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INSIGHT

Northern Illinois Conference

October 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

04 --- PN District Leadership Team
12 --- PC District Annual Celebration,
Roselle UMC
18 --- LN District Leadership Team
21 --- LS District Leadership Team
26 --- [NIC Annual Celebration and District
Leadership Training, First UMC, Arlington
Heights, IL.](#)
28 --- PS District Leadership Team

November

07 --- PC District Leadership Team
10 --- K General Assembly, Mt. Prospect:
Sam Mool Korean
14 --- [NIC Conference Leadership Team](#)
15 - LN District Leadership Team
21-23 --- [NIC Leadership Development
Days - 2025 NIC LT](#)

December

06 --- PN District Leadership Team
09 --- LS District Leadership Team

For More Detailed Information and Future Events:

[View the Google Calendar](#)

President's Report

By Barb Farley

Greetings on this beautiful September day. I am hopeful the summer has treated you all very well and now, being geared up for the last quarter of the year, you and I can celebrate the achievements and contemplate the things that need improving in our units, our districts, and our conference. Please look at the fall calendar in this issue and make arrangements to attend your district annual meetings and also the conference annual meeting in October! Meeting face to face is difficult sometimes but well worth the effort as we meet with long-time friends and new people to hear and share how we and others are putting love into action.



Remembering those who have passed this year and putting names on new faces is so very important to our ability to reach out, share and connect! As we get busier with upcoming fall, Advent, and Christmas celebrations, please remember to check out the United Women in Faith's amazing website for inspiration, education, and communication ideas. I truly believe that when we just put one foot in front of the other and lead with love, we will have the energy

and courage to do amazing things for women, children, and youth everywhere.

Treasurer's Report

By Janeen Hamack

Greetings from your conference treasurer, Janeen.

At this time all district pledges are a little behind in comparison to last year. By district they range from 27% paid to 55% paid.

As a conference we are 41% paid to National for our pledge of \$156,000 for 2024.

Last year, though, we did exceed our pledge to National by 50%.

So, if you are a local unit treasurer, please send your pledges, including your "end of the year cleaning the treasury money" to your district treasurer by Dec. 1, 2024 (or whatever deadline date she has given you), so that she may send it off to me for my Dec. 10, 2024 deadline to National. And be prayerfully thinking about your budgets and pledges for 2025.

Any questions, contact [ME](#) or your district treasurer.

Secretary's Report

By Lois Voss

As your unit or district elects 2025 leaders, please send all their contact information to your conference secretary. You will have a spreadsheet from national to record them. Thank you.

This is a good time to review your leadership contact information and your membership rosters. Report any changes to [Lois Voss](#).

A few United Women in Faith NIC 2024 Yearbook & Directory booklets are still available for sale. Order yours [HERE](#).

UW Faith NIC Annual Celebration 2024

2024 Annual Celebration *"Bind Us Together in Love"*

You're invited!

To the United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference Annual Celebration, "Bind Us Together in Love," on Saturday, October 26 at First United Methodist Church Arlington Heights, 1903 Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

There will be worship, business meeting, communion, lunch, and training.

Cost is \$15

Register online [HERE](#).
Snail mail registration form [HERE](#).

Recap last year's meeting minutes [HERE](#).
Analyze the proposed budget [HERE](#).
Review the proposed slate of officers [HERE](#).

Love has a unique way of connecting us, bringing out the best in each other.
We hope to see you there!

Reading Program

By Karen Messley

The 2025 Reading Program Catalog is now available to download [HERE](#) —English, Korean, and Spanish included in one!

United Women in Faith's Reading Program is designed to help women of faith to achieve five key goals: lean into our spiritual growth, strengthen our leadership skills, equip ourselves for local and global mission, take faithful action for the common good, and build community in ways large and small. The books are current and cover a wide variety of topics. Participating in one of the Reading Program plans at any of the four levels, or even reading just one or two books in this catalog, can help you grow. And anyone, anywhere, can participate—whether you are a member of United Women in Faith already or just getting to know us.

This year's Bonus Books, along with the other offerings in our 2025 Reading Program, are a powerful launching point for both personal reflection and meaningful conversation.

View a virtual page [HERE](#) where you can browse and purchase most of the 2025 Reading Program books while earning 10% back to United Women in Faith to support our work.

Look for the catalog titles in the upcoming November/December issue of [response](#).

