

Sage Wise

Proceeding from wisdom; well judged; shrewd; well adapted to the purpose.

Sage District Oregon-Idaho Conference United Women in Faith

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Gratitude Is Just Not An Attitude

"Gratitude Is Just Not An Attitude" is the theme for the 2022 Sage District United Women in Faith Annual Celebration Meeting. The name includes the word celebration as all Oregon - Idaho district annual meetings and the conference annual meeting are planning to provide hybrid meetings so we can celebrate being together again in the forum which meets our needs the best (in person, or online). This is a new adventure not just for Sage District, but for the other districts and for the Oregon - Idaho Conference United Women in Faith, as we try to accommodate women who want to meet in person, and for those who cannot meet in person due to transportation costs, personal reasons, or are concerned for their health. We still want to stay connected, yet, "Do No Harm." Therefore, we are planning on doing a hybrid meeting, Zoom and in person.

We will be meeting at Nampa First United Methodist Church on September 10, 2022. In person registration will start at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time, and 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time. Again, thank you to United Women in Faith at Nampa First for willing to host in person after being asked for the third year! Many of us are looking forward to seeing each other and wondering if we will recognize each other after not being together since 2019 in Kimberly, Idaho.

In this Summer edition of *Sage Wise* you will find the reports to read before the business meeting, with instructions on correcting mistakes in the minutes along with instructions on how to nominate someone for an office, instructions on how to ask questions about the proposed budget (if planning on meeting online) and the person to contact with names for nominating for an office. Also, please, if you are planning on meeting online or attending in person, send the names of our sisters who have passed since our last online meeting in September 2021 for our Memorial Service. It is important we honor our sisters who did the work of Jesus, and has allowed us to continue on with His work.

Our program will be provided by Linda Murphy who is a retired teacher, a member of Meridian United Methodist Church, and a member of United Women in Faith. I look forward to her presentation.

Please join us for the Sage District Annual Celebration Meeting! **If attending in person, masks are required!**

Joyce Hillis Orem
Sage District Women United in Faith President

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I listened to the podcast “Faith Talks on Restorative Justice” with a bit of apprehension. Just what is our faith and our church calling us to do? Sounds big, kind of scary.

When I googled “restorative justice, definition” the website for Prison Fellowship popped up with “God calls us to remember those in prison (Heb. 13:3 NIV) and “learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression” (Isa. 1:17 ESV). So where do we begin?” Should I be joining Prison Fellowship and working directly with prisoners? I am glad we have so many fine people who work effectively with this ministry, but the panelists also shared ways we all can restore relationships in our families and communities.

One woman spoke of the powerful connections made with her children when they instituted the practice of a Family Circle in which each person, parent or child, is encouraged to speak, without interruption or criticism. Everyone learns to pause before speaking, not just talking reactively.

The representative from the Dignity in Schools Campaign (another website I highly recommend: dignityinschools.org) emphasized the importance of not only saying “I am sorry” but then pursuing action to atone for the behavior. This website offers a “Restorative and Transformative Justice Toolkit” to help any of us move forward at any level as we seek restorative justice.

Other notes from the podcast:

1. Martin Luther King was assassinated 54 years ago. What has changed?
2. Restorative justice requires us to reclaim ourselves to build together – a community-based process where we LISTEN and LEARN from each other.
3. We need to have national conversations. Too often we talk only to people who think like us.
4. Who is the offender and who is the victim often depends on when the police show up.
5. Our society values individuality over community, ego vs humility or acts of kindness.
6. The criminalization of poverty affects generations in the same family.

When I looked for biblical quotes about justice, I found the “ASJ website (Association for a More Just Society) which said:

If you’ve heard that justice is not part of a Christian’s life, you’re not alone. While Christians around the world have pursued social change as a part of their faith, philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff explains in his book Call for Justice that the American white evangelical tradition has uniquely seen things differently. This is partly because the Greek word *dikaiosunê*, which appears hundreds of times in the New Testament, is translated in Latin languages (Spanish, French, Italian, etc.) as “justice,” but in English as “righteousness.”

As a result, the North American church only focused on righteousness or limited the idea of justice to vengeance or punishment in courts and prisons, as opposed to the wider vision of restoration. And yet as we read the Bible, we see God saying over and over again, “I love justice.” Throughout the Bible, God denounces greed and calls for the right use of power. God speaks out, cares for, and protects those whose life, labor, and dignity is abused. And God continuously calls for right treatment of the widow, immigrant, and orphan.

