

## **Multicultural Dolls Project**

Florida\_Conference UWFaith has been awarded a \$500 Charter For Racial Justice grant. Our proposal is to use the money toward the purchase of multicultural baby dolls for us to dress. The dolls will then be given to our Mission Institution preschool programs or a local program the unit chooses.

Here is a timeline

### January 2024 - PHASE I

Invitation from Conference Charter for Racial Justice (CRJ) Committee to units to present the brief program, “What do dolls have to do with the Charter for Racial Justice?” This program looks at the harmful impact of racism on young children and challenges the units to make outfits for multicultural doll(s) for our Mission Institution preschools or a local preschool chosen by the unit.

### February – PHASE II

If a Unit has a child development center they might prefer over our Mission Institutions they should contact them to ask permission to provide the agency multicultural doll(s) and handmade clothing. They will find out the ethnic makeup of the center to help decide what dolls to order.

Patterns for sewing or knitting doll clothes are posted on Conference web site [flconuwf.org](http://flconuwf.org)

### February 20

Deadline for requests from units for multicultural dolls purchased by UWF in bulk. Units will specify how many of each of the four ethnicities they wish to receive if they have a preference and send \$5 for each doll. Units unable to fully resource the project, may request a doll(s) at lower or no cost. Requests should be sent to Ann Eachus at [ann.uwf@eachus.org](mailto:ann.uwf@eachus.org)

### March – PHASE III

The CRJ Committee and the Conference Leadership Team (LT) will review requests and place a bulk order for dolls. Units will plan publicity and/or social media postings of the project.

March 20 - PHASE IV

Dolls will be delivered to participating units, and units can commence the sewing, knitting, or crocheting of outfits.

October/November District Annual Meetings and  
November 9 Conference Annual Meeting – PHASE IV

Units will place the dolls and layettes on the altar for UWFaith members to lay hands on the dolls and outfits and pray for the recipients. Representatives of the two Florida Mission Institutions will be present to accept the doll(s) with their outfits and pictures will be taken of the presentation. Units choosing local child development centers will present their dolls to them after returning from the meeting if no staff person attended. They will take a picture of the presentation. A release must be signed by parents of any children pictured.

By November 23, Thanksgiving – PHASE V

The units will send a press release or post on social media a picture and caption naming those in the picture (left to right) coupled with a brief explanation of why multicultural dolls are a tool to negate the pernicious racism that insidiously harms young children, of all ethnicities/cultures. Publicity may go to church and UWFaith District newsletters, local newspapers, email dailies i.e. Anti Racism Daily (ARD), social media, Genesis, and/or response magazine.

By December 15 – PHASE VI

Units will report to their District Presidents or the project coordinator Ann Eachus on all publicity. Send news clippings, social media printouts, or copies of communications requesting publication.

January 2025

The CRJ Committee and the Conference LT will assess the project and submit a grant project report to UWFaith national office, and gratitude from the Florida Conference for the funding opportunity.