

# Voices of Purpose

September 2023

Quarterly Newsletter of the Greater New Jersey United Women

## ***President's Message***

### ***“Teaching Resilience: Healthy Perspectives for Children (and all)”***

- Playing with fidget toys
- Coloring
- Storytime

Do these sound anything like the typical United Women in Faith meeting? Probably not. But these were some of the “Rotation Station” activities on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the GNJ Mission & Resource Center in Neptune. In addition, we had yoga, meditation and hand massage. All for the sake of women, children and youth, who are always our focus.

Our speaker was Meg Isbitski, Licensed Social Worker and Disaster Response Crisis Counselor. She spoke about the many ways we can support those in crisis with various coping skills that are helpful to all. One example was the 5-4-3-2-1 Grounding Technique that connects you to the present by using all five senses. Be sure you know the crisis hotline number (988), and other resources also in this newsletter.

Among the helpful hints were the importance of community and connection, especially through a faith organization. In other words, you would be healthier in body, mind and soul if you came to our events! Next up is our Leadership Development on January 20<sup>th</sup> on Zoom for all who are or could be in leadership roles. Winter is a great time to remain in the virtual mode we have learned so well. Please register for this event at <https://tinyurl.com/Leadership-Development2024>.

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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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## President's Message

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Less than a week after our meeting, I was with someone in crisis. I thought, "We just went over this! I should know what to say or do to help." When she was able, I gave her a hug and said, "We love you." I asked if she had the hotline number (988) or someone to talk to. When I got home, I looked in my bathroom cabinet where I have posted these tips:

Ask how they're doing. Provide a safe space to share. Listen.

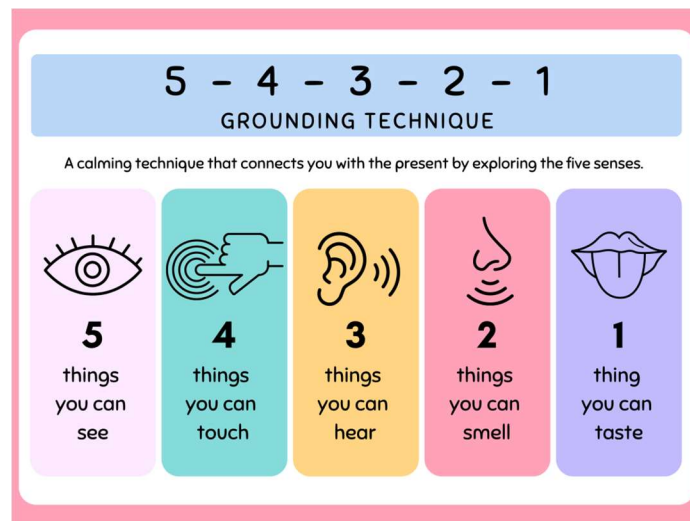
Resist the temptation to downplay their anxiety. Offer encouragement without trivializing their feelings.

Remind them they are loved, valuable and needed.

Please fill out the evaluation for our October 21<sup>st</sup> event, if you haven't already. Evaluation <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8235XKF>

The recording <https://tinyurl.com/Oct21st-Recording-Resilience>

Passcode: @8D9gFAv



### LEARN LOCAL RESOURCES

988

County Department of Human Services

NAMI Local Chapter (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Performcare (877) 652-7624

Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services

Submitted by Susan Zahorbenski, GNJUWF President



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# Mission u 2023 Wrap-up

## Elizabeth Vaneekhoven, Assistant Dean

If you were not a participant in the 2023 Mission u Study retreat on July 14 and 15, you missed it. A wonderful 2 days of study, music, and worship, combined with Table Talk Topics during meals with other faith-filled attendees, marked the return to in-person gatherings for the United Women in Faith's mission project known as Mission u. Held at the Lackland Center on the campus of Centenary University, the food was great and the company better.

