

Voices of Purpose

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Quarterly Newsletter of the Greater New Jersey United Women

President's Message

Greater New Jersey Ladies:

Please join me for a wonderful **Mission U** on July 18-20, 2025 at Centenary University in Hackettstown, NJ.

The book we will be using for adults is Practicing Hope by Tabatha Holley. We will be practicing hope together through this study. To order the book use <https://uwfaithresources.org>.

We always have a fabulous time and meet lovely ladies at this event. Just want to let you know if you haven't been to Centenary University that each person has their own bedroom with a shared kitchen and living room and two bathrooms with shower/tub. No need to run down the hall. You will however need to bring sheets for a single bed and pillows.

We will learn so much together! Hope to see you there!!

Holly Cyrus
GNJ UWFaith President



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Greater New Jersey United Women in Faith

Welcome Statement

GNJ United Women in Faith affirms that the grace of God is extended to all God's children without exception.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

We are committed to the inclusion of people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation as well as people of every age, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status.

We make a bold choice to work for intersectional peace with justice and to create inclusive communities that respect the dignity and sacred worth of all God's children, and honor our shared, common humanity.



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Partnering with AmeriCorps



<https://www.nj.gov/state/volunteer-ameri-corps-2020-0929.shtml>

AmeriCorps, officially the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), is an independent agency of the United States government that engages more than five million Americans in service through a variety of stipend volunteer work programs and funding in many sectors.

These programs include AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps Seniors, the Volunteer Generation Fund, and other national service initiatives.

AmeriCorps' mission is "to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering." It was created by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 and rebranded itself in September 2020 as AmeriCorps maintaining its official name (CNCS). [Wikipedia]

Bringing Out the Best of America. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorpsSeniors volunteers serve directly with nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations to tackle our nation's most pressing challenges. Every year, more than 200,000 individuals are enrolled to serve organizations making a difference in communities across America. This support is offered by providing people power and grants to empower organizations to develop and expand their impact.

The Impact of Partnering with AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is the only federal agency dedicated to national service and volunteerism. Partnering with AmeriCorps means joining a vast network of volunteers committed to strengthening communities and receiving crucial funding and people power for assistance.

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Your Right to Vote – Here's How

Often, Americans take their right to vote as happenstance, meaning it happened because of certain circumstances but was not planned by anyone. But just the opposite is true. While voting seems necessary in a democracy, voting rights in the United States (U.S.) have long been contentious. The U.S. Constitution does not stipulate who can vote and leaves the decision to our states, who have often tried to limit voting.

Our voting timeline began initially when states allowed only a select few to cast a ballot. Then, voters were almost all landowning white Protestant males (1789), property demands for white men dropped (1856), religion tests were no longer required (1828), voting rights for African Americans were secured with the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) although their vote was suppressed by Southern states through intimidation and other measures, the woman suffrage movement progressed and gave women the right to vote via the Nineteenth Amendment (1920), other groups such as Native Americans gained universal suffrage (1957), and the Voting Rights Act banned racial discrimination (1965) although African American voting suppression efforts continue today.¹

It is extremely dangerous when Americans take their hard-won voting rights as a guaranteed given that go with U.S. citizenship and they can use it or abuse it. Not exercising your right to vote could backfire, with permanent loss such as de-evolution (reverting to a more primitive species over time), when it could be avoided by selecting the best candidate to represent your special interests.

Non-voting citizens create this challenge when they surrender to defeat by default. Failure to vote constitutes implied consent to governance by the incumbents, forfeiture of the right to voice complaints about government, and equals inexcusable neglect of public and private affairs. Voting rights are mandatory responsibilities for both naturalized and native citizens, ensures taxation with representation, and offers a means of speaking your mind without talking loud enough to be heard. "Your vote is your voice."²

¹ "Voting in the U.S.A.," www.britannica.com/story/voting-in-the-usa.

² Civics-Online, www.civics-online.org/voting-rights/exercising-the-right-to-vote-is-essential-to-being-a-good-citizen.

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Now that you have been reminded of your responsible rights as a voting citizen of the United States of America, the following are New Jersey options to exercise your vote.

Voter Registration

Voter registration (or enrollment) is usually a prerequisite for being entitled or permitted to vote. The rules governing registration vary between jurisdictions. In the United States, states generally require voter registration, with North Dakota being the only state which has no registration requirement.

Voting Options

1. **Register to Vote.** Voter registration deadline for the General Election in New Jersey is October 15, 2024. Options are online voter registration or complete a one-page voter registration application. Details can be found at: <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>.
2. **Vote by Mail.** Registered voters can apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by following the instructions found at **[VOTE.NJ.GOV](https://vote.nj.gov)** or contacting their County Clerk.³ Unlike the former “absentee ballot,” you do not need to indicate your reason to Vote by Mail. Once you are registered, your ballot arrives in the mail at the address you designated, and you can then complete the ballot and mail it as instructed.
3. **In-Person Early Voting in New Jersey.** Early voting in New Jersey as established in 2023 to make our state even more voter-friendly and strengthen our democracy. Registered voters can cast their ballot in person, using a voting machine. Every county will designate in-person early voting locations that will be open from October 26, 2024 through November 3, 2024.⁴

³ “3 Ways to Vote in New Jersey.” <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-early-voting.shtml>.

⁴ “Ibid. See back pages for applications.

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4. ***At Your Polling Place on Election Day.*** Vote in person at your polling place from 6am to 8pm on Election Day. General Election Day is November 5, 2024.⁵

In addition to online access to voting forms mentioned above, you can visit your "County Clerk" office for information and copies of the necessary forms or ask me!

Remember, "Citizens have a responsibility to participate in the political process by registering and voting in elections." We are a democracy and fought extremely hard to exercise our right to have a say in how our government operates. We now wish to move forward not backwards!

