



United
Women
in Faith

INSIGHT

Northern Illinois Conference

June 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2025

07 --- PC District Labyrinth Experience
9-10-11 - UMC NIC Annual Conference,
Schaumburg Renaissance Center
18 --- PN District Salad Supper and Awards
27 --- UWFaith and CWUnited Wellness
Seminar

August 2025

01 --- PN District Leadership Team, Krape
Park
02 --- Mission u one day
04 --- PS District Leadership Team
08 --- LN District Leadership Team
10 --- KUMC Praise Night at Wheeling: First
KUMC
11 --- LS District Leadership Team
14 --- PC District Leadership Team

July 2025

18-19-20 --- Summer Mission u, Carmelite
Center, Darien, Illinois
19 --- KUMC Mission u, Carmelite Center,
Darien, Illinois

September 2025

06 --- NIC Leadership Team
12 --- LN District Leadership Team
20 --- PN District Annual Celebration
20 --- PS District Annual Celebration
20 --- PC District Annual Celebration
27 --- LN District Annual Celebration
27 --- LS District Annual Celebration

For More Detailed Information and Future Events:

[View the Google Calendar](#)

President's Report

By Barb Farley

What exciting, busy, hopeful and sometimes exhausting times we are experiencing right now! Our United Methodist Church Northern Illinois Annual Conference is happening June 9-11 and we, United Women in Faith, are prepared to practice our faith, hope and love as we mobilize members to support the adoption of the four constitutional amendments created by UMC General Conference. This special time of business, worship, remembering and witnessing is so important in our lives as United Methodists.

We look to the future with hope and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move through this summer of new beginnings.



Our 2025 Mission u theme, Practicing Hope Together, is an invigorating and timely study that I am sure you will not want to miss! Please save July 18-20 Mission u and/or August 2 One Day Mission u events for "a must-attend" event! These will surely deepen faith and add new energy to our advocacy for justice. This study was meant for a time such as this!

Save the **DATE**

United Women in Faith
Northern Illinois Conference

Two-Day Celebration

Join us for this wonderful two-day event as we welcome in person, speaking to us for the first time, General Secretary/CEO Sally Vonner!

October 25–26, 2025

Saturday, October 25

UWFaithNIC Annual Meeting

Belvidere FUMC

610 Bonus Ave., Belvidere, Il. 61008

Sunday, October 26

UWFaith Sunday

St. Mark UMC

8441 S. Saint Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Il. 60619



2025 Summer Mission u

Registration is open!

Mission u

July 18-20 – Weekend
July 19 – Korean One-Day
Aug 2 – Spanish One-Day



All Are Welcome
Join us as we explore
what it means to
practice hope as
followers of Christ.

- * How do we understand hope in the midst of hard realities?
- * Is hope merely optimism?

We will study Jesus' resurrection appearances and the example of early Christian communities to explore what it means to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.



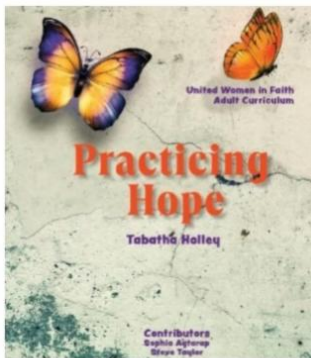
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This year's mission project is an example of practicing hope. We will meet Saturday, July 19, after dinner, ending no later than 8:30 PM. Our project will be cutting, assembling, and possibly sewing reusable feminine pads for Midwest Mission. Distribution will go to those locally who use them as an eco-friendly alternative and around the world, enabling girls to go to school and women to get out of their home. Donations/offering will go toward supporting this project, for supplies we provide, etc.



Register early, as deadlines will be firm:

Weekend & Korean Language Day:

Register by - July 6 (for mailing), **Midnight on July 9** (online or email)

One-Day (Spanish/English/Children):

Register by - TBD (for mailing), **Midnight on TBD** (online or email)

Once deadline has past you must reach out to the Registrar and will be charged a 10% late fee, to cover additional costs; if there are leftover funds, we will add it to the UWFaith NIC Pledge to Mission.

Struggling with the QR code, click [HERE](#) to register.
Or, contact the [Registrar](#) for a printable Registration Form.

United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference MISSION U - SUMMER 2025

JULY 18-20, 2025 at CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER
English weekend
8419 Bailey Rd, Darien, IL 60561

JULY 19, 2025 at CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER

Korean one day

8419 Bailey Rd, Darien, IL 60561

AUGUST 2, 2025 at MORGAN PARK UMC

Spanish, English, children one day

11030 Longwood Dr, Chicago, IL 60643

For additional information, contact Dean Betty Erickson via text/call

(630) 701-5672 or email n9yfc@aol.com

Secretary's Report

By Lois Voss

Dear United Women in Faith Sisters,

We are nearing the halfway mark of 2025. Do you have any changes for our big file of leadership? Please ask your members if any of their contact information has changed, and have them see if what is listed in the yearbook is indeed correct. Forward changes to [Lois Voss](#) and [Shelly Davenport](#).

