
SOUTH EAST DISTRICT OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



News Brief

September 2024

OUR PURPOSE:

We are 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.

OUR MISSION:

To connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

We held our second annual Creation Care/Climate Justice Work Day at Carol City United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 15th. In spite of the rain, we had a full day of digging, planting, mulching, and pruning. Our District Superintendent and several members of the clergy in the South East District were there supporting us and working alongside UWFaith members and community partners. This is important work that is part of our UWFaith Climate Justice campaign.

The FL Conference UWFaith's 2024 Mission u was held in July with 140 people in attendance at the in-person event and 20 participating in virtual Mission u. We experienced inspiring curriculum and keynote presentations about drawing closer to God and "Living the Kingdom," while also enjoying a number of activities and the warmth of our sisterhood. There were many in attendance from the South East District, including those from the former Atlantic Central District who are now in the South East District. It was especially wonderful to meet together face to face and share with one another during the district gathering.

Mission u 2025: July 18-20, Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North hotel. Theme: "Hope as Resurrection People;" Adult study: "Practicing Hope." Begin setting aside a few dollars each week now in order to experience the coming blessing that is Mission u. Scholarships will also be available.

On August 31st, the SE District UWFaith held our second annual Soul Care Retreat at Miami Lakes UMC. With over 80 people present, we enjoyed

several stations focusing on chair yoga, aromatherapy, and walking the labyrinth, plus a keynote presentation on faith, resilience, and self-care.

Following the event, our speaker, Patricia Bryant, shared the following: "I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for the incredible opportunity to be the keynote speaker at your recent "Soul Care" event. It is my prayer that the insights we shared will continue to inspire and uplift each of you. I would love to stay connected and hear your thoughts on the event. Please feel free to share your feedback by leaving a Google review at this link: https://g.page/r/CRxo9VyT_sfNEBM/review. I also warmly invite you to visit my website at www.breakingbarriersasap.com, to learn more about the work we do at Breaking Down Barriers A.S.A.P. Coaching and Consulting."

“BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY” & SE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

The South East District UWFaith yearly “Building the Beloved Community” and Annual Meeting are Saturday, October 26th at Miramar United Methodist Church. This year’s theme is “The Beloved Community: One in Strength, One in Unity.” Our Vice President, H. Leigh Toney states, “Let us come together to honor the beauty and spirit that define us. Our faith is our foundation, and our unity is our strength. We invite young women to join us as we celebrate, connect, and build a vibrant community of United Women in Faith. Your voices and energy are essential to our journey!.... Don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate together!”

Program: 10:00 am; Check-in & light breakfast: 9:15 am; Lunch: 12 noon; Annual Meeting: 1:00 pm. Please watch your email inbox in the coming days for more information and registration details.

VOTING AT THE SOUTH EAST DISTRICT UWFAITH ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2024

During the Annual Meeting we will recognize the 2023 accomplishments of individuals and local units in our district, remember those members who passed in 2023, approve the 2025 budget, receive the 2025 calendar of events, and elect new district leaders for 2025-2026.

All members of United Women in Faith, whether through a local unit or as All Access members, who reside in the South East District are voting members of the South East District, therefore have voice and vote on the business conducted in the Annual Meeting.

In compliance with the Bylaws of United Women in Faith, the slate of nominees, which must be presented to the district at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting is below:

Slate of Nominees for 2025 - 2026

Nominee to be Confirmed, Haitian Outreach Coordinator: Tecmenda Ceus (St. John’s Haitian UMC)

Nominee to be Elected, Committee on Nominations Class of 2028: Geneta Codner (Miramar UMC)

[Nominations from the floor may be made by completing the attached form and submitting it prior to the Annual Meeting. The completed form must be received by October 24, 2024.]


Your District Needs You

If you or someone you know would like to respond to a call to serve on the South East District Leadership Team in the near future, please complete the talent card form below and return it to the Chair of the Committee on Nominations, Deborah Woolsey at debwoolsey15@gmail.com

Talent Card - I Have Talent - Tell me how to share it with United Women in Faith.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail and Mailing Address _____


Bishop Tom Berlin will be in attendance and speaking at the FL Conf. UWFaith Annual Meeting in Lakeland on November 9th. Go to www.flconfuwf.org for more information and to register.

South East District United Women in Faith Website: www.southeastdistrictuwfaith.org



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South East District of the Florida Conference Nominations from the Floor for the 2024 South East District Annual Meeting

The South East District United Women in Faith 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on October 26th at Miramar United Methodist Church. We will be electing leaders to the South East District Leadership Team for 2025-2026. Our Bylaws make provisions for nominations from the floor. Please use this form for nominations from the floor for the election of leaders to the 2025-2026 South East District Leadership Team. If you want to nominate more than one person, you must complete a separate form for each nominee.

All nominations from the floor must be mailed to the District President, Dr. Nora Hernandez Hendrix, 3898 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33126; or emailed to norahh51@hotmail.com. The completed form must be received by 11:59 p.m. on October 24, 2024.

If you have questions, contact Deborah Woolsey, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations by phone (561) 504-5713 or by email debwoolsey15@gmail.com

1. For which office is your nomination?

____ Haitian Outreach Coordinator ____ Committee on Nominations Class of 2028

2. Nominee's Contact Information

Name: _____

Local unit: _____ Email Address _____

Address: _____

3. Please enter the nominee's home, cell, and work numbers. If she does not have one, please enter "None."

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

4. Is the nominee a member of The United Methodist Church? Yes ____; No ____

If Yes: Local Church _____

If No: Previous local UMC affiliation: _____

Current religious affiliation: _____

"Only laywomen who are members of United Methodist churches or who were members of United Women in Faith on January 1, 2019, within the boundaries of the district may serve as elected leaders." 2021-2024 Bylaws Article III. Section 1.

5. Which title/prefix does the nominee prefer to use when being addressed?

- Ms.
- Mrs.
- Dr.
- Deaconess
- Other (please specify) _____

6. Please identify the age range of the nominee.

- 18-30 years
- 31-40 years
- 41-50 years
- 51-65 years
- 66-70 years
- 71 and over

7. Please identify the ethnicity/race of the nominee. Choose all that apply.

- African
- African-American or Black
- Asian-American or Asian
- Caribbean
- Caucasian or White
- Haitian
- Hispanic or Latina
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Please write in the nominee's preferred description: _____

Nominator Information - Please let us know who you are.

Nominator Contact Information: Name: _____

Local unit: _____ Local Church _____

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Did the nominee give you her consent for the nomination? Yes____; No ____