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GREETINGS FROM THE 2021-2024 SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION LEADERSHIP TEAM!

In the pages of this newsletter, you are introduced to the women who answered a call uplifted in the planning of the 2020 South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. The theme for that meeting was "Calling u" and we are always and forever grateful for the work of the 2020 SCJ Leadership Team. We celebrate the members of that team and the flexibility and grace they exhibited with the challenges they faced as we missed gathering in Little Rock in March of 2020.

The 2024 Leadership Team has been busy making connections and building community with the organizations of the outstanding conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction. We are involved in planning for the 2024 Quadrennial Meeting, and we will keep you up to date with developments as they occur by newsletter and the website.

We are excited to share that the 2024 event will take place in St. Louis, Missouri from June 21st-23rd. The theme is "Get Together" and the scripture guiding our planning is John 13:34 *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

One main thing I want you to know about our purpose during the quadrennium is that this four-year period has a special program component for the work of the SCJ Leadership Team. We are dedicated to the plan to integrate racial justice work with conferences in our jurisdiction in advance of the 2024 gathering and to organize the jurisdiction meeting as a testament to the action called for in the Charter for Racial Justice. We intend to live out the Charter to support internal and external transformation at all levels of the organization. You will hear more about ways to be involved as we move forward.

Thank you for all you do, and we are excited to be joined in faith, sisterhood, and action for such a time as this. Love in action can change the world!

Blessings,
Ellen Lipsey
SCJ United Women in Faith President 2020-2024

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**President
Ellen Lipsey**

Ellen Lipsey is a lifelong member of United Methodist Women. She has served as Mission study leader and in various UMW(Now United Women in Faith) leadership positions on local, district, and conference levels. On the national level, she served on the board of directors and as a representative of the New Mexico Conference in the Program Advisory Group. She also recently served as part of a group of Jurisdiction Guides for UMW's **Be just Be green** Program, promoting wholeness and justice in coordinating meetings and events, as well as resourcing Conference UMW teams in reaching climate justice goals. She is a board member for McCurdy Ministries Community Center, a United Women in Faith National Mission Institution.



**Vice President
Cynthia
Alfred Logan**

Cynthia Alfred Logan is an active member of Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Slidell, Louisiana. Prior to living in Slidell, she was a member of Grace UMC in Los Angeles serving as Administrative Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and member of the Voices of Grace choir. At Hartzell Mt Zion, she is president of Jubilant Voices choir, Chairperson of Worship Committee and a member of the Lay Shepherd ministry.

She previously served as Vice President of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, Chairperson for Committee on Nominations. Locally she has been the Social Action Coordinator and is currently the president. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Safe Harbor, providing service to survivors of domestic and family abuse. She is very passionate about serving women and children.



Lynne Grandstaff
Secretary

Lynne Grandstaff has been a member of UMW (now United Women in Faith) for about 30 years. She joined Red Oak UMW as a young mother looking for grown up friends, free childcare and lunch. Since joining UMW, she has served at the local level as Circle Chair, Treasurer and President. At the District Level, Lynne has been a member of the Committee on Nominations, Secretary and President. And at the Conference level, she has been a member of the Committee on Nominations, Coordinator for Education & Interpretation and President for the Central Texas Conference UMW. Lynne and her husband Hugh have been married for 50 years. Together, they own and operate hlh&r, Ip Metals Recycling in Waxahachie, TX. They live in Red Oak, Texas and have 2 grown sons, 2 daughters-in-love and a granddaughter, 2 year-old Miriam.



Carroll Constant
Treasurer

Carroll Constant has been a proud member of United Methodist Women of Keystone United Methodist Church in Kansas City Missouri for 20+ Years and she is very excited to be part of the South Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Leadership Team. Carroll is an accountant by profession and well prepared for the responsibilities of the SCJ UWFaith Treasurer. She served in numerous roles in the Heartland Central District UMW and with the Missouri Conference UMW. She has also attended numerous Jurisdiction Meetings and UMW Assemblies.



**Lisa Maupin
Chair of the
Committee on
Nominations**

Lisa Maupin brings a strong United Methodist Women background to the jurisdiction. She has been involved in the Conference and District levels in Great Plains Conference United Methodist Women. Lisa has participated in the young women's programming provided through National UMW. Her church involvement includes voting delegate at General Conference, retired General Board of Global Ministries Church and Community Worker, Conference Lay Leader, and Jurisdiction Lay Delegate. Lisa is passionate about UMW and the United Methodist Church and believes in the history of doing ministries and mission on a local, national and global level.