Several of us are completing our tenure in our current positions. It is our responsibility to organize the materials we will be passing on to our successor. Plus, we have completed a quadrenium, 2020-2024, which should be archived for your local, district, or conference unit. Keep the leadership team minutes, yearbooks, the audits, and any creative ideas for events. You do not need to keep materials our national has published.

Finally, I remind you to say or print United Women in Faith first before your local, district, or conference name. Our preferred abbreviation is UWFaith with no spaces or the word in. Always have a second set of eyes check whatever you are publishing for the public (flyers, news announcements, photos). Thank you for your attention to using our "brand". You can read about it in our United Women in Faith Handbook.

Yours in faith, hope, and love! Lois Voss

Social Action

By Kathy Tiffin



United Women in Faith NIC Social Action Coordinator, Kathy Tiffin, participated in the annual Springfield Lobby Day. It was a great day, the weather was fine, legislators were available to meet, there was much agreement between us and them, and the lunch at the Douglas Ave UMC was delicious! Also, the Great River Conference joined this Lobby Day for the first time.

Read the full story [HERE](#).

Photo submitted by Kathy Tiffin

Human Rights Honoree Greater Chicago Area Unit

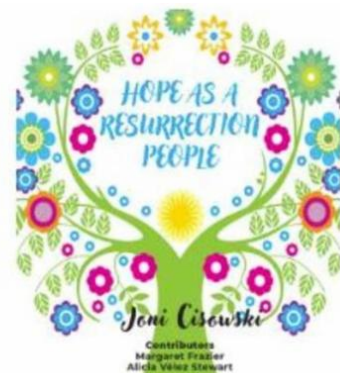
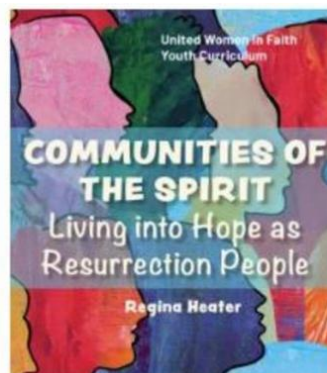
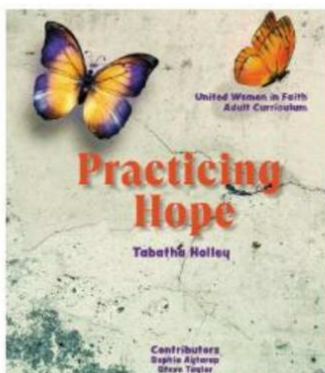
General Secretary and CEO Sally Vonner, President Jana Jones, Northern Illinois Conference President Barb Farley, and the United Women in Faith Sisterhood salute Rita L. Smith, Human Rights 2024 Honoree.



Read about Rita's journey [HERE](#).

Program Resources

By Karen Messley



Hope-Filled Curricula for Our Time

United Women in Faith releases three exciting curricula on the theme "Practicing Hope Together" for adults, children, and youth. These curricula explore the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the example of early Christian communities to discover what it means to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.

Order your copy [HERE](#).

Treasurer

By Janeen Hamack

Scholarship for Women Pursuing Church Vocations

United Women in Faith NIC 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 NIC, demonstrate financial need, and supply a copy of their school transcript.

Applications are due Sept. 15, 2025.

Instructions and application [HERE](#).

Wellness

UWFaith and CWUnited present a community health and wellness seminar June 27 at 12:30 p.m. at Resurrection UMC, 5717 West 63rd Place, Chicago, IL. 60638.

Flyer and registration [HERE](#).

District News

Lake South District

United Women in Faith Lake South District

"Save the Date"

Annual Celebration

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Prairie Central District

United Women in Faith Prairie Central District is pleased to announce that Charlotte Wyncoop will guide our Labyrinth Walk on June 7th at the Wheaton Theosophical Society in Wheaton, IL. The labyrinth located there is open to the public. While the society building will not be open during our visit, the staff have been notified of our event and will open the building in case of inclement weather.

All are invited to participate in this outing. The plan is to meet at 10 AM at 1926 N. Main Street, Wheaton. Please enter the society from Main Street; the parking lot is located on the west side of the building. There is no paved path to the labyrinth, so we will walk through the grass. Upon entering, you will find the Mother Mary statue on your left and the community garden on your right.

Please bring insect repellent and sunscreen, and prepare for a memorable walk. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com or text/call (630) 701-5672. There is no charge for this event, but please register so we do not start without you. You may use the [Google form](#), or text, call, or email Betty with your name, email, phone number, and emergency contact information.

Find the flyer [HERE](#).



Community



A heartfelt thank you to every UW Faith unit and individuals who supported our recent Healthy Babies Drive. All your gifts of every kind will bless our kids and families. Thank you.

