

November, 2023

Dear Sisters in Faith,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for your willingness to serve as a leader for your local unit. Since the onset of Covid, we have struggled. We had a better year in 2022 and most of us were able to resume meeting in person. We know "in-person" gives us a boost. Hopefully, our reports will indicate increased activity and some growth in active units in 2023. Unfortunately, we have lost many units in 2023 due to churches disaffiliating and units making the heart-breaking decisions to disaffiliate from UWFaith as well. The sad part is that those who lose the most are those who lose the benefits of our Mission Gifts.

I would like to ask you to complete your information for the year 2023 and report your officers for 2024. Membership for 2023 as of December 31, 2023 needs to be reported.

\*Please note that your membership report should reflect ALL members. Once a lady joins UMW/UWFaith, she is always a member until she either moves away, dies, or informs you (should be in writing) that she wants her name removed from your roll.

These forms are due by January 5, 2024. The best way to fill them out is to take them to a unit meeting and get your members to help you. They may remember some things your unit did that you have forgotten or some may have attended conference or district events that you did not even know they attended. As United Women in Faith, we are praying and trying to live out the Micah Mandate, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 is powerful!

Enclosed are copies of the pages for the Year-End Reports for 2023. I will also upload it to the [wncumw.org](http://wncumw.org) Appalachian District page as well as to our Appalachian District website, [www.appumw.com](http://www.appumw.com). I urge you to fill in these forms and send them electronically if you use internet. Remember to save copies for yourself. I am mailing these documents to those presidents and unit contacts for whom I do not have email addresses .

As president of the Appalachian District, I would like to thank you in advance for your responses. I cannot complete my required reports to the WNCC UWFaith Conference until I receive your reports. Please do fill these out. We had few of these reports returned last year. I know you ladies are doing outstanding mission and spiritual work in your units and I want to be able to share that in our Conference reports. If your church has disaffiliated with the United Methodist Church, we still urge you to keep your United Women in Faith Unit active and a part of our District UWFaith. You are wanted and welcomed! We are United Women in Faith! We show up! We take action! We get it done! We believe Love in Action Can Change the World!

May God wrap His loving arms around you and sustain you as we seek His will in our world. If I may be of service to you in the days ahead, please do not hesitate to call. You remain in my prayers. I wish you a Grateful Thanksgiving, a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Love, Joy and Peace,  
LindaLu

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United  
Women  
in Faith

Western North Carolina  
Appalachian District

Name of Local Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Forms to be completed by January 5, 2024:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Membership (VERY important)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Mission Today
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mission Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Justice Today
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Reading Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. 2024 Local Unit Officers (VERY important)

Please send for contact purposes and so they can  
Receive copies of the District Newsletter,  
"AppaLadies in Mission."

**Please return this sheet with your reports.**

Our Local Unit Purpose:

*United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

# 2023 Local Unit Membership Report

Below, please list the names of any UWFaith members who died in 2023:  
(Do not include those who have died in early 2024.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle Best)  
Unit President email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Number of members, active and inactive (as of 1/1/2023) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of NEW members added in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of members lost by death in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of members lost for other reasons \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Final number of members (as of 12/2023) Active \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person reporting this data (if not president): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position of person reporting the data (if not president): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone and email (if not president): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*See note on Introductory page 1.*

Please print clearly or type.

Please review and complete the information above regarding membership in your unit.

This form needs to be returned by January 5, 2024 to

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# 2023 Mission Today Report

## United Women in Faith Western North Carolina Conference

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_ District Appalachian  
Name of Person Reporting \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s) Include Area Code: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Items Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Check one: \_\_\_ Gold Unit \_\_\_ Silver Unit \_\_\_ Bronze Unit \_\_\_ Completed Some  
NEW IN 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023:

**Mission Today Gold – Complete 10 criteria: 6 with asterisks (\*) and 4 other.\*\***

**Mission Today Silver - Complete 8 criteria: 4 with asterisks (\*) and 4 other.\*\***

**Mission Today Bronze - Complete 6 criteria: 4 with asterisks (\*) and 2 other.\*\***

\*\*Note: "Other" may also include items with asterisks (\*).

Report activities conducted between January 1-December 31, 2023; Mission Today units will be recognized at Annual Celebrations in 2024.

Please check all the activities your unit completed in 2023 and return this form to your **District President**.