Submitted by Joyce Pratt

⁵ "3 Ways to Vote in New Jersey." <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-early-voting.shtml>. See back pages for applications.

Romans 13:1: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

Deuteronomy 1:13: "Choose some wise, understanding and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you."

Proverbs 29:2 NIV: When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Titus 3:1-2, 9 NIV: **1** Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, **2** to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. **9** But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

The Interfaith Call for Climate Justice

By Zakaria Din
September 30, 2024

In a world increasingly burdened by the effects of climate change, such as extreme weather and rising sea levels, faith plays a crucial role in the fight for climate justice. Faith traditions across the world have long spoken that the call to care for creation and protect our vulnerable populations is abundantly clear. Faith and environmental action, when combined, offer a strong argument in favor of climate justice. In viewing environmental action through the lens of faith traditions, one may be compelled to view solving the climate crisis as a moral imperative. A person of faith has a crucial position in the coming climate crisis, as we need people with strong moral convictions to lead by example and inspire meaningful action rooted in compassion and care for creation.

One of the most notable calls to action found within several religious traditions is the concept of stewardship, or the belief that humanity has been entrusted with care of the Earth. Within Christianity, this concept of stewardship may be found in The Book of Genesis. Genesis teaches that humans were placed in the Garden of Eden “to work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15, New International Version). Genesis outlines that we each have a duty to protect and cultivate the world we live in. In contemporary times, this idea has evolved into a broader call for creation care, or the idea that human beings are co-creators with God and must preserve the natural world. Although humanity has the privilege of consuming and enjoying the planet’s resources, humanity must also ensure that these resources are preserved for future generations. Additionally, the United Methodist Church’s Book of Discipline teaches that human actions have greatly harmed the Earth, a creation of God, and its numerous close, interdependent ecosystems (Social Principles: Community of All Creation, n.d.).

The concept of stewardship is also taught and deeply rooted in Judaism. Jewish environmental ethics has been long informed by the principle of Bal Tashchit, a commandment that prohibits the wasteful destruction of fruit-bearing trees in times of war, as crucial resources must be preserved in even the most desperate circumstances (Deuteronomy 20:19-20). This principle has since been interpreted by faith-based organizations as a call to not just avoid further waste and harm to trees, but to avoid inflicting environmental harm in any form. Judaism also teaches the concept of repairing the world, called Tikkun Olam, where we need to heal and protect the planet. In Judaism, one’s call for environmental stewardship is framed as a faithful, deep expression of religious values, such as honoring God’s creation, repairing the world,

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and as responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to humanity (My Jewish Learning, 2018).

Similarly, an Islamic perspective on climate justice holds that the natural world is a gift from God, which was entrusted to humans for caretaking. In discussing how God created the world for humanity's care, the Qur'an states, "It is He who made you successors of the Earth" (Qur'an 35:39). With this, humanity was given the responsibility of stewardship. Prophet Muhammed also teaches the idea of stewardship by saying, "If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person, or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift". In Islam, actions which benefit the environment are seen as acts of charity, as they contribute to the well-being of humanity and our future generations. Furthermore, Islamic scholars condemn wastefulness and overconsumption, instead advocating for moderation in use of the resources given to us. According to the Qur'an, "And do not waste, for God does not love the wasteful" (Qur'an 7:31). This lesson is applicable to the concept of stewardship, as Muslims are encouraged to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. These can include limiting water usage, food consumption, and energy use as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings (Wisconsin Muslim Journal, 2024).

While the teachings of each faith may differ in specific language, they all point to a shared moral obligation for the care of creation and pursuit of justice for all beings, human and nonhuman alike. Our faith calls us to assess our overconsumption and look beyond ourselves. We have to ask ourselves whether we are properly fulfilling our duty as caretakers of the Earth. One of the most impactful methods to fulfill this calling is through collective engagement and advocacy. United by a shared commitment to stewardship, our communities can play pivotal roles in pushing for stronger climate policies which address the various causes of the climate crisis. This includes calling elected representatives to push for impactful legislation which promotes sustainable development, holds corporations accountable for environmental damage, and reduces carbon emissions. The time to heed the call of stewardship outlined in religious tradition is now, as people across faith traditions must work together to create a more just and sustainable future for the Earth.

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy%2020%3A19-20&version=NIV>



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UWFaith News

Sally Vonner, UWFaith General Secretary and CEO

On July 29, 2023, Sally Vonner celebrated her new position during an installation service at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She reported visits with more than 2,000 United Women in Faith (UWFaith) members at their meetings, at worship services, online, and onsite in the National Mission Institutions and other places where women are carrying out their mission of love in action. Discover more at: <https://uwfaith.org/news/latest-news/>.

2025 Reading Program

UWFaith considers the Reading Program a cherished tradition bringing together members to explore, share and discuss books. The Reading Program is available for adults, youth, and children with enlightening subjects in diverse genres. The books are current and cover a wide variety of topics and anyone, anywhere, can participate. Visit the following link for the 2025 Reading Program Catalog: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>.

Leadership Development Days 2024

Leadership Development Days (LDD) will take place virtually November 21-23, 2024 with the title Revive and Lead Empowered by Resurrection. This annual event is designed for UWFaith members to strengthen their leadership skills, network, worship, and fellowship together. Details are available at: <https://uwfaith.org/events/leadership-development-days/>.

Legacy Fund

Created in 2014, the Legacy Fund serves as a permanent invested endowment and will be an ongoing source of income providing the assurance that UWFaith work can always continue. Giving to the Legacy Fund will support UWFaith in perpetuity as a vital way to sustain and grow our capacity to serve and advocate.