Eligible years: For 2025, books from the 2020, 2021-2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

2025
Reading Program
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District News

Prairie Central District

United Women in Faith Prairie Central District will be celebrating “The Places We’ve Been!” and “The Things We’ve Done!” on Saturday, October 12 at Roselle UMC, 206 Rush St., Roselle, IL beginning at 9:30.

We’ll share summaries of our field trips this year and activities of our local units. The morning will also include a business meeting, memorial service, pledge service, communion, morning snacks and a light lunch of sandwiches (if requested for those who would like an extended time of fellowship). Offering will be collected for Mission Giving. A free-will offering will be accepted for morning refreshments and/or lunch.

Please email pictures of your unit's activities (to [Linda](#)) or be ready to share about something your unit has done. Names for the memorial service may also be emailed to Linda.

Registration requested by October 7 and may be done via this [LINK](#) or by mailing the [FORM](#). We hope to see you there!

Prairie North District

The United Women in Faith of Rockford Grace UMC has made arrangements for us to order these very nice aprons. They were wearing their aprons at the Salad Supper, and made quite an impression. So if you want to order your very own apron, they are available from [embroidthis](#). The information is below or you can call them at 815-623-2200.

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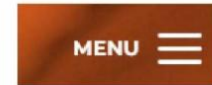


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United Women in Faith National News

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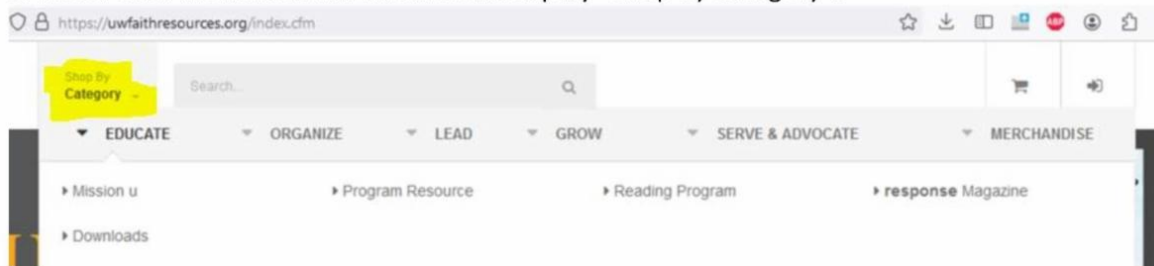
1. Click on Menu or the three lines (sometimes called the hamburger):



2. Under Resources, click on "Shop and Download":



3. Hover over the little down arrow at the top by "Shop by Category":



4. You will see the various categories of resources: Educate, Organize, Lead, Grow, Serve & Advocate, and Merchandise. By hovering over each of the down arrows to the left of the category names, a sub category of resources in each category will appear. The image above shows the categories for "Educate."

5. From there, just explore each category and sub-category looking for the resource you are seeking. It can take a few attempts.

6. The 2025 Program Resource is under the category: Educate, sub-category: Program Resource.

7. Under "Organize" is a subcategory: "Call to Prayer, World Thank, Offering." Envelopes are available in that page.

<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=9757&catid=2186>

8. Under "Lead", without clicking on a separate subcategory is a great resource, a pdf that can be downloaded that lists all the resources available with a link to each one. Here's a direct link to that pdf which can be downloaded.

<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=10610&catid=2196>

9. Mission Giving Pledge Cards are available to download under the category "Lead" and then the sub-category "Membership Opportunities" and "Downloads".

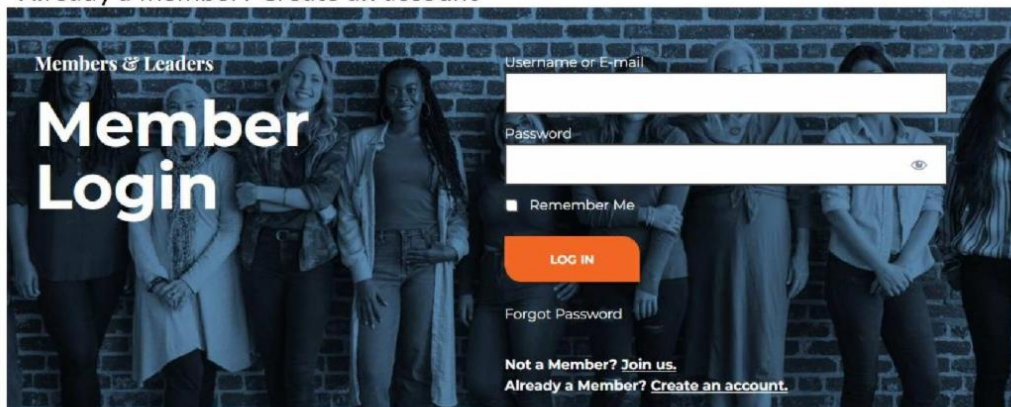
10. An updated “Five Channels of Mission Giving” is available under “Downloads”
<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=9892&catid=2186>

