

**CEREMONY CELEBRATING NEW UMW CHARTER  
for the Bold Women of Lovers Lane, May 16, 2021**

***Juanda Wallace – NTC UMW Membership Nurture & Outreach officer:***

**Today the North Texas Conference, is joining the Metro District to celebrate a new charter of United Methodist Women.**

We are witnessing the women of **Walnut Hill UMW** and **Lovers Lane UMW** coming together, and 'reorganizing' as the **Bold Women of Lovers Lane, a unit of United Methodist Women.**

**The North Texas Conference celebrates your commitment to the UMW PURPOSE today!**

***Christi Campos –Development & Donor Relations Executive, United Methodist Women:***

As UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, you are a part of a supportive community of approximately eight hundred thousand women who are organized for mission. This vast network of concerned Christian women encircles the globe, each bringing their unique gifts to the cause. We are a multicultural, multiracial organization committed to inclusiveness in all of our activities. Together we are involved in mission activities in thousands of communities, in every state, and in over fifty countries around the world. We witness, worship, study, and serve with Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

**The national office of United Methodist Women celebrate our connections today!**

***Cynthia Rives – Vice President, UMW National Board of Directors:***

As UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, our mission has evolved out of a history of one hundred fifty-two years of women who had faith in God, who prayed and took great risks in living out those prayers, who were concerned about mission and who dealt with issues of their day out of their commitment to follow Jesus Christ. That same faith and commitment are the motivating forces in this group of present-day United Methodist Women, the Bold Women of Lovers Lane. Together we are all part of that ongoing story of faith and struggle. We are all needed and called by God to speak up and take action for justice as were women of the past.

**We celebrate your commitment as Bold Women today!**

***Wendy Campbell / Bold Women of Lovers Lane:***

As United Methodist Women, known as the Bold Women of Lovers Lane, we know that God is alive and "in mission" through us and countless others around the world. We know that courage and strength are required if we are to be faithful each day to God's mission where we are and even in places unknown to us. We ask God's guidance as we share our gifts, combine our traditions, and boldly work together in mission. We ask for your prayers, support, and encouragement as we become one group. Together we commit ourselves to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women, and will fulfill this commitment through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

**We celebrate our new friends, and this new charter, as Bold Women today!**

***Juanda, Christi, and Cynthia together:***

We pledge to you our full support as you continue this exciting journey in mission. We will nurture and challenge you with our prayers and commitment, our strength and tenderness. We will be open to new ideas and possibilities generated by your participation and leadership in United Methodist Women!

### [Cynthia - Closing Prayer](#)

Creator God, in every age you have called out women to be your faithful servants. You have created us, called us, chosen us to be your people and to join that great company who seek to follow you. We thank you for the Bold Women of Lovers Lane and ask for your guidance and blessing upon them. Grant unto all of us today, and tomorrow, a clear vision of your call, and strength to fulfill the mission assigned to us. Give us faith to respond to your love and leadership. Help us remember your presence and remember that the one who calls and sends us also sustains us. We offer our prayers in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.