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Trumpet Sound

East Central District

President's Note...

As we move into April, there is a lot going on in the East Central District. I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. On April 6, we will be presenting this year's Mission Study, "Living the Kin-dom" & Soul Care Retreat where you can feed your mind and your body. The mission study will be hosted by Community of Faith-Davenport. The deadline to register will have passed when this is published but if you want to see if any spots are still available or if a cancellation has opened a spot, please email lindawelander.umw@gmail.com.

On May 4, we will be having a Creation Care/Social Action Event at Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve. You can tour the historic home "La Rochelle", tour the gardens with a Master Gardener, learn about pollinator houses and make one to take home with you. If you cannot attend this event, I hope all of our units are participating in Creation Care events in your local area. There are flyers with more details in this document.


Mission U is going to be here sooner than you think July 19-21 at the Westin Lake Mary. Registration details are included in this newsletter or you can check out the Conference website at www.flconfuwf.org. Mail-in registration forms are included in this newsletter and on-line registration will be opening soon! The service project for this year will be putting together UMCOR menstrual kits for disaster relief. The goal is to put together 100 kits this year. The ECD is once again assigned tampons, so we will need to gather 500 regular tampons and 500 plus size tampons. Your unit can donate tampons or send a check to the District Treasurer and we will purchase the tampons for your unit to participate. If you would like to attend Mission U this

year Jul 19-21 but the costs are prohibitive, there are scholarships available. If you would like to request a scholarship, please let me know at janetblume.umw@gmail.com and I will get you the form and all the information you need to submit on time. I hope to see you all there!

If you haven't already heard there will be more change coming to the District. There is a proposal for redistricting the Florida Conference from 8 Districts to 6 Districts to allow for more efficiency within the Conference. It will take effect on July 1, 2024 if approved at Annual Conference in June. We will sadly be losing FUMC Auburndale, New Horizon-Haines City, and St. John's-Winter Haven as they transfer to the Gulf Central District.

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The East Central District will pickup 39 Churches from the North Central and Atlantic Central Districts but I am not sure how many of those Church's have United Women in Faith Units. District Presidents will be meeting in April to work on the details plan the way forward. It's like a roller coaster ride, you're excited and a little nervous on the up-hills, holding on tight on the down-hills, there are twists and turns but in the end you are laughing and enjoyed the ride!

Faith-Action-Sisterhood

Janet

“So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead,
even though you must endure many trials for a little while.
These trials will show that your faith is genuine.
It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—
though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.
So when your faith remains strong through many trials,
it will bring you much praise and glory and honor
on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.”
-Proverbs 3:5-6





Message from the Secretary...

Greetings!

First, I want to thank all of the units that have been sending articles for the Trumpet Sound. I love reading about your events and projects. Thanks for all you do to serve our Lord!

Second, unit presidents and secretaries should have received a digital copy of the East Central District directory via email. If you have not received a copy, email me at lindawelander.umw@gmail.com and I will send you one.

Please review your unit's information and let me know if there are any changes that need to be made.

I am looking forward to connecting with you at Mission U in July. More details below—



Mission u & Spiritual Enrichment 2024 Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21

Do you enjoy meeting women from all over the state and making new friends? Do you love exploring scripture and how it pertains to our daily life? Do you want to feed your soul and your body? Then mark your calendars for July 19-21 and register for the 2024 Mission U.

If you haven't attended before, I highly recommend attending this fun, informative event. Actually, it's one of the events I look forward to each year, and this year they are adding a soul care component as well. I've seen the new curriculum and can't wait to unpack this study with my sisters in faith.

This year the adult curriculum is **Welcome Home**.

Participants are invited to dig deeper into what it means to live in the kin-dom of God and how this helps us to develop practices for building and existing in healthier communities. More details are in the attached flyer. There are scholarships available; contact our District President, Janet Blume for details. I hope to see you all there!

Linda Welander
UWFaith ECD Secretary



Committee on Nominations

Being Seen

In an article on mentoring, Hannah Schell explains that mentors need to support, challenge, and inspire, but “first, and perhaps foremost, a good mentor “sees you”. Recognition, not in terms of awards or publicity but in the sense of simply ‘being seen,’ is a basic human need.” People need to be recognized, known, and believed in.

In a reading in the Daily Bread there was a devotion by Julie Schwab on the importance of being seen and how we can support and encourage others.

In the New Testament, Barnabas, whose name means “Son of Encouragement,” had a knack for “seeing” people around him. In Acts 9, he was willing to give Saul a chance when the other disciples “were all afraid of him” (v. 26).

