



Cumberland River District



Support Human Trafficking Survivors with Gift Cards

[AncoraTN](#) (formerly End Slavery Tennessee) provides aftercare services for human trafficking survivors and works to combat this issue through advocacy, prevention, and professional training.

Right now, AncoraTN is in need of gift cards, and **their survivors need support from us more than ever.**

When survivors enter AncoraTN's program, they are carrying the heavy burdens of trauma, uncertainty, and loss. One way AncoraTN helps them feel safe and supported is by ensuring they have access to their most **basic necessities**, including food, hygiene items, transportation, and comfort.

Human trafficking exists in **every city, county, and zip code in Tennessee**, making this a critical issue that requires **immediate action**. As members of CRD UWF, we have an opportunity to make a direct impact. Your donation of gift cards can be life-changing for survivors rebuilding their lives.

Please send your much-needed gift card(s) to:

AncoraTN
PO Box 7

Nashville, TN 37080

Together, we can help survivors reclaim their dignity, independence, and hope for a brighter future!



Looking Ahead!

It's time to start thinking about your CRD UWF 2025:

- Woman in Mission submissions,
- Reading Program reports
- Memorial reports
- 5 Star reports

The deadline for submitting your nominations and units' reports will need to be submitted in early August. Start now gathering your reports information and who you believe deserves to be our next CRD Woman in Mission to ensure they are considered.

More information will be provided about guidelines and exact submission dates in the July 20th e-Blast.

A Reflection from Mission u, by Pam Tate

Mission u ended just three days ago, yet the songs we sang still echo in my mind! Scarritt Bennett welcomed us as our home, where we gathered in fellowship to explore the meaning of *Hope*.

For me, Mission u is more than a retreat or mission study—it's a sacred time to reconnect with friends from across our conference, to share in learning, and to grow together. Among us were women of all ages, alongside children and youth who came with their mothers or grandmothers.

In our classes, we examined *hope* from many perspectives—what it is, where it dwells, how we plant its seeds, and the rituals that sustain it. These conversations were profound, reminding us of the strength and renewal hope can bring.

This study was a true blessing, and I am grateful I was there—so now I can share its message with others in my unit.

Pictures from below (left to right): **Caption 1:** Mary Swafford (r) is cheering for Evelyn Tade Finch (l) during a dice game called “Zilch.” **Caption 2:** The Cumberland River District was well represented at this year's Mission u conference (Linda Furtado, Evelyn Tate, Sondra Tolbert, Mary Helen Marigza, Pam Tate, Beverly Mintmire, Mary Swafford, Patricia Bates, Randy Phipps, and Joy Clark). **Caption 3:** Children at the conference had their own study book about Hope. They even had time for some games. Pictured are: (l-r) Claudia Newberry, Tahandshea Scandling (teacher), Kamryn Washington and Emma Furtado. **Caption 4:** In this class session attendees watched a video about “What is Hope?” given the global crises we are faced with today.



Over 100 Boxes of Diapers Donated to Mothers In Need at the Mission

I am happy to share that under the thoughtful leadership of Ms. Mary Churchwell-Davis, the Seay Hubbard United Methodist Church held a diaper drive to benefit mothers and children staying at Nashville Rescue Mission.

Their efforts were tremendously successful as over 100 boxes of diapers of varying sizes were delivered. These resources will be shared with 30 children (under the age of five), who are sheltering with us at the Linda & Mike Curb Women's Campus.

Thank you, Ms. Mary Churchwell-Davis and the Seay Hubbard United Methodist Church!

Note: Mary serves as the Coordinator for Social Action for the United Women in Faith of Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church.

Pictured below (l-r): Rev. Shirley Renée Franklin, Ms. Mary Churchwell-Davis, and a representative from the Nashville Rescue Mission.



Douglass Chapel, Liberty, and Salem Have Been Blessed!

Mary Swafford, Unit President

Our churches have experienced God's abundant blessings in so many ways.

We sought His guidance and prayed for growth, and He answered—bringing two new members into our Unit!

On Memorial Sunday, our Honor and Memorial to Missions Service across all three churches was a testament to God's work in our community. Together, we raised an incredible \$3,515.00 to support mission projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

We are deeply thankful for what God has done for our Unit, and we give Him all the glory. May we continue to serve, grow, and shine His light in all that we do.

Please share our CRD UWF monthly e-Blast newsletter with members or others interested in our monthly news who don't have email addresses. For those with email addresses not receiving the newsletter, or if you know of anyone else who would like to receive our monthly e-Blasts, ask them to please send an email to crdumw@gmail.com with Attn: Communications in the "Subject" line.