

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

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If you claim to be religious but do not control your tongue, you are fooling yourself and your religion is worthless. James 1:26. If people would only think before they speak, our world would be a much better place! The way you use your tongue is your responsibility. So make sure your emotions are under Jesus Christ's control.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I would like to extend happy birthday and anniversary blessings to all who are celebrating in this month of September. May God's gift of love and happiness be bestowed upon each of you.

Our Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting is just around the corner. Our theme for this year is "Caring for our Father's World" Genesis 2:15. The host church will be 1st UMC, Bossier City. There is still time to register if you haven't already done so. More information along with the registration form can be found on our UMW website at www.umwla.org.

This year at Annual Meeting we will be highlighting two upcoming, exciting events: The 150th year anniversary celebration of UMW and our 2018 Assembly. Lots of information as well as slide shows and presentations will be a huge part of our meeting. You will not want to miss out on this, so please spread the word and get registered!

Don't forget to check out our new and improved UMW website. We're all doing a lot of Mission work and other activities in our Conferences, in our Districts and in our local units. I want to encourage you to

contact your communications chairperson and send in photos of your activities to be posted to the web site. Kudo's to all for the magnificent work that you are doing in UMW to 1st, honor God and 2nd, to make our Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women the best that God intends for it to be! See you in Bossier City!

With Love, Blessings and Peace

Marjorie S. Frankin

Louisiana Conference United
Methodist Women President

The Annual Meeting Conference UMW Leadership
Team will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2017.

First United Methodist Church, Bossier City

201 John Wesley Boulevard

Bossier City, Louisiana 71111

318-742-3823

Time and Details to be announced by

Marjorie S. Frankin, President

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**2017 Annual Meeting and Banquet
Friday - Saturday, October 13-14, 2017**

**Theme:
“Caring for Our Father’s World.”**

Scripture:

Genesis 2:15:

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Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (NIV)**

Hosted by Shreveport District United Methodist Women

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201 John Wesley Boulevard
Bossier City, Louisiana 71111 318-742-3823**



*General Information***Thursday, October 12, 2017****Louisiana Conference UMW, Leadership Team Meeting**

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Bossier City, Louisiana 71111 318-742-3823

TBA by Marjorie Franklin, President Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Hotel Accommodations: Please secure your hotel accommodations by the *Friday, September 22, 2017* Deadline.

Hilton Garden Inn, 2015 Old Minden Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, 71111 318-759-1950

Ask for: Louisiana Conference UMW. (Parking Complimentary)

Room: Standard Double, 2 Queen Beds; 2-4 persons per room. Rate: \$109.00 + 16% hotel tax.

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Friday, October 13, 2017

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Bossier City, Louisiana 71111 318-742-3823

Registration 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.; Lunch 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Opening Session 1:00p.m., Church Sanctuary

Banquet, Friday Evening,

October 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn Banquet Room, 2015 Old Minden Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, 71111

Featured Speaker: Rachel L. Scott, Minister of Service and Outreach

Noel Memorial United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Registration / Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Business Session 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Service of Holy Communion, Meeting Adjourned.

Lunch, Fellowship Hall / Brown Bag Pickup for Travelers.

District Elected Leadership Training, (DELT) will follow the close of the Annual Meeting,
Estimated Time: 12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m.

Registration Form - http://umwla.org/UMWLA_Forms.htm

See Forms Download; Treasurer; Annual Meeting Registration Form

Driving Directions to Annual Meeting

*to First UMC, Bossier City and the Hilton Garden Inn
Provided by Marilyn Turnley, Shreveport District UMW.*

From the south: I-49 N through Shreveport to merge with I-20 E; take exit 21, Old Minden Rd.; turn Right and go 1 block to John Wesley Blvd. for Bossier FUMC. The Hilton Hotel is back west 2 blocks on your right.

From North: Benton Rd or Hwy 3 S to Old Minden Rd. The Hilton Hotel will be on your left several blocks up and the BFUMC will be on your right on John Wesley Blvd. after passing under the over pass.

