



**Florida Conference
United Women in Faith
53rd Annual Meeting**

Saturday, November 7, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
4851 S. Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32819

9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Faith Rising with United Women in Faith
Romans 10:17 (NLT)

Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Sharon Austin
District Superintendent of the East Central District
and Director of Justice Ministries for the
Florida Conference United Methodist Church

Mr. Oscar Londono
Attorney & Co-Executive Director of WeCount!
Advocate for immigrant workers and families in Florida

Registration: \$30 includes lunch
Registration link: <https://na.eventcloud.com/891688>
Deadline for registering: October 15, 2026

**Deborah Jenkins-
Bailey**

**Chair, Committee on
Nominations**



Dear Sisters of the Florida Conference United Women in Faith,

We welcome your presence, support, and participation at the 53rd Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 4851 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819, from 9:45 AM to 3:00 PM.

Our Bylaws call for nominations from the floor for all elected and appointed positions. For you to nominate someone from the floor you must have verified that the person has both tenure for the position and tenure at the Conference level. You must also have received her consent for the nomination prior to this Annual Meeting.

If you feel the calling to nominate yourself or another sister for any office on the Leadership Team, please do so by October 24, 2026. Please submit a completed Talent Bank Form to any member of the Committee on Nomination before the candidate is considered for any office.

Proposed Slate of Officers 2027

Treasurer: Jan Peel, South East District
Nominations Class 2027: Patricia E. Newton, South West District
Nominations Class 2030: Mary Snell, North West District
Nominations Class 2030: Cathy Stone, Gulf Central District

Charter For Racial Justice

Member: Patricia E. Newton, South West District

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Nominee for Treasurer:
Jan Peel, SE District

Jan Harrison Peel has been serving as the Florida South East District Treasurer for the past 3 ½ years and as my Unit Treasurer for seven years. She was born in Miami raised in Miami. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables where her family joined in 1955. She facilitates a Grief Support Group, serves as Co-Lay Leader sitting on all committees, Head Usher, Greeter and Concert Series associate. She has managed many businesses with most of her career as a multi-line insurance agent.

Jan retired in 2022 after working for her favorite job as the general manager of a tropical plant nursery. She loves to travel and meet new friends.



Nominee for Committee on Nominations,
Class of 2027:

Patricia Newton, SW District

Patricia E. Newton lives in Bradenton. She became a member of United Methodist Women in 1988 as a member of Brooks Memorial United Methodist Church of the Long Island West District in the New York Conference. As a member of the local unit, she served over a period of time in all positions as Mission Coordinator except Spiritual growth. She served on the Committee of Nominations in the Long Island District, for two years, then served as Vice President and President for the same district. She has also served as Children Study Leader and secretary for Mission u.

Patricia is a retired educator with four decades plus as a teacher, with a bachelor of Science and two Masters in Science in Education.



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Nominee for Committee on Nominations, Class of 2030:

Mary Snell, North West District

Mary Snell is an African American member of United Women in Faith, who is 78 years old and resides in Tallahassee and worships at New Life United Methodist Church. She serves as Vice President of her local unit. She has served on Committee on Nominations at the District Level, as well as Chair of Committee on Nominations.

Mary believes the role of Committee on Nominations to a very important position and believes the responsibilities of the Committee on Nominations is to seek out women committed to the missions of United Women in Faith and encourage them to serve.

She has a son in Miami and a daughter, Rev. Dr. Shandra Snell, a pastor in Bradenton. She has 4 grandchildren. When not involved with United Women in Faith and her church, she likes to rest and relax..." Be still and know that I am God"



Nominee for Committee on Nominations, Class of 2030: Cathy Capo Stone, Gulf Central District

Cathy Capo Stone has been the Executive Director of Cornerstone Family Ministries since February 2011. Cathy has served in executive leadership roles in the Tampa Bay area for over 30 years in some of the areas leading and most respected non-profits. She served as Chief Development Officer and Strategic Planning Officer at Metropolitan Ministries for nearly 17 years between the years of 1991 and 2008. She also served as Chief Development Officer for the Tampa area's leading domestic abuse organization, The Spring of Tampa Bay, from 2002-2004 and at The Children's Home of Tampa from 2008-2011. Prior to non-profit work, Cathy was in commercial banking in Texas and in the Tampa Bay area for 10 years. Cathy grew up in the Florida Keys where she started attending church and met Jesus because of United Methodist Women (now United Women in Faith). In her free time, Cathy leads a weekly ministry she founded in 2004 called Sisters for L.I.F.E. (Living in Freedom Everyday). Cathy and her husband, Dave, live in Tampa and are members of Northgate Baptist Church and have 4 adult children between them (Chris (Deanna), Jordan, Megan (Matt) and Nathan (Dana)), 2 beautiful grandchildren (Ryder and Bryson) and their Dalmatian rescue, Riley!

