welcome Home is the adult curriculum that explores how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us.

The sessions will include Scripture explorations, discussions, and activities to apply what is being learned.

Our Theme...

The Kin-dom Is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another

If you have any questions feel free to contact either Betty Erickson at

n9yfc@aol.com or Beth Jayapalan at
nilumw.registrar@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you in Oregon,
IL or Williams Bay, WI!



Save the Date for
NIC Annual Celebration 2024



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SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Annual Celebration



Date: **Saturday, October 26, 2024**

Location: **First United Methodist Church**
1903 E. Euclid Ave
Arlington Heights, IL. 60004



Time: Registration opens 8:30

Annual Celebration and Business Meeting: 9:00 - 12:00

Theme: **"Bind Us Together in Love"**

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

Lunch: 12:00

Leadership Training: After lunch

Registration details to follow

Begin gathering your car pool members and plan to join in the celebration!

Scholarship for Women Pursuing Church Vocations

Scholarship application [HERE](#)

Northern Illinois Conference United Women in Faith offers a scholarship for women pursuing a church-related vocation, whether in ordained or lay ministry. Applicants must be accepted by an accredited graduate school, reside in the Northern Illinois Conference, demonstrate financial need, and supply a copy of their school transcript. Applications are due **September 15**.

Former United Women in Faith NIC President Honored



Former United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference President to Be Honored at UMM's 21st Annual Event

Lois Moreland Dean will be the United Women in Faith Honoree at the former Southern District United Methodist Men's 21st Annual Event to be held on Saturday, June 8 at the Ramada Inn in Hammond Indiana at 4 p.m. We congratulate Lois on her faithful service within United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) at the local, district, and conference levels and in so many different offices within each level of our organization. She has been an inspiration to many throughout the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. We will hold Lois in our hearts and prayers as she receives this much deserved recognition for her service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that God continues to use her for His glory.

Pictures from NCJ in Indianapolis, Indiana

pictures by Marc Dean



Northern Illinois Conference attendees



Marta won quilt silent auction



registration table (Marta, Judy, and Beth)



new NCJ team (2024-2028)



2024-2028 Directors and Alternates
(alternates on the ends)

What's Happening in Our Districts

Prairie Central District Message



Come to our June outing!

In June, United Women in Faith Prairie Central will be visiting SCARCE, 800 S. Rohlwing Rd., Addison on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. What is SCARCE, you ask? SCARCE is an award-winning environmental education non - profit dedicated to creating sustainable communities. The organization accomplishes this through innovative and hands-on education programs for schools and organizations, demonstrating care for people and our natural resources through their Reuse Center, and engaging the broader public through community -wide events and programs.

For over 30 years SCARCE has been implementing change to foster a more sustainable future. SCARCE began when Executive Director, Kay McKeen, was teaching in DuPage County schools about recycling and other environmental issues and concerns. Kay was out teaching when she realized that many schools had countless textbooks just sitting in storage, taking up space. All the while, the information was becoming obsolete, it was costing the schools money for the books to sit in storage AND they were going to end up in the landfill! Therefore, in 1991 she started the Book Rescue with the idea of “rescuing” gently used books (text, reference and library) from going in the landfill, and instead putting them into the hands of those who need them. A visit to their website will give you an idea of how they have expanded into many other environmentally friendly projects!

One of them is the recycling of bread bag tags, so start collecting them and bring them along with you!

Let us know that you will join us by emailing Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net, or, preferably, by completing this Google Form [HERE](#) on or before **JUNE 19**.

Prairie North District Message



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Wednesday, June 19, 2024
5:30 pm
Grace United Methodist Church
3555 McFarland Rd., Rockford



**Prairie North District Salad Supper and Awards
"Sing for Joy All the Earth"**

Gather with women from around the District for an evening of Salads, Dessert, Program and Fellowship. The Alleluia Quartet will provide the entertainment, and the Awards for 5 Star Giving will be presented.

Bring your table service and one salad for every 2-3 ladies attending. Beverages, rolls and dessert will be furnished.

Even though there isn't a fee for this event, we need to know how many to plan for. Please send your registration by mail or email to:

email information to mslstk@yahoo.com
or mail to:
Linda Truckenmiller-Krum, Treasurer,
1502 W. Lincoln Blvd., Freeport, IL 61032

Please return the registration information by June 14.

Share the following information: Church/Town * # attending * Who to Contact

We will be collecting an offering for our District Pledge to Mission.



Community

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED INC.

Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve
2024 QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY

Since 1941, the women of the Church Women United movement have held a vision of Christian unity and prayerful action. CWU was founded as a racially, culturally, theologically, inclusive Christian women's movement to celebrate unity and diversity and work for peace in the world.