**Putting an "x" in the blank next to a criteria states that your unit HAS COMPLETED that particular criteria in 2023.**

**If unsure of your giving, you may contact your District Treasurer who has these records on file.**

**Put "x" in blank in front of number of criteria completed in 2023:**

### CRITERIA:

- \_\_\_ \*1. The Unit will make a Pledge to Mission.
- \_\_\_ \*2. The unit will use the Prayer Guide at each general meeting or circle meeting of the unit to pray for persons in mission and our mission work with women, children and youth. A new Prayer Guide is printed each year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \_\_\_ \*3. The unit will use at least two programs from the Program Resource Book during the year. A new Program Resource Book is printed every year and may be ordered from the Mission Resource Center.
- \_\_\_ \*4. The unit or circle will conduct or participate in at least one mission study each year. Contact your district or conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation to learn what the studies are for each year. (If members of your unit attend the conference Mission u or your District Mission Study and your unit takes an action growing out of the study, Gift to Mission, ministry related to the study, etc., your unit will meet this criteria.)
- \_\_\_ \*5. The unit will have at least two members subscribing to *response* (1 member subscribing with units less than 15 members; Local unit subscription may count as one.) Order information is printed at bottom of page 2. \$24.00 for a one-year print subscription (includes digital subscription); \$20 for a one-year digital only subscription.
- \_\_\_ \*6. The unit will implement the Charter for Racial Justice in at least two ways during the year. Possibilities are:
- Have members read and discuss books and articles about other races and cultures;
  - Sponsor or attend an interethnic event between two or more units;
  - Intentionally recruit women of other ethnic groups to be members and officers of the unit;
  - Use the Resources for Racial Justice Available on our conference website on the "Downloads Available" page under "Mission Resources."
  - Write to elected representatives to support legislation affecting issues such as immigration, affirmative action, low-income programs, civil rights, etc.
- If you are a "Justice Today" unit, you have met this criteria. See "Downloads Available" on conference website.
- \_\_\_ \*7. The unit will have a program and/or complete an action addressing one of the Issue Priorities for 2021-2024. These are 1. Climate Justice; and 2. Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration. You may find information at [www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org)
- \_\_\_ \*8. The unit will add at least two new members (one member for units with less than 15 members) to its roll.

- \_\_\_ \*9. The unit will have one program from the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020. Available at [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com) for \$2.59 plus tax and shipping. A newer version is not yet available.
- \_\_\_ \*10. The unit will contribute to all Five Channels of Mission Giving.
- \_\_\_ \*11. The UMW Purpose will be recited at each general and/or circle meeting.
- \_\_\_ \*12. The unit will contribute \$186.90 or more to the Legacy Fund.
- \_\_\_ 13. At least one member of the unit will attend Mission u and report back to the unit on classes and events they experienced. Virtual participation qualifies as attending.
- \_\_\_ 14. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend the district or conference Annual Celebration and report back to the unit about the event and what they experienced. Virtual participation qualifies.
- \_\_\_ 15. The unit will have at least one person joining the United Methodist Women's Action Network to receive and respond to legislative information at least three (3) times a year. To join, contact [socialaction@uwfaith.org](mailto:socialaction@uwfaith.org). Attach the issue and action that was taken to Mission Today report.
- \_\_\_ 16. Members will correspond with five persons listed in the Prayer Guide at least once a year.
- \_\_\_ 17. The unit will co-sponsor, with the local church, a Children's Sabbath. (This is a worship service highlighting the needs of children.) Children's Sabbath materials are on our national website: [www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org) Type "Children's Sabbath" in the search box.
- \_\_\_ 18. Each unit or circle meeting will include a "**response** Moment" where an item from **response** magazine will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.
- \_\_\_ 19. The unit will sponsor one teen member (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman member (ages 18 to 39) to at least one conference event during the year.
- \_\_\_ 20. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will attend a district Prayer Breakfast, district Day Apart, conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, or any other special district or conference event other than Ubuntu Day. Virtual participation in any of these events qualify as attending.
- \_\_\_ 21. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will participate in an Ubuntu Day Event. Units may develop their own UBUNTU event in their communities. If checked, explain what you did at bottom of page.
- \_\_\_ 22. At least two members (one member for units with less than 15 members) will complete Plan 1 of the Reading Program and give a report to the unit on one of the books read. Type "Reading Program" in search box on website.
- \_\_\_ 23. The unit will invite a district or conference officer, other than a member of the unit, to one of the unit meetings during the year and/or for their United Methodist Women's Sunday. May be Virtual. Qualifies as a Local Unit Visit (LUV).
- \_\_\_ 24. The unit will add one new teen (ages 12 to 17) and/or one young woman (ages 18 to 39) circle during the year, or one new teen member (ages 12 to 17) or one new young woman member (ages 18 to 39) during the year.
- \_\_\_ 25. 100% of the unit's active members will make a gift of at least \$18.69 to the Legacy Fund.
- \_\_\_ 26. The 2023 Conference Financial Goal is: Each local unit increase their Mission Giving through the World Thank Offering channel by 10%
- \_\_\_ 27. Each unit will be responsible for supporting at least one local mission project and participate in one Conference Hands-on Mission Project during the year. The local project should be listed on this Mission Today report.

