# SKY LIGHTS

# News for the Mountain Sky United Women in Faith

Dear Friends,

I was very excited to attend my first Assembly in Orlando last month! The worship services were inspiring, and I was especially moved by Rev. Janet Wolf, our Theologian-in-Residence and by the hip-hop spoken word artist, Rev. YaNi Davis. Both of these speakers shared their truth in powerful and impactful ways that spoke to my heart about how important it is to tell our stories.

In my many years of UMW (now UWFaith) involvement, I have visited many local units and attended many district and conference events. I find that it is always the personal stories that inspire me to do more, learn more, and love more. My guess is that for many of you, it was a personal invitation or a personal story that encouraged you to become involved in this organization. That is what motivates us to continue working on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

The stories of our impact across the globe is what will keep United Women in Faith going strong for another 150 years. We have the power to be bold, audacious, and mighty as we

continue to fight for justice in all its many forms.

On a lighter note, I want to make sure that you know about our Virtual Breakfast/Pajama Party this year. It will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 8:30-10:00. We are so blessed that Rev. Margaret Gillikin will be our speaker! This will be a time of light-hearted fun and praise, a time to let go of our cares and worries and just laugh and be together as we celebrate our sisterhood. More information will be coming in e-blasts throughout the month, but make sure you get it on your calendar. There won't be any registration for this event. All you will have to do is click on the link and join us! Bring your breakfast or your morning tea and join us for a fun and faith-filled time together!

Finally, I pray that each of you will find some time this summer to get away and spend some time with God, some time to listen and wade in the pools of our Savior's love, and some time to dance in the showers of grace and peace!

Blessings, Linda Cockett President



Acting boldly, showing up, and making a difference begins with all of us.

Most of all, it begins with you.

#### **Turning it up! at Assembly 2022**

Sky Light

Sky Bright

#### **Event Dates**

- Breakfast-Virtual on
   Zoom-June 25 8:30-10 am
- Voices from the Field June 22 8:00 am
- Mission u July 13,20, 27 and Aug 3 on Zoom

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Jana Jones, Director

About a week ago about 2000 women gathered in person in Orlando, FL and another 1000 met virtually to celebrate our first Assembly as United Women in Faith. Two very long years of not meeting in person made this event especially special for those who were able to hug on each other. I have been in the role of Director for almost 2 years now and FINALLY was able to meet the women who have been on the other side of Zoom meetings and emails in person. And what I found was that they were exactly whom I have learned to love over the internet – my sisters in faith.

This Assembly was different for me in that I got to participate in what went on behind the scenes. I have to admit, I was more than a little tired by the end, but it was so worth it. I got to see the sisterhood that pulled together and stepped up to volunteer. I got to see the large number of people and the

immense work that had been done to write scripts, organize, plan, volunteer, rehearse, and finally to produce the amazing event that it was.

I saw 2000 women who came together to sing, to worship, to learn and act on their faith. I saw the consecration of 60 Deaconess and Home Missioners, who have committed their lives to ministries of love, justice and service, including 4 from our very own conference.

Together we learned about our new name, United Women in Faith and new brand. We learned that our structure is not changing, but that we are throwing open the doors to make new avenues for women to join our work. Faith, Action, Sisterhood. We were challenged to each find 2 women of faith to join our sisterhood.

Are you ready to <u>Turn It UP</u>? I think any of the 90+ women, from Mountain Sky Conference, who attended in-person or virtually would be happy to speak to you about what United Women in Faith is up to. And you can definitely contact me to speak at your District or local meetings, (at least via Zoom), at JL.jones@outlook.com.

There is great power in joining together to act upon our faith. We believe that love in action can change the world. Because it can.

Jana Jones, Director, United Women in Faith

Click <u>Here</u> to read all about Assembly from the National Office.

Or paste in search engine. https://uwfaith.org/blog/2022/ women-turn-it-up-at-assembly-2022/



Western Jurisdiction PAG members

## **LOVE IN ACTION**

June, 2022 – Here is a task that might make a difference!

If you are a supporter of Climate Justice, here are

Eight Easy Steps to contact your representatives in Congress:

https://uwfaith.org/what-we-do/serve-and-advocate/just-energy-4-all/

On your computer go to the site above.