From the East: Go I-20 W. Merge onto Old Minden Rd.. Turn right for 1 block to BFUMC on John Wesley Blvd after turning R at stop light. Hilton Hotel is back west under the overpass for a total of 2 blocks on your right.

From the west: Take I-20 E and exit at exit 21 onto Old Minden Rd. and turn R for 1 block to John Wesley Blvd and Old Minden Rd. for BFUMC. The Hilton Hotel is on the right 2 block west on Old Minden Rd. from the church.

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Report, Committee on Nominations

Sandy DeCelle, Chair
Committee on Nominations

2018 Slate of Conference Nominees

President Marjorie Franklin, 2nd term 2018-2019

Mission Coordinator for
Spiritual Growth..... Vickie Bollinger, 2nd term 2018-2019

Mission Coordinator for
Education & Interpretation Anne Fields, 2018-2019

Mission Coordinator for
Membership Nurture & Outreach Linda Ward 2018-2019

Secretary of Program Resources Rhonda Babin 2018-2019

Communications Coordinator 2018-2019 Margery Manuel, 2018-2019

Members, Committee on Nominations
Rose Wainwright, Acadiana 2018-2019
Lucendia Mulberry, Baton Rouge 2018-2019
Loretta Haskins, Shreveport 2018-2019

Returning Officers 2018

Vice President Cynthia Alfred Logan

Secretary Brenda Thomas-Nero

Treasurer Sandie Webb

Mission Coordinator for Social Action Linda Resendez

Chair, Committee on Nominations Sandy DeCelle

Members, Committee on Nominations

Melinda Graham, Lake Charles

Jeannie Clemons, New Orleans

Retiring Officers 2017

Joyce Thibodeaux

Eight Years of Service.

Most recent service as the Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation.

Margery Manuel

Four Years Serve.

Recently serving as Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach; 2017

Mission u Dean.

Linda Ward

One Year Service. Member, Committee on Nominations.

Rosa Robertson Watts

Three Years Service. Member, Committee on Nominations.

2017 Conference UMW Mission u Concludes

2017 District UMW Mini Mission u Events Begin

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women concluded the 2017 Mission u event; Theme, "Mission u: Education for the Transformation of the World," was held Wednesday - Saturday, July 19-22, 2017, The Wesley Center, Woodworth, Louisiana.

This annual mission education event is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society and to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Mission u was coordinated by 2017 Mission u Dean, Margery Manuel; Assistant Mission u Dean, Lana P. Lathan and the Mission u Committee leadership. Joyce Thibodeaux, Louisiana Conference Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation coordinates the District Mini Mission u events. Marjorie Franklin is the President, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

Conference Mission u Study Leaders

The 2017 Mission Studies included the Spiritual Growth study "Living as a Covenant Community," led by Rev. John Vining; the Geographic study "The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States," led by Rev. Bernadine Johnson, Rev. Mollie McGee, Dolores Giles and Debbie Hancock; the Social Issue study "Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action," led by Tremaine Riley; and the Youth study "In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences," led by Rev. Karli Pidgeon and Sabrina Short. Mission u also includes: Worship & singing, Interest Groups around current issues, Mission Projects, Audiovisual presentations, and Fellowship events.

District Mini Mission u Events Have Now Concluded

If you were unable to attend the Conference Mission u Event all is not lost. The round of District Mission u events will be held in August.

District Mini Mission u presents a one day overview introduction of the current studies and resources for district wide, local unit and church wide studies.

District Mini Mission u events help begin preparation for planning Fall and Spring mission studies that lead to earning Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates of study and qualify units for Mission Today recognition.

The 2017 Mission Studies: Spiritual Growth, "Living as a Covenant Community," Geographic, "The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States," Social Issue, "Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action," and Youth study, "In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences." Mini Mission u will also include the introduction of worship & singing, Interest Groups around current issues, Mission Projects, Audiovisual presentations, Fellowship and suggestions for actions coming out of the studies. Included is the schedule of District Mini Mission Events.