**Cynthia Harry
Member of the
Committee on
Nominations**

Cynthia is a member of Hamilton Park United Methodist Church (HPUMC) in Dallas, Texas. She is a Certified Lay Servant and she has been a member of Hamilton Park since 1983. Cynthia became active in United Methodist Women (UMW) in 2003 and has held the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Spiritual Growth Coordinator in her local unit. She has also served the Metro District UMW as a member of the Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Committee. In addition, Cynthia has served on the North Texas Conference (NTC) UMW Committee on Nominations (CON) for 4 years and as Chair for 2 of the 4 years.

Cynthia has served her local church as Age Level Coordinator. She currently volunteers with the HPUMC Food Pantry, Vacation Bible School, and Children's Ministry. Cynthia actively attends Sunday School, the HPUMC Mature Adults Ministry, and serves as a mentor to 5th and 6th grade girls at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary School. She has also served as a delegate to the North Texas Annual Conference for many years. In 2019 Cynthia received recognition from the Garland NAACP for her service as a certified lay servant. She was also honored in the *By Faith Magazine* as Crystal Stair Mother of the Year 2022 as seen in the May/June 2022 issue. Cynthia is a Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Cynthia holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering and worked in her profession for over 27 years. Cynthia has been married to her husband, Dwight, since 1983. Dwight is a Certified Lay Minister in the NTC assigned to Hamilton Park UMC. They have 2 adult children, Dwight II and Camille. Camille served the UMW on the national level as member of the Program Advisory Group (2016-2020) representing the North Texas Conference.



Terry Gregory
Member of the Committee
on Nominations

Terry Gregory is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Augusta, Arkansas where she has been member of UMW for 48 years, serving as President, Vice President and secretary of her local unit. She has also served as Spiritual Growth Coordinator and on the Committee on Nominations of the Arkansas Conference UMW. Terry served as the North Arkansas conference youth coordinator and served on the General Board of Discipleship for eight years. Terry is a Past State President of the Arkansas Chapter PEO sisterhood. She is a wildlife rehabilitator for Arkansas Game and Fish and a raptor and songbird rehabber for the US Fish and Wildlife Commission. Terry and husband Bill Gregory, a retired farmer, have three children and three grand children.



Kelly G. Loeb
Communication
Team Member

Growing up at Vermont Square United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, CA is how Kelly G. Loeb first came to know and love God, and her namesake grandmother Grace C. Moore was her first introduction to United Methodist Women (now United Women in Faith). Kelly moved to Kansas City, Missouri in 1994 and soon after befriended Mrs. Mai H. Gray and Rev. C. Jarrett Gray at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, and this friendship introduced Kelly to what eventually became the Missouri Conference United Women in Faith. Kelly has served as Communications Coordinator and Technical Advisor for the Missouri Conference and Heartland District and as her local unit president. She is delighted to be part of the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team.

Professionally, Kelly is an Older Adult Care Manager and Medicare Counselor for Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City, where she provides education, resources and support for aging with dignity and the best quality of life for seniors and their families in English and Spanish. Kelly's master's degree in social work from the University of Kansas and her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Missouri mean that Kelly loves both sides of the state line.

One of Kelly's favorite ways to serve the Lord is to uplift her community. In recognition of her community service and care, Kelly was named Ms. Juneteenth KC in June 2021. Because she fervently hopes for a world in which Alzheimer's disease is just a memory, she serves on the community leadership board of the Alzheimer's Association - Heart of America Chapter. She is a member of several philanthropic organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Incorporated, and lives to exude kindness, grace and love in all of her endeavors.



Abby Gutierrez
UWF Racial Justice Charter
Support Team

Abby Gutierrez is assigned to assist the Rio Texas, Central Texas, Great Plains, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Northwest Texas Conferences in their Charter for Racial Justice efforts. Abby grew up as a Pastor's kid in the former Rio Grande Conference at the hands and feet of encouraging United Methodist Women. Being an immigrant herself, her passions include immigrant rights and racial equity and has worked closely with Justice for Our Neighbors. She represents the Rio Texas Conference United Women in Faith as a Program Advisory Group Member. She lives in San Antonio, Tx and is a member of La Trinidad UMC along with her husband Brian and two daughters Hannah (14) and Sarah (10).



Vicki Busby
UWF Racial Justice Charter
Support Team

Vicki Busby She is currently a member of the United Women in Faith Racial Justice Charter Support Team, representing the South Central Jurisdiction. She serves the Arkansas, Missouri, North Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma Indian Missionary, and Texas Conferences. She was born and raised in the Great Lakes state of Michigan. She lived in the Los Angeles area, prior to her job relocating to Texas in 1994.

