



Yolanda "Faye" Perry

Oklahoma Conference

Candidate for National Director

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At the early age of five, Yolanda joined the Baptist Church and started her walk with God. Who knew that one day, during the walk to Emmaus in 2007 at Crosspoint Camp, she would learn it was a Methodist Church Camp. That experience led her to eventually join United Methodist Women.

Yolanda's educational background includes a BA in Management/Ethics from Mid-America Christian University and an MBA in Organizational Leadership from Oklahoma Christian University. In 2016, she also completed the Local Church Pastor Academy at Oklahoma City University. Her career includes holding several positions in health care including Presbyterian Hospital Pharmacy Tech. During that time, she also returned to complete her Clinical Pastoral Education from Oklahoma University Medical Center. Now, she is employed as COVID19 Coordinator and Pharmacy TB Tech for the State Health Department of Oklahoma. Like her mother and grandmother, she is also a licensed cosmetologist owning her salon.

She has served as a Pastoral Care Minister at Sunny Lane UMC and a team member working with the SC Jurisdiction and UWF National Office for Environmental and Economic Justice. Currently, she serves as Lay Speaker for Cornerstone UMC and is the Oklahoma Conference UW Faith Missions Chair, leading the annual event "Toole Tyme" at the Cookson Hills Indigenous Mission Center. She is also the Spiritual Growth Co-Coordinator for St Luke's OKC Unit of UW Faith and has started the Deaconess Certification process.

With a heart for mission work, she enjoys traveling to Belize as a teacher and serving as clergy for Kairos Prison Ministry, Kairos Torch and Emmaus Ministry Team. In her spare time, she opens her home to host "healthy mamma/healthy child" ministry for single mothers. Her passionate work with children is evident in her work as a Mission U teacher every year. She strongly believes "if you teach a child in love with fun and action, they will never forget the love, the lesson and what it meant to them. This is how we, as older members of society leave a lasting memory and knowledge of the world we live in."

Yolanda best describes herself as "still a kid at heart", she is funny, loves hats and loves God's people. She has four sisters and one brother. And currently parents her 72 lb Airedale dog named "Curly Bill".