Donors wishing to make a planned gift can become a member of the UWFaith 1869 Society, in recognition of the year of our founding in honor of those who have named United Women in Faith as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy.

For sister by sister, story by story, and ways of giving, visit <https://uwfaith.org/give/legacy-fund/>.

Motivations to Finish Strong

Yesterday, I attended a scheduled community food distribution event with my professional group who volunteered to distribute and answer questions about voting registration in New Jersey. One of our volunteers had brought books his wife had read and wished to share with the community. As he encouraged my group to take whatever books of interest, I noticed and asked for the book Finish Strong by Dan Green.¹ With only 115 pages, many of which were photographs, I was surprised how much the messages related to my current activities and those of my peers, answered many of my personal questions, and even more so the spiritual basis of the messages.

Thus, I decided to share these experiences that so resembled my own but first research the motivational message. Checking out even the most intriguing topics is what I do. I discovered that the message “finish strong” was abundant on the Internet and in books, many with spiritual connotations, and a few with inspiring life stories. Every article promoted the concept that “starting strong is good but finishing strong is epic.” So, with all our “strong” efforts this year to inspire Americans to register to vote under America’s motto: “land of the free,” I share with you tips by various authors on how to finish strong their inspiring worthwhile goal motivations, all with links for your easy reading.

This is my belief gift to you for what it means to belong to and fight for our communities as a team – *It Takes a Village*. It’s what UWFaith does, so let’s finish strong!

First, we have Dan Green. In his book introduction for **Finish Strong**, Green shares that the phrase *finish strong* has become a driving force in his life for more than ten years, even though he did not always get the results he wanted. Green pleads that for a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction knowing that you gave it all you had, make it your own personal goal to finish strong and “do all things as unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:17). Have a read for you will not be disappointed.

Raise Your Sword. A Call to Action Raising God’s Word Above All Else by Erin is next. It’s a “site that encourages women to take the sword of the Spirit, the living Word of God, and grip it with sincere faith above all things.” The archived article entitled **Powerful Finish Strong Bible Verses** shared “13 Finish Strong Bible Verses” and a few are copied in this article for your reading. The article begins with the message that when it comes to finishing strong, we *need bible verses to spur us on*. Some days it hits like a wave when we want to give up or we’re struggling to keep pushing forward. But readers are encouraged to “run with endurance so we may have the grace to finish strong.”²

¹ Finish Strong, More Than a Statement...It’s an Attitude by Dan Green.

² “Raise Your Sword A Call to Action Raising God’s Word above all else.” <https://raiseyoursword.com>.

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Another writer is Scott Savage. He believes self-awareness can help all of us become consistent finishers and not simply enthusiastic starters. He shares in his article “**How to Finish Strong: The Secret You Already Know**,” that finishing is much more difficult than starting. Savage proclaims using the power of self-awareness to finish strong allows you to accept your weaknesses while focusing all your attention on your strengths for things to change. And he shares what he learned about himself after years of not finishing his goals by performing an autopsy on those areas of his life. He challenges you to finish strong by answering five questions about yourself as to your needed structure, encouragement, accountability, mindset-shift, and reallocation of time, energy, or other resources to empower a final push. He ends with “We’re cheering for you!”³

“Charles Darwin was afraid. By 1859, he had spent 22 years traveling the world, making observations, and connecting the dots on the origins of our species. You certainly can’t wait 22 years to complete your next project, no matter how unconventional it may seem.” This is the beginning of a guest post in Psychology Today by Paul Jun in “**The Importance of Finishing What you Start**.”⁴ Jun discusses being ready vs. being prepared; the need for perfection vs expecting issues while shipping your ideas; and fearing criticism vs learning something meaningful to help your project move forward. Jun explains how not to let the greatest obstacle known to block what you start (your fears, anxieties, and doubts) delay your finish. Another inspiring and thoughtful article to finish strong.

Leon Ho in his article “**6 Ways to Finish Strong (When Your Momentum is Low)**”⁵ begins that there are times in your life when you will have to define a path to achieve your goals. These are moments to decide how you will push through to finish strong. Will you give up or give it all that it takes? Ho gives three fun facts for why you need to push through the end: Most of the points scored in football occur a few minutes before the game ends; the last second in a race determines who wins as every runner wants to give the most effort; and you work harder when there are deadlines to meet. As proof of why the finish is highly significant, Ho states people rate the quality of life higher when it ends better, not minding if it was short. He also promotes self-awareness and as a bonus tip adds “*It is not enough to be an enthusiastic starter; you must also be an optimistic finisher.*”

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Have a read of the above articles for detailed tips, especially Ho's five proven steps to enable you to finish strong for those goals you may wish to accomplish. You will not be disappointed!

Submitted by Joyce Pratt

³ "How to Finish Strong: The Secret You Already Know" by Scott Savage.
[<https://www.thindifference.com/2017/10/how-to-finish-strong/>]

⁴ "The Importance of Finishing What You Start," Guest Post by Paul Jun, Post by Gregory Ciotti, Habits, Not Hacks; in Psychology Today, February 2016. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/habits-not-hacks/201602/the-importance-finishing-what-you-start>.

⁵ "6 Ways to Finish Strong (When Your Momentum is Low" by Leon Ho, Founder & CEO of Lifehack. <https://www.lifehack.org/879927/finish-strong>.

Worthwhile Goal Motivations

Believe and act as if it was impossible to fail.
--Charles F. Kettering

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. --2 Timothy 4:7

I realized the secret to success is finishing!
And not just finishing but finishing strong! --
Eric Thomas

Many will start fast; few will finish strong. -
Gary Ryan Blair

No matter who you are or what you do, embrace the challenge to first start with the goal to finish strong. --Andy Andrews, New York Times bestselling author.