Barnabas took time to “see” both Paul and Mark. Perhaps we’re in Barnabas’ position to recognize potential in another person or we’re that individual in need of a spiritual mentor. May we ask God to lead us to those we can encourage and those who will encourage us.

How have you been encouraged by someone who believed in you? How can you help others who need encouragement? Father, help me to see and encourage others.

Who are you “seeing” that you could encourage and recommend for a position on the East Central District leadership team to the Committee on Nomination? Positions that are needed to be filled: Education & Interpretation, members for the Committee of Nominations and other positions as they may occur.

Committee on Nomination,

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Social Action

For the upcoming UMC General Conference in North Carolina happening April 23rd to May 3rd, it is a time to pray for the delegates, the decisions, and the millions of people that will be affected by the decisions that are made.

An up-dated and revised Social Principles document is pending adoption at the Conference. Please go to <https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/124> to see what it is all about!

Submitted by: Gillian Wolfe





April 6, 2024 Women’s Soul Care Retreat/Mission Study

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

9:45—4:00 pm

Community of Faith UMC

Davenport, FL

April 19-21, 2024 Southeastern Jurisdiction

Quadrennial Event

Chattanooga TN

May 4, 2024 Social Action/Creation Care Event—Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

Lake Alfred, FL

June 6-8, 2024 Florida Annual Conference

Florida Southern College

Lakeland FL

July 19-21, 2024 Mission U (In-Person)

Westin Resort

Lake Mary, FL

July 23, 25, 30 & Aug 1, 2024 Mission U (Virtual)

Tuesdays & Thursdays On Zoom

October 5, 2024 District Annual Meeting

9:00 am- 1:00 pm

Location TBD

November 9, 2024 Conference Annual Meeting TBD

Lakeland, FL



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2024 Florida Conference Calendar

January 5-7	Leadership Development	*WWUMCCC
February 25– Mar 1	Children’s Advocacy Week	Tallahassee
March 16	Haitian Convocation	El Shadai, Wesley Memorial
March 23	United Women in Faith “Day of Giving”	https://uwfaith.org/dayofgiving/
April 19-21	Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial You can find more details here .	Chattanooga, TN
April 23-May 3	General Conference—United Methodist Church	Charlotte, NC
June 6-8	Florida Annual Conference—UMC	Lakeland
July 10-14	UMC Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference	Lake Junaluska, NC
July 19-21	Mission u /Spiritual Retreat Event “The Kin-dom is Among You”	Westin Hotel, Lake Mary
July 23,25	Virtual Mission u /Spiritual Retreat	Zoom
July 30, Aug 1	Virtual Mission u /Spiritual Retreat Cont’d	Zoom
August 6	Mission u	Zoom
November 9	Conference Annual Meeting	Lakeland



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2024 National Conference Calendar

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May 1, 2024 You can find the calendar [here](#).

United Women in Faith Digital Open House

May 7, 2024 You can find the calendar [here](#).

Caribbean American Heritage Month

June 1, 2024 You can find the calendar [here](#).



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East Central District
Social Action/
Creation Care Event

Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve
945 Mackay Blvd Lake Alfred FL

May 4, 2024

10:00am-2:00pm

- ⇒ **Spend part of your day in God's creation**
- ⇒ **Tour the historic Mackay family home "La Rochelle"**
- ⇒ **Tour the gardens with a Master Gardener**
- ⇒ **Learn about pollinator houses and make one to take home**
- ⇒ **Bring your own chair and a lunch to enjoy in the shade of the pavilion**
- ⇒ **Take a walk along the lakeside trails**
- ⇒ **Invite a friend or make a new friend**
- ⇒ **And it's FREE! FREE! FREE!**

Register on our website at www.flecduwfaith.org/

**For additional information, email
our Social Action Coordinator at
gillianwolfe@hotmail.com**

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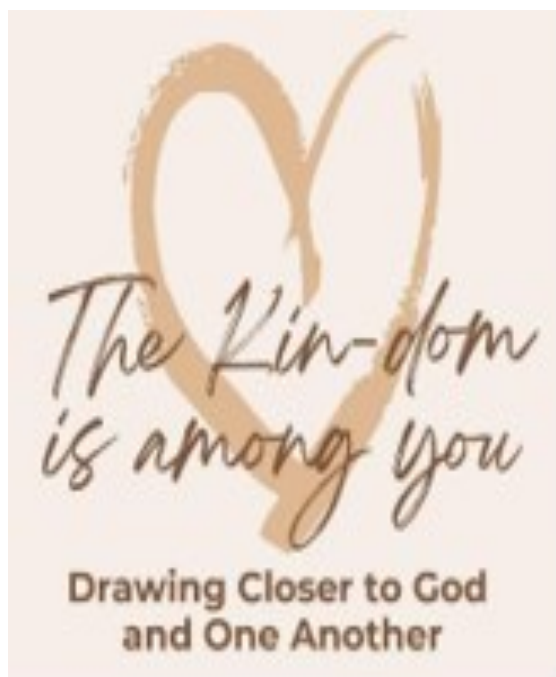
Mission u & Spiritual Enrichment 2024 Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North
2974 International Parkway
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Join us at Mission u 2024 as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another.

