



Upcoming District Events/News...

East Central District Book Club

Read the following books and join the discussion. The meeting is by zoom at 7 on the Second Tuesday of the month. Please register at [ECD Calendar of Events](#)

- ♦ **May** is Defiant: What the Women of Exodus Teach us about Freedom by Kelly Nikondeha

The 2024/25 reading program ends June 30. Scroll to Reading Program within this issue for more details.

How To Do Social Action in 2025!

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Virtual Zoom Meeting



Scroll to upcoming events or click here to Register or more information: [ECD Calendar of Events](#)

ECD Annual Meeting—Date Update

Saturday, October 18, ~~2025~~

Table of Contents

Page 1 Upcoming Events/News
 Page 2 President's Message
 Page 3 Secretary Message
 Page 4 Comm on Nominations
 Page 5 Upcoming Events
 Page 13 Reading Program
 Page 15 Unit News
 Page 19 Communications Notes

Links

UWF East Central District:

[Florida East Central District United Methodist Women](#)

UWF East Central District

Calendar of Events: [ECD Calendar of Events](#)

UWF Florida Conference: [Florida Conference UWFaith](#)

Leadership Team

Janet Blume, President

Paula Foley, Vice-President

Linda Welander, Secretary

Maryann Mueller, Treasurer

Dorothy Mathias, Program Resources

Gillian Wolfe, Chair, Committee on Nominations

Yvonne Lorah, Committee on Nominations

Diane Abresky, Communications



You don't have to be "Fine"

As I travel around the District and meet more of our sisters in Christ, The question I get asked most often is, "What should we be doing for Social Action? So, the District Leadership Team is going to present, "How to Do Social Action in 2025," on May 17, 2025 at 10:00 am until noon this will be held by zoom so that the event will be open to everyone without having to travel.

Note: We will also be offering our District Annual Meeting by Livestream for those unable to travel. No muffins, lunch or cookies by livestream but you can stay in your pajamas!

I know many of you are waiting for Mission U to open registration. Well, wait no more as Mission U registration is now open and there is still time to apply for a scholarship (May 15th is the scholarship deadline.) Scholarship Forms and Registration Forms are included in this issue. This years' service project is buying school supplies for the Wesley Center in Key West (a Florida Mission Institution). The East Central District has writing paper, colored tissue paper, & colored Construction Paper. So, if your unit would like to contribute to the Mission U service project, please send a check made out to ECD UWFaith to Maryann Mueller at 9000 US HWY 192, Lot #591, Clermont FL 34714. Please put Mission U Service project in the Memo Line.

Thanks to Gillian Wolfe and Dottie Mathias, we were able to get a license, from the National Office to show the documentary film, "PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School". This documentary is on point with one of our justice ministries to Break the School to prison pipeline and disproportionately affects all girls of color. More details will be out soon but mark the date on your calendar, Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 10:30 am At Broadway UM in Orlando.

We were asked to change the date of our District Annual Meeting because the original date was in conflict with another event being held by the East Central District UMC. Our new District Annual Meeting date is October 18th at Asbury UM Church and It will be livestreamed. Please change the date on your calendars.

A friend of mine recently went through a challenging time, and as several of us gathered around her to offer support, she kept saying, "I'm not allowed to be broken." How many of us have felt that way? I certainly have! I try very hard to be careful of what I say and do, and yet, somehow I manage to upset someone anyway. I feel like I should be better but I'm just a human. Many of us feel that if we need help, we're a burden. But it should be the opposite, In the kingdom of God, it is more of a blessing to give than receive. So do not deprive your Sisters in Christ and those around you of those benefits just because you are afraid of what they may think of you.

Janet

God, you tell us that we don't have to do life alone.
It can be hard to admit that we need help
But doing so isn't ever weakness; it's an act of bravery.
Give us the courage to say, "I'm not okay"
And to listen with grace and compassion
When others say the same to us. Because of you
None of us need to have life altogether;
We only need to remember we're better together.
—Psalm 107:6



United
Women
in Faith

Message from the Secretary...

Happy Spring to everyone! It was very nice to meet some of you at the Mission Study. The Lakeside UM-Sanford unit was the perfect host for our event. Did you know they are now in the center of our district?

I have one request before you all break for the summer. *It's time to brag about your unit!* All unit presidents and secretaries should receive an email from me in the next few days asking for your information for our booklet at the East Central District Annual Meeting in **October**. I will include the forms for Mission Today, Mission Study, and Charter for Racial Justice Certificate. Remember, this is all information for the year **2024**, so you should have all of this information.