*Living the Kin-dom: Part I* was an in-depth study of the Lord's Prayer, including an examination of the prayer as translated directly from Aramaic. Study Leaders included Wilhelmina Jackson and Bernadette Cataline. Combining reading the prayer in several translations, class discussions, journaling, and hands on projects, rounded out the classroom experience. Worship services with music provided by the praise band from Trinity UMC of Hackettstown, under the direction of Leah Vondette was inspirational. Rev. Debbe Barnett, started off by asking us what keeps us away from a closer relationship with God? Rev. Erica Munoz provided a moving sermon on the power of the smallest of seeds, even a mustard seed, helping us to see our own role in making the kin-dom of God a present reality. The Plenary Session challenged us to design our own kin-dom and then respond to a community's bias hate-crime event.

Participants of the retreat made the following comments to survey questions.

What experience did you take away from the Mission u study:

- Use at my Monday night Bible study.
- Share with our community.
- To look at how I am using prayer.

What experience was gained from the Plenary?

- The most groundbreaking Christian experience I've ever had; I loved the practicality.
- Great to talk to my neighbor about what I intend to do to build the kin-dom of God.

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What was your favorite aspect of the class sessions?

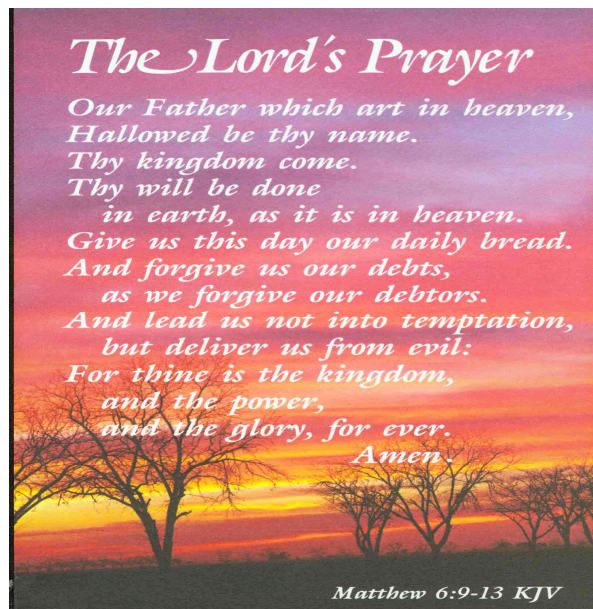
- Aramaic Lord's Prayer translation
- Chance to have meaningful discussions.

Suggestions to improve?

- Please bring back 3-day.

Mission u 2024 is already in the planning stage with *Living the Kin-dom: Part 2*. An examination of Jesus' life and ministry, including his parables, the Sermon on the Mount, and his encounters with the people in his community as they relate to the Lord's Prayer, will be the continuing topic of study. Dates will be announced soon, please plan to join us. Bring a friend, your church group, your kids, or yourself, for an inspiring time together with other believers in July 2024.

Submitted by Elizabeth Vaneekhoven  
Mission u Assistant Dean



**Teaching Resilience:  
Healthy Perspectives for Children (& All)  
Synopsis of October 21, 2023 Event**

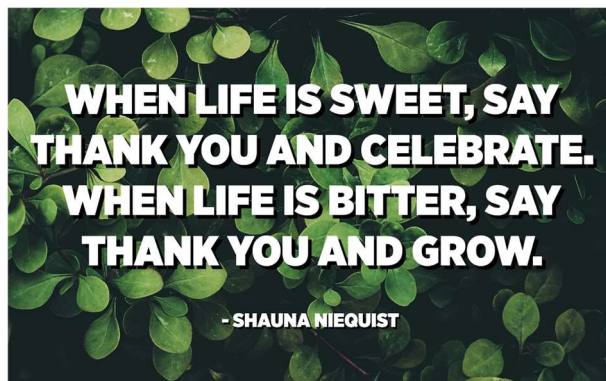


**The Guest Speaker, Meg Isbitski, Licensed Social Worker Disaster Response Crisis Counselor, was introduced by Pat Schutz, Vice President, GNJ UWF.**

**The program objectives were:**

- Define mental health vs mental health conditions
- Define resilience
- Identify factors that promote personal health and well-being
- Practice coping skills
- Learn local resources

The program ended with the following quote:



Visit the GNJ UWF website for the full presentation and recording at [www.gnjumw.org](http://www.gnjumw.org), "Programs & Events."



