

Bio for Julia Paradine-Rice, National Director Candidate from Michigan Conference:

Julia and her husband Rich live in Schoolcraft, Michigan. They have two grown sons; Ethan and his wife Abby live in Cleveland and Trevor and his partner Jane live in Grand Rapids.

Julia currently serves as the President of the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith and has previously served as Conference Treasurer, District Treasurer, District Secretary, District Committee on Nominations, local unit President and local unit Secretary. She also serves on the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee for United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids, a United Women in Faith National Mission Institution.

As a lifelong United Methodist, Julia is currently a member of Schoolcraft United Methodist Church where she serves on the Finance Committee. She has previously served as a Sunday School teacher, VBS leader, Finance Committee chair and leader of a Prayer Quilt Ministry.

Julia learned to put her faith into action from her parents, who taught their children to actively care for their neighbors and community. She currently serves as a volunteer at the local elementary school spending time reading with a class of 4th graders each week.

Earning a BBA in accounting and an MBA from Western Michigan University, she enjoyed a career in accounting and finance at large multi-national corporations and non-profit organizations prior to her retirement from the position of Finance Director for Isabella Citizens for Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center.