Find the sentence under Action and click <u>Contact your elected leaders to advance climate justice and just energy for all In box #1, click <u>USE YOUR VOICE</u></u>

Fill in your title, name, etc. The site will look up your representatives to send the message.

Click SEND EMAIL

Go back to the original page

Click Ask elected officials to support clean air

In box #2 click <u>ACT FOR CLEAN AIR</u> (the website will use the name and address from your step 4 above Click SEND EMAIL



United Women in Faith Virtual Breakfast June 25, 2022 8:30—10 AM

Join us for a fun & uplifting time together

Margaret Gillikin, Guest Speaker

Wear your pajamas, bring your breakfast, or just your coffee and ZOOM with us.

Link will be emailed to all on the E-Beacon mailing list on June 19. Please share with all in your units and sisters who need a morning lift!



#### QUOTES FROM OUR SISTERS IN LEADERSHIP OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

#### Gathered from Virtual Attendance of Assembly in 2022 by Karen Bueno

Rev. Janet Wolf, United Women in Faith resident theologian spoke about our priority social issues, Climate Justice and Racial Justice:

- ♦ There is work to do.
- ♦ We are so close to an un-inhabitable climate.
- Some 44 years after the Charter for Racial Justice was written, too many churches are steeped in racism.

And we must lead the movement for hope, for justice, and through teaching. Let us pray for one another so we can all survive and work together. Stand with those who cannot get by. Challenge the way things are. Weep and mourn for the marginalized.

As United Women in Faith, we can lead the movement for hope and justice. Work together. Stand with those who cannot get by. Don't stand at a distance. Challenge the way things are when they are systems that are doing our sin for us. Weep and mourn for the marginalized.

Each person is created by God. All colors, genders and sexual orientations are tied together as created by the divine. God's vision is that all are loved. Be careful of mixing the categories of charity and justice. Charity may treat people as objects. Justice includes ministry with, not for, others. We are called to a movement of love, healing, and justice for God's vision of creation.

Harriet Jane Olson, our General Secretary, spoke about our faith to put love into action:

- ♦ Fight back against corruption to walk the path of Jesus
- Our words and action can bring the power of love to create a new heaven and earth.
- ♦ Let us change the ways we work and revive our hearts to show our faith.

Our hearts and touched and our souls enriched here at Assembly. Now the preparation for the United Women in Faith takes over! Here we are! What will the next five years, ten years, twenty years show through our connection of like-minded women? Faith is not what we struggle with, but Who We Are, Who God Has Called Us to Be!

Let's relate our actions to the news of the world. Make an impact by telling about our organization. Connect authentically with other women in a sisterhood where everyone belongs. Make a personal commitment to use your voice and your actions. Help to expand our sisterhood by having a fresh sense of who we are. Encourage inspiration, inclusion, and

communication. Become an example of God's abundant love and bountiful community, and work toward a flourishing world.

Our foremothers fought for representation, and now we have it! Once women were not ordained, but today many of our clergy and our bishops are women! We are in partnership with the Global Ministries of the United

Methodist Church. Now I ask each of you, our faithful members, to Be the Change! Join in commitment to stand with others so that all feel welcome. Make an impact to influence and inspire for love turned up into action!

'Ainise 'isama'u, our President of United Women in Faith, tells of Sisterhood, Faith, and Action

- We hold the future.
- ♦ We are inclusive of all women who are followers of Jesus
- ♦ Faith unites our core beliefs
- ♦ We can rejoice and have fun and celebrate together.
- ♦ Things will change as we inspire, impact, and influence others.
- ♦ We can get things done, fearlessly, both locally and globally.

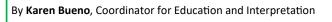
If we have faith like a seed of mustard, the mountain will move away. We value rich worship experiences that care for our minds, bodies, and spirit. We have followed the call of the Holy Spirit for the needs of women, children, and youth since 1869. Our organization has always been inclusive and has carried different organization names since it began.

There has been a cultural change for women, who now work full time as well as caring for children and for their parents. The option for national membership can welcome all. No matter how busy each of us are, we can use our energy and voice to training, engaging, soul care, local meetings, and resources nationwide.