# Vulnerability & Authenticity

As United Women in Faith, we look for enhancements that enable us to fulfill our mission to “honor our shared, common humanity.” Two of those important qualities are vulnerability and authenticity. Vulnerability can be a strength and authenticity a connection. As we maneuver through our projects as UWF, we will often encounter displays of emotions and sensibilities of others. Maneuvering comfortably among others is vital to project success.

Vulnerability has been cast as a weakness in systems that allow threats to compromise good efforts to mediate a solution. All systems have vulnerabilities, yet vulnerability is “incredibly important in relationships.” Our misconceptions about vulnerability are based on feelings of fear, uncertainty or shame from teachings and/or experiences. Thus, we avoid being vulnerable as much as possible. Yet, “vulnerability is the core, the heart, the center, of meaningful human experiences.” Vulnerability allows us to be our authentic selves, build empathy, and work through our emotions easier. It’s also a sign of courage and helps us foster better connections to find people who will accept us for who we truly are. [<https://eugenetheray.com>, “Why Vulnerability is a Strength.”].

Recovering from the Fear of Vulnerability is important for greater strength and stronger relationships. It’s a very common fear, but you can develop a greater appreciation for why vulnerability is worth the effort. The consequence of not being vulnerable with others is that it hampers the development of deep relationships. Several actions to take are to embrace your authentic self, aim for excellence not perfection, and learn to love yourself. [by Lisa Fritscher, medically reviewed by Daniel B. Block, MD, 7/19/23]

You can be more vulnerable with others by getting to know yourself, sharing important things in the moment, talking about your fears, and being honest about things you need.

Authenticity is the connection in sharing your true thoughts and feelings even if there is disagreement and being willing to connect with the other person on a deeper level. It’s knowing your needs and boundaries and being able to express them without fear. The challenges are social pressure, meeting people for the first time, and the natural fear that we won’t be accepted for who we are.

An article from the [Upper Room](#) August-September 2023 issue entitled, “The Whole Story” that inspired this article is shared on page 14.

Submitted by Joyce Pratt, GNJUWF Communications Coordinator

# Northeastern Jurisdiction Announcement



The Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ) of United Women in Faith invites you to please join us on

**April 19-21, 2024**  
in Providence, Rhode Island  
for our ***Get Together!***

Learn more at [www.nejuwfaith.org](http://www.nejuwfaith.org).



# Dignity in our Schools Campaign

## Fall 2023 Social Action

Returning to school routines is a huge part of my life as an educator and a parent of three school age children. The future of our world sits in our classrooms.

The month of October offers an opportunity to reflect on Dignity in our Schools. Here is a little bit about the purpose of the Dignity in our Schools Campaign.

"The Dignity in Schools Campaign challenges the systemic problem of pushout in our nation's schools and works to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline. As a national coalition, DSC builds power amongst parents, youth, organizers, advocates and educators to transform their own communities, support alternatives to a culture of zero-tolerance, punishment, criminalization and the dismantling of public schools, and fight racism and all forms of oppression. We bring together our members through direct action organizing, public policy advocacy and leadership development to fight for the human right of every young person to a quality education and to be treated with dignity."

Here are the details of the 2023 National Campaign:

- 1** Remove all police from schools.
- 2** End paddling and other forms of physical punishment in schools nationwide.
- 3** Direct resources to fully fund counselors, peacebuilders, restorative justice, and positive school climates.
- 4** Eliminate policies and practices contributing to surveillance, militarization and criminalization of students.
- 5** Ensure accountability equitable funding through Every Students Succeeds Act ("ESSA") and IDEA.
- 6** Stop the arrest and pushout of Black students, other students of color, LGBTQ youth, homeless students, and students with disabilities.