If you are unable to attend your own District Mini Mission u Event consider attending an event close by on a date more convenient. Prepare to make many UMW friends.

2017 District Mini Mission u Events

Acadiana District United Methodist Women will hosts their annual District Mini Mission u on Saturday, August 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Registration and Breakfast Fellowship; 9:30 a.m.-12:00, Program; 12:15 p.m. Lunch and Video Resources Viewing, followed by Acadiana District Leadership Team Meeting. The host church will be McGowen Memorial UMC, 1315 Church Street, Jeanerette, Louisiana 70544. The officers and members of McGowen Memorial UMW will be the hostesses along with Host Minister, Rev. Susan C. Pugh. For further information please call Janell Ducrest, District Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation, 337-504-4480. Florence Cole is the Acadiana District United Methodist Women President.

Baton Rouge District United Methodist Women will hosts their annual District Mini Mission u on Saturday, August 19, 2017, 8:30 a.m. Registration; 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 program; Lunch; 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. The Host Church will be Broadmoor UMC, 10230 Mollylea Drive, Baton Rouge 70815 225-924-6269. Grace Oulton, District Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation will serve as the Mini Mission u Dean. Beverly Hammond, President and members of Broadmoor UMW will be hostesses. The Host Minister is Rev. Donnie Wilkinson. Julia Carnes is the Baton Rouge District United Methodist Women President.

Lake Charles District United Methodist Women will hosts two District Mini Mission u events: *Event I* on Sunday, August 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Squyres Memorial, 13936 Hwy. 171 N, Longville 70652 337-725-6146, (P. O. Box 46, Ragley 70657-0046). The Featured studies: Living as a Covenant Community; Presenter, Rhonda Babin; and Missionary Conferences of the U.S., Presenters, Nell Hayes and Shirley McKee. The Hostesses will be Cathy Lou Green, President and the members of Squyres Memorial UMW featuring their traditional "Bundt Cake" Mini Mission u social. Host Minister is Rev. Jim Reid. Mini Mission u *Event II* will be on Sunday, September 10, 2017 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at First, Alexandria, 2727 Jackson St., Alexandria, LA 71301 318-443-5696. The Featured studies: Living as a Covenant Community; Presenter, Rev. Ashley McGuire; and Missionary Conferences of the U.S.; Presenter, Rhonda Babin. Plan to Enjoy Mini Mission u Fellowship. The Hostesses will be Jane Jackson, President and the members of First, Alexandria UMW. Rev Ashley McGuire and Rev Hannah Henderson, Host Ministers. Carolyn Langley, District Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation, will serve as District Mini Mission u Dean; for more information, contact Carolyn Langley at 337-855-7991 or 337-304-9610. Nancy McCulloch is the Lake Charles District United Methodist Women President.

Monroe District United Methodist Women will hosts the District Mini Mission u on Saturday, August 19, 2017, 9:30 Registration; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Program, Farmerville UMC, 300 Anthony St., Farmerville 71241 318-368-3840. Georgie Lee Roberson, District Mission coordinator for Education & Interpretation will serve as the Monroe Mini Mission u Dean; Juanita Cook, President and the members of Farmerville UMW will serve as hostesses; Rev. Henry M. Hamilton, Jr., Host Minister. Mary Robinson is the Monroe District United Methodist Women President/Vice President.

New Orleans District United Methodist Women will hosts the District Mini Mission u on Saturday, August 12, 2017, 8:00 a.m. Registration; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Program at Cornerstone UMC, 5276 Bullard Avenue, New Orleans 70128-3440 504-248-7998. Joann Taylor, District Mission coordinator for Education & Interpretation will serve as District Mini Mission u Dean assisted by the New Orleans District leadership team; Carol Tyson, Cornerstone UMW President and the members of Conerstone UMW will serve as hostesses; Rev. Karli D. Pidgeon, Host Minister. Doris Harry is the New Orleans District United Methodist Women President.