Regardless of what came before or what is yet to come, what matters most right now is how I choose to respond to the challenge before me. Will I lie down, or will I fight? The choice is mine, and I choose to finish strong. --Dan Green

Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. --1 Peter 5:9

Starting strong is good, finishing strong is epic. --Robin Sharma

There are better starters than me but I'm a strong finisher. --Usain Bolt, Wisdom Fighters

Well done, good servant. --Luke 19:17





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Greater New Jersey Conference United Women in Faith Fall Meeting

Presenter

Joseph Chiarell on Climate Justice

October 26, 2024 Breakfast from 9-9:45am

Program - Workshops - Meeting 10am-2:30pm

Cost (includes breakfast and lunch) for in-person attendance \$25

GNJUMC Conference Mission Center
205 Jumping Brook Rd, Neptune Township, NJ

Register by: October 15, 2024

Offering will be for Just Energy 4 All

Offering links are listed below

In-Gathering - The Neighborhood Center in Camden

[GNJUWF 2024 Fall Meeting Registration Online Form \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)



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Who Is My Keeper

by Virgie Williams
CAD President

So much can happen during the course of a week, a few days, or even one day. I was talking with my brother a couple of days ago. I had called him to see if he and his wife were all right. They live in Western North Carolina, and we know that Hurricane Helene wreaked havoc on states from Florida through the Carolinas. Even here in New Jersey we were impacted by rain for several days.



My brother said that he and his wife were safe yet experiencing many challenges. No electricity, that means no lights, no air conditioning, no heat, even if you have natural gas the thermostats are electric. However, some homes have propane energy. I called him on his cell phone, and he said they were doing okay. A neighbor had given him a tarp to put on his roof to cover a hole compliments of Hurricane Helene. We talked about two minutes as he was unable to charge his cell phone because of no electricity, and he wanted to be able to use his phone in case of another emergency.

We take so much for granted, yet a storm can come into our lives and the results leaves us breathless and wondering if our neighbors are all right – is there something that they essentially need at this moment, am I my sister's keeper or my brother's keeper? There is little that I can do from New Jersey to assist them. Yet I can keep them in my prayers, perhaps wire them some money, or encourage some of my children's generation to go and help them with cleanup and restoring. I am hopeful that emergency centers have been established that are providing food, sleeping areas, and temporary bathing facilities.

I've started all this to say at this moment that CAD (Cape Atlantic District) is having their Fall Meeting, and our speaker is Shelley Hadac and she will be speaking about UMCOR and what that organization does when a natural disaster occurs. My Sisters, Look at God, He is always working around us and preparing us to assist with the many that need our help. Our CAD theme, **Shades of Fall—Shades of God's Mercy**, has literally laid God's Hands on us to be our Sisters' and Brothers' keepers for such a time as this...our scripture, **Peacemakers who sow in peace, reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18**

We are working to fulfil a need to the needy, to be a friend when times are challenging, and always taking our cue from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

District News



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UMCOR Areas of Impact



Peacemakers who sow in peace,
reap a harvest of righteousness.
James 3:18

**Cape Atlantic District United Women in Faith
Annual Business Meeting and Communion
Saturday, October 5, 2024**

9:30 AM Registration
Pastor: Rev. David Yun
UWF President: Holly Cyrus

Central United Methodist Church
5 Marvin Avenue
Linwood, NJ 08221
(609) 927-4882



Keynote Presenter: Shelley Hodac –
Good Shepherd UMC Missions Chair / HUB Facilitator
“Let us learn about UMCOR.”

Theme: Shades of Fall – Shades of God’s Mercy.

United Women in Faith District Fall Meeting

Monday, October 28, 5:30 PM
Pitman UMC

**Dinner by Thyme Catering—
Voted Best of Gloucester County!**

**Program: Mike Landis, Camden
Neighborhood Center**

- In-gathering - \$10 gift cards to Dunkin', Walmart, or Amazon for teen gifts at the Christmas Toy Shop!

RSVP by 10/21:
Lisa Burgess – lburgess81@hotmail.com or 856.297.8944
Cost- \$5/person to reserve your place
All other costs paid by Delaware Bay UWF



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Partnering with AmeriCorps

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2025 AmeriCorps State and National Funding Priorities. For this funding opportunity, AmeriCorps will prioritize consideration from organization proposed programs for which a significant focus and intended outcome serves communities, benefit AmeriCorps members, use AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange, are faith-based, or affiliates with the American Climate Corps (ACC) that trains young people for the clean energy and climate resilience workforce. Single-state applicants must apply through their state.

Application Deadline. The New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service is offering the opportunity to compete for a three-year cycle of Competitive AmeriCorps programs. Awards from this Competitive NOFO will implement the first year of the program which runs from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. Current applications are due by Wednesday, November 8, 2024 by 4pm. Deadline dates are available.

Technical Assistance Information and Webinars. Applicants with technical difficulties can contact AmeriCorps hotline at 800-942-2677, application questions can be directed to AmeriCorpsGrants@AmeriCorps.gov, and webinars are available about funding opportunity and eGrants on September 16, 18, and 25, 2024 and October 3, 2024.

Source: <https://americorps.gov/>, a website of the United States government. 9/1/24

Church Women United – New Jersey (CWU-NJ)

Fall Gathering

Topic: Solutions to Hunger and Homelessness

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10:00am – 2:30pm.

Where: First United Methodist Church, Toms River, NJ

Focus: “Marketing the Movement: How Women Won the Vote”

World Community Day Celebration

Topic: To Walk Humbly with God

When: Friday, October 25, 2024, 10:00am

Where: First United Methodist Church, Moorestown, NJ

Focus: MEND, Inc. (Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development

Visit CWU-NJ website for other events, past and future, at

<https://www.churchwomenunited.net>.



