

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

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Newsletter of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women January/February/March, 2017

Louisiana Conference UMW February/March, 2017 Newsletter



Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say Rejoice! Greetings to all! Isn't it just so amazing how good God is to us! No matter what we do, what we say or how we act, he just keeps on blessing us. From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, God's grace and mercy takes care of us even when we may not deserve it.

I would like to wish all who will be celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this month, a happy birthday and a blessed anniversary. Take time out on your special day and enjoy and celebrate yourselves, for this is truly a gift from God.

Although most of our churches may have already celebrated United Methodist Women's day, there are still several churches that will be celebrating this month. I was blessed to have the pleasure of serving as the speaker for UMW Sunday at St. Landry's UMC in Gonzales, Louisiana under the leadership of Rev. Constance "Connie" Saizon. We really had an awesome time in the Lord. The spirit of the Lord was truly in that place. The hospitality shown to me and my family goes beyond words.

On Sunday, February 19, 2017, I spoke at Abbeville UMC for their United Methodist Women's Sunday observance.

The Leadership Development Days training was held on January 27-29, 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Seven UMW Leaders from Louisiana Conference UMW participated:

Marjorie Franklin, Cynthia Logan,
Ouida Smith, Linda Resendez,
Sandie Webb, Rosa Watts,
and Be'Linda Hearnese.

This was a wonderful experience and enjoyed by all. We met ladies from all over the United States who all share the same purpose in UMW.

The singing, praise and worship, the workshops, caucus groups and guest speakers were wonderful.

Our spiritual growth retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 at The OWL, Outdoor Wilderness Learning, Center in Dubach, La, (Ruston Area, down from the Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home.) Vickie Bolinger, Louisiana Conference UMW Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth and her team are doing an excellent job in the planning of this great event. The application and more information can be found on our UMW website.

Our first Leadership team meeting for this year will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017.

Trinity United Methodist Church
1000 Woodward Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270 318-251-0750

Meeting Schedule: Annual Meeting Committee, 4pm;
Mission u Committee meeting, 5pm; Dinner at 5:30pm;
Leadership team meeting, 6pm.

A friendly reminder to our District presidents and other team members to please continue to work on getting all of our UMW members in our local units registered through the internet. The deadline is fast approaching and we want to make sure that no one is left out. Any questions about the process can be directed to:

Margie Manuel,
Louisiana Conference UMW
Mission Coordinator for
Membership Nurture & Outreach

Special thanks to each of you for making our Louisiana Conference UMW the best that it can be. God has called us to be a community of women organized for mission to serve the present age.

May the God of eternity and time help us to serve this present age as fully redeemed persons, filled with his Holy Spirit for his ever new and forward looking mission!

With Love, Blessings and Peace,

Marjorie S. Franklin,
Louisiana Conference UMW President

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**Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women
are in for a Spiritual Re “Treat.”**

Louisiana Conference UMW will gather at The OWL Center Mission for the 2017 Spiritual Retreat, Theme: **“Sowing Seeds of Love Through the Fruits of the Spirit.”** The Spiritual Retreat is under the leadership of Vickie Bollinger, Louisiana Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Coordinator.

About The Outdoor Wilderness Learning (OWL) Center: The OWL is 800 acres of rolling hills, beautiful facilities, will be the host site for the 2017 Spiritual Retreat. The OWL, Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center, is a ministry of Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home.

About the Henning Conference Center: The Henning Conference Center is located on the OWL Center grounds. It is a beautiful building with a spacious wrap-around porch complete with benches and rocking chairs overlooking the OWL ponds and pastures. The Henning Conference Center can accommodate up to 280 guests in comfort and includes a fully functional, commercial kitchen complete with serving stations.

Save the Date. Invite members, family, and friends.

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
2017 Spiritual Retreat

**Theme: “Sowing Seeds of Love
Through the Fruits of the Spirit.”**

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Registration - 8:30 a.m.; Spiritual Retreat - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The OWL, Outdoor Wilderness Learning, Center

Henning Conference Center

1523 Hwy 563, Dubach, LA 71235

318. 777-3460; E-mail: OWL@LMCH.com;

Web: OWL@LMCH.org



The Henning Conference Center

UMW Sunday

Traditional Celebration: 4th Sunday in January
(January 22, 2017)

2017 United Methodist Women's Sunday is the annual membership invitational and recruitment for new members of United Methodist Women. UMW Sunday is the opportunity to celebrate the local unit and helps introduce your church members and visitors to what United Methodist Women does in your community and around the world. The traditional UMW Sunday date for Louisiana Conference is the 4th Sunday in January but can also be celebrated during the first quarter of the year, January - March, or any Sunday of the year.