Shreveport District United Methodist Women will hosts the District Mini Mission u on Saturday, August 19, 2017, 9:30 Registration; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Noel Memorial UMC, 520 Herndon St., Shreveport 71101-4702 318- 221-5207. Peggy Evans, District Mission Coordinator for Education & Interpretation will serve as the Mini Mission u event coordinator; Sondra Alexander, President and the members of Noel UMW will be hostesses; Rev. Elaine Burleigh, Host Minister. Shirley Payne is the Shreveport District United Methodist Women President.

Time to Share

Please share pictures from conference and district events. We want to feature event photographs in the UMW Web Photo Gallery. Please include **picture** and **caption** submissions to Rita M. Parham at Rmp824@aol.com

2018 Conference UMW Mission u

Save the Dates:

**Wednesday - Saturday,
July 25-28, 2018**

Spiritual Growth:

Seeking Health and Wholeness (Part 2)

Geographic:

The Missionary Conferences of
the United Methodist Church

Social Issue:

Adult: What About Our Money

Youth: What About Our Money

Names of the studies may change during development.



WHEN: May 18-20, 2018

WHERE: Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, OH

“The Power of Bold” will be the theme of the 19th quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women in Columbus, Ohio, May 18-20, 2018. This Assembly is particularly momentous in that it marks both the official celebration of the organization’s 150th anniversary and a return to the location of the first Assembly in 1942. Throughout the action-filled weekend, participants will revisit the journey of Mary, who boldly risked safety and security to answer yes to God’s call to service, and likewise affirm their own commitment to mission with women, children and youth as United Methodist Women in the 21st century.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Assembly 2018 will be a forum for United Methodist Women members, new friends and partners to gather, worship and learn about the needs of women, children and youth in the 21st century. We will be claiming our 150-year history as women who know how to organize and serve and are willing to be challenged to grow in our faith as we build deeper connections with one another, church leaders and partners in the work of justice for all God’s children.

Assembly will offer an incredible personal faith journey through community building, training for action, and visioning a movement for the future. Bold and courageous ventures await us!

The 2018 Assembly website, <http://www.UMWAssembly.org>, officially launched in March, 2017 with regular updates on the event.

Early Registration for Assembly opens September 1, 2017.

How Can I Save For Assembly? Start Now: Add up the below amounts for your location and divide by 12 for a monthly savings amount. Now it doesn’t seem so daunting. The unforgettable experience of Assembly will feel very worth it.

- \$295, the early bird registration fee.
Available
September 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017.
- \$330.00 - After the November 30, 2017 deadline. Registration includes: Two healthy lunches for attendees.
- Hotels range from \$139 - \$159 per night for up to 4 people – Double/Double.
- Travel expenses
- Meals: Breakfast and Dinners only - Friday and Saturday; Breakfast – Sunday

Assembly is a great value at \$295 early registration fee. Few other faith-based conferences offer Worship/Plenaries infused with music and performing arts, quality Workshops & riveting Town Hall Meetings with important leaders, Action opportunities and Experience Hall with educational immersion experiences for such a low fee.

Sample Savings Plan for Assembly

Early Bird Registration \$295.00

Hotel \$145.00 + 17.5% (\$25.37) =
170.37 x 3 nights = \$511.12 \$511.12

Travel expenses estimate (Round trip Air)
..... \$550.00

Meals: Breakfast & Dinners only - Friday and
Saturday; Breakfast – Sunday \$125.00

Estimated Total \$1,481.12

Church Women United

**The Final CWU Celebration
for 2017**

**World Community Day
Friday, November 3, 2017**

**Remember, Church Women United
are United Methodist Women.**

**Let's reach out
and celebrate with our
CWU Sisters!**