Social Media

The Good, Bad, and Ugly

In an article for Social Group, Yachika Yadav, a sociology, post graduate student at Banasthali Vidyapith in India, discusses her research on the pros and cons of social media.

Nowadays, social media is so popular among the young, children, and adults. Each of us uses social media to be updated, to entertain ourselves, to communicate with others, to explore new things, and to connect with the world. Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube, etc. are examples of social media. Social media is a part of our lives today, and consciously or unconsciously, it is becoming our habit to continuously go through it and check the notifications.

Social media is a platform where we can communicate with a large number of people, make connections, and interact with them. It operates on the internet. A user usually creates an account on such a platform and allows interaction with the millions of other users available on it according to their preferences and choices. Apart from the interaction, it also allows users to share information, chat with other people, share their opinions, create content, and embrace their differences.

In today's world, social media is an important part of young people's lives, determining and shaping their perspectives. The youth typically adopt and pursue social media trends; for example, in dressing styles, the youth adopt dresses and styles that are promoted as trends by social media.

Social media not only allows people to share their opinions, but it also shapes the opinions of its users. Social media have an impact on their users as well as society as a whole, both positive and negative.

Excerpts from "10 Positive and Negative Effects of Social Media on Society," 1-20-23.
<https://www.sociologygroup.com/pros-cons-social-media/#:~:text=Positive%20impact%20of%20social>.



UWFaith Events



Mission u. Each year, United Women in Faith develops three justice-focused Biblical curricula for adults, youth, and children, all on a common theme. In 2025, our theme is Practicing Hope Together. In 2026, our theme will be Experiencing Emmanuel. Our focus on developing three curricula around one common theme means that Mission u offers a unique opportunity for faith communities to create powerful intergenerational learning experiences.

Revive and Lead

Empowered by Resurrection

Leadership Development Days 2024 will take place virtually November 21-23, 2024. An annual event, Leadership Development Days, or LDD, is designed for members of United Women in Faith to strengthen their leadership skills, network, worship, and fellowship together. All conference officers who will be leading in 2025 are invited to join.



UWFaith is now offering soul care retreats tailored uniquely to women of different ages, interests and cultures. This new event is for member enrichment and is also a pathway to connect with new women focused on giving care to your whole person – mind, body and spirit.

Visit UWFaith website for details and other events: <https://uwfaith.org/>.

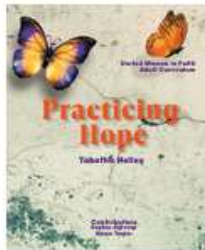
MISSION U 2025



Mission u 2025: Practicing Hope Together

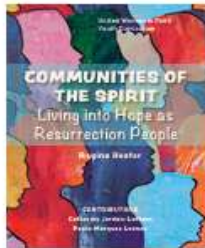
Join us at **Mission u** as we explore the theme, Practicing Hope Together. Mission u participants will study the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the example of early Christian communities to explore what it means to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart.

Mission u 2025 offers three exciting curricula on this theme. Order your copy here: uwfaithresources.org



Adult— *Practicing Hope* by Tabatha Holley

Practicing Hope is a biblical curriculum that explores hope particularly when hope seems hard to find, asking questions such as: How does Christ teach us to embody hope when our backs are against the wall? Participants will find ways to allow all of our communities to cultivate hope that is honest about our current conditions (refugia), restorative when everything feels urgent (rest), and possible even when we transgress (repair).



Youth— *Communities of the Spirit: Living into Hope as Resurrection People* by Regina Heater

Communities of the Spirit is a youth curriculum examining the hope we find in early post-resurrection Christian communities and how they kept hope alive in the most difficult times. Youth will be asked to consider what they believe are important components of a Community of the Spirit, hoping they will identify what they need in a community to help them continue to become the people God calls them to be.



Children— *Hope as a Resurrection People* by Joni Cisowski

Hope as a Resurrection People intends to help children build trust in Jesus to bring comfort and support as they find courageous hope in the face of uncertainty. Through each session, children will develop their understanding of hope by reflecting on important people, communities, places, activities, personal goals, and desires for the future. Then, they will look for ways to build communal hope to be the change our world needs today.

JOIN US dates/times:
[Enter your Mission u events date here.]

July 18-20, 2025

RSVP: [Include your url/link to the event, if any, here.]

Centenary University, Hackettstown, NJ

Come learn together for the transformation of the world!



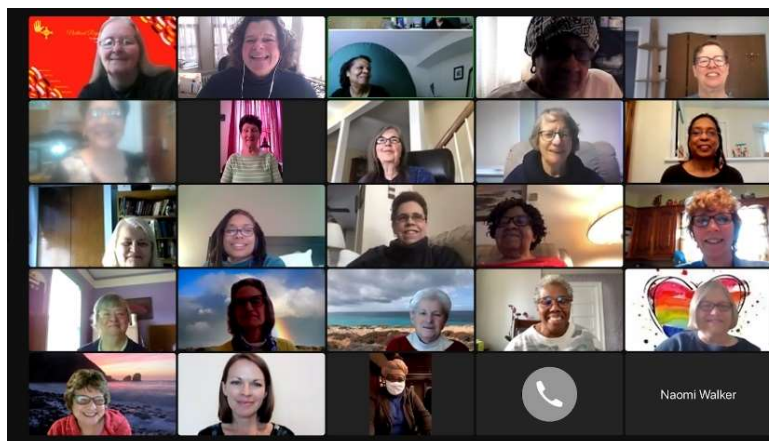
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GNJ United Women in Faith Calendar of Events 2024-2025

