



## Where the Money Goes 2023

### ***First, let's hear about where the money comes from, the sources of our funding...***

[United Women in Faith](#) is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members as well as mission partners and anonymous donors who have a heart for mission. The national office is committed to good stewardship of this generous support.

The Five Channels of Giving (*pictured below*) show the various ways that our members give undesignated funds to our organization. When local members give, a portion of the Pledge to Mission is kept by their respective unit and conference for its own administrative and membership development (A&MD) expenses as well as local mission. The remainder of the Pledge and the other channels of Mission Giving are forwarded to the national office. Therefore, our members' giving supports both local, national, and international work aligned with our mission! At the national level, the elected Board of Directors vote on the budgeted spending for each year.



Members can also give to projects on our [Designated and Supplementary Projects List](#) which is updated each year. Visit this webpage to view the list: <https://uwfaith.org/who-we-are/financials/>

In addition to these sources of funding, United Women in Faith also receives bequests and holds endowments that significantly support our work. We currently have an active [Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign](#) which will be an ongoing support of income, ensuring that our important work will always continue.



## ***Now let's learn about where the money goes...***

### **Social Action and Justice Work**

We mobilize our members to learn about and take action on key social justice issues. Currently, our focus is on climate justice and ending the school to prison pipeline.

### **Education and Leadership Development**

We equip women, children and youth to become leaders in the church, their communities and the world. Programs include:

- Leadership Development Days
- Mission u
- Reading Program
- Scholarships to students in the United States and internationally

### **Spiritual Growth and Nurturing Opportunities**

We offer resources and programming that enable women to explore their faith and nurture their souls, including:

- Daily Prayer Guide and Program Book
- Bible studies
- Soul care events
- Faith Talks

### **National Mission Institutions**

We support nearly 90 NMIs across the United States that offer vital services to and advocate for women, children and youth in vulnerable communities. In 2022, more than \$1.6 million was provided in grants to Community Centers, Residential Treatment Centers, and Women's Residences within the network.

### **International Mission**

We support international partners that are enhancing the capacities of local and regional women leaders and supporting economic development programs for women and youth. We support Regional Missionaries, personnel serving in their home regions with church, ecumenical and grassroots partners in educational and empowerment programs. Our international work empowers women and youth to find local solutions and make positive, measurable change in their communities.



## **Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner**

Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laypeople who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together they form a covenant community that is rooted in Scripture, informed by history, driven by mission, ecumenical in scope, and global in outreach.

## **Organizational Support**

Funds are also used to support services that are critical to making the programs listed above possible. These services include:

- Board and staff development
- Fundraising
- Accounting and financial services
- Grants and scholarships administration
- Human Resources
- Information technology
- Event planning
- Communications and publications

## **What We Don't Fund**

United Women in Faith does not fund projects and programs that:

- Don't benefit women, children, or youth
- Don't comply with our UMC Social Principles
- Are administered by discriminatory organizations

## ***Here is more information about our finances...***

In addition to the work mentioned above, we also own and operate the [Church Center for the United Nations \(CCUN\)](#) located in New York City across the street from the United Nations; and the [Brooks-Howell Home Retirement Home](#) originally founded for deaconesses located in Asheville, NC. These operations are primarily funded by the rental and service fee income that they derive and are overseen by some of our national office staff.

Each year we release an Annual Report which describes the work we were able to do together and includes our audited financial information. You can read notes from our key leaders, see pictures and stories about projects, view the financial reports and imagine the possibilities for the coming years! In addition to the work we do with our members on training, service and social action; we award grants and scholarships to deserving organizations and individuals. The recipients and purposes of the grants and scholarships are released each year in our Grants Disclosure.

Visit the webpage below to view multiple years of our Annual Reports and Grants Disclosures.

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