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## Dignity in our Schools Campaign

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**7** Decolonize history and advance culturally relevant curricula.

**8** Remove barriers and expand access to social-emotional learning and support, counseling and mental health services.

How are you advocating for our students and our schools? What can your community do to partner with local schools, boards of education, and legislators to ensure all children have access to the best possible educational environments?

Learn more here:

More Information on Dignity in Schools: <https://www.dscwoa2023.com/>.

Blessings and peace,  
Sherri Shumate  
Social Action Coordinator



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# GNJUWF Legislative Activities

## GNJUWF Legislative Task Force Status

Strategic Plans to meet at a New Jersey Senate Assembly or General Assembly have been canceled due to notification that the two assemblies will not meet in 2023. Plans for 2023 have been amended to meet with the NJ district legislators of participating GNJUWF members.

## ***How to Become an Advocate: Training for Legislative Action***

Grace Rapp, GNJUWF Standing Rules Chair, presented a comprehensive program on our New Jersey Legislature and how to advocate for current or future legislature that will enhance our existence in New Jersey. For information about this training conducted on August 26, 2023, make a request via the GNJUWF website contact page at [www.gnjumw.org](http://www.gnjumw.org).

## ***Salute to Indigenous Peoples***

In her opening, at the GNJWF Fall Celebration on October 21, 2023, President Sue Zahorbenski shared the following:

### Litany to the Land

We name, repent for harms done, and give thanks to the Lenape and Munsee People, the first peoples of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land.

and the indigenous peoples

Holy God, we lift up the lands on which we reside and the Indigenous Peoples who were here first. May we honor their history, remember their history, and commit ourselves to action seeking justice and reparations for the harm that has been done. Amen.

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***For God gave us not a spirit of fear  
but of power and love and self-control.  
2 Timothy 1:7 ESV***



# The Whole Story

Read Mark 14:27-31, 66-72

***Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,  
“Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three  
Times.” And he broke down and wept.***

***--- Mark 14:72 (NRSVUE)***

I recently read the autobiography of a now-departed saint, pastor, author, and international speaker. As I read, I was not only inspired by his successes but also impressed by his honesty about his failings. He acknowledged his many mistakes caused by inexperience, pride, or arrogance. Reviewing his life, he presented the bad as well as the good.

Peter denied Jesus three times despite having insisted that he would never do that. If I were Peter, I would have made sure that no one wrote down my failings. If I were to write the story of my life, it would be a sanitized, airbrushed masterpiece charting the highs of my association with Jesus and his ministry.

When people are honest about their fears and their failings, we can share in their journeys to a depth that is not possible if they present only the good parts of their lives. Vulnerability, sometimes considered a weakness, is actually a strength. Vulnerability is bravery. Authenticity is connection. I am immensely thankful that the Gospel writers captured the embarrassing failings of the disciples as well as their successes. In the Gospels we see the arguments, doubts, denials, and betrayals. In these accounts, we can see ourselves.

***Prayer:*** Dear Lord Jesus, forgive our failings. Help us to be brave and vulnerable, strong and authentic, in your service. Amen.

Andrew Gadd (England, United Kingdom)

***Prayer Focus: TO BE MORE AUTHENTIC***

[Excerpt from UPPER ROOM, August-September 2023 issue, page 71.]