If your unit does not receive this email, please let me know and I will send one to you. I can also send a paper copy if your unit needs one. Please return them to me by August 1. You can either take a picture and email the form to me or send it in the mail. My information is:

Lindawelander.umw@gmail.com

Linda Welander
498 W. Lakeshore Dr.
Clermont, FL 34711
(712-480-2966)

I hope to hear from you soon as well as meet you at Mission U in July!



ECD UWFaith News

At one of our recent meetings, we received a request to participate in the 45th Annual Wonder Walk-Run to benefit Cornerstone Ministries One of the Florida Mission Institutions UWFaith supports. It is a day where teams would walk to raise funds to support scholarships for children to attend NextGen Summer Program.



The team determined there wasn't enough time to coordinate a district-wide event and voted to help by making a donation. Below is the email we received and although they raised enough funds to send 33 gap scholarships, they are 14 short of the goal.

Please take a moment to read the email below and perhaps an opportunity to assist as well.

*Thanks to you and our dedicated team coordinators, we're thrilled to share the event raised enough to fund **33 gap scholarships** for children at Rosa Valdez Learning Centers! What a fantastic achievement, we simply couldn't do this without you —thank you!*

*We are, however, **14 gap scholarships short** of our goal. This means 14 children who currently count on our support will not have scholarships until we raise the funds. With summer only weeks away, we will have **45 additional children** between both of our locations for our NextGen summer program. This means we will be busy reaching out to everyone we know to raise the rest of the funds needed before summer begins in just 7 weeks! Please consider sharing our ongoing need for scholarships with your networks.*

Here is how you can help: If you know someone who was unable to participate in the Wonder Walk event, and may be in a position to give, please share this need with them. Those interested in helping can help in one of two ways:

1. You can make a one time gift by donating through their website and directing their support to Wonder Walk 2025 at [Donate — CORNERSTONE](#) or
2. If you are able to give a monthly gift (that will count 12x between now and next years Wonder Walk) they can join our "**Sponsor a Child**" campaign by sponsoring a child for a **year, six months, a quarter or even a month** with a monthly gift of as little as \$20.83! They can do this by clicking here: [Sponsor a Child — CORNERSTONE](#). These will also be designated towards our Wonder Walk 2025 goal!

Your support continues to make a lasting impact in the lives of the children we serve. Together, we can reach our goal and ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive this summer and in the months between then and next year's Wonder Walk!

Thank you, and many Blessings,
Michelle Bellagamba
Director, Community Engagement & Support

Cathy Stone
Executive Director

Calendar of Events



United
Women
in Faith

2025 Calendar of Events East Central District

| | |
|---|---|
| February 1, 2025 | Officer Training for Unit Officers Virtual on Zoom |
| March 15, 2025 | Haitian Convocation El Shadai / Wesley UMC-Fort Myers FL |
| March 22, 2025 | Mission Study Lakeside UMC, Sanford, FL |
| March 23, 2025 | UW Faith Day of Giving On-Line |
| April 13-18, 2025 | Child Advocacy Week State House Tallahassee FL |
| May 17, 2025 | How To Do Social Action in 2025 Virtual Zoom Event |
| June 5-7, 2025 | Florida Annual Conference Florida Southern College, Lakeland FL |
| July 18-20, 2025 | Mission U Westin North Orlando, Lake Mary, FL |
| July 23, 25, 30 & August 1, 2025 | Mission U Virtual Virtual Zoom Event |
| October 18, 2025 | District Annual Meeting Asbury UM-Maitland |
| November 8, 2025 | Conference Annual Meeting First United Methodist Church, Lakeland, FL |