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**List Local Project(s) here: You may attach an additional page if necessary.**  
**Please report value of project donations to your District Mission Education and Interpretation Coordinator.**

# Appalachian District United Women in Faith

## 2023 Mission Study Report

Local Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Report Completed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (best number) \_\_\_\_\_  
Office in UWF \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not know whether any of your members attended, please ask them.

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### Mission u - in-person, Hickory, NC

Name of Study

Living the Kin-dom; Exploring the Lord's Prayer	# Attended	# Days
	_____	2

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### District Mission Study - in-person, North Wilkesboro UMC

Name of Study

Who Can We Be Together, Biblical Exploration of Luke 13

# Attended	# Hours
_____	4

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### (Local) Sub-Groups, Circles, Fellowship Reports \*

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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### Children or Youth Mission Study Report\*

Name of study	# Attended	#Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\*Remember that to count as a Mission Study and to receive a Certificate of Recognition, programs must be National Mission Study Topics and be a minimum of 4 hours.



Appalachian District United Methodist Women  
2023 JUSTICE TODAY REPORT  
(Charter for Racial Justice)

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Status**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Unit having completed 6 or more of the following action
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Unit having completed 4 or more of the following actions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Unit having completed 2 or more of the following actions

**Unit Programming**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Devoted a meeting to studying and discussing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Used a program on racial justice/human rights from the UMW Program Book and/or "Resources for Racial Justice : Tools for UMW Leaders" handbook
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participated in a bible study on racism
- \_\_\_\_\_ Watched the video "Charter for Racial Justice", copy available in each District. (study guide available)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gave a book report on a Reading Program book selected from the Social Action area
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invited an International guest to come and speak about their home country
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regularly shared local newspaper articles relating to racism (both positive and negative)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regularly shared articles from response and New World Outlook relating to racism

**Unit Enrichment:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Displayed Charter for Racial Justice Polices AND lifted up at least one issue at each unit meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supplied each member with a copy of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Purchased and discussed two UMW Reading Program books about a different culture or written by someone of a different racial or ethnic background
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participated in a qualifying UMW Social Action Mission Study
- \_\_\_\_\_ Studied in-depth a particular issue relating to the Charter for Racial Justice Policies, i.e., racism, immigration rights, voting rights, racial/ethnic profiling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attended as a unit OR an individual gave a report to the unit about the experience of attendance to a music program, theatre performance by person(s) of a different culture, race or ethnic background

**Beyond the Local Unit:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gave a Special Mission Recognition pin to someone who works to promote racial justice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sent one (1) member to Mission U to take the social action study
- \_\_\_\_\_ Held a postcard writing party encouraging legislation favorable to the economically deprived or challenged
- \_\_\_\_\_ Experienced worship with a church of an ethnic background different from your own.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hosted an international tasting party, cultural fair or other event
- \_\_\_\_\_ Planned a worship experience for your unit or church with an emphasis on racial justice, i.e., UMW/UWF Sunday

# Appalachian District United Women in Faith

## 2023 Reading Program Report

Name of Local Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Unit Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (X) one

NAME OF PERSON READING	Participants Plan 1 5 Books	Participants Plan 2 10 Books	Participants Plan 3 15 Books	Participants Plan 4 20 Books	Participants CHILDREN
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					
20					
Total Number of Readers in Each Plan					

Faith Talks: You can also receive Reading Program credit for listening to the Faith Talks podcast. Listening to at least two episodes of Faith Talks counts as the equivalent of one book in the spiritual growth category.



# 2024 Local Unit Officers

## Appalachian District United Women in Faith

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

(include city and zip)

Church Mailing Address if  
Different \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Office	Name	Address (include Zip)	Home Phone Mobile Phone with Area Code	Email
<b>President</b>				
Pastor				
Vice President				
<b>Secretary</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>				
<b>Nominations Chair</b>				
Spiritual Growth				
Mission Education & Interpretation				
Social Action				
Membership Nurture & Outreach				
Secretary Program Resources				
Communications Coordinator				
Historian				
Parliamentarian				
Circle Chair				
Circle Chair				

Circle Chair				
Other				
Other				