**GNJ United Women in Faith Calendar of Events 2023-2024**  
**2023 GNJ UWF Leadership Team**



# 2023

Oct. 21                      Fall Celebration, 9:30 meet and greet, 10am-11:45  
“Teaching Resilience: Healthy Perspectives for Children (and all!),  
lunch \$10 (register), 12:30-1:30 Annual Meeting,  
Hybrid at GNJ Mission Resource Center, 205 Jumping Brook Rd, Neptune Twp.  
Recording at  
<https://tinyurl.com/Oct21st-Recording-Resilience>  
Evaluation <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8235XKF>

Nov. 4                              Micro-retreat, 10-10:45am

Meeting ID 848 9332 4533

Passcode1208

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84893324533?pwd=eGM1NWtRQ2NndnVhYj16Nmd2YUNadz09>

Nov. 15                              Planning meeting, Wed. 7-8:30pm on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83396872153?pwd=aUNHckxIVORZVE1aNIpCK284SGVzd09>

Meeting ID: 833 9687 2153

Passcode: 621827



# 2024

- January 20 Leadership Development and Team meeting on Zoom  
Register for this event at <https://tinyurl.com/Leadership-Development2024>
- March 23 Leadership Team
- April 18-21 NE Jurisdiction Event in Providence, RI
- April 27 Spring Celebration
- June 1 Leadership Development / Program Planning Committee
- July 12-14 Mission U 3-day at Centenary University
- July 20 Mission U 1-day Virtual



**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+&



## Retreat Recordings (continued)

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

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

March 11 Micro-retreat, LT meeting & Legislative Event Task Force: [Click to View](#)  
Passcode: b2Qck7@%

### Sept. 16 Retreat Recording

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/SMa1Q5KfiBI-RDTbUz9TJXC6CqLGRm8p5ilxWaVJ8gjqGHKGRmDBMRaK\\_bFibwSW.c2Gfmg6Xo-18yzhv](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/SMa1Q5KfiBI-RDTbUz9TJXC6CqLGRm8p5ilxWaVJ8gjqGHKGRmDBMRaK_bFibwSW.c2Gfmg6Xo-18yzhv)

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## Recordings of Previous Meetings

2023

September 23 Finance & Leadership Team

<https://tinyurl.com/Fin-LTeam>

Passcode: BYzz7^4p

August 26

<https://tinyurl.com/Legislative-Action-Training>

Passcode: eE4+0kGw

[May 6 Leadership Team Recording](#)

Passcode: FXc@B2YD

April 15 Spring Celebration: Welcoming the Stranger

Recording:

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

[April 1 Development Recording](#)

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January 14, 2023 Native American Breakout Session Recording:

<https://youtu.be/DfGlfpd4hHs>

## Recordings of Previous Meetings (continued)

**2022**

[Recording Jan. 15, 2022](#)

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[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](http://bridgewaterumc.org/mark-miller)

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

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

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

Passcode: d87N\*zrA

**2021**

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

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



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## Recordings of Previous Meetings (continued)

2021 (continued)

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

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

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

Recording of 9/11 Know Your Neighbor Program [Click here to View](#) Passcode: #\*skzy4q

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

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

Recording Nov. Know Your Neighbor [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/uwomenfaith>

[2023 GNJ UWF Leadership Team](#)

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## **Voices of Purpose**

### **Newsletter Deadlines & Distribution**

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<b>Newsletter Issue</b>	<b>Deadline for</b>	
	<b>Articles</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
Spring 2023 (January – March)	April 4, 2023	April 8, 2023
Summer 2023 (April – June)	July 4, 2023	July 8, 2023
Fall 2023 (July – September)	October 3, 2023	October 7, 2023
Winter 2023 (October – December)	January 3, 2024	January 6, 2024

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[www.gnjumw.org/news](http://www.gnjumw.org/news).

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[God Sees Your Perseverance – Pastor James Okumu](#)



# Greater New Jersey United Women in Faith

## LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023-2024

**PRESIDENT**

Susan Zahorbenski ('24)

**VPRES/PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Pat Schutz ('24)

**SECRETARY**

OPEN

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Carol Bloch ('24)

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT ADVISOR**

Barbara Miller ('24)