In addition, a special thank you to Paulette Myrie Hodge, UW Faith Chicago: Wesley UMC, who graciously helped to provide space for a grieving mother's event hosted by our Counseling Solutions team on May 17. Our Director of Clinical Services, Furrunnecia Newberry, said, "The connection made with the UMC on 95th was also very seamless and

helpful. They trusted us in their space, and they left us to our program. They were accessible to us when we needed their help! And I must say, as much as church/spirituality can be a sore topic in the clinical setting, I think the space actually created a sense of safety that I hadn't considered before."

Our Back to School Drive begins June 15th. A supply list will be ready and available upon request. I hope you will join me on Wednesday, August 6, for a Day of Celebration & Service.

I hope to see you at the 186th Annual Conference and Mission u!

Graces, Deaconess Catherine Inserra
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KIDS ABOVE ALL'S
BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKPACK DRIVE
JUNE 15 - AUGUST 20

MORE INFORMATION
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Kids Above All's
DAY OF CELEBRATION AND SERVICE

▲ **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

▲ **Better Life Distribution Center, 1801 E. Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL**

This event will host two shifts for assembling backpacks, an award ceremony, and a lunch at noon. Participants may choose to stay for one of the two shifts. The shifts are:

1. 10:00am - 1:00pm
2. 12:00pm - 2:30pm

RSVP BY THURSDAY, JULY 30

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SOCIAL ACTION and MISSION OUTREACH

Benefit Concert to Support Kids Above All

Central United Methodist Church

Concert review by Kathy Tiffin

On Friday, May 16, 2025, Central United Methodist Church hosted a fantastic concert that benefited Kids Above All. The weather outside was like something from "The Wizard of Oz" but the music inside was gentle, spiritually embracing, and comforting. Marvin Gayatgay, an international Philippine Madrigal Singers Alumnus, was our magical soloist.

Read the full review [HERE](#).

National

Dear Friends,

With hearts full of gratitude, we are thrilled to share the incredible news that, thanks to your efforts, we raised a total of \$553,826 for Day of Giving 2025! Not only did we surpass our goal of \$450,000, but together, we've raised even more to support women, children, and youth for generations to come.

Your passion and commitment as Legacy Team members have been nothing short of inspiring.

The latest balance for the Legacy Endowment Fund is \$49,169,311.

Thank you for your incredible contributions and for being a beacon of faith, love, and hope in this important mission. Together, we are building a future filled with promise and possibility.

Blessings,

UWFaith Legacy Endowment Fund Development Team: Suzanne, Kenya, Christi, Shannon, Julissa



Put Assembly 2026 on your calendar!

Come be transformed at Assembly 2026!
Visit UWFaith.org/Assembly to learn more!

United Women in Faith is excited to announce that the website for Assembly 2026 is now open! This year's Assembly, themed "Dream it! Believe it! Do it!" will take place in Indianapolis, May 15-17, 2026. Registration opens September 1, 2025.

What awaits you at this empowering event? Be nurtured by deep Soul Care experiences. Be equipped through cutting-edge workshops. Be inspired by top women experts in their field. Become influencers through networking connections. Make an impact through action for justice.

Now is the time to start promoting Assembly with your circles, friends, and neighbors. Marketing materials are available on the site to help members invite persons to register.

The more sisters we gather, the bigger we can Dream it! Believe it! Do it!

Tips for Writing and Speaking Our Name - United Women in Faith

TIPS for ... writing about churches ... for charts, registrations, directories ... our name

- Write church names with the location first... omit UMC
- If the church name includes the location name with UMC, then we simply write the location without the UMC. Example: Cary UMC would appear as Cary
- If there is more than one church in a location, then use a colon before the church identification. Example: Barrington UMC would appear as Barrington: Barrington, and Salem UMC would appear as Barrington: Salem
- Many UMC churches are First or Wesley. Their name would be location colon unique name. Example: First Church of Crystal Lake would appear Crystal Lake: First, and Wesley UMC in Chicago would be Chicago: Wesley
- Note that the annual directory for our Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church uses the formats above. You may have noticed this in registration forms. We are using this format in our own annual yearbook and directory. (It saves space.)

TIPS for ... writing our organization's name ...

- This is the order for writing our name to avoid confusing it with a district name...our organization...location (from largest to smallest, if more than one)...event or person... year United Women in Faith Northern Illinois Conference Prairie Central president Lois Lane
- UWFaith NIC leadership team 2025 UWFaith PC secretary Betty White
- United Women in Faith NIC Spiritual Growth Retreat 2025 at Park Ridge: First

Note there is no "of" or extra "in". Note there is no 3 letter abbreviation, please use UWFaith. The district abbreviation is only 2 letters: LN, LS, PC, PN, or PS.

Our National office recommends using our full name first in written documents. Then later in the text you could use UWFaith.

Happy writing! UWFaith NIC secretary, Lois Voss

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Submission deadline: 15th of the month

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