2024-GNJ-UWF-Leadership-Team



2024

- April 18-21 NE Jurisdiction Event in Providence, RI
- April 27 Spring Celebration: "Native American Resilience and Healing" with Carol Lakota Eastin, 9:30am-noon, Location: Medford UMC or hybrid/Zoom
<http://tinyurl.com/FlyerSpring2024>
- May 11 Micro Retreat, 10-10:45AM
Meeting ID 848 9332 4533, Passcode: 1208
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84893324533?pwd=eGM1NWtRQ2NndnVhYjl6Nmd2YUNadz09>
- May 19-21 GNJ Annual Conference, Wildwood
- June 1 Program Planning Committee, 10-11:30am
- June 8 & 9 Annual Pow-Wow, Salem County Fairgrounds, Grand Entrance at noon. Saturday bake sale for St. John UMC VBS.
- July 12-14 Mission U 3-day at Centenary University

2024 (GNJUWF Calendar continued)

- August 3 Treasurers'/Finance Committee meeting followed by Leadership Team, 9:30am-noon.
- October 26 Fall Annual Meeting: 9:30 Gathering, 10am start, at GNJ Mission Resource Center, Neptune. Suggested donation toward cost of meal(s) - \$10.00.
- November 2 Program Planning Committee, 10-11:30am
- November 21-23 Leadership Development Days 2024 will take place virtually through National

2025

- January 11 Leadership Development on Zoom, followed by Leadership Team, 9:30am-12:30pm
- April 5 Spring Celebration

Retreat Recordings

March 21 Virtual Retreat [Click here to View](#) Passcode: S!K&qjj1

August 21 Virtual [Click here to View](#) Passcode: xvX^a7t\$

Nov. 21 Virtual Retreat [Click here to View](#) Passcode: 5+MAN89=

April 22 Virtual Retreat [Click to View](#) Passcode: cV=&8v+&

June 22 Virtual Retreat Recording [Click to View](#) Passcode: 19Ua5.KN

Retreat Recordings (continued from page 23)

Sept.22 Virtual Retreat Recording [Click Here](#) Passcode: 4Ctct8+K

Nov. 22 Virtual Retreat Recording [Click Here](#) Passcode: 7q&r\$Vdr

March 13 Micro-retreat, LT & Legislative Task Force: [Click to View](#)
Passcode: b2Qck7@%

Sept. 23 Micro-retreat [Click to View](#) Passcode: 53Cn?N?N

Nov. 4 Micro-retreat [Click to View](#) Passcode: z@6mrvTv

Feb. 2024 Micro-retreat [Click to View](#) Passcode: qTR&?xv8

Recordings of Previous Meetings

2024

Jan. 20 Leadership Development & Team Meeting

Link to slides and resources <http://tinyurl.com/LD24Slides>

Recording: <http://tinyurl.com/LeadershipDevel24>
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2023

October 21 Fall Celebration,

“Teaching Resilience: Healthy Perspectives for Children (and all!),

Recording at <https://tinyurl.com/Oct21st-Recording-Resilience>, Passcode:
@8D9gFAv. Evaluation <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8235XKF>

September 23 Finance & Leadership Team

<https://tinyurl.com/Fin-LTeam>. Passcode: BYzz7^4p

August 26

<https://tinyurl.com/Legislative-Action-Training>. Passcode: eE4+0kGw

Recordings of Previous Meetings

2023 (continued)

May 6 [Leadership Team Recording](#) Passcode: FXc@B2YD

Apr. 15 Spring Celebration: Welcoming the Stranger

Recording:

<https://www.facebook.com/1387822282/videos/965672264426804/>

April 1 [Development Recording](#). Passcode: qC.7%d0%

Jan 14 Native American Breakout Session Recording:

<https://youtu.be/DfGlfpd4hHs>

2022

[Recording Jan. 15, 2022](#)

Passcode: *D=3fzOd

[Recording Leadership Team Meeting March 5, 2022](#)

Passcode: 6sz%V7en

[Recording Recipes for Success](#) Training Jun 4, 2022

Access Passcode: m0wqd!Y6

[Justice for Indigenous Children Sept. 30,22](#)

Passcode: 6oqLFQ%p

Oct. 15 Program Mark Miller:

bridgewaterumc.org/mark-miller

[Fall Annual Meeting Oct. 15, 22](#)

Passcode:K1HpS+az

[Nov. 5 Know Your Neighbor in the LGBTQIA Community](#)

Passcode: XZhLV\$E5

<https://tinyurl.com/Nov22-KnowYourNeighbor-LGBTQ>

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Recordings of Previous Meetings

2021

March 6 Leadership Team Meeting [March 6 Leadership Recording](#) Passcode: x2nC&%=B

April 25 3PM GNJ Spring Meeting Rev. Luana Scott [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)
PASSCODE: z!u@cj6g

June 5 Leadership Team Meeting [Click here to View](#) Passcode: ^22GcBuv

Aug. 7 Recording Treasurer's & Leadership Team [Click Here to View](#) Passcode: ^81@0+?L

Aug. 7 Recording Leadership Team [Click here to View](#) Passcode: ^81@0+?L

Sept 11 Recording of 9/11 Know Your Neighbor in the Muslim Community
[Click here to View](#) Passcode: #*skzy4q

Oct. 9 Recording Oct. 9 Know Your Neighbor in the AAPI Community
[Click here to View](#) Passcode: ^5agp7ZX

Oct. 16 Recording GNJ UMW Fall Meeting, Oct. 16, 2021
[Click here to View](#) Passcode: R=LZmh6&

Nov. Recording Nov. Know Your Neighbor in Indigenous Communities
[Click here to View](#) Passcode: ?P96%G%M

GNJ UWF Resources and Actions
<https://tinyurl.com/ResourcesGNJUWF>

UWF National Events

<https://uwfaith.org/events/calendar/>

New Brand Resources

<https://umwmissionresources.org/>

United Women in Faith YouTube

<https://m.youtube.com/c/uwwomenfaith>



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Newsletter Deadlines & Distribution

Newsletter Issue	Articles	Deadline for Distribution
Spring 2024 (January – March)	April 4, 2024	April 8, 2024
Summer 2024 (April – June)	July 4, 2024	July 8, 2024
Fall 2024 (July – September)	October 3, 2024	October 7, 2024
Winter 2024 (October – December)	January 3, 2025	January 7, 2025

Visit GNJUWF website for previous published newsletters:
www.gnjumw.org/news.

