

So here we are in a new year! They go by so fast! I have been busy visiting Units and attending District events. Last weekend several District Officers attended training at Warren-Willis Camp and Conference Center. We have a new Conference President (and other new Conference Officers) and our goals for the next two years will emphasize visiting not only existing units but United Methodist Church's that do not have units. As well as improving communication with units and all-access members in our area. We will also be sharing more about our organization and the ways we support women, children, and youth in newspapers and other media sources.

We will be having FREE training for unit officers on Zoom on February 7, 2026 from 10 am-Noon. There is a flyer on page 9 with information on how to register and get the zoom link. There is an updated calendar on pages 7-8 with all you need to know to attend and enjoy all of the upcoming events in the District and the Conference. The Haitian Convocation is being hosted this year in the East Central District. Everyone is invited to attend! I've heard it is an amazing event and I plan to attend this year. It will be hosted by Emmanuel Haitian (Orlando) at FUMC Winter Park on March 14. This year's mission study "Practicing Hope" will be held March 21 at FUMC Winter Garden. Updated information will be coming soon but mark it on your calendar now!

I would like to thank Asbury United Methodist Church for hosting our District Annual Meeting this year. We had 53 people in attendance and a great time was had by all. We all enjoyed the music from the youth band from Community of Faith UM Church and our "Laugh-in" Skit was enjoyed by all except our District Treasurer who injured herself during the skit and was in a boot for quite some time. Our hope is to see more of you at next year's meeting.

This will be my last year serving as your President. It is truly my honor to represent all of you but we will be needing some new District Officers this year as I will not be the only ones finishing my term. We will be happy to mentor you, train you, and assist you in any way we can to help you learn your duties, so if you have ever considered representing the District as an officer, please contact our Chair, Committee on Nominations, Gillian Wolfe at gillianwolfe@hotmail.com or if you see me out and about in the District, let me know and I will help you in any way I can!

I am saddened by the recent events in Minneapolis and I have contacted my members of Congress and the House of Representatives to voice my opinion. I encourage you to make your voice be heard and call your representatives and voice your opinion, whatever it is!

God created us for fellowship with Him, for togetherness with family and friends, and to have a place where we belong in a community of faith. The need to be committed to something greater than yourself was placed there by God Himself. That need is fulfilled through your security with Him. There is a group of women where you belong, where you love, encourage and accept one another, bear one

another's burdens and become attached to one another. Spend time with God and your sister's in United Women in Faith!

Janet

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to Him.
For He laid the earth's foundation on the seas and
built it on the ocean depths. –Psalm 24:1-2 NLT