Are you ready to get things done? We must show our faith with our actions around race, climate, and women's empowerment. Meanwhile, we continue to grant some five million dollars every year to grants for projects around the world, support of regional missionaries, and higher

education scholarships for young leaders from many nations! Along with that Mission Giving each year, we are planning for there to be a source of income for the administration of the United Women in Faith through the Legacy Fund that encourages your gifts.





## **Treasurer Tidbits**

Treasurers and Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation gathered at Assembly to share ideas and focus on mission giving. We reviewed how funds are donated through the five channels of giving – Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, World Thank Offering and Special Mission Recognition; designated funds for specific projects, Legacy Fund and the three new channels – Social Action and Justice Work; Spiritual Work and Nurturing Opportunities; Education and Leadership Development. And we were reminded of the importance of our National Mission Institutions impact on local communities.

We had the opportunity to meet some of the Regional Missionaries during Assembly. During small group discussions we explored ways to spread the word about our mission work and how to raise funds for that work. After all, United Women in Faith are all about missions. I am sure that there are great ideas in our local units and encourage everyone to share those ideas. Some that they mentioned include:

- Tailgate parties at sporting events. That could be for most any sport at every level. I remember being grateful for the concession stand but would have enjoyed more healthy foods.
- Cutest pet contest Have members contribute a photo of their pets. Place a
  jar next to each photo for donations-
- ♦ Lunch box auction for the church picnic.
- Trivia contest Set fees for entry fees for teams or individuals. Fun prizes for winners. This could be done virtually as well

One of the handouts we received outlined how every officer and member can promote fundraising for mission. For example, the Mission Coordinator for Social Action can help everyone understand that mission giving is what supports our



work on social issues. The Vice President plays a pivotal role in planning information about mission giving into every event. Each year our Conference has met or exceeded its Pledge to Mission due to the hard work and dedication of all of us. We can continue to do so in new and creative ways. We are capable, creative, hardworking women dedicated to showing our faith through action.

The question I hear frequently is: "Do we need to change our bank account?" The short answer is: "Yes, but not immediately" We will do this in steps. The first step is getting the Conference accounts changed and the name change listed with the Secretary of State for Colorado and Montana (Wyoming and Utah are okay with registrations in Colorado or Montana). Once I have that in order, the Districts will need to work with their banks. The final step will be the local units working with their banks. As we have learned with the last change of name, this will be different for each bank. We can only ask what will be required and then follow the instructions. Please have patience. There is no deadline for this project, and we will work through it together.

Blessings! Robin Ball



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## Mission u Happenings

Mission u--Summer 2022!
July 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 2022
Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom

action

faith

Online registration will become available soon. Those previously enrolled in Mission u studies will receive a link

sisterhood

Mission u Dean, Kathryn Witte, will be leading this study focusing on what it means to live in kin-ship.



when it becomes available.

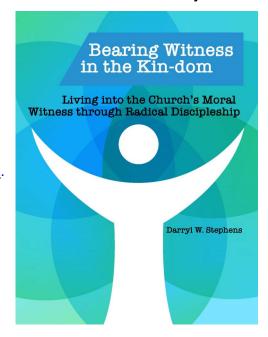
In Jesus' own words, he came to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free. What is the responsibility of the church to follow Christ's example in word and deed?

Society has always confronted the church with challenging issues where she has had to discern how God was calling her. The church's track record in these moments is far from perfect. This study is to help the church and its members discern our call and bear witness to the will of God for a more just world.

Participants are responsible for obtaining your study book, written by Darryl W. Stephens. "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom—Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship"

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## 2022 Mission u Zoom Event Registration Virtual Study: "Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom"

Sponsored by Mountain Sky Conference (MSC) Mission Team and MSC United Women in Faith (UWF)

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□ Utah/Western Colorado □ Western N	Mountains	□ Wyoming+1 □ Other
First-time Attendee? □ Yes □ No		Home Church and City or Town:
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	Study Lead	ler: Kathryn Witte
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July 13, 20, 27 & August 3, 2022		st's example in word and deed?
Watch for the study on Luke 13	-	always confronted the church with challenging e she has had to discern how God was calling her.

## **How to Register**

Written by Darryl W. Stephens

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Register online OR send this registration form to the Registrar.