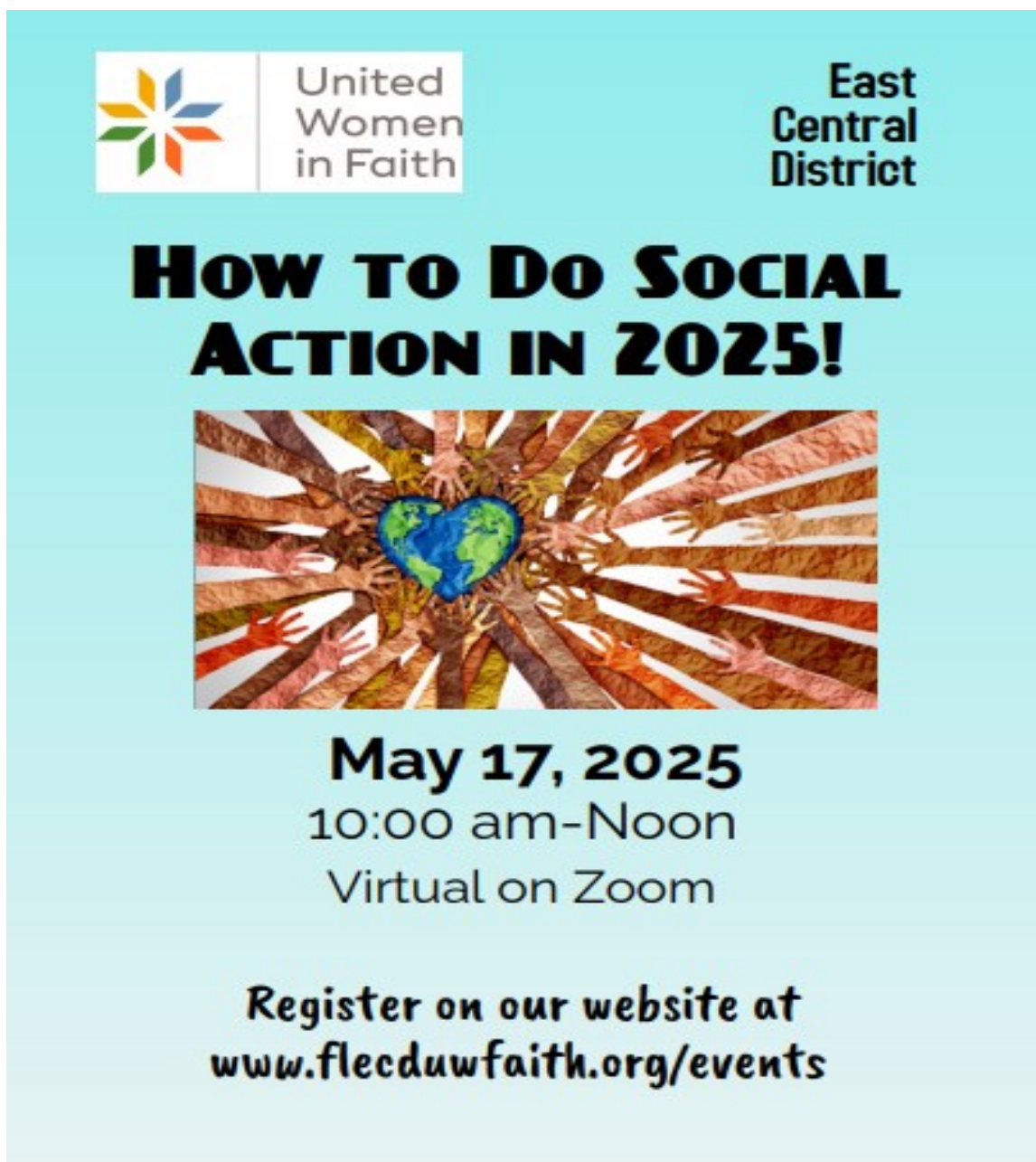
There is more detailed information on our website at **UWF East Central District**
Calendar of Events: [ECD Calendar of Events](#)


How To Do Social Action in 2025

Have you wanted to learn more about Social Action and what we should be doing for Social Action. If so, this event is for you.

We will be looking at how to contact your legislators. What we should be doing for Social Action. Sometime writing a check helps but at other times, we need to be the hands and feet of Jesus and get dirty to help. We will look at both of these opportunities and how we as United Women in Faith can help. If you have great ideas, please join our discussion and help each other learn ways to help! There will be breakout rooms to share ideas in a small group and we will have door prizes (with duck races)!!


Register at [ECD Calendar/Events](#)



 United Women in Faith

East Central District

HOW TO DO SOCIAL ACTION IN 2025!



May 17, 2025
10:00 am-Noon
Virtual on Zoom

Register on our website at www.flecduwfaith.org/events

Buckets of Hope Challenge

FLUMC GOAL: 50% of Churches + 5,000 Flood Buckets = Bucket the Bishop!

