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# M1 REVIEW

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## UAW Chaplaincy Conference



I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all my brothers and sisters of UAW Local 2075 at General Dynamics for the opportunity that allowed me to attend the 38th Annual Chaplaincy Conference held at Black Lake. This year's conference held special meaning for me, as I had the opportunity to attend as a guest of my husband, Jeffry, a proud member of UAW Local 2279 at Grammer in Delphos. Jeffry participated in the course to become a chaplain for his local, and I am proud to share that he will be the first to initiate the Chaplaincy Program and serve as the first official chaplain for Local 2279. Thank you again for your continued support and for making this experience possible.

In solidarity, Melissa Johnson

# UAW Fellowship

One of the most impactful sessions I attended was titled “Wholeness”, a spiritually enriching half day of emotional, physical, and spiritual encouragement specifically for women. I had the pleasure of spending the time with two amazing women, Ashley and Angela (pictured). We sang, prayed, celebrated our God-given gift, and learned ways to renew ourselves so we could return to our locals recharged and ready to give back what was taught to us.

Throughout the week, five workshops were offered, and we were able to choose two that best fit our spiritual and leadership needs:

- Matters of the Heart
- Leadership Training
- Built to Last
- Ordination/Certification Training
- Retirees

I selected Matters of the Heart and Leadership Training.

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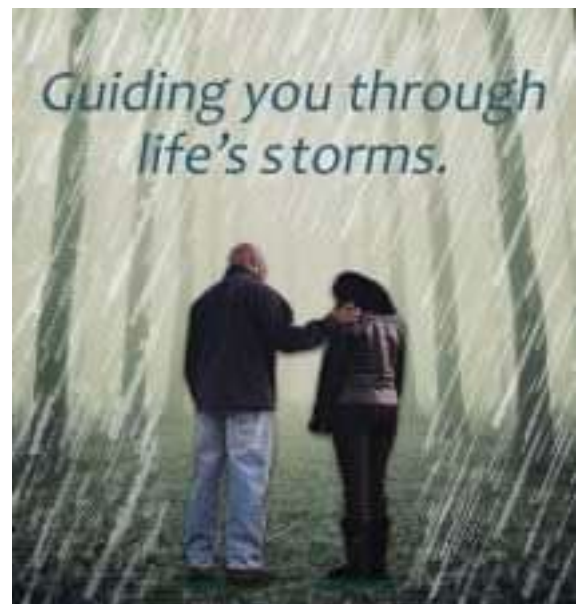
**“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves ”**

*-PHILIPPIANS 2:3*



Picture: Melissa having fellowship with sister Angela & Ashley from local 1112

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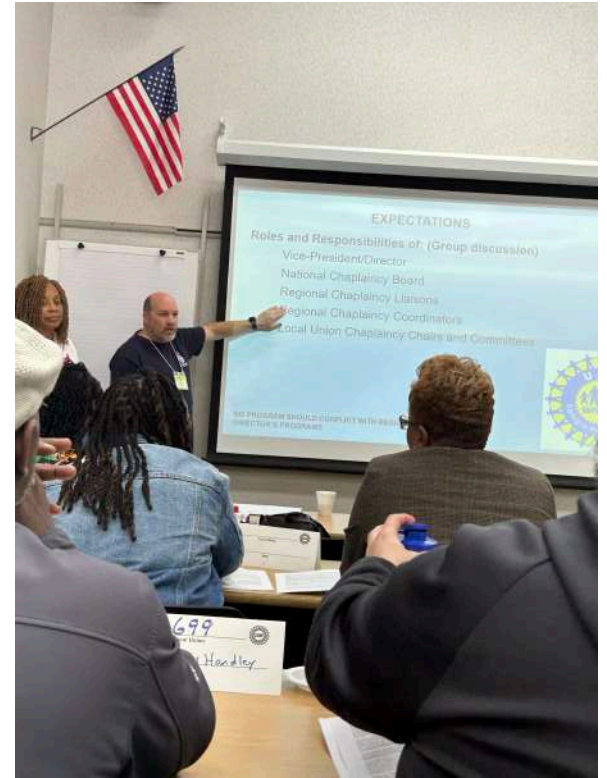


# Matter of the Heart

In Matter of the Heart, we focused on caregiving, whether for a family member or a loved one. Many shared personal stories, and helpful legal and emotional advice was exchanged. It was a powerful reminder that we're not alone in the burdens we carry, and that our shared experiences as "siblings" in solidarity strengthen us.

## Leadership Training

The leadership workshop emphasized leading across faith while staying rooted in our shared belief in Christ. A guest chaplain shared a moving and humorous story about a time he roomed with a Muslim chaplain at a conference. Without any intent to convert, the relationship and testimony he shared led to the Muslim chaplain becoming a Christian. His story was one of the most inspiring parts of the entire week.



Picture: UAW Chaplaincy Workshop



Picture: Chaplain panel at the Black Lake Conference