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OUTREACH CHAIR**

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ADVOCATE**

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**

Open

**GNJUWF Website:** [www.gnjumw.org](http://www.gnjumw.org)

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

**NOMINATIONS CHAIR**

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**CLASS OF 2023**

Marilyn Beres

**CLASS OF 2023**

Alice Bennett

**CLASS OF 2024**

Cynthia Lydon

**CLASS OF 2024**

Ivy Daniels

**CLASS OF 2024**

Rosa Lee McNair

**CLASS OF 2025**

Kathy Schulz

**CLASS OF 2025**

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**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



# 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

OPEN

#### KOREAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

OPEN

#### HISPANIC NETWORK PRESIDENT

OPEN

#### HISPANIC LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

OPEN

#### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Sara Joslin

## OTHER LEADERSHIP TEAMS

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Kathleen Schulz

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\*Marilyn Powell

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REV. ELIZABETH VANEKHOVEN

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REBECCA PARSONS

#### UMW NE JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVE

MARILYN POWELL

#### UMW NATIONAL DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

BETHANY AMEY-SUTTON

#### GNJUMC PRESIDING BISHOP

Rev John R. Schol

CONFERENCE UMW WEBSITE: [www.gnjumw.org](http://www.gnjumw.org)

# Mental Health Crisis Hotlines

## 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Helps prevent suicide. Provides 24/7 free and confidential support to people in distress, prevention and crisis resources, and best practices for professionals in the United States. <https://988lifeline.org>.

## County Departments of Human Services

The Human Services (HS) Departments of each county is responsible for assisting people who are facing emotional, financial, mental, physical, and social problems that put them at risk for negative outcomes. Check your county HS Department via Google.

Information for Atlantic County HS Department is 201 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225, 609-645-5935.

## NAMI

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. It includes a HelpLine for Teen and Young Adults.

Contacts are: [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org), 1-800-950-nami (6264), text "HELPLINE" to 62640, and/or email: [helpline@nami.org](mailto:helpline@nami.org).

## PerformCare – New Jersey Children's System of Care

Through the New Jersey Children's System of Care, PerformCare connects young people and their families statewide to the care they need to be well.

Contact: [www.performcarenj.org](http://www.performcarenj.org), 300 Horizon Dr, Ste 306, Robbinsville, NJ 08691, 877-652-7624.

## Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services

RWJ Barnabas Health hospitals have state-designated emergency screening services in the Emergency Rooms. Crisis intervention, stabilization and treatment are all provided. Mobile outreach to all area residents experiencing acute psychiatric distress and traumatic incident debriefing is provided as well.

Services for adults and children: PESS Department, 866-904-4474.

Website: [www.rwjbh.org](http://www.rwjbh.org).

Hospitals are listed on the website.



# Social Action Resources

## Greater New Jersey United Women in Faith Website

[www.gnjumw.org](http://www.gnjumw.org).

## National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

[www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/](http://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/)

## New Jersey Assembly Bills Pending

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

## New Jersey Legislature

List of all New Jersey legislators in alphabetical order showing, party, hose, and district. Legislators can also be found by municipality/city. Click on “Members” and then “Legislative Roster.” <https://njleg.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](http://www.gnjumw.org), under “Rules & Regulations.





# Mission u 2023 Photos

**Registration**



**In-Gathering**



**TRINITY UMC PRAISE BAND**



**Worship Center created by Alice Bennett**



**Our Leaders**

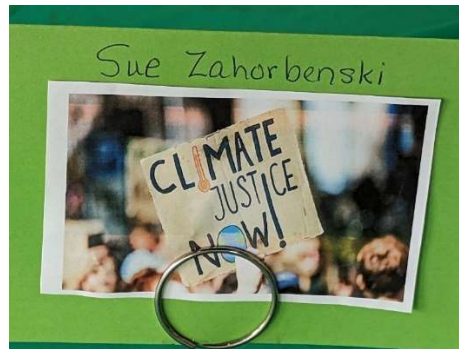


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## GNJUWF 2023 Fall Celebration Photos



Meg Isbitski, Guest Speaker



Rutgers Medical School Students



Team Sessions



Linda Wilson Installed as GNJUWF Secretary

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