Churches Who Make the Most Buckets in their Category can *Bucket the Bishop* at Annual Conference 2026



"I hope every congregation will create Buckets of Hope, take Disaster Recovery training, and stand ready as the next hurricane season approaches." -Bishop Tom Berlin

Church Categories (Average Worship Attendance)

1. Very small – 0-51
2. Small – 51-100
3. Medium – 101-250
4. Medium-Large – 251-350
5. Large – 351-500
6. Very Large – 501-750
7. Mega – 751-1500
8. Mega+ - 1501

All Churches Who Participate are Entered to Win a Prize Basket



Jim Cantore, Hurricane Lili. Photo Credit: Rodney Ho



"We Took the Buckets of Hope Challenge!"

When extreme weather strikes, weather reporters dressed in raincoats are there to face the storms on camera. Likewise, your leader can dress in their favorite weather gear to protect themselves from the oncoming bucketing after you reach your goal. You can capture it all on video to raise awareness about the need for hurricane preparation and how the FLUMC is helping our neighbors after extreme weather events. Help us meet our goal of 5,000 buckets made and stored around our conference this hurricane season.

Take the #FLUMC Bucket Challenge

Email photos and videos to Cara Fleischer at Cares4Creation@gmail.com to share on FLUMC social media and to qualify for the prize contest.

FLUMC Buckets of Hope Challenge

Join the Kick-Off at the Pop-Up Party on 6/4/2025 at AC!



FLUMC CHURCHES ARE RISING TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF EXTREME WEATHER IN FLORIDA

Take the #FLUMC Bucket Challenge



1

PLEDGE TO MAKE FLOOD BUCKETS

Organize a flood bucket mission project at your church to help restock the 5,000 buckets the FLUMC needs to be prepared for hurricane season.

2

EDUCATE

Attend monthly webinars to learn more about extreme weather topics including Hurricane Preparation, Eco-Theology, [Disaster Recovery Training](#), and more.

3

SUSTAINABILITY

Follow the How-To Guide to make small and large changes at your church to reduce your impact on the earth. [Start a Creation Care Team](#) to implement the ideas.

4

CELEBRATE AND SPREAD THE WORD

Once you reach your flood bucket goal, celebrate by "bucketing" your leader! Video it and spread the excitement on social media and in your community.



SOCIAL MEDIA



The Florida Conference of
The United Methodist Church
CREATION CARE MISSION

Interested? Register to receive an emailed information packet with all the details to share with your church.

REGISTER NOW



<https://www.flumc.org/buckets-of-hope-challenge>



2025 Calendar of Events

UWFaith Florida Conference

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| January 17 | Program Committee | Zoom |
| January 20 | Leadership Team meeting | Zoom |
| February | Finance Committee | Zoom |
| March 14 | Program Committee | Zoom |
| March 15 | Haitian Convocation | El Shaddai/Wesley UMC |
| March 17 | Leadership Team meeting | Zoom |
| March 23 | United Women in Faith "Day of Giving" | |
| April 14-18 | Children's Advocacy week | Tallahassee |
| April | Racial Justice Committee | Zoom |
| May 16 | Program Committee | Zoom |
| May 19 | Leadership Team meeting | Zoom |
| June 5-7 | Florida Annual Conference | Lakeland |
| July 18 | Program Committee | Zoom |
| July 21 | Leadership Team meeting | Zoom |
| July 18-20 | Mission u | Westin, Lake Mary |
| July 22, 24, 29, & Aug31 | Virtual Mission u | Zoom |
| August 2 | Finance Committee/Budget approval | Zoom |
| August 6 | Mission u Committee | Zoom |
| September 12 | Program Committee | Zoom |
| September 15 | Leadership Team meeting | Zoom |
| September | Social Action/Racial Justice event | Zoom |
| October | Racial Justice Committee | Zoom |
| November 8 | UWF Conference Annual Meeting | [tbd] |
| November 14 | Program Committee | Zoom |
| November 17 | Leadership Team meeting | Zoom |
| December | Advent event | Zoom |

2026

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| January | Leadership Development/Goals Setting | [tbd] |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Florida Conference Upcoming Event



FL CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MISSION U 2025

In person: Friday, July 18 – Sunday, July 20, 2025

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North hotel

2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746

Virtual: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 22nd, 24th, 29th, & 31st, 2025; 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Place these dates on your calendars and be watching for more information in your email inboxes and on the conference website.

Adult Study: “Practicing Hope” is a biblical curriculum that invites us to explore hope as a daily practice. Its purpose is to allow all of our communities to cultivate hope that is honest about our current conditions, hope that is restorative when everything feels urgent, and hope that is possible even when we transgress.