11. If you are asked what does United Women in Faith support, there is a very good document, “Where the Money Goes”. I can’t seem to locate it again, but it is in the list of downloads; here’s a direct link:
<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=10468&catid=2186>

12. You may also find more resources in the “Portal”, after creating a member login:



This window will open and you can create an account—either as a new member, or most likely, “Already a member? Create an account”



13. Also, you may want to consider joining United Women in Faith Digital. In a way, it’s like a Facebook page in that you can post comments, questions. But, it also has many resources available to see or download. <https://uwfaith.mn.co/>



GIFT IN MEMORY

Would you like to honor a deceased loved one? Would you like to give tribute to someone who touched your life in a meaningful way? Consider a Gift in Memory card, a special card that represents a gift to mission through United Women in Faith.

A Gift in Memory makes additional mission work possible in the United States and around the world.

Talk to your local treasurer about ordering information.



WORLD THANK OFFERING

Do you want to celebrate God's blessings in your life and the lives of those around you?

Mark these blessings with a World Thank Offering during the annual World Thank Offering service. Place your joy offerings in special boxes at the altar with the offerings of others during this service of thanksgiving, which is included each year in the United Women in Faith **Program Resource**.

You can also find this service on our website at uwfaith.org and click on the "Downloads" tab.



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MISSION GIVING

United Women in Faith members have been turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world for over one hundred and fifty years.

See how you can be a part of the ever-growing mission of United Women in Faith locally, nationally, and internationally through the five channels of Mission Giving.

For more information about Mission Giving go to the website:
<https://uwfaith.org/give>



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Community:

- **Free access** to the United Women in Faith network
- **Opportunities to engage** in fellowship, networking, and community building with sisters from across the country and around the world
- Activity feed that lets you read **inspirational messages**, respond to polls, ask questions, and engage with the community
- **Discussion groups** you can join according to your interests, or groups to support your leadership roles
- Online space to share ideas in a **safe environment** created just for you

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World Federation of Methodist &
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North America Area
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~ Theme ~

“Go and Bear Fruit,
Fruit That Will Last



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October 31 - November 3, 2024

Review seminar information [HERE](#).

KIDS

2024 HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 18



CONTACT: CINSERRA@KIDسابOVEALL.ORG OR (847) 224-2870

Each year, Kids Above All holds our Holiday Gift Drive, working with generous individuals, as well as our community, corporate and faith partners, to provide toys, books and clothes to more than 1,400 young people who have experienced trauma in our programs.

Sponsor a Child

Purchase a gift for a child in our programs and help make their holiday wish come true. Contact Catherine at cinserra@kidsaboveall.org or (847) 224-2870 to receive more info and to set up a donation time.

Donate Toys via Amazon and Target Registries

The drive needs new, unwrapped toys, games, or books for children ages 0-24. Our 2024 Holiday Gift Drive Amazon and Target Registries will be available starting in October to help guide the gift selection process for our children and youth.

Volunteer in our Toy Room

Our 2024 Toy Room will be at Kids Above All's Better Life Distribution Center, located at 1801 E. Oakton St. Des Plaines, IL 60018. Contact Catherine at cinserra@kidsaboveall.org or (847) 224-2870 to reserve your time to volunteer.

Make a Monetary Gift

We often need specific gifts as we approach the holidays. Make a financial contribution of \$50 to help us fill this year's gift gaps.

Visit kidsaboveall.org/holiday to access the Amazon and Target registries, to set up a time to volunteer or donate, and for other gift drive information.



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✓ Cereal box liners

✓ Case overwrap

✓ Bread bags



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✓ Newspaper sleeves

✓ Dry cleaning bags

✓ Bubble wrap

✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue



NexTrex
NexTrex.com 540-542-6930



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.



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