Vicki is quite involved with United Women in Faith. She currently serves as a Local UMW President and as the Northwest District UWF Social Action Coordinator. She also serves on the North Texas Conference UWF Racial Justice Charter Policies Committee. She also serves on her church' Journey Toward Racial Justice' team.

Mission and outreach are a passion of Vicki's. She has led international mission teams and for hurricane relief recovery in Texas and Louisiana. She has also participated on mission teams in Haiti, Kenya, and multiple mission trips to UMCOR Sager-Brown in Baldwin, La.

Vicki retired in 2010 after 35 years in corporate America. She lives with her husband Tom and dog Lolly in Denison, Texas. They worship at Grace UMC in Sherman. Hiking, camping, gardening, reading, and crocheting are her passions.

Vicki loves serving and helping others and is passionate about United Women in Faith and the mission of the United Methodist Church.



LIVING INTO THE CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

What is your understanding of the Charter for Racial Justice? How recently have you reviewed this call to action? As United Women in Faith, we are informed and centered by the commitment described in the Charter. As Conferences, Districts, and Local Organizations of the South Central Jurisdiction, we are summoned to go deeper in our work around racial justice. As we do this work together in this quadrennium we have resources to rely on and relationships of support for inspiration.

Several informational resources may be found on the website at

[UMW: eCommerce Website](http://umwmissionresources.org)
(umwmissionresources.org)

under Downloads and Resources—Brochures. Look for the updated Charter for Racial Justice, the soon to be rebranded Racial Justice Engagement Opportunities/ Resources, and the Racial Justice Timeline.

People resources include the members of the SCJ Leadership Team introduced in this newsletter, your SCJ Racial Justice Charter Support Team members--Abby Gutierrez and Vicki Busby, and each one of you!

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!

South Central Jurisdiction UWF Nominations Committee members have started their work to recruit those who will fill the South Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith positions for 2025-2028. They have a deadline of June 2023 to have the Leadership Team slate prepared.

The Leadership Team works during their 4 year term of office to plan, coordinate and conduct the Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting. At that meeting, we worship, study, and elect Jurisdiction Leadership Team members, National Board Directors and Program Advisory Group (PAG) members. The Jurisdiction President also serves as a member of the PAG. The leadership team consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair and 4 members of the Committee on Nominations. While previous experience at the District and Conference levels of United Women in Faith in the positions on the Leadership Team may be helpful, it is not required. A person does not have to have exhausted their District and Conference tenure to be considered for a position on the Jurisdiction Leadership Team. A person may generally serve only one four-year term on the team (there are a few exceptions) and could then return to complete any remaining tenure at District or Conference levels.

It is our prayer that when you are asked you will have already had your talk with the LORD about how you may serve and help keep South Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith as a dynamic leadership team that will continue to impact and improve the lives of women, children and youth.



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United Women in Faith
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scan this QR code with your phone.**

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Get June 21 - 23 St. Louis, Missouri

Together!

John 13:34



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As we prepare for our 2024 South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial, we welcome your suggestions for speakers, topics of interest and concern, possible UBUNTU (local mission) projects, music, and ways to have fun together. Send your ideas to Vice President, Cynthia Alfred Logan at cyn2ken@bellsouth.net.

We will be meeting at the Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel. Many of us have stayed at this hotel for Leadership Development Days in the past and know that you will find it to be an excellent facility with easy access transportation from the airport, comfortable rooms and all the necessary accommodations for hosting our meeting.

Please keep your SCJ United Women in Faith Leadership team in your prayers as we deliberate on nominations, select speakers and workshops, and travel to the site for in person planning.

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Marla J. Anderson 2022 Assembly Gratitude

Sunday, June 5, 2022

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Dear Great Plains Finance Committee

First and foremost I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the Great Plains Conference for awarding me the South Central Jurisdiction Scholarship to attend the 2022 Assembly. As my first time attending an Assembly, it was indeed a pleasure to experience such sisterly love and a deeper understanding of UWF legacy and historical contributions toward the empowerment of women, children and youth.

The workshops I attended provided an intimate setting to hear each person's view at the table. Honest and hard discussions were made, in God's love, which renewed my hope for racial justice.

I am ready to turn up my enthusiasm of our great organization and share it with my peers. I am ready to turn up my dedication and devotion towards social justice. I am ready to turn up my participation by engaging in UWF leadership development opportunities. I am ready to do the work necessary for UWF to be an example and resource for global leader's tough, prolific efforts to eliminate social inequalities, inequities, and disparities.

I have been blessed with this opportunity; blessed with this bold, powerful, and courageous women's movement. I am ready to TURN IT UP!

With gratitude,
Marla J. Anderson



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