GNJUWF Website Blog Plans

GNJUWF has been researching ideas for a website “Conversational Blog” for members to express their feelings, seek suggestions for district and chapter initiatives, and obtain ideas on short issues, what remedies others took, what else can be done, to name just a few.

Our initial plans are to create three categories such as:



Our Beliefs



Our Community



Our Outreach

Your help is needed to create a blog that will be useful to most if not all of us and can be amended as required. Please send us your ideas via our website CONTACT page at <https://www.gnjumw.org> or via email.

We cannot wait to hear from you!

Greater New Jersey United Women in Faith

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023-2024

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Holly Cyrus ('24)

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Pat Schutz ('24)

SECRETARY

Linda Wilson (24)

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Barbara Miller ('24)

Membership, Nurture and OUTREACH CHAIR

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Sherri Shumate ('23)

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Grace Rapp ('25)

STANDING RULES CHAIR

Grace Rapp

COMMUNICATIONS

PHOTOGRAPHER

Lou Hyson ('23)

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Joyce Pratt ('23)

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES REP.

Leslie Bivins

LGBTQ Representative

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS CHAIR

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CLASS OF 2024

Cynthia Lydon

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Ivy Daniels

CLASS OF 2024

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CLASS OF 2025

Kathy Schulz

CLASS OF 2027

Rosa Williams

CLASS OF 2027

Jill Morrow

APPOINTED

CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Chair: Sue Zahorbenski

Members: Leslie Bivins, Joyce Pratt
Carolyn Pendleton, Millie Grey
Mary Bland, Sherri Shumate,
Barbara Miller

Legacy Fund Committee

Chair: Yvonne Bouknight

Members: Sherri Shumate

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LEADERSHIP TEAM – 2023-2024

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

COASTAL PLAINS

CAPE ATLANTIC

Virgil Williams ('22)

CENTRAL

Debbie Campion ('25)

DELAWARE BAY ('25)

Staci Sheetz

METRO HIGHLANDS

MEADOWLANDS

Tracy Carroll ('25)

Tia Swanson ('25)

RARITAN SHORE

OPEN

SKYLANDS

Elizabeth (Liz) Steen ('26)

ELECTED BY OTHER GROUPS

KOREAN NETWORK PRESIDENT

Kyungmee Kim

KOREAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

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KOREAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

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HISPANIC NETWORK PRESIDENT

OPEN

HISPANIC LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

OPEN

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Sara Joslin

OTHER LEADERSHIP TEAMS

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Kathleen Schulz

ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Yvonne Bouknight

DEAN MISSION "U"

Elizabeth Vaneekhoven

ASSISTANT DEAN MISSION "U"

BERNADETTE CATALINE

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION VICE PRESIDENT

Sue Zahorbenski

UMW NE JURISDICTION MISSION ADVOCATE

REBECCA PARSONS

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BETHANY AMEY-SUTTON

GNJUMC PRESIDING BISHOP

Rev John R. Schol

CONFERENCE UMW WEBSITE: www.gnjumw.org

Social Action Resources

Greater New Jersey United Women in Faith Website

www.gnjumw.org.

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/

New Jersey Assembly Bills Pending

<https://legiscan.com/NJ/pending/sassembly-state-local-government-committee/id/3085>.

New Jersey Legislature

List of all New Jersey legislators in alphabetical order showing, party, house, and district. Legislators can also be found by municipality/city. Click on “Members” and then “Legislative Roster.” <https://nileg.state.nj.us/legislative-roster>.

United States House of Representatives

Directory of U.S. Representatives (also referred to as congressmen or congresswomen) showing district name, party office, phone, and committee assignment. <https://www.house.gov/representatives>.

United States Senate

Listing of all U.S. senators alphabetically by name, showing state, party, office room and phone. <https://www.senate.gov/senators/>.

United Women in Faith Website

<https://uwfaith.org>.

United States Congress

Meeting sessions and links for House of Representatives and Senate and current bills search. <https://congress.gov>.

Standing Rules – GNJUWF of GNJ Conference 2023

GNJUWF revised Standing Rules approved at the 2023 Annual Fall Meeting can be accessed at www.gnjumw.org, under “Rules & Regulations.”





New Jersey Voter Registration Application

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Please print clearly in ink. All information is required unless marked optional.