Call To Prayer and Self Denial

2017 January-March Celebrate: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial; Theme: “Abundant Health for Women and Children.” Worship service; Maternal and Child Health by Donna Akuamoah.

Donna Akuamoah is United Methodist Women’s international ministry executive for maternal and child health.

This annual observance gives local and district units a chance to study and reflect on a particular theme each year and to designate funds for ministries related to the theme for the year. This Year’s Theme: “Abundant Health for Women and Children.”

Each year, nearly a quarter of a million women die worldwide from preventable causes relating to pregnancy and childbirth. Approximately 19,000 children die every day from treatable diseases such as diarrhea and tuberculosis. The women and children’s health Millennium Development Goals (MDGs 4 and 5) saw the least progress in the last 15 years. United Methodist Women, as a faith-based women’s organization, recognizes this issue as a critical area of concern and priority.

Registration Form

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Spiritual Growth Retreat
"Sowing Seeds of Love Through the Fruits of the Spirit"
Saturday, March 4, 2017
Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center, OWL
Henning Conference Center
1523 La Highway 563, Dubach, LA 71235
 318. 777-3460; E-mail: OWL@LMCH.com; Web: OWL@LMCH.org

Registration 8:30 a.m.; Retreat 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Deadline for Registration: Friday, February 24, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Name of Church _____ Address _____

District: Acadiana Baton Rouge Lake Charles Monroe New Orleans Shreveport

Check All That Apply

Conference Officer (Specify) _____; District Officer (Specify) _____ Local Member _____

Registration Fee: \$15.00 Includes Light Lunch

Make Checks Payable To: Louisiana Conference UMW

**Mail to: Sandra F. "Sandie" Webb, Conference Treasurer, 5932 College Drive,
 Baton Rouge, LA 70806-8005 Phone: 225. 771-8638 E-mail: Sandiewebb1@gmail.com**

Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Express, 2501 N. Service Road (GPS Address), Ruston, LA 71270 318-232-1230

Physical address: 1312 Hospitality Street, Ruston, LA 71270

Room Rate: \$105.00 + \$15.23 tax (14.5 %). Rooms include: 2 King Size beds; Mini Refrigerator;
 Coffee maker; Microwave. Complimentary Full Breakfast.

Reference: United Methodist Women Conference - March 3, 2017.

Deadline to Book at Conference Price Is February 17, 2017

Travel Time from Hotel: Allow 30-35 minutes travel time to get to The Owl Center in the morning.

United Methodist Women Census

Presidents:

Designated presidents are asked to complete this information form for the 2016 United Methodist Women census.

Gathering this information will enable the organization to meet our members' needs more efficiently as well as allow us to grow in numbers, outreach and impact.

- In addition to completing this census form, please help ensure that individual members fill out the myUMW membership log at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/myumw.

You can be assured that United Methodist Women will never share contact information without express permission.

Membership Log

Members of United Methodist Women are invited to complete the following information fields; when finished you will be able to print a personalized membership card.

United Methodist Women is a membership organization dedicated to mission with women, children and youth. All mission-minded women within and beyond The United Methodist Church are welcome. We are an open, Christian organization with ecumenical ties and connections around the world.

United Methodist Women will never share your contact information without your permission.

On You Tube
Published on Nov 1, 2016
<https://www.youtube.com>

Khia Shaw explains the Census Form, the new myUMW Page and how leaders can help those without technical skills to participate.

Deadline for the census is March 30, 2017.

Contact:
Margery Manuel, Louisiana Conference UMW
Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Looking Ahead!

Mission u

The 2017 Mission u event will be held on
 July 19 - 22, 2017
 at the Wesley Center
 2350 Methodist Parkway
 Woodworth, Louisiana 71485
 318.449.4500 ; 318.449.4700 fax

Save These Dates:

School Faculty Meeting: July 18, 2017
 Mission u Event: July 19-22, 2017

Topics for Upcoming Mission Studies

Names are subject to change during development

Spiritual Growth: A Covenant Community

Geographic:

The Missionary Conferences of the
 United Methodist Church in the U.S.

