

A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
EMPOWERING WOMEN
WORLDWIDE

Llamado a la Oración y al Sacrificio

OFERTA ESPECIAL PARA EL
DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO:
EMPODERAR A MUJERES
EN TODO EL MUNDO

기도와 절제의 날

경제 발전을 위한 특별
헌금: 전 세계 여성의
역량 강화

2025



BOLD WOMEN TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES **MUJERES AUDACES QUE TRANSFORMAN COMUNIDADES** **공동체를 변화시키는 담대한 여성들**



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Bold Women Transforming Communities

“United Women in Faith is a hand to hold as we venture into the world—making an impact through our beloved community.”

You Are Invited

We invite you to gather, pray, reflect, and put your faith into action.

For more than 150 years, United Women in Faith members have taken action to turn faith, hope, and love into work on behalf of women, children, and youth in every corner of the world. As an annual part of our action, United Women in Faith invites women from all over to gather locally and participate in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

2025 Focus

Economic Development: Empowering Women Worldwide

In 2025, the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering will support economic development and microenterprise projects, vocational training, life skills, and livelihood training internationally. Specifically, funds will support the work of United Methodist conference women’s teams that design and lead projects that make a direct impact on improving the lives of their families and community members. Funds raised will also support the work of the conference women’s desk coordinators and Regional Missionaries who partner in this work.

One hundred percent of the offering goes to the focus projects for that year.

Methodist Women’s Federation of Peru Joins United Women in Faith for Economic Development

By joining forces, the Methodist Women’s Federation of Peru and United Women in Faith will work together to empower Peruvian women through the Transformative Development Project, an initiative that aims to provide Peruvian Methodist women with tools that allow them to transform their own lives and the lives of those in their communities. The project is a response to contemporary challenges and a testimony of faith and hope.

The Transformative Development Project is aimed at the more than 500 women who are part of the 29 women’s societies (units) of local Methodist churches throughout the country. The participants will then replicate the training in their districts. Subsequently, a virtual training program will be carried out on topics such as the development of ventures and projects, finance, accounting, and others.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”
—Isaiah 6:8

Imagine, Reflect, & Give

Like the prophet Isaiah, may we respond with open hearts, ready spirits, and open hands to answer the call to serve, give, and receive from our sisters around the world. May we, as sisters in faith, stand in solidarity, amplify voices, and work together to create a more just and equitable society.

This year, your gifts support United Women in Faith support international economic development and microenterprise, job training, and life skills projects by our United Women in Faith sisters worldwide.

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 2023 by the Numbers

- **100%** conference participation
- **\$316,034.28** raised to support programs for climate justice

Why Give?

“Even though these projects are small, they have a big impact. They feed families, send kids to school, and empower women to become leaders. Don’t underestimate what they can do!”

—Tatiana Dwyer, United Women in Faith Executive for International Work

As God’s people, we are called to give generously to help others. Generosity looks different for everyone, the Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8:12 that all gifts are acceptable when given with a willing and eager heart.

Our Work

United Women in Faith is committed to empowering women and girls in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to gain competence and skills through leadership development, economic empowerment, and skills building. Our goal is to have young women make up 50 percent of the participation in these programs. In 2023, we awarded 16 economic development grants totaling \$188,100.

Economic Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Several training and economic development projects in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are helping women and youth improve their economic standing. The projects reached approximately 1,608 people. One program taught more than 230 women and young adults beading skills so they could take quality products to market and increase their income. Another project included training young adults on how to breed broiler chickens. They also received the necessary supplies to start their new business including chicks, feeders, drinking containers, food, and necessary veterinary products.

“We connect spiritual women to act boldly for justice and transform communities.”

Plan & Promote Your Service

Whether you choose to organize a virtual observance of A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial or plan to gather in person, we hope our resources will help you to organize a meaningful, intentional time of sisterhood, where attendees can pray, learn, and give sacrificially. Services can be held anytime in 2025, though most choose to hold theirs early in the year.

When planning your A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service, consider the following recommendations for hosting a successful event:

- Distribute/mail the save-the-date prayer cards early, and spread the word in your community, district, and conference wherever appropriate.
- Email marketing campaigns and social media posts can be a big help in drawing attention to your unit’s observance.
- Event invitations and digital calendars can also serve as helpful, easy reminders.
- Consider joining with other units or circles in your community or district for a larger service.
- Provide multiple options for giving, such as: online donations, cash collected at a local church, or checks mailed to a treasurer.
- Use the resources provided below to reach out to your group easily and clearly.

Planning Resources

Visit: uwfaith.org/CallToPrayer to access the resources below:

- Poster
- Prayer Card
- A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service
- Stickers

You or your local group can make your gift today through your local treasurer, by visiting bit.ly/CallToPrayerGift, or sending a check to:

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