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Wolterstoff writes, "God asks of you and me that we share that love." It is a gift and responsibility to be invited into the masterpiece of working in a world to make it better reflect God's abundant love and justice."

And God says, "be not afraid." We can do it.

Mary Getchell
Sage District Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Local Unit Survey URGENT URGENT URGENT

to all presidents, secretaries or Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinators. Please complete the survey by **AUGUST 30, 2022**. The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZSYN2B>. Just copy and paste into your browser, or go to UWFaith.org, click on Menu and under Resources, click on 2021 Unit Survey. If you do not know how to do this, please call Maralyn Wells at 208-989-0917 and I will do it with you on my computer as you are on the phone. Let's try to have a full Sage District turn out. Thank you.

Maralyn Wells
Sage District Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach

Agenda for Sage District Annual Celebration Meeting

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast entries.

Our gathering music begins at 9:30 followed by the welcome.

Morning worship will follow and then the business meeting begins. At the end of the business meeting, we will have the local units offer their Pledge to Mission and will collect an offering for our mission work.

We will break for lunch. At the start of the afternoon, there will be announcements, installation of new officers, and the memorial service.

Linda Murphy will present the program, followed by closing worship and communion. We plan to have the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend in person, please wear a mask.



Is Just Not An Attitude

(Experiencing God with a Grateful Heart)

**Sage District Annual Celebration Meeting
Saturday, September 10, 2022 (9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Nampa First United Methodist Church, Nampa, Idaho**

With all the noise in this world it seems to me it is necessary to do everything we can to create a healthy spirit that will enable us to do everything God is asking of us, as United Women and in our everyday lives. That is what Linda Murphy, our guest speaker at this year's United Women in Faith Sage District Annual Celebration Meeting, at Nampa First United Methodist Church will help us do. She is a Member of United Women in Faith, as well as a member of Meridian United Methodist church and a retired teacher. I took one of her classes on Gratitude and it changed my life. She will be offering something similar which will help each of us experience God in ways we may not have thought of. You can attend in person or by Zoom, Zoom is free. I hope you will join us on September 10th, 2022.

Driving directions are on the next page with the registration form for both online and in person attendance .

Evelyn Battema
Sage District United Women in Faith Vice President

Directions: Driving on Interstate I-84 from the west, take exit 35 (Karcher Road/Northside Blvd) and go right at the fork. Continue on N. Yale Street and continue onto 7th St. South. Turn right onto 12th Avenue South and drive 2.3 miles. Turn right at Meadowbrook Drive into the church parking lot.

Driving on Interstate I-84 from the east, take exit 36 and turn left onto N. Franklin Blvd. Follow N. Franklin Blvd. for one mile and turn right onto 11th Ave drive 0.8 mile. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto 3rd St. South, and use the right 2 lanes to turn right at the 1st cross street onto 12th Ave. S. Drive for 2.6 miles and turn right at Meadowbrook Drive into the church parking lot.

Send registration form and a check for all attending before September 9, 2022 to:

Mary Salerno
11615 W. Cross Slope Way
Nampa, Idaho 83686

REGISTRATION FORM

If attending online, there is no cost.

_____	_____
Name	
_____	_____
Unit Name (for Roll Call)	Email address

If attending in person, cost per person, which includes lunch, is \$8.00 per person. Please list all attendees from your unit below. **If attending in person, masks are required!**

Unit/Church _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

If needing child care - number of children _____ Ages _____
Please bring a sack lunch for each child.

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Sage District Annual Celebration September 10, 2022 Zoom Meeting Instructions
Gratitude Is Just Not An Attitude
9:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time
10:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Savings Time

If you are attending via Zoom, there will not be a registration fee this year. Information on how to join the Zoom meeting will be sent out in advance of the meeting. For people without access to Zoom (as in no computer or smart phone) and not attending in person, information on items to be voted on are below. Please send your responses to the people listed below.

In order to get ready for our annual meeting, there are a few items needed from each unit.

1. Please send any corrections to the minutes to the Sage District Secretary **before September 3, 2022.**

Lucy Scopinich
3334 E. Dowling Mill Ct.
Boise, Idaho 83706
(208) 387 – 0661 (H), (208)409 – 2067 ©
lkscop0661@gmail.com

2. Please send any nominations or your completed officer ballot to the Sage District Chair of Nominations **before September 3, 2022.** We need names for the Nominations Committee to fill classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Lory Naser
3059 Crescent Rim Drive, Apt 401
Boise, Idaho 83706
808 – 286 – 4829
lnaser@aol.com

3. Please send in any questions regarding the proposed budget and proposed Pledge to Mission to the Sage District Treasurer **before September 3, 2022.** Please send your 2022 Pledge to Mission to the Sage District Treasurer also.