Lora Fulton, 1710 Dogwood Court, Broomfield, CO 80020

For questions, call Lora at 303-439-2129

OR email mscumwregistrar@gmail.com

and other upcoming classes

offered later in 2022 & 2023.

You will receive a confirmation letter with more details about the event by email, including the Zoom link for the class sessions.

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THE VOICE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OF THE MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE

#### Blessings Experienced by an Old Person at Assembly 2022

#### By Glenna Kyker Brayton, Grand Junction, CO

Seeing friends and acquaintances from around the world is always a blessing for me. When two young women, one in her mid-teens and the other in her early 20's, came to me with big grins and outstretched arms, my trip to Assembly 2022 was blessed. When an Upper Room staff checked with the registrar to see if I were coming, my trip was blessed. When I sat with the Deaf community during the plenaries, I was blessed. When Emma Cantor, the regional missionary to Southeast Asia, said she was inspired by me to start a training program for young women in Myanmar [where I used to live], I was blessed and gave her seed money for the project. "Look for more information soon," she said. [I'll share it with y'all.]

The Rev. Dr. Janet Wolf, theologian in residence, was an outstanding speaker. She used anecdotes

from her experiences to invite us to respond to our individual calls to ministry. While talking to three women from the South, my call to ministry at my old age came to me. I can't share it publicly, but I'll let you know someday how it is working. The trigger from Dr. Janet was "I don't want your damn prayers! I want a job!" Ask a Mountain Sky delegate to share the context of her story. She was dynamic!

Director Daryl Junes-Joe, Navajo from Shiprock, New Mexico, introduced US Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who spoke from her office in

# What Can You Do?

- Host Conversations In Home Communities (Churches/Civic
- Annual Conference (Methodist Family) Resolution/Action Plan
- Native American Organizations Church and Non-Church Groups
  - Committees on Native American Ministries/Fellowships/NAIC/NACP
  - Tribal Communities, Grassroots Organizations
- Amplify Indigenous Led Movements Around Country and Globe
  - Welaunee Forest Atlanta
- Engage In Interfaith Dialogue Movements
- How do You Live?

Washington. She spoke of our moral responsibility to address climate change, environmental reform, and caring for the earth.

Another excellent speaker was Heather McTeer Toney, climate justice liaison for the Environmental Defense Fund and senior advisor to Moms Clean Air Force. She was funny and knowledgeable and dynamic. She invited us to "connect the dots between social justice and climate action...for we have an obligation to care for the places of others as if they were our own." (Reminds me of Rev. Calvin Hill's stories of healing the land. His belief is explained further in Robin Wall Kimmerer's Braiding Sweetgrass, 2013.)

Part of my reason for attending this Assembly was because this will be my last: I'm too old to travel and do all that walking. But there were women older and less able than I am! So if I'm still making sense and can find my way to the restrooms and my hotel room, I'll be in Indianapolis in 2026. In the meantime, I'll see you around here! Aho!



Bishop Karen Oliveto and Rev. Janet Wolf at Assembly 2022. Janet presented the Bible Study at Assembly. She is the Theologian in Residence. She is a dynamic speaker and educator. She is a pastor. She is inspiring and motivating. She is AMAZING!

Bishop Karen asked her to be the guest speaker at the Mountain Sky Annual Conference in 2023 and Janet said "Yes". So plan to attend Annual Conference in 2023 if you want to be totally awed by this wonderful woman.

#### response.



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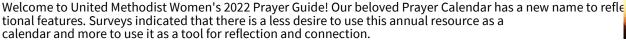
- Bible studies.
- Stories on people and projects supported by your Mission Giving.
- A chance to learn more about issues affecting women, children and youth.
- How United Methodist Women members can work together for a more just world.
- Regular columns from the general secretary and national president and stories from local members in "Bright Lights."

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ry of United Methodist Women with new and potential members and with leaders in your church and community committed to uplifiting women, children and youth.

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## Daily Prayer Guide 2022 Experiencing God — Finding Joy





Our hope is that you will encounter God and find joy through the stories and prayers provided here. God's love invites us into mission with our neighbors and this love has the power to transform the world.

The 2022 Prayer Guide is now available on the e-store!