The Quadrennial Assembly, June 19 - 22, 2024 in Chicago, gathers ecumenical denominations, partners, women of faith organizations, activists, advocates, and people of good faith from our global community.



Church Women United's quadrennial priorities are:

1. Health and Wellness
2. Climate Stewardship
3. Social Justice

Learn More [HERE](#)

Register [HERE](#)

Anti-Racism Lobby Day in Springfield, Illinois



Read all about Kathy Tiffin's pilgrimage to Springfield, Illinois April 18, 2024 for the one year anniversary of the civil rights pilgrimage "Educate and Advocate" [HERE](#).

PAG and Lobby Day in Springfield, Illinois



I participated in our Lobby Day with the Anti-Racism Task Force at the State's Capitol in Springfield on April 16. My group did meet our State Senator Kimberly Lightford.

The Social Action Coordinators meeting was May 21. It is always gratifying to hear the news of the global units at work for women, children, and youth.

General Conference was April 23- May 3, 2024. We submitted 19 petitions and 18 were ratified. Our immediate past CEO and General Secretary Harriett Jane Olson was elected to the Jurisdictional Council. The Earth Day event had awesome speakers and ended with a candle light vigil. We hosted two briefings, one for the Central Conference Women and one for all women delegates. I was given the honor and privilege to give the Call To Worship on May 1, 2024. To witness our presentation to the global delegates was also a highlight for me.



Photos submitted by Rita L. Smith

Our presentation was the only one which actually had children/youth participate. We also distributed pins to delegates and guests made by Native Americans. A detailed article is on our website with all the legislation that took place. I came with hope and was not disappointed. On May 23, President Sally Vonner held a Town Hall meeting giving a report of the General Conference.

In our **response** magazine, on page 13, you will find "me" as the Member Profile for the May/June issue. Another honor and privilege given to me. Also in this issue is recognition of our Mission Giving. We must and can increase our mission pledge.

As I write this last article as your PAG representative, we head to our Jurisdiction in Indianapolis where we will elect our directors and PAG for the next quadrennial. Good luck to our representatives as they seek office.

Again, it has been an honor and privilege to represent this awesome conference. Love you all, as we continue our mission, Love In Action for women, children, and youth around the world.

Rita L. Smith

Thank you United Women in Faith

By Brooke Buzard Watson, Cunningham Children's Home



Our cup runneth over! **THANK YOU** to the Northern Illinois Conference United Women in Faith units and individuals, who have demonstrated love in action for Cunningham youth and families this spring.

Read the full story [HERE](#).



Brooke Buzard and Shelly Davenport

Northcott Neighborhood House



A National Mission Institution located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Northcott Neighborhood House was featured in the May / June 2024 issue of *response* magazine. Read the article about their upcoming Juneteenth celebration [HERE](#).

The Prairie Central District is thrilled to announce a field trip to the Northcott Neighborhood House on August 16. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore and learn about this amazing facility. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for further details! We can't wait to see you there and share this incredible experience with you.



2024 Back to School Backpack Drive



June 24 - August 23

Kids Above All invites everyone to step up this summer for the school-aged kids in our care to ensure they have the school supplies they need for the new school year!

To set up a time to drop off your donation, contact our Manager of Faith and Community Relations, Catherine Inserra.

Phone: (847) 224-2870

Email: cinserra@kidsaboveall.org



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Pliable Plastic Donations Continue in 2024

Kids Above All is still collecting Pliable Plastic for another bench for their new Distribution Center. Please donate clean plastic you can stretch or push your finger through: newspaper wrap, grocery bags, wrapping for paper goods, bubble wrap, etc. Please remove paper receipts and cut off paper shipping labels/urls. Donations may be brought to Catherine Inserra at anytime.



2024
BISHOP'S APPEAL
Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing





UVC EARLY LEADERS (LEFT TO RIGHT): REV. MARGARET ANN WILLIAMS, MARCY-NEWBERRY ASSOCIATION; PHILLIP EATON, ROSECRANCE CEO; SEYMOUR J. ADLER, METHODIST YOUTH SERVICES CEO; REV. COYD TAGGART, LAKE BLUFF/CHICAGO HOMES FOR CHILDREN CEO.

Since its inception in 1979, United Voices for Children has been serving as a catalyst for generating support and engaging congregations in advocacy and as a conduit for exchanging information and resources between congregations and the three agencies UVC promotes.

Rev. Mason E. Scholl, a past UVC board president (2000-2002) who wrote a history of the organization, emphasizes the importance of recognizing how these agencies are rooted and grounded within the life and culture of the United Methodist congregations. They provide essential services that address the needs of poverty, violence, and mental illness affecting children and their families.



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Submission deadline: 15th of the month

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