Jean Spence
10106 W 4th St.
Island City, Oregon 97850
541 – 656 – 6630
jeanlacook@yahoo.com

4. Please send your list of United Women in Faith sisters who have passed since September 2021 along with their unit name, to the Sage District President **before September 3, 2022.**

Joyce H. Orem
157 E 1000 N
Rupert, Idaho 83350
(208) 859 – 5780
jhillsorem@hotmail.com

This years meeting will have an offering which needs to be sent to our district treasurer, and have something available for communion at the end of the meeting. You may use whatever you want for communion. The Sage District officers are in the final planning stages for the meeting.

I look forward to seeing or hearing you at the Sage District Annual Meeting! Stay safe and healthy.
Joyce H. Orem
Sage District President

2021 Sage District Virtual Annual Meeting

9:45 am, MDT

September 18, 2021

9:45am, Power Point presentation highlighting Sage District United Methodist Women local unit's mission project sharing, Judy and Gayle.

10:00am, Welcome, Joyce Orem and Mary Getchell.

10:15am, Social and Racial Justice as community policy issues beyond charity, Bonnie Anderson.

Litany; Rejecting Racism, Bonnie Anderson and Earlene Lamb.

10:27 MT, Business meeting called to order by President Joyce Orem.

2020 Sage District Annual Meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

No standing rules changes for 2021.

2022 treasurer report posted onscreen, per Jean Spence.

Nomination report, Vera Kenyon.

Election of 2022 officers, approved and seconded.

Adoption of 2022 budget was voted on by the finance committee, and was approved and seconded.

Voted for 2022 mission giving pledge, \$37,000, approved and no second was needed.

Business meeting was adjourned at 10:30am, MST, by Sage District President Joyce Orem.

10:33am, recognition of outgoing officers, Maralyn Wells.

2022 Directory Calendar items:

2021 Oregon Idaho Conference annual meeting, dates and times on the conference website.

2022 assembly, information on the Oregon Idaho Conference website.

10:35, Social Action, 2022 virtual legislative advocacy event, Mary Getchell. Foci: State earned income tax credit, racial justice 2/6, 2/13, tba, November publicity will be out regarding this event.

10:38am, program resources, reading program includes books, Faith Talks podcasts, Mission u videos. Earlene Scott

10:45am, Conference E&I, Pledge service focus is on attentive presence, Ingrid Cook

10:50am, congressional links to email action messages regarding climate justice, and interrupting the school to prison pipeline (counseling, not criminalization).

11:01am, 30minute break, activity; congressional email submissions by United Methodist Women members.

11:36am, gathering video, Stop the Anti-Asian Hate; Attentive Presence/listening, Judy Halverson.

11:57am, program; speaker Pastor Kalina Malua Katoa, Salem OR, and Judy Halverson: break out rooms.

1:00pm, installation of officers, Lory Naser; legacy fund presentation, become a legacy builder at unitedmethodistwomen.org.

1:15pm, Closing worship and communion, Bonnie Anderson and Rev. Letha Essinger.

1:45pm, send off, Joyce Orem.

Lucy Scopinich, Sage District United Methodist Women Secretary

lkscop0661@gmail.com

Please note, editorial changes to the minutes included removing the acronym of UMW, which was never was supposed to be used, and correcting minimal punctuation. Unfortunately, a virtual roll call was done, but didn't make it into the minutes. If you see any corrections which need to be done, please contact:

Lucy Scopinich

3334 E. Dowling Mill Ct., Boise, Idaho 83706

Slate of Officers 2022-2023

Office	Nominated	Continuing in Office
President		Joyce H. Orem
Vice President	Evelyn Battema	
Secretary (One Year Term)	Maralyn Wells	
Treasurer	Jean Spence	
Communications Coordinator (One year term)	Lucy Scopinich	
Resource Room Manager	Claudia Moberly	
Education and Interpretation	Kay Durham	
Membership Nurture and Outreach	Marilyn Wudarki	
Social Action		Mary Getchell
Spiritual Growth		Bonnie Anderson
Chair of Committee on Nominations	Elinor Chehey	
Nominations Committee Members for 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026		

Proposed Budget - Sage District
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Administration and Membership