## Voices From The Field: Ukraine

Watch this video to learn about Ukraine

https://youtu.be/-V-cCZC9wwc? list=PL2VGSklV9zE6u7wm5Yw8ZGEQ M3B7\_al0q

# Listening to Women from Liberia

Wednesday, June 22, 2022,

8:00 a.m. MT virtual via Zoom

#### Register here.

Join Finda Quiwa, United Women in Faith Regional Missionary, and the Liberian country team for an informative discussion of the work in Liberia.

United Women in Faith has had a long historical relationship with Liberia, a country emerging from 14 years of a brutal civil war. Once one of the fastest-growing African economies, the country is now among the poorest and least developed in West Africa.

The speakers will discuss the critical issues facing women in Liberia and share their current work and future programs needed to improve the lives of women and girls.

## A Message on Gun Violence from Harriett Jane Olson

Dear friends:

Despite the joy of so many of us being together at Assembly, these past several weeks have been filled with lament and sorrow. I seldom write to you directly about steps for action, but it feels to me like now might be the time to make an exception.

We have lost children and adults and family members to gun violence in recent weeks in mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas; Buffalo, New York; and most recently in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Of course, these precious individuals are not the first. Despite a long litany of mass shootings and the <u>nearly 19,384 individual shooting deaths</u> that occur across the country annually, our nation seems unable to generate the resolve to make a substantive response.

I want to suggest to you several things::

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## Trinity District UWF

#### **Trinity District Spiritual Retreat**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

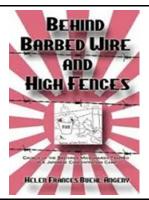
Limon UMC, Limon Colorado

On May 14<sup>th</sup> members of the Trinity District UWF joined in Limon for a Spiritual Retreat with 30 attending in person and 20 attending virtually. As part of the retreat, members of the Trinity District Leadership Team presented book commercials and briefly told about different books they had read.

Commercials included:

"Before We Were Yours" Frances Graves

"Fully Awake and Truly Alive Pat Blasi
"Tattoos of the Heart" Netté Smith
"Just Mercy" Judy Hill



Our guest speaker, Phyllis Hochstetler, is the daughter of Church of the Brethren missionaries Edward and Helen Angeny. Phyllis told us about her mother's book "Behind Barbed Wire and High Fences", which tells about the family's three-year captivity in a Japanese

concentration camp in the Philippines during WWII

Phyllis is retired after 31 years as school teacher including two years at a United Church of Christ mission school in the Truk Islands of

Micronesia. She resides in Colorado City, Co with her husband, Harry, of 54 years and they have three children and six grandchildren. Since retiring she volunteers with Brethren Disaster Ministries

The program also included a devotional by Denise Logan, a short video regarding the new name change, congregational hymns accompanied by Pat Perue and led by Denise Logan and Communion was served by Pastor Sarah Rettig. Tech crew included Pastor Major Rettig and Elise Rudolph. After the morning program was finished, the Limon UWF Ladies served lunch to the group.





"Fully Awake and Truly Alive"



Guest Speaker Phyllis Hochstetler



#### **Trinity District Celebrates Assembly**

May  $19^{th} - 22^{nd}$ 

Beaver Creek Youth Camp & Christian Retreat



On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> members of the Trinity District UWF Leadership Team met at Beaver Creek Youth Camp near South Fork, Colorado in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. Originally the team was scheduled to go to Angel Fire, NM, however, due to the wildfires in New Mexico, the team received an email stating that all reservations were being cancelled. (Please keep the victims as well as the firefighters and other first responding teams in your prayers.) Gene Haning, camp manager, graciously consented to allow the team at Beaver Creek on very short notice. While at Beaver Creek we helped with some clean up efforts to get the camp ready for campers as well as shared kitchen duties and cooking for the group.

Trinity District continued....

After the last of the virtual Assembly was over on Saturday evening, the group packed up and went to Alamosa. On Sunday morning, members gathered at the home of Frances Graves for the closing worship at Assembly, then met at the Alamosa UMC for services. Elise & Helen are members of the bell choir and the group listened to the bell choir's last performance until fall.