Social Issue: Climate Justice

Youth: The Missionary Conferences

Mission u Dean:

Margery Manuel, Louisiana Conference UMW
*Mission Coordinator for
 Membership, Nurture & Outreach*

Black History Month - and 365 Days Celebrate the Charter for Racial Justice

The United States—a nation of many peoples of different races, nationalities, languages and cultures—is challenged to make the Charter for Racial Justice a charter for everyone. The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women's Division (now United Methodist Women) of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. In 1980 the division successfully recommended adoption of the charter by the whole denomination. General Conference has consecutively readopted it, every eight years since, most recently in 2008. The charter continues United Methodist Women's urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision.

Living the Charter All Year Long

Racial justice is a biblical issue

Read Exodus 1:8-14. How were the Egyptians and the Israelites each "raced"? Who are the "Egyptians" and who are the "Israelites" in the United States today?

Racial justice is a leadership issue

Who are the leaders in United Methodist Women? When and how are leadership and power shared across lines of race, ethnicity, language and class? Make institutional changes that build relationships of mutuality rather than charity.

Racial justice is a community issue

Assess changes in your community, state and nation. Where are racial/ethnic tensions arising? Make standing up for racial justice a regular part of your spiritual practice.

Racial justice is a public policy issue

Learn about laws that limit the rights of immigrants, racial/ethnic minorities and the poor to public education, social services and jobs. Join with others to exercise your political power to ensure equal and basic rights for all.



Looking Ahead to 2018 Assembly

Date Posted: 12/14/2016

"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. The 2018 Assembly website, <http://www.UMWAssembly.org>, will officially launch in March of 2017 with regular updates on the event. Registration for the event will open September 1, 2017.

Celebrating With Our Sisters Church Women United

Mrs. Mary Collins, President
Church Women United in Louisiana
504. 362-9715

Announcing the Church Women United 2017 Celebrations: "Kindling New Fires." <http://churchwomen.org/>

World Day of Prayer, traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, March 3, 2017. The host country is the Philippines. The women of the Philippines call us to explore concepts of economic justice in the Philippines context and around the world. (Matthew 20:1-16)
<http://www.wdp-usa.org>

May Friendship Day, traditionally celebrated the first Friday of May, May 5, 2017, Theme, "Kindling New Fires of Love." Including the service of the "Fellowship of the Least Coin."

Human Rights Celebration, a floating holiday, to be celebrated any time during the year. Started in 2006 to award women and men whose work impact their local community or the world at large. Theme: "Kindling New Fires of Hope."

World Community Day, traditionally celebrated the first Friday of November, November 3, 2017. Time set aside for the study of Peace and Justice. Theme: "Kindling New Fires for Peace."

Remember, Church Women United are United Methodist Women. Let's celebrate with our sisters.

News and Resources

United Methodist Women Handbook:
Downloadable PDF

The 2017-2020 Handbook is available as a PDF download and will soon be available in print from the e-store.

Save the Dates Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Conference Annual Meeting

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

Hosted by

Shreveport District United Methodist Women
First United Methodist Church, Bossier City

201 John Wesley Boulevard
Bossier City, Louisiana 71112

318. 742-3823

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Leadership Team Meeting

Friday-Saturday,

October 13-14, 2017

Conference Annual Meeting and Banquet

Saturday, October 14, 2017

DELT - District Elected Leadership Training Event.

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United Methodist Women Mission Resources is offering the 2017-2018 Annual Sampler

(Offer ends April, 2017)

Standard print subscription is \$40.00, Save: \$5.50. If your order includes the large print **Spiritual Growth study**, the total price is \$42.00. Save: \$3.50.

The Annual Sampler includes:

- 2017 Spiritual Growth study, A Covenant Community, in standard print (\$10, or now available in large print for \$13. The special price for large print Annual Sampler subscribers is \$12).
- 2017 Geographic study The Missionary Conferences (\$10).
- 2017-18 Program Book (\$10).
- 2018 Prayer Calendar (\$14).
- 2018 Date Book (\$1.50).

Order by Mail:

United Methodist Women Mission Resources
P.O. Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349;

Order Toll-free: 1-800-305-9857

The Program Book and calendars will ship in the summer of 2017.

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Hunting and Fishing Journal

Task Force News Journal

January/February/March, 2017



Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women
To Declare "Hunting and Fishing" Season

Scripture: Matthew 4:19 - We were called to
be "Hunters and Fishers of Women."

Task Force - *Task Force: a small team given responsibility for
a short-term assignment with specific goals.*

The LA Conference UMW Task Force On
communication systems, membership
recruitment, and internet/web design.