Leadership Operating Expenses*

Postage	\$ 50.00
Printing	\$ 25.00
Sampler	\$ 160.00
Leadership Recognition	\$ 80.00
Office Supplies	\$ 50.00
Gift to Mission Cards	\$ 50.00
President to Conference	<u>\$ 1,000.00**</u>
Total	\$ 1,415.00

Membership Development

Legislative Event	\$ 75.00
Mission u Scholarships	\$ 500.00
Mission u	\$ 300.00
Newsletter	\$ 50.00
Directory	\$ 50.00
Local Unit Visits	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,125.00

Events

Annual Retreat	\$ 25.00
Young Women's Event	\$ 75.00
United Women in Faith Conference	\$ 200.00
United Women in Faith District	\$ 750.00
Dependent Care	\$ 100.00
EMEE	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,850.00

Grand Total \$ 5,390.00

Pledge to Mission \$37,000.00

*Planning meeting expense was removed as we use Zoom to meet.

**President to Oregon - Idaho Annual Conference

The President is expected to share transportation and a hotel room.

Due to Annual Conference met via Zoom for the past two years, a cost breakdown is not available at this time.

Note: What we do not spend on Administration and Membership is added to the Oregon - Idaho Conference Pledge to Mission payment to National United Women in Faith.

PROPOSED STANDING RULES
SAGE DISTRICT UNITED **METHODIST** WOMEN **IN FAITH**
OREGON - IDAHO CONFERENCE
September 10, 2022

The United **Methodist** Women **in Faith** of the Sage District of the Oregon - Idaho Conference shall function in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws for the District and Conference Organization of United Methodist Women **doing business as (d.b.a.) United Women in Faith**.

A. Committee on Nominations/ Election of Officers

- a. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of 5 to 7 members, striving to be representative of all parts of the district.
- b. Officers will be elected and installed at the annual meeting as follows:

Even Years

Vice President
Treasurer
Resource Room Manager
Mission Coordinators for:
 Education & Interpretation
 Membership Nurture and Outreach

Odd Years

President
Secretary
Communications Coordinator
Nomination Committee Chair
Mission Coordinators for:
 Spiritual Growth
 Social Action

- c. Officers will take office immediately upon being installed with the exception of the Treasurer who will assume her duties on January 1.
- d. Tenure limitations and voting privileges are explained in the Handbook.

B. Finance/Leadership Expenses

1. All expenses must be vouchered with receipts for reimbursement and sent to the Sage District Treasurer within 30 days after the event attended occurs.
2. Food and mileage for the Sage District Officer attending the event will be reimbursed at a rate equal to that used by the Oregon - Idaho Conference of United **Methodist** Women **in Faith**. Expenses in excess of that amount will be the responsibility of the individual.
3. Mileage reimbursement for Sage District Officer travel to events will only apply to the most direct, round trip, route for that event. Exceptions will be made for carpooling.
4. Dependent care expenses will be reimbursed at a rate equal to that used by the Oregon - Idaho Conference of United **Methodist** Women **in Faith**, or will be negotiated and approved before the event.
5. Lodging (applies to all meetings):
 - a. Hospitality housing is preferred, one bed per person is ideal unless negotiated and approved before the event.
 - b. Sage District officers are responsible for requesting hospitality housing 21 days in advance of an event.
 - c. If hospitality housing is not available, lodging at motels will be paid by the Sage District if arrangements are made by the designated host.

