

# News, Connections & Joys

United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction

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## What Are You Waiting For?

Have you registered for the event of the Quadrennium—the North Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Quadrennial Meeting? We are excited to be able to meet in person and reconnect with our old sisters and meet new ones. So, did you register yet? If not, what are you waiting for?

Some people spend a great deal of time talking themselves out of things. “Maybe, I will. No, I don’t think so.” Some of us let others talk us out of going places and doing things. Do you ever think back and wonder what if I had...? Well, talk yourself and others into attending the Quadrennial meeting May 31-June 2, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Come by the busloads and the carloads. Think of the wonderful time you will have as you traverse the country and see the many sights and beautiful scenery in our wonderful jurisdiction. Enjoy the features of the Sheraton Hotel, right in the heart of town. See the beautiful views from the upper floor as we gather and conduct our business.

You don’t want to miss the plenary sessions, the optional Soul Care Retreat, the worship, breakout sessions around pertinent topics, the workshops, conference displays, and---the list goes on. You also don’t want to miss the special guests that include our General Secretary and CEO, our National President, one of our Deaconesses, our Regional Missionary and so many others. Are you convinced?

What are you waiting for? You can also experience the many things to see and do and the many places to dine in Indy!

The team is committed to accommodating your special needs. Need a wheelchair or a motorized scooter? You will get connected with a local company for rental options. Need a special meal? Indicate your preferences when you register. If you have other accessibility needs, the team will work with you to provide accommodations, if possible.

Still waiting? Let’s Get Together! Pray, listen, engage, vote. Celebrate! This will be a memorable time of worshiping, learning, sharing, singing, giving, and planning for the next Quadrennium as we will elect officers and directors to lead us in the future. So, register, get on the bus, in the car, on the plane, find a roommate, and prepare for an exceptional experience. What are you waiting for? Start your engines!



*Linda Crowell, Member  
NCJ Committee on Nominations*





### Display Your Conference Pride!

If I were to come visit your conference, what would be the most interesting sites or events for me to see? What special things does your conference do? In traveling to or through your state what would be some interesting places or points to visit?

This coming May 31 - June 2, at the North Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial, the NCJ team would like each conference to make and bring a display to show everyone what makes their conference extra special. What are you most proud to show everyone? What's happening?

Then also show some of the favorite points of interest in your state or area. So when I come to your conference I will be sure to visit some of your special places on my way to your conference meeting.

**Ginny Coates, Member  
NCJ Committee on Nominations**

### \*Registration Scholarships\*

The excitement of Get Together! in Indianapolis, Indiana May 31 – June 2, 2024 is building and we want to share our excitement.

The North Central Jurisdiction is offering 2 Registration Scholarships for each conference. The conferences choose their own scholarship recipients. The recipient should not be a member of the Conference Leadership Team. This would be a perfect time to invite a new person into our sisterhood.

The scholarship is for Early Registration only, and that ends November 30, midnight Eastern Time. If the recipient is selected after Early Registration closes, the conference pays the difference when registering. Your conference UWFaith Leadership Team selects the recipient, then contacts NCJ treasurer Sylvia Kempton for instruction. Your conference treasurer will do the registration for the recipient and pay with the conference debit card. The conference treasurer will send the receipt to the NCJ treasurer and be reimbursed immediately.

The North Central Jurisdiction United Women in Faith Leadership Team has been busy planning for this to be a meaningful and memorable event, and we invite all of you to come. Let's 'GET TOGETHER!' - - - Together the power of love in action can change the world!

**Sylvia Kempton,  
NCJ Treasurer**

We have some great programming for you!

The event in Indianapolis will challenge and inspire, educate, and equip.

You will join sisters from all over the North Central Jurisdiction in singing, praying, laughing, and engaging. You'll participate in worship and workshops. You'll meet new friends and nurture your own souls as you share and learn from each other.

You'll be glad you came

**Registration is now OPEN**

**Go to our Website:**

**<https://www.umwncj.org/>**

## Getting Together for Elections in 2024

United Women in Faith North Central Jurisdiction will meet May 31-June 2, 2024, at the Sheridan downtown hotel in Indianapolis. At this NCJ meeting, there will be two elections: the election of four directors plus two alternates for the National Board of United Women in Faith and the election of the next NCJ Leadership Team.

Each conference UWFaith, at their 2023 Annual Gathering, should be electing four voting delegates and two nominees of National UWFaith Board of Directors plus an alternate each. November 30, 2023, is the deadline for conference secretaries to submit these names to **both**:

Elizabeth Everitt (NCJ Chair Committee on Nominations [e.everitt@comcast.net](mailto:e.everitt@comcast.net))  
and

Susan Moberg (Corporate Secretary [smoberg@uwfaith.org](mailto:smoberg@uwfaith.org)).

December 31, 2023, is the deadline for submitting bio's of all nominees of Board of Directors to Susan Moberg.

There are plans to provide spiritual as well as engaging programming for all participants. Make plans to attend. You may start registering and securing hotel reservations now. Jurisdiction is held every four years. Indianapolis will also be the site for the next Assembly. Come for 2024 North Central Jurisdiction meeting and you will know your way around when you attend Assembly 2026.