Youth Study: “Communities of the Spirit: Living into Hope as Resurrection People” focuses on doing more than simply having hope. This curriculum is about living into hope, and invites youth to consider what they need in a community to help them be committed to actions that transform the world into the kin-dom they anticipate.

Children’s Study: “Hope As Resurrection People” intends to help children build trust in Jesus’ resurrection and in coming together in mutual support and fellowship. By reflecting on various parts of their lives, children will create a “Tree of Hope” to help recognize that as their hope grows in Jesus, they can build communal hope and be the change our world needs today.

Scholarships are available. The Scholarship application is already posted on the Conference UWFaith website: <https://flconfuwf.org/2025-mission-u> **Apply Today!**



FL Conference United Women in Faith 2025 Mission u REGISTRATION FOR MISSION U IS OPEN!

To register, visit the FL Conference UWFaith website at [Florida Conference UWFaith](#)

Or register directly by clicking on this link:

[Click here to register for In-Person or Virtual Mission u](#)

Adult Study: "Practicing Hope"

Youth Study: "Communities of the Spirit: Living into Hope as Resurrection People"

Children's Study: "Hope As Resurrection People"

In-Person Mission u: Friday, July 18—Sunday, July 20, 2025

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North hotel

2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746

In-Person Mission u Fee: Adults: \$150; Youth ages 11-17: \$100; Children ages 10 and under: \$80

Registration deadline for In-Person Mission u is Friday, June 20, 2025

Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships is available for In-Person Mission u. The Scholarship Application can be found at [Florida Conference UWFaith](#) **Completed applications must be received by Thursday, May 15th.**

Hotel room reservations must be made separately, directly with the Westin Lake Mary.

Special rate: \$128/night, single or double. Hotel reservation deadline is Friday, June 27, 2025.

To reserve your hotel room, click on this link:

[Link to Book you room direct at a Group Rate for Mission u 2025](#)

Virtual Mission u via Zoom: Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 22, 24, 29, & 31; 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Registration deadline for Virtual Mission u is Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Virtual Mission u Fees: Individual: \$25

Group of 3-5 together in one location on one device: \$75

Group of 6-10 together in one location on one device \$100

Group of 11+ together in one location on one device: \$150

(If registering as a group, please identify a group leader who will register first, pay, and then receive a code. The leader must then share that code with each member of the group. Each member of the group must then use that code when registering individually in order for the group rate to be applied to their registration.)

FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWFaith)

2025 MISSION u SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: **May 15, 2025**

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North (Friday, July 18 – Sunday, July 20)

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____ UMC

District: _____ Name of Church _____ City: _____

Are you a member of United Women in Faith (UWFaith)? Yes _____ No: _____ If you are a UWFaith

District and/or Conference Officer, what is your position? _____ Will this be your first

time attending Mission u? Yes _____ No _____ Have you previously received a scholarship for Mission

u? Yes _____ No _____ If so, which year? _____ Ethnicity: _____

Age Group as of July 18, 2025 (check one):

11 & under _____ 13–17 _____ 18–30 _____ 31–45 _____ 46–60 _____ 61–75 _____ 76+ _____

Why do you want to attend Mission u?

Why are you applying for a Mission u scholarship?

Please read and sign the following statement:

If awarded a scholarship, I agree to:

a. register between June 1 - June 27 for the event, (*Note: Please do not register for Mission u until you have received notification from the Mission u Scholarship Committee regarding the status of your scholarship application. You will be notified by June 1, 2025.*)

b. attend the event, and

c. be available, if asked, to share my experience at the local, district, and/or conference level.

Signature: _____ Date _____

(Signature of parent/guardian if applicant is 17 or under)

Your scholarship application must be **received** by **May 15, 2025**.

Please email or mail your signed application to:

Donna Spear, Mission u Scholarship Committee Chair, 5107 N. Seminole Ave, Tampa, FL 33603
donnaspear.umw@gmail.com • Phone: 813-293-4281

2025 Mission u Adult Registration Form

FL Conference United Women In Faith

July 18-20, 2025 – In person

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North

2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746; Phone: (321) 249-8022

Please print legibly and fill out carefully and completely.

Completed registration form & check must be received by the Registrar by Friday, June 20, 2025.

