



United
Women
in Faith

INSIGHT

Northern Illinois Conference

September 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2025

06 --- NIC Leadership Team
09 --- Legacy Team Meeting
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

October 2025

03 --- PN District Leadership Team
09 --- PC District Leadership Team
20 --- LS District Leadership Team
20 --- PS District Leadership Team
25 --- NIC Conference Annual Celebration
25 --- NIC Leaders Training District Leaders
26 --- UWFaith Sunday at St. Mark UMC

November 2025

07 --- LN District Leadership Team
09 --- Korean UMW General Assembly at
Schaumburg: Salem
13 --- NIC Conference Leadership Planning
Meeting

For More Detailed Information and
Future Events:

[View the Google Calendar](#)

Two-Day Annual Celebration

Join us for this two-day event - Welcoming in person,
speaking to us for the first time, United Women in Faith
General Secretary and CEO, Sally Vonner.

Saturday, October 25, at Belvidere: First UMC at 9:00 a.m.
Program and lunch
Cost: \$15

Sunday, October 26, at Chicago: St. Mark UMC at 10:00
a.m.
Worship
Cost: free

Everyone needs to register for one or both days.

Find the registration form [HERE](#).



Korean Praise Night



We enjoyed a wonderful evening singing with our Korean sisters.

Photo submitted by Betty Erickson

Two Questions Answered About Our Name and Meetings

Have you ever wondered why United Methodist Women is still being used? What parts are needed at your annual business meetings? Find out how to use our name and create a historical record for your meetings [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](#).



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The General Board of Church and Society is dedicated to the work of living faith, seeking justice, and pursuing peace.

See current Action Alerts [HERE](#)

View the latest Faith in Action stories [HERE](#)

District News

Lake North District

United Women in Faith Lake North District

Annual Celebration

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Palatine: FUMC

123 North Plum Grove Road, Palatine

Flyer and paper registration [HERE](#)

Register online [HERE](#)

Lake South District

United Women in Faith Lake South District

Annual Celebration

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:00 a.m.

New Lenox: UMC

339 West Haven Avenue, New Lenox

Paper registration [HERE](#)

Register online [HERE](#)

Prairie Central District

In the Image of God: Caring for Others

is the theme of the United Women in Faith Prairie Central District Annual Celebration to be held on September 20 at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at Journey of Hope UMC, 37W040 Highland Ave., Elgin. Registration and morning snacks will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Our key note speaker is Rev. Wendy Hardin Hermann, Prairie Central District Superintendent. The morning will include a business meeting, memorial service, pledge service, and communion, followed by lunch. An offering will be collected for Mission Giving. A free-will offering will be accepted for morning refreshments and/or lunch.

There is no fee for this meeting but your registration will help us plan; please use the [paper form](#) or online via the [Google form](#). A light lunch (sandwiches) will be available for those who would like to stay for lunch. Find the pledge form for local units [HERE](#).

If you have names of women who have passed (since our meeting last September) to include in the memorial service, please email them to [Linda](#).



Our hearts are heavy... It is with great sadness that we share information about the passing of a faithful sister. Please remember her families in your prayers. Cindy Ewert was a member of First Church, Crystal Lake, where she served as the unit treasurer. She was serving her sixth year as our district treasurer. In June, after a fall, she was diagnosed with cancer and passed Aug. 4, 2025. We remember her constant smile, positive outlook, and willingness to take on any task. The smile grew wider during Zoom meetings when a grandchild arrived or climbed up into her lap. You may read more [HERE](#).

Prairie North District



Annual Celebration will be held September 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Court Street United Methodist Church, 215 N. Court Street, Rockford, Illinois.

See the flyer [HERE](#).
Registration form [HERE](#).

Prairie South District

Annual Celebration
Saturday, September 20, 2025
Rochelle United Methodist Church

709 4 th Ave.
Rochelle, IL 60178
8:30 A.M. – registration/light breakfast
9:00 A.M. Business Meeting

Program
Memorial

Cost: \$5 donation to the Midwest Mission collected at the event

Registration form [HERE](#).

Jurisdiction News

United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction is offering a scholarship to attend Assembly 2026. Find information [HERE](#).

Read the United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction July newsletter [HERE](#).

Community



2025 UVC Advocacy Focus:
YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

SEPTEMBER 18
10:00 a.m.

Naperville: Community United Methodist

Flyer and registration information [HERE](#)

Check out what other
conferences are doing.



Legacy Endowment

NIC Legacy Team = Irma Clark, Lois Moreland-Dean, Linda Osikowicz, and Marilyn Steenwyk

Many of you have requested information on the Legacy Endowment Fund.

As of June 30, 2025, the Legacy Endowment Fund is at \$50,469,466!

[We're blessed to be so close to our goal!

But, keep in mind, the fund is dependent on market fluctuations.]

National



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 2, 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!

In addition to registering for Assembly, you may also make hotel reservations! The NIC block of rooms will be at the JW Marriott Indianapolis, 10 South West St. There is a skywalk from the hotel to the Convention Center. The following is a booking link that goes directly to the United Women in Faith NIC block of rooms: <https://book.passkey.com/go/UWF2026NorthernIL> .

You may use this link to reserve your room or you may select the Northern Illinois Conference block from the "select attendee type" drop down menu on the United Women in Faith Assembly registration site. If you would prefer to book by phone, you may call 317-262-8191 8:30AM - 5PM EST, Monday through Friday and state you are with Northern Illinois Conference so you will be booked in our block. You will be required to provide your own credit card for guarantee at the time of booking. The rooms have two queen beds and the cost is \$199 per night. As a reminder, the deadline to book these rooms is December 1, 2025.

Questions, contact [Linda Osikowicz](#)

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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Globally:



Submission deadline: 15th of the month

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