Elaine Allison, Glenda Holcomb, & Frances Graves washing windows at Beaver Creek



Members attending were Helen Taylor, Elaine Allison. Glenda Holcomb, Elise Rudolph, Frances Graves

# Our Sacred Space for Assembly 2022 at Beaver Creek

Submitted by
N. Elaine Allison,
Trinity District UWF President



## Action Alert: Send Postcards to Your Representatives

Join the #Post4thePlanet postcard campaign to tell our leaders that access to healthy air is an inherent human right!

United Women in Faith has been highlighting how unjust our current energy system is through the Just Energy for All campaign. The air from burning fossil fuels and woody biomass is making us sick and causes climate change. Those who suffer most in the U.S. are Black, Indigenous, Latino, Asian American, and low-wealth communities. Around the world, those least responsible are most affected. This is a health emergency. This is a climate emergency.

#### What can you do?

Print out our <u>postcards</u> and use the instructions to send them to your senators and governor. You can also organize a postcard writing party with your family, unit, or friends. We hope thousands of postcards will flood Congress and state governments throughout the summer. You can find the postcards and instructions here.



#### **Peaks Pikes Peak District**

## **A Day Together**

## Saturday, June 11, 2022 (via Zoom)

#### 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

Please plan to join us for <u>A Day Together</u>, brought to you by the <u>Peaks Pikes Peak District</u> of United Women in Faith. We'll begin the day with a quick catch-up with friends across the district, and announcements. We'll have a great presentation that will answer many questions about United Women in Faith and the New Wineskins outreach program developed by the national office.

Our spiritual growth focus for this meeting will be SOUL Care. Our presenter, Rev. Emily Kintzel from Niwot UMC, will offer us a variety of practices to nourish our soul, and restore our hearts and bodies to a positive balance, after these past strenuous years and months. We also will share Communion together and discuss our district's upcoming Annual Gathering, and the Annual Meeting for the Mountain Sky Conference of United Women in Faith.

We are hoping you will have a 'hybrid' Zoom meeting by gathering together as a unit at either your church or a sister's home. Or, if possible, perhaps a cluster of units could gather together at one church.

To register, please contact Laurel Kubin, our registrar, by Thursday, June 9, 2022, at

#### laurelkubin@gmail.com

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#### St. Paul's United Women in Faith Open House

On May 14<sup>th</sup> in Helena, Montana, the women of St. Paul's United Women in Faith held an Open House brunch. We invited all the women of the church and friends to pop in between 9 am and noon. Representatives from YWCA, Friendship Center and Food Share were there sharing about their organizations. (These are locals that we support). Gifts were brought for all agencies. Hands on mission project, Hygiene Bags for women's shelter, were assembled. Treats and mock Mimosas were enjoyed. Although, our turnout was lower than hoped for, we were excited to embrace a new way of meeting and opening our arms and doors to new faces. We will continue to strive to invite and include women from all over our community.











Mile High Metro District's Annual Meeting September 17, 2022

By Donna Parisi Vice President Mile High Metro District

Save the Date!

"You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love" are lyrics from one of the songs sung at the recent United Women in Faith Assembly. The focus of UWFaith going forward is on Faith, Action and Sisterhood. We'll find out more about that at our district annual meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at St. Andrew UMC in Highlands Ranch.

We are excited to welcome Jana Jones, member of the UWFaith Program Planning Group, as our featured speaker. Jana will be sharing information about the change to United Women in Faith. There are new options for membership, an updated Reading Program, changes to Mission u, a new website with updated information, and lots more!

What hasn't changed is that we are a faith-driven organization whose actions are making the world a better place.

Mark your calendar now for district annual meeting because "We believe love in action can change the world!"

Donna Parisi 720-480-4693

# TURN IT UP!

## Thoughts about Assembly:

**Tish Herries**: I was so happy to be able to attend virtually. They did a terrific job of including us! What I take away is that we need "to tell our stories," and that we "need a fresh sense of who we are." FAITH is our foundation and our future!

**Sabrina Thompson**: I loved my workshops. I learned about Bible journaling and I made positive inspirational notes to keep or give out. I liked learning about what is changing and what is staying the same with our name change. It was also great to see our bishop.

Claudia Davis: To be in a room of 2000 women, (and some men) and children so diverse in color, size, age, ability, and ethnicity and feel the love and sisterhood fills my soul and warms my heart. Just that experience is worth the time and expense. I encourage all to attend at least once.

I hope to never miss any in the future!

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