Where the Money Goes 2022

First, let’s hear about where the money comes from, the sources of our funding...

United Women in Faith is trusted with pledges and donations from individual members as well as from mission partners and anonymous donors who are dedicated to mission. The national office is committed to careful stewardship of this generous support.

The Five Channels of Giving (pictured below) show the various ways that our members give undesignated funds to our organization. When local members give, a portion of the Pledge to Mission is kept by their respective unit and conference for its own administrative and membership development (A&MD) expenses as well as local mission. The remainder of the Pledge and the other channels of Mission Giving are forwarded to the national office. Therefore, our members’ giving supports local, national, and international work aligned with our mission! At the national level, the elected board of directors vote on the budgeted spending for each year.

Members can also give to projects on our Designated and Supplementary Projects List, which is updated each year. Three new projects were added this year: Education and Leadership (Project #2737803), Social Action/Justice Work (Project #3019225), and Spiritual Growth/Nurture (Project #2737804). Visit this webpage to view the list: umwmissionresources.org/downloads/2022-DesignatedandSupplementaryProjects.pdf

In addition to these sources of funding, United Women in Faith also receives bequests and has endowments that significantly support our work. We currently have an active Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, which will be an ongoing support of income, ensuring that our important work will always continue.
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National Mission Institutions (NMIs)
We support nearly 90 NMIs across the United States serving the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities with the goal to:

- care for children
- educate and develop youth
- create economic opportunities
- transform neighborhoods
- provide housing
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Regional Missionaries
Focusing on issues of health, gender equality, and elimination of violence among women, and support for the uprooted and marginalized, including:

- training programs
- workshops
- strategic planning
- networking
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Grants and Scholarships
- international and national mission grants
- cultivation grants for missionary conferences
- social justice issue grants
- Thressa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award
- international and national scholarships

In 2021 we awarded grants and scholarships totaling $4,084,488!
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Service and Advocacy
This includes work on peace and justice, education, the rights of children, human rights, and farm workers’ rights. Also, our work in partnership with coalitions on many justice issues extends its reach. We host leadership training on our social justice priorities. Also, we have a program for consecrating deaconesses and home missioners to a lifetime of service!

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What We Don’t Fund
United Women in Faith does not fund projects and programs that:

- don’t benefit women, children, or youth
- don’t comply with our UMC Social Principles
- are administered by discriminatory organizations

We are committed to transparency in our funding sources, especially with our membership.

Here is more information about our finances...

In addition to the work mentioned above, we also own and operate the Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN) located in New York City across the street from the United Nations; and the Brooks-Howell Home Retirement Home originally founded for deaconesses located in Asheville, N.C. These operations are primarily funded by the rental and service fee income that they derive and are overseen by some of our national office staff.

Each year we release an Annual Report, which describes a lot of the work we were able to do together. You can read notes from our key leaders, see pictures and stories about projects, view the financial reports, and imagine the possibilities for the coming years! In addition to the work we do with our members on training, service, and social action, we award grants and scholarships to deserving organizations and individuals. The recipients and purposes of the grants and scholarships are released each year in our Grants Disclosure. Visit the webpage below to view multiple years of our Annual Reports and Grants Disclosures.

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