1 Check all boxes that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Political Party Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Update <input type="checkbox"/> Vote By Mail						FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
2 Are you a U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If No, DO NOT complete this form)		3 Are you at least 17 years of age? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If No, DO NOT complete this form)		Clerk		
4 Last Name		First Name	Middle Name or Initial	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)	Registration #	
5 Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY) / /		6 Gender (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		Office Time Stamp		
7 NJ Driver's License Number or MVC Non-driver ID Number If you DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License or MVC Non-Driver ID, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> "I swear or affirm that I DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License, MVC Non-driver ID or a Social Security Number."						
8 Home Address (DO NOT use PO Box)		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	County	State	Zip Code
9 Mailing Address (If different from Home Address)		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	County	State	Zip Code
10 Last Address Registered to Vote (DO NOT use PO Box)		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	County	State	Zip Code
11 Former Name if Making Name Change		12 Day Phone Number (Optional) _____ E-Mail Address (Optional) _____				<input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> in person
13 Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the party name is _____ (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not wish to be affiliated with any political party.						Muni Code #
14 Request for Mail-In Ballot for all future elections (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections until I request otherwise in writing to the County Clerk's office. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my ballot to the following address if different from Mailing Address above. Mailing Address if different from above Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip Code						Party
Declaration - I swear or affirm that: ● I am a U.S. Citizen ● I live at the above home address ● I am at least 17 years old, and understand that I may not vote until reaching the age of 18 ● I will have resided in the State and county at least 30 days before the next election ● I am not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States. ● I understand that any false or fraudulent registration may subject me to a fine of up to \$15,000, imprisonment up to 5 years, or both pursuant to R.S. 19:34-1						Ward
Signature of Registrant: Sign or mark and date on lines below X _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____ (MM / DD / YYYY)						District
If applicant is unable to complete this form, print the name and address of individual who completed this form. Name _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____ / ____ / ____ Address _____						

Important Instructions for sections 7, 8, 13 and 14

- 7) Registrants who are submitting this form by mail and are registering to vote for the first time: If you do not supply any of the information required by section 7, or the information you provide cannot be verified, you will be asked to provide a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, or a document with your name and current address on it to avoid having to provide identification at the polling place.
Note: ID Numbers are Confidential and will not be released by any governmental agency. Any person who uses such numbers illegally shall be subject to criminal penalties.
- 8) If you are homeless, you may complete section 8 by providing a contact point or the location where you spend most of your time.
- 13) You may declare a political party affiliation or you may declare to be unaffiliated, regardless of any prior party affiliation. If you are a previously affiliated voter who wants to change political party affiliation or become unaffiliated, you must file this form no later than 55 days before the primary election in order to vote in the primary election. Completing section 13 is OPTIONAL and will not affect the acceptance of your voter registration application.
- 14) If you wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections, mark the appropriate box in section 14. You will continue to receive Mail-In Ballots for all future elections until you request otherwise in writing to your County Clerk's office.

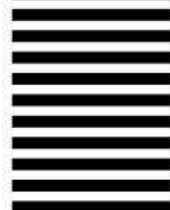
Need More Information? Check boxes below if you would like to receive more information about:

- ☐ voting by mail ☐ polling place accessibility ☐ voting if you have a disability, including visual impairment
☐ becoming a poll worker ☐ available election materials in this alternative language: _____

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TRENTON NJ 08625-9983



APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

1	I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for: (CHECK ONLY ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise in writing. Or for ONLY ONE of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> General (November) <input type="checkbox"/> Primary (June) <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Special _____ To be held on ____/____/____ (Specify) (MM / DD / YYYY)		MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY I request Vote-By-Mail Ballots for all elections in which I am eligible to vote and I am (CHECK ONLY ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> A Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I do not intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I have never lived in the U.S.		
	PLEASE NOTE: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application. If your mailing address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.				
2	Last Name (Type or Print)		First Name (Type or Print)	Middle Name or Initial	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)
3	Address at which you are registered to vote: Street Address or RD# _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____		4 Mail my ballot to the following address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same Address as Section 3 Please include any PO Box, RD#, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code & Country (if outside US) _____ _____ _____		
	5	Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY) ____/____/____	6	Day Time Phone Number () _____	7
PLEASE NOTE: This contact information will be used to contact you concerning the acceptance or rejection of your ballot and how you may cure a defect.					
8	Signature: I affirm that I am the person who is applying for this ballot and I live at the address designated in box 3 of this form. X _____			9	Today's Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____/____/____
OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 OR 11 IF APPLICABLE					
10	Assistor: Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section. Name of Assistor (Type or Print) _____ Signature of Assistor X _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____/____/____		Address _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____		
	Authorized Messenger: Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than THREE qualified voters per election, except that an authorized messenger or bearer may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger or bearer.				
11	I designate _____ to be my Authorized Messenger. Print Name of Authorized Messenger Address of Messenger _____ Apt. _____ Municipality (City/Town) _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY) ____/____/____				
	Signature of Voter X _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____/____/____				
STOP Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee. "I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law." Signature of Messenger X _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____/____/____			OFFICE USE ONLY Voter Reg # _____ Muni Code # _____ Party _____ Ward _____ District _____		

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See also: <https://nj.gov/state/elections/assets/pdf/guidelines/2024-0502-guide-board-of-elections-ballot-review.pdf>.

- Fill out application.
- Print and sign your name where indicated.
- Mail or Deliver application to the County Clerk.

DO NOT FAX OR E-MAIL

Unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter

VOTING INFORMATION

1. You must be a registered voter in order to apply for a Mail-In Ballot.
2. Once you apply for a Mail-In Ballot, you will not be permitted to vote by machine at your polling place in the same election.
3. You will receive instructions with your ballot.
4. If returning your Mail-In Ballot in person it must be received by the County Board of Elections before close of polls on Election Day. If returning your Mail-In Ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the county board of elections no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time for the closing of the polls of the election.
5. Do not submit more than one application for the same election.
6. You must apply for a Mail-In Ballot for each election, unless you designate otherwise under Section 1.

PLEASE NOTE

A voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. He or she may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3 P.M. the day before the election.

Voters now have an option of automatically receiving a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections. If such voter no longer wants this option, the County Clerk's office must be notified in writing.

WARNING

This application must be received by the County Clerk not later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person or via an authorized messenger during County Clerk's office hours, but no later than 3 P.M. the day prior to the election.

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APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Joseph J. Giraldo
Atlantic County Clerk
5901 Main Street
Mays Landing, NJ 08330-1797

Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____



Please Seal with Tape and Return