Mission u 2024 offers three exciting curricula on this theme.

Order your copy here: uwfaithresources.org



Adult: Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher

The adult curriculum uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom is like making a home with God. Participants are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities as a result of being anchored in the abiding love of God.

Youth: Cultivating Symbiosis - The Nature of God's Kin-dom by Nica Sy

In Creation, we see the power of symbiosis, or interdependent relationship. The youth curriculum explores the idea of symbiosis between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. By drawing closer to one another and our world, we draw closer to the kin-dom.

Children: Me in the Kin-dom by Kathy Cook

The children's curriculum uses the Lord's Prayer as a lens to help us see that we are all members of the family of God. Children will begin to understand that the kin-dom is living with Christ and one another on earth as in heaven.

[Registration for in-person event on July 19-21:](#)

Adults: \$150; Youth ages 11-17: \$100; Children ages 10 and under: \$80

To register, visit the conference website at www.flconfuwf.org or complete the registration forms for adults and youth/children attached.

Registration deadline is Friday, June 21, 2024.

Scholarships: A limited number of **scholarships** is available for on-site Mission u.

Complete the Scholarship Application form attached or at www.flconfuwf.org

Completed forms must be **received by Wednesday, May 15th.**

Hotel room reservations must be made separately, directly with the Westin Lake Mary.

Special rate: \$127/night, single or double. Hotel room reservation **deadline is June 28, 2024.**

To reserve your hotel room, click on this link:

[Book your group rate for United Women in Faith 'Mission U' 2024](#)

2024 Mission u Adult Registration Form

FL Conference United Women In Faith

July 19-21, 2024 – In person

The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North

2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL 32746; Phone: (321) 249-8022

Please print legibly and fill out carefully and completely.

Completed registration forms must be received by the Registrar by Friday, June 21, 2024.

(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rev.) Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ Name of Church: _____ City: _____

Do you hold an office in UWFaith? _____ If yes, please state the office and if it is for the unit, district, or conference:

Please check all that apply:

Male _____; Female _____

First-Time Attendee _____

Member of UWFaith _____

Attending College or University _____

Missionary _____; Deaconess _____ Clergy _____

Age _____; Ethnicity (Caribbean, African American, Hispanic, etc.) _____

To All Mission u Attendees: Your Mission u Committee has been asked to provide your name and contact information to the UWFaith national office so it can promote greater engagement and share about other UWFaith programs. The data provided would be your full name, address, phone number, email address, local church, and UWFaith District. If you **do not** wish to receive information about additional program opportunities from the national office of United Women in Faith and **do not** give your permission for the registrar to share this data with the national office, please initial here: _____.

Indicate your first and second choice for study group leader or check if you have no preference. We will do our best to put you in your preferred class, but sometimes it just isn't possible.

Dr. Robert Ladner

Rev. Timothe Jacques (Haitian Creole)

Ms. Ruth Mageria

Dr. Judith Pierre-Okerson (Haitian Creole)

Dr. Amy Mormino

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ No

Preference: _____

Emergency Information

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Allergies, medical concerns, health/dietary needs: _____

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The 2024 Mission u study book is a combination of leader’s guide and participant’s guide. If you would like to preorder the book at the price of \$16, to be picked up at Mission u on July 19th, indicate below. Please include payment with your registration fee. If you want to receive it early, please order it directly from the national office at: **uwfaithresources.org**

If you want to order a Mission u t-shirt, to be picked up at Mission u on July 19th, indicate the size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL below. Cost is \$15 each. Please include payment along with your registration fee.

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MAIL registration and a check for \$150 (\$165, if ordering a t-shirt; \$166, if preordering the study book) to:

Debbie McKinnon, 4518 Andrew Jackson Way, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Contact her at mckinnon.noah@comcast.net or 850-556-2156 if you have questions.

Make your check payable to Florida Conference United Women in Faith Mission u.

You may abbreviate! Fee Summary

Adult Registration Fee: \$150, payable when you submit this form. Study

Book: \$16, payable when you submit this form.