(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rev.) Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ Name of Church: _____ City: _____

Do you hold an office in UWFaith? _____ If yes, please state the office and if it is for the unit, district, or conference: _____

Please check all that apply:

Male _____; Female _____ First-Time Attendee _____

Member of UWFaith _____ Attending College or University _____

Missionary _____; Deaconess _____ Clergy _____

Age _____; Ethnicity (Caribbean, African American, Hispanic, etc.) _____

To All Mission u Attendees: Your Mission u Committee has been asked to provide your name and contact information to the UWFaith national office so it can promote greater engagement and share about other UWFaith programs. The data provided would be your full name, address, phone number, email address, local church, and UWFaith District. If you **do not** wish to receive information about additional program opportunities from the national office of United Women in Faith and **do not** give your permission for the registrar to share this data with the national office, please initial here: _____.

Indicate your first and second choice for study group leader or check if you have no preference. We will do our best to put you in your preferred class, but sometimes it just isn't possible.

Ms. Jane Darling Rev. Denise Sawyer

Deaconess Ester Kim Dr. Judith Pierre-Okerson (class is taught in Haitian Creole)

Ms. Terry Fitzgerald

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

No Preference: _____

Emergency Information

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary needs: _____

=====

The 2025 Mission u study book is a combination of leader's guide and participant's guide. If you would like to preorder the book at the price of \$16, to be picked up at Mission u on July 18th, indicate below. Please include payment with your registration fee. No payments will be accepted at Mission u. If you want to receive a study book early, you will need to order it directly from the national office at: uwfaithresources.org

If you want to order a Mission u t-shirt, to be picked up at Mission u on July 18th, indicate the size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL below. Cost is \$15 each. Please include payment along with your registration fee. No payments will be accepted at Mission u.

=====

MAIL registration and a check for \$150 (\$165, if ordering a t-shirt; \$166, if ordering the study book) to:

Mozelle Thomas, Mission u Registrar, 655 Ridgehill Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065.

Contact her at tmozelle@aol.com if you have questions.

Make your check payable to Florida Conference United Women in Faith Mission u. You may abbreviate!

Fee Summary

Adult Registration Fee: \$150, payable when you submit this form.

Study Book: \$16, payable when you submit this form.

T-Shirt: \$15, payable when you submit this form. Size: _____

Please be aware that there is a separate charge for your hotel room. You will pay this directly to The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North (see link and phone number below).

A special rate of \$128.00 plus tax/night is being provided for both single and double rooms. This special rate also applies to one night prior to Mission u and one night after Mission u (July 17th & 20th), for those who would like an extended stay. The deadline for reserving hotel rooms is June 27, 2025. For hotel reservations at this special rate for Mission u, the following link must be used:

[Book your group rate for United Women in Faith "Mission U" 2025](#)

You may also book your hotel room group rate for Florida Conference United Women in Faith Mission u by calling the Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North hotel at 321-249-8036. To ensure that you receive the special rate, remember to tell them that you will be attending United Women in Faith's Mission u.

Florida Conference United Women In Faith
Mission u – July 18-20, 2025

Registration for Youth & Children

Please fill out carefully and completely, and print legibly.

Children and youth must share a room with their parent/guardian.

**Registration for the parent/guardian must be received at the same time as this form.
Completed registration form and payment must be received by Friday, June 20, 2025.**

Youth/Child Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ Name of Church: _____

Age (as of July 18, 2025) _____ Grade (as of Fall 2025) _____

Ethnicity: (Caribbean, African American, Hispanic, etc.) _____

All persons under the age of 18 will share a room with their parent/guardian. Up to 4 people can share a room. Most rooms will have two double beds. **Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel.**

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone for texting: _____

Physician Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary needs: _____

Is your child receiving any medical attention at this time? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Does your child have any special needs? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Liability and Medical Release: To be signed by parent/guardian.

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____
Print name of Parent/Guardian Print name of Youth/Child

to attend the Florida Conference United Women in Faith Mission u at The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North, July 18-20, 2025.

I am aware of the purpose of this event and understand the full scope and nature of the programs and activities my child will participate in. I agree that any photographs, videos, and/or other images taken of my child at this event may be used to promote Mission u. I understand that I cannot hold the Florida Conference staff or volunteer leadership responsible for any accident or injury which may occur while participating in this event. I also understand that if my youth/child becomes ill or injured during this event, I give permission for such diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be deemed necessary by qualified medical care providers, hospitals, or physicians to be taken.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Children/Youth Covenant

As a youth/child attending Mission u, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well-being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site of the event unless I have been given permission to leave by the Dean of Mission u.

I will attend all activities, sessions, and meals. I will observe scheduled curfews by being in my room at the appointed time and I will respect the rights of others.

