



United Women in Faith

Northern Waters District Annual Celebration and Business Meeting

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Registration/continental breakfast/bookstore 9:15 a.m.; Program 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mancelona United Methodist Church, 117 E. Hinman St., Mancelona, MI 49659

Park in back of the church and enter through the ramp

Registration fee is \$15 (includes breakfast and lunch); Zoom registration fee is \$15

Registration deadline is September 30, 2023

Theme: "We Are the Right Hand of God"

Speaker Tara DeGroot, Youth Coordinator Traverse City Central UMC

Former Regional Community Systems Liaison for Coalition to End Homelessness



Tara Tennie DeGroot is a graduate of GVSU and a native of Traverse City, Michigan. She has been a regional leader in efforts to end youth homelessness. Ending youth homelessness is her greatest passion, and her passion is fierce. She helped start a non-profit in Anchorage, Alaska, designed to help homeless youth identifying as LGBTQ find safe families to live with. She worked for the largest youth homeless charity in the country, the Catholic charity Covenant House with locations across North America. Locally, she was the Program Coordinator for Pete's Place Youth Homeless Shelter for two years and recently worked for Goodwill and the Coalition to End Homelessness as their regional Community Systems Liaison. Tara is now pursuing ministry as she seeks religious education in seminary. She attends Traverse City Central United Methodist Church, participating as the youth group coordinator, and is a volunteer for their homeless outreach breakfast and the committee that runs it.

Mission Focus: Iron Vault at Mancelona High School

Bring shampoo, conditioner, dry shampoo, deodorant, lip balm, feminine products, granola bars, juice boxes, bulk and individually wrapped snack items

Offering: Will be split between the NWD Pledge to Mission and UWF National Legacy Endowment Fund

Name Address City Zip Phone Email (required for Zoom meeting) Home Church Local Unit Officer Position

Mail registration form and payment (checks made out to NWD UMW) to: Cola Hill, Communications Coordinator, 7299 Reynolds Rd., Elmira, MI 49730 northernwatersdistrictumw@gmail.com