**Elizabeth Everitt, Chair**  
**NCJ Committee on Nominations**

## Highlights - Don't Miss Out!

This is a great time of the year, with annual meetings and everything Fall. I would like to share some news and updates regarding the 2024 NCJ jurisdiction event.

For the first time since Covid we will "GET TOGETHER", for the jurisdiction event. We are excited to share some of the scheduled events.

There will be a display room -- We are looking forward to have each of the NCJ states displayed with information about what each Conference is doing, fun things about your state, pictures from annual meetings etc.

We are still looking for quilters and people who knit, let's display our talents.

There will be a Book Review/ Book Exchange room -- please share any UMW books you have read, including copies of **response**.

We are planning a special tribute, so bring your pearls.

We hope to have some fantastic events and break-out connection activities.

And did I mention the Election process and Soul Care events?

We are so excited and hope you are, too!

Please mention the display room at all your local, district, and conference meetings. We hope to have all nine states on display.

If you plan to attend and would like to volunteer some time in one of the event rooms, please send your info to me. Hoping to **see all of you in Indianapolis in 2024**.

**Best regards,**  
**Pat Bostic, NCJ Vice President**  
pbostic02@att.net



## Get Together!

What does it mean to answer the call to “love one another” facing the challenges of 2024?

(John 13:34) Come GET TOGETHER! to

FEEL the joy when faith-filled women unite

NURTURE our souls through the strength of our sisterhood

DEEPEN our relationship with God

EXPLORE the power of love to make a difference

TOGETHER we can do more.

TOGETHER we can be more.

TOGETHER the power of love in action can change the world.

### Let's Talk Legacy Time Well Spent on Friday May 31, 2024

A great time will be had in Indianapolis, Ind. on May 30 - June 2, 2024; where the NCJ will have a time of learning. As my granddaughter, starting Kindergarten said, “I’m a-learnin.’ You’ll be a-learnin’ in a Legacy Session on Friday evening, May 31, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Two wonderful leaders: Shannon Priddy, the Executive for Development and Donor Relations; and Dawn Armstrong, member of the Board of Directors, Legacy Committee, will be sharing great ways that we can make the Legacy Fund grow.

What does God want from each of us? Stop in on Friday evening and learn something new.

**Ginny Coates, Member  
NCJ Committee on Nominations**

### Soul Care Retreat

\$75 includes box supper

Optional Pre-Conference Event Thursday, May 30, Noon-9:00 pm

United Women in Faith offers Soul Care Retreats are tailored uniquely to women of different ages, interests and cultures. This new event is a pathway to connect with new women focused on giving care to your whole person – mind, body and spirit.

Are you ready to focus on nurturing your mind, body and spirit while deepening your faith through spiritual practices and creating bonds of sisterhood?

Retreat participants will experience interactive, hands-on activities that may include:

- creativity**, like poetry, painting/coloring, creative writing;
- sensory practices**, like healthy eating, movement, yoga;
- spiritual reflection**, like journaling, and meditation;
- all while **connecting** with your sisters in this community.

You will learn why self-care is not selfish.

2024 NORTH CENTRAL  
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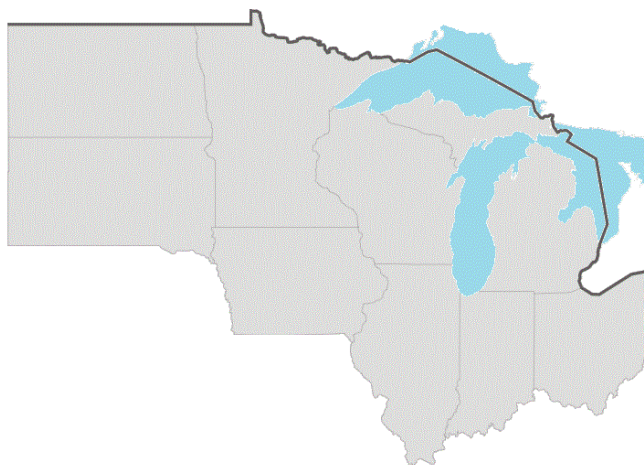
Get Together!



SAVE THE DATE

**Indianapolis IN**

May 30 - June 2, 2024



**United Women in Faith  
North Central Jurisdiction**

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2024 Quadrennial Event

Our Region

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

# North Central Jurisdiction Event (May 31, 2024 through June 2, 2024)



## Sheraton Hotel

31 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

To make your hotel reservation contact the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel at 1 (888) 627-8186 OR online at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1656616948902&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

The hotel rooms are held until April 28, 2024 under:

**"North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Women"**

Please only book your rooms using this phone number or link; booking using a third party website or booking at a different location may result in the North Central Jurisdiction not filling its contract with the hotel.

Rooms in this block are available from May 28 - June 2.

You may customize your reservation to book only the dates you need.

## North Central Jurisdiction

## 2021-2024 Leadership Team

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