Cargill UWFaith Newsletter

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United Women in Faith

SPECIAL EDITION OF UWF NEWSLETTER FEATURING ASSEMBLY 2026 IMPRESSIONS

United Women in Faith Mission – The United Women in Faith seeks 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.

UWF Upcoming Calendar

July 11-Mission u Overview Day Saturday, 9:00 am—3:30 pm Hotel Mead, 451 East Grand Ave Wisconsin Rapids, WI
25-ECHO Community Meal (Sack Lunch) at 10:30 Set Up, 12:00Handout at St John's Lutheran

Aug. 24-Budget Meeting 2027, 5:30 in the Library, and Mission Team, 6:30 in the Library

As president of our local unit of United Women in Faith, I want to thank all the Cargill UWF members and friends for their time, energy, dedication and generous giving of money and support to our local unit. We paid our pledged amount to National UWF of $6000. We gave another $4600 to local charities that support women and children. Every year our treasurer, Dawn Geisler, carefully sets aside funds toward helping members attend Assembly which happens every four years. Please know that those monies were well spent. We all came back spirit-filled, inspired to do the work God wants us to do and filled with hope. The stories of women who have remained faithful to Love in Action were amazing. When you put that many women in one huge auditorium, the power of love is a force you can feel! In four more years, I hope we can send more than 8! We have ideas for programs, enthusiasm for our sisterhood and a renewed sense of God's work! ***At Assembly we were able to hear from women whose lives and communities have been helped by our gifts***. It was awesome. And we all felt the power of women coming together for a common purpose.

Janet Dow

CHRISTINE DEVINE SHARES

This assembly was not only inspirational, it was a chance to come together with the United Women of Faith Cargill UMC and bond. We had a great opportunity to hear not only great speakers such as Stacey Abrams and Elizabeth Eckford, but also to hear powerful words of wisdom from Reverend Stephanie York Arnold. The community gatherings gave me a chance to meet new people and hear different points of view along with building my knowledge base. The mornings and evenings were filled with music, scripture and lots of laughs through wonderful entertainment. We, as a group also got to relax by taking morning walks and enjoying the scenery as well as dining out. Overall a great few days spent in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Chris Devine

Diane Woodbury posed for a picture in the Assembly Experience Hall where she learned about the Endowment Fund for UWF.

Dear Sisters in Faith,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I pray this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the beauty, warmth, and blessings of the summer season.

As we find ourselves in the midst of summer, the Cargill UMC United Women in Faith unit continues to be the Sisterhood of Grace we all cherish. Our mission to improve the lives of women, children, and youth is an unwavering commitment that we have. With that missional commitment in mind, and with the many charitable organizations we support, from Echo to Northcott Neighborhood House to the Order of Deaconesses and Home Missioners, we are reminded that our continued financial support is necessary for those humanitarian groups to thrive and continue. Since shifting away from the Bazaar event, we are hopeful to meet our local, state and national financial contributions. Thank you for your previous financial support and for your future monetary gifts!

Finally, Diane Woodbury, Janet Dow, Briana Spors, Chris Devine, Barbara Eckerman, Deb Kline Tollefson, Richard Severing and I want to express our deep, heartfelt appreciation to the Cargill UMC United Women in Faith for financing five registrations to the United Women in Faith 2026 Assembly in Indianapolis, IN. The experience was so meaningful for all of us. As a Deaconess in the UMC, I profusely thank you for your continued support and promotion of the Order of DHM. God bless you all!

Peace and blessings to all of you,

Marie Severing, UMC Deaconess

Pat Spors from Asbury UMC joined Cargill UWF members Diane Woodbury, Barbara Eckerman and Deb Tollefson for breakfast at Assembly.

Barbara Eckerman attended a Climate Justice session. She hopes we can do more with this topic as it is part of our current Justice Campaign for the Quadrennium

Attending the United Women of Faith Assembly was a privilege and an experience that meant so much to me. The gathering of over three thousand women, clergy, lay leaders and advocates from across the country and around the world coming together was inspirational! We were encouraged to deepen our spiritual lives while engaging with issues of justice, leadership and mission. Through worship services, town hall meetings and workshops, we were invited to reflect on the question, "What is God calling us to do?

Our group had a great time together over evening meals. I met many new people and even met someone that was at Morningside College while I was there, and she now lives in the state of Washington. We hope to stay in contact.

With thanks, Barbara Eckerman

Action Opportunities from Social Action Day

Display Charter for Racial Justice at Cargill UMC

Click to hear our Rev Dr. Lydia Munoz, UMC Director of Hispanic Ministry

Organize a fundraiser for CILC (Atty. Grant Sovern) Community Immigration Law Center

Donate to https://vdlf.org/generaldonation, a grassroots immigrant rights organization

Question and Oppose 287g Agreements in Rock County

Register, research and vote in all elections!