T-Shirt: \$15, payable when you submit this form. Size: _____

Please be aware that there is a separate charge for the hotel. You will pay this directly to The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North (see link and phone number below).

A special rate of \$127.00 plus tax/night is being provided for both single and double rooms. This special rate also applies to one night prior to Mission u and one night after Mission u (July 18th & 21st), for those who would like an extended stay. The deadline for reserving hotel rooms is June 28, 2024. For hotel reservations at this special rate for Mission u, the following link must be used:

Book your group rate for United Women in Faith 'Mission U' 2024

You may also book your group rate for Florida Conference United Women in Faith Mission u by calling the Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North hotel at 321-249-8036. To ensure that you receive the special rate, remember to tell them that you will be attending United Women in Faith’s Mission u.

Reading Program

UW Faith 2023—2024

The ECD United Woman In Faith Book Club's reading list for 2023 to 2024. Please consider participating on a monthly basis.

You must register on our website at <https://www.flecduwfaith.org/reading-program> in order to receive the zoom link.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Hope to meet you online for the next session!

April - THE PRODIGAL PROPHET: JONAH AND THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S MERCY TIMOTHY KELLER

The story of Jonah is one of the most well-known but most misunderstood parables in the Bible. In *The Prodigal Prophet*, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller reveals the hidden depths within the book of Jonah. Keller makes the case that Jonah was one of the worst prophets in the entire Bible. And yet there are unmistakably clear connections between Jonah, the prodigal son, and Jesus. Keller provides an answer to the extraordinary conclusion of this biblical parable—and shares the powerful Christian message at the heart of Jonah's story.

May - DAUGHTER OF CANA (JERUSALEM ROAD, BOOK 1) ANGELA HUNT

Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine—until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana. When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, he and Tasmin argue. Tasmin can't accept losing her brother to some magician-prophet. She decides to follow the Nazarene's group, do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship with her brother, and bring him home.

June - UNTIL UNITY REV. FRANCIS CHAN DAVID C COOK

If unity is so important to the heart of God, why is the church one of the most divided groups on earth? New York Times bestselling author Francis Chan calls for believers and churches everywhere to align hearts with God and start taking seriously God's numerous commands to unify. While many believe doctrine is at the root of the problem, Chan argues that the real problem is the shallowness or non-existence of our love for each other—rooted in a shallowness in our understanding of the gospel. This is what desperately needs to change.





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"I want generations of women and girls coming after me to have the same phenomenal experience with United Women in Faith. I've accepted the challenge to give a larger gift to the Legacy Endowment Fund on this Day of Giving. I believe in the mission of United Women in Faith to inspire, influence and impact lives, especially women, children and youth. I am grateful to God and the generations past who paid it forward for me to enjoy the blessings of this great sisterhood." -Sally Vonner

Celebrate this 155th birthday with a gift to the Legacy Endowment Fund.

With hearts ablaze and spirits united, we forge ahead on this incredible journey of faith and purpose.

Let's make history! [Give today](#) because on March 23rd in 1869 a group of eight intrepid women founded the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, an organization that is the foundation of United Women in Faith.

The Legacy Endowment Fund is a permanent investment that supports the work and the future of United Women in Faith.

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Unit News

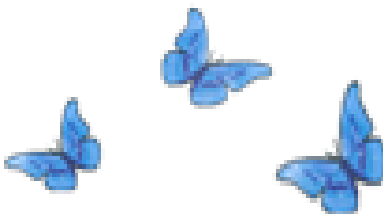
Sanlando UWFaith Unit News

Blessings Abound at UWFaith Spring Gathering

Spring blessings were clearly in the air at the United Women in Faith (UWFaith) gathering on March 3 in Fellowship Hall. More than 40 members and guests attended the luncheon and mission outreach activity that called for creating (and stuffing!) 100 Easter baskets with goodies for local families in need through The Sharing Center. Baskets were overflowing thanks to the generosity of Sanlando church and circle members who donated candy and financial support for the children. In fact, we had so much candy that an additional 30 goodie bags were created for this annual mission project. Another blessing: Sanlando Music and Worship Director Amy McCutchen and Modern Worship Leader Mitchell Klavins treated the women to a beautiful tribute song, "Thank You," by Ray Boltz.

Another highlight of the gathering was the recognition presentation to honor all UWFaith members' length of service in this Methodist women's organization. A special congratulations to Judy George, Johny Blunt and Pat Powers who had the most years of service with 63, 59 and 50 respectively. Each member received a thank-you carnation for their service. UWFaith membership and steadfast support of our mission to help women and children both locally and globally were in attendance at the spring gathering. Very impressive! And a huge thank you to the board was shared by President, Live Kotkin.