I understand that anything considered illegal for minors (persons under 18) under civil and criminal law applies to this event as well. Therefore, I will not use tobacco, illegal substances or alcohol, nor will I possess any firearms, weapons or fireworks. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility which we share. Any damages to the facility will be the sole responsibility of the person or persons who caused the damage and the parent/guardian of each person responsible. I understand that the dress code is the same as the dress code in public schools and I will observe that code.

I also understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, my parent/guardian will be contacted and my participation in the event will be terminated.

Youth/Child signature (if over 5 years old)

Date

Fee Summary payable when you submit this form:
Youth ages 11-17: \$100.00; Children ages 10 and under: \$80.00

If you wish to order a t-shirt, circle the size: Adult only: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL
T-shirts are in adult sizes and will only be available with advanced order & payment. Cost is \$15.

No payments will be accepted at Mission u.

Mail completed Youth/Child registration form, along with Adult parent/guardian registration form and a check to the Mission u Registrar:

Mozelle Thomas, 655 Ridgehill Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065.
Contact her at tmozelle@aol.com if you have questions.

Make your check payable to Florida Conference United Women in Faith Mission u.
(You may abbreviate!)

Reading Program

UW Faith 2024—2025

Ideas to promote the United Women in Faith Reading Program.

Is your unit looking for a program for one of their meetings? How about highlighting the United Women in Faith Reading Program. You can explain the reading program, the five category of books, the different reading plans, the ways to get credit in each category and all of the books from past list that are eligible to be read. If you would like me to come and share this information about our wonderful United Women in Faith reading program, I would be glad to attend your meeting.

Here are some ideas you could do at the meeting:

Reading Program Café of Books— (Christ United Women in Faith in Leesburg calls this meeting the Reading Program Café of Books and has found it very successful getting more people to participate in the reading program) First, reserve books from your local library (either online or at the library). Remember the books can be from any of the reading list for the past 5 years. Try a variety, a few from each category, including the children and youth books and display the books by their category. Give time for everyone to browse the books and even begin reading. Include a card with each book, put on the date the book must be returned to and where to return it with your phone number to call if need to extend or need help returning. It is important to have your members sign out any book that they would like to take home to read. Keep a list of the names, their phone numbers and titles of the books that they borrowed. You can check on line that the books are returned. A few days before the due date contact anyone who has not returned the book to a library to remind them to do so, or see if they want it renewed.

Show a Faith Talks or Voices from the Field program. They count as credit in the reading program.

Book Report—Have a volunteer choose a book to read and talk about at the meeting. Have them share why they liked it and a highlight of the book. This also would be a good idea to include at every meeting.

Share an article from Response magazine—Encourage your members to subscribe to keep informed of all the mission work of United Women in Faith.

Reminder: The 2024/25 reading program ends June 30. Please email me the names of the people in your unit who have read and what reading plan they achieved. I must have this information no later than September 10, 2025, so certificates can be made and their names published in the East Central District Annual Meeting booklet.

Happy Reading,

Dottie Mathias,
East Central District Secretary of Program Resources
dottiemathias.umw@gmail.com

Reading Program

UW Faith 2024—2025

East Central District Book Club

Read the following books and join the discussion. The meeting is by zoom at 7 on the Second Tuesday of the month. You need to register at [ECD Calendar of Events](#)

May 13 Defiant: What women of Exodus Teach Us About Freedom by Kelly Nikondeha

Defiant explores how the Exodus Women summoned their courage, harnessed their intelligence, and gathered their resources to enact justice in many small ways. This book counts as Education for Mission credit for the reading program.

June 10 Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

She gives us her ingredients to building a beloved community with fierce love. A healing antidote to our divisive culture, full of evocative storytelling, spiritual wisdom, and psychological insight by the first female, Black senior minister at the historic Collegiate Churches of New York. This book counts as Leadership Development credit for the reading program.

July 8 Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart by Gordon Livingston

A collection of thirty things you need to know now based on his experience as a psychologist and a Vietnam veteran. This book counts as Leadership Development credit for the reading program.

Reminder: The 2024/25 reading program ends June 30. Please email me the names of the people in your unit who have read and what reading plan they achieved. I must have this information no later than September 10, 2025, so certificates can be made and their names published in the East Central District Annual Meeting booklet.

UW Faith Unit News

Sanlando First UMC UWFAITH Unit News

Spring Service Day

On March 29, Sanlando UWF members served a pasta dinner to residents of The Village (Impower) transitional housing program for youth and young adults. The residents appreciated the hot meal and leftovers. We also sent a volunteer crew to clean out the storage areas at The Village so they can have better access to donated household goods and clothing. In addition, 17 new laundry baskets were purchased for the residents with funds donated in our recent churchwide collection of sheets and towels. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to support this program working to prevent homelessness.