- d. If hospitality housing is provided and a Sage District officer chooses not to use it, she must pay for her own housing expense.
 6. Expenses incurred by the Sage District President in attending the Oregon - Idaho Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church shall be reimbursed in full, by the Sage District United Methodist Women in Faith.
 7. Nominees for Sage District offices shall have their expenses paid to attend the Sage District Annual Meeting where they are elected.
 8. Sage District Officer Recognition
 - a. A basic Special Mission Recognition pin shall be given to each officer who has completed 4 years of service to the Sage District team.
 - b. A Gift to Mission card shall be given for fewer years of service to Sage District.
 9. Honorariums or Love Gifts up to \$50 shall be given to keynote speakers, workshop leaders, and translators at Sage District functions.
 10. Mileage and expenses for supplies and meals for keynote speakers, workshop leaders, and translators at Sage District functions will be reimbursed at the same rate as Sage District Officers.
 11. A Love Gift of up to \$50 shall be given to the host church when hosting a Sage District meeting or event (e.g. to cover additional utility and janitorial expenses).
 12. Lodging, meals, registration, and travel of all Sage District officers, including Nominations Committee members, shall be paid to the nearest Oregon - Idaho Conference Mission u each year.
 13. Sage District scholarship funds shall be made available each year for at least 1 female attendee to Mission u. Funds up to the amount budgeted will be available to cover, at minimum, registration fees for qualified applicants.
 14. The Sage District President shall be expected to attend Quadrennial event/s at Sage District expense; National Assembly and Western Jurisdictional Quadrennial Event. In the event the Sage District President cannot attend, a substitute will be appointed by the President, with the appointee's expenses paid by Sage District. Other Sage District officers shall have equal consideration regarding the division of the remaining budgeted event funds.
 15. Lodging, meals, registration and travel for all Sage District officers shall be paid by Sage District to attend the United Methodist Women in Faith Conference Annual Meeting.
- C. **Literature**
1. Approved resource materials, such as the current handbook and the Sage District Directory, are to be provided at District expense to all officers.
 2. Sage District shall pay for the United Methodist Women in Faith Sampler from United Methodist Women in Faith Mission Resources for the Sage District President, Vice President, Resource Room Manager, and Education and Interpretation Mission Coordinator.
 3. Sage District will provide all Sage District executive officers subscriptions to response magazine if requested.
- D. **Special duties not listed in the United Methodist Women in Faith Handbook**
1. Sage District President:
 - a. Be a voting member of the Oregon - Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
 - b. Be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Sage District Treasurer.
 2. Sage District Secretary:
 - a. Be in charge of compiling, printing, and distributing the Sage District Directory, including District standing rules.

- b. Be responsible for all members receiving copies of the Executive Committee minutes within 30 days following each meeting.
- c. Minutes not formally approved during the next regular meeting shall be considered approved as printed.
- d. Shall keep a list of all properties owned by the Sage District, such as a cash box, etc.
- 3. Sage District Treasurer:
 - a. Be a member of the Oregon - Idaho United Methodist Women in Faith Conference Finance Committee.
 - b. Will send a \$5 Gift in Memory in the case of death of an immediate family member of a Sage District officer, past and present.
 - c. Prepare, annually, the financial pages of the Sage District Directory.
- 4. Sage District Communications Coordinator:
 - a. Shall be responsible for compiling 4 newsletters per year, (early January, mid-April, early August, late October/ early November), or as needed, and for distributing them to Conference, District, and local unit officers and others, as requested.
 - b. Shall publicize Sage District meetings and events.
 - c. Shall update e-mail and mailing lists for newsletter and District Directory distribution.
- 5. Sage District Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach:
 - a. Will review applications for Mission u Scholarships, with priority given to first time attendees, and will inform the Sage District Treasurer.
 - b. The Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, President, and Treasurer will determine the amount to be awarded to each qualified applicant.
 - c. Will be responsible for the *Healthy Vital Unit* program.
- 6. Sage District Mission Coordinator for Social Action
 - a. If a Legislative Event is planned, the Mission Coordinator for Social Action or an appointed Legislative Coordinator and/or committee shall organize it.
 - b. Will be responsible for the Charter for Racial Justice program.
- E. Other
 - 1. Each Sage District officer is responsible for transferring her procedural file, including handbooks, and for briefing her successor, as soon as possible after leaving office.
 - 2. Each Sage District elected officer shall label her files indicating who should be contacted in case of death or inability to complete her term. This information shall be updated annually following the Conference United Methodist Women in Faith Annual Meeting.
 - 3. The Sage District Standing Rules shall be reviewed at least bi-annually.

Future Information Coming

As this newsletter is being put together, there is more information and downloads coming out on the National website. Some of this information will be handed out at the meeting, and links will be sent out through emails or snail mail.

Many addresses for finding information has changed. However, our PURPOSE has not.

District officers will also be receiving updated information to keep their local units they are assigned to as a shepherdess can keep our sisters updated with the new information.

Please be patient while questions are being answered as changes at National happens.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith shall be 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.

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Left: Our new Graphic

Right: Our new Symbol



Oregon-Idaho Conference United Women in Faith Annual Celebration - October 22, 2022

Be sure to attend the Annual Celebration on October 22, 2022. Sage District is the host this year, and we will be meeting at Boise First United Methodist Church. The theme is: **Be Joyful**

The scriptural focus is Romans 12:9-13

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² **Be joyful** in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

The guest speaker is our National President, **'Ainise 'Isama'u** from the| California Pacific Conference.

More information will be coming soon.



The address for the new United Women in Faith website is: <https://uwfaith.org/>

I encourage you to explore the new website and become knowledgeable about the resources on the website.

Joyce H. Orem
Sage District United Women in Faith President