Submitted by: Live Kotkin



Solid Rock UWFAITH Unit News

Here at Solid Rock UMC our United Women in Faith hosted a brunch in celebration of Women's History Month on Saturday March 16, 2024 .

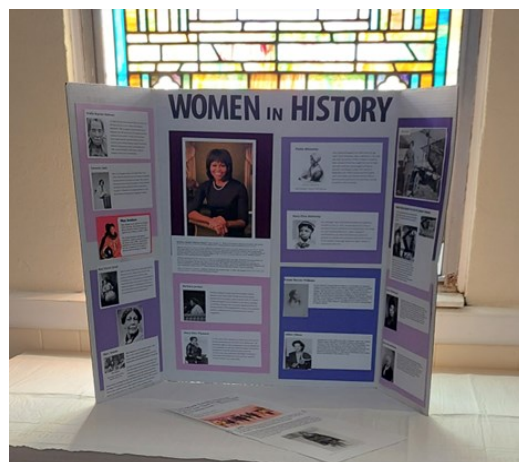
Our theme was " One Love One Heart Together as One. "

We had a wonderful time sharing our love and fellowship with others. We had a lady who did a dramatization of Rosa Parks,(I'm not getting off the bus,).

We also had a poster board displaying many women who were trailblazers in history, and on whose shoulders we now stand. We shared our experiences of women in our lives who have been role models for us.

A Praise Dance Ministry was also performed by one of our UWFaith member.

Submitted by:
Pamela May, UWFaith President



Community of Faith UWFAITH Unit News

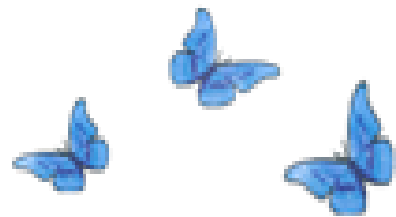
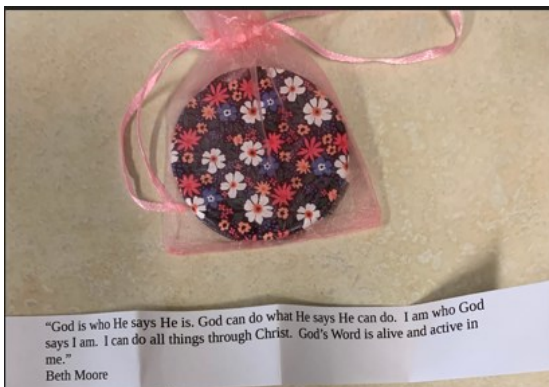
The Mustard Seeds UWFaith Circle continue to harvest the vegetables and herbs from our garden for distribution at House Blest. We donated 50 qt. bags last harvest.

The UWFaith Board presented the garden to our learning center preschoolers. A few groups have planted seeds, zucchini and radishes. A few of the children have shown a keen interest and want to stay out by the garden to learn more. One child took the initiative to take his Mom and big sister for a garden tour.

A donation was made along with some bedsheets to a shelter for homeless and abused women. The UWFaith members also delivered duffle bags to the UM Children's home in Enterprise FL

Another group of UWFaith members a spent a Sunday afternoon with residents at Palm Krest Manor a nursing facility in Haines City FL. They delivered mirrored compacts with a quote by a famous woman. There are 9 ladies residing in the home. The group sang Happy Birthday to one sweet woman and she filled up with tears and we did too!!!

Submitted by: Lori Moffett



A Note From Your Communications Coordinator...

What is your unit doing to show LOVE IN ACTION?

Send in your article telling us how you are showing your Love in Action in 2024 so we can share it with others!

The Trumpet Sound will be published bimonthly (June, August, October, December). ***Due date for all articles are the 15th of the previous month.***

Here are some ideas for articles:

- ◇ What is your unit doing to show Love in Action for women, children and youth?
- ◇ How is your unit serving in missions?
- ◇ Have you used the UWFaith Program Book for a unit event?
- ◇ Have you done a program on Call to Prayer and Self-Denial?
- ◇ How have you used the Daily Prayer Guide?
- ◇ What are your upcoming UWFaith events?

Please make sure the article is no more than three paragraphs. Also, send a couple pictures with your article.

Email your articles to dianeabresky.umw@gmail.com by May 15th. In the subject line add Trumpet Sound.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the above email.

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<https://flecduwfaith.org> under publications.

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