SUWF Spring Gathering: 'Bee-ing' Together in Fellowship & Outreach

More than 40 Sanlando United Women in Faith (SUWF) members and guests attended the Spring Gathering on April 5 in Fellowship Hall. New SUWF President Sharon Bryan welcomed everyone and encouraged us each day to live out the "Bee"-attitudes, the theme of our semi-annual event. After lunch, Keisha Thomas and Lilith Mong-Williams from The Sharing Center gave an update on the many services it provides local families in crisis, and warmly thanked us for our "ministry in motion" support. At this year's event, we stuffed more than 150 Easter bags full of small toys, wrapped candies, Easter blessing cards and stuffed animals for children from The Sharing Center. The very lively, fun activity was led by SUWF Vice President Mary Marra and enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful afternoon of living out many of the "Bee"-attitude lessons from our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Making of the Palm Crosses: A UWF Tradition

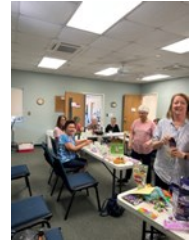
On Saturday, April 12, members of Sanlando UWF gathered in Fellowship Hall for the making of palm crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday morning. We had a wonderful morning folding palmetto leaves into crosses and socializing. Once just over 500 crosses were made, we enjoyed a delicious salad potluck together!



Asbury First UMC UWFAITH Unit News



Our Hannah Circle felt lead to make each teacher and each child from Asbury's Early Learning Center a special Easter gift. We blessed 11 teachers and 54 children, all while enjoying our Sisters in Christ.



Upcoming Event—Friday, May 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

Asbury Methodist is hosting a Mother Daughter Sister in Christ Banquet. Friday May 9 at 6pm. All Women are invited. Flower Cart (bouquet making), Photographer, Crepe making demo, and much more.

St. John's UMC UWFAITH Unit News

St. John's UWF Fieldtrip to Cornerstone Ministries in Tampa from Winter Haven

On Thursday, February 27th, nine women from our group visited the Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Center in Tampa. For many of our women, this was their first trip to Cornerstone Ministries. We saw infants through 4-year-olds. Some were napping in their room, some engaged in classroom activities, others were having lunch, and we played with children on the playground. We remarked what happy, joyful, polite, delightful children they were. It was a blessing for us to be there with them and the staff. We had a wonderful tour with staff member Michelle Bellagamba and an informative discussion with their director, Cathy Capo Stone. We were able to take a trunk load of supplies for them, especially diapers. As a result of our churchwide Crib Shower in the fall, the items were donated from both the church membership of St. John's UMC, as well as the Friendship Unit of UWF at the church. They were thankful and thrilled. The trip was truly a blessing, and we encourage everyone to visit their facilities.



Solid Rock UMC UWFAITH Unit News

On Saturday April 5, 2025 a few of the women here at Solid Rock UMC came together and made care baskets for our sick and shut in members. The baskets were filled with lovely treats.

A personal note was included to all the recipients, and the baskets were delivered the same day to them. It was such a blessing to us, that we were able to bless others.



Submitted by Pamela May (UWF President)
Contact information : 407- 721-5153

A Note From Your Communications Coordinator...

What is your unit doing to show LOVE IN ACTION?

Send in your article telling us how you are showing your Love in Action in 2024 so we can share it with others!

The Trumpet Sound will be published bimonthly (January, March, May, July, September, November)

Due date for upcoming articles for July Newsletter is June 15th.

Here are some ideas for articles:

- ◇ What is your unit doing to show Love in Action for women, children and youth?
- ◇ How is your unit serving in missions?
- ◇ Have you used the UWFaith Program Book for a unit event?
- ◇ Have you done a program on Call to Prayer and Self-Denial?
- ◇ How have you used the Daily Prayer Guide?
- ◇ What are your upcoming UWFaith events?

Please make sure the article is no more than three paragraphs. Also, send a couple pictures with your article.

Email your articles to dianeabresky.umw@gmail.com by June 15th. In the subject line add Trumpet Sound.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the above email.

Past Trumpet Sound Publications can be found on the website by following this link:

<https://flecduwfaith.org> under publications.

We invite you to view the website: <https://flecduwfaith.org> or visit us on Facebook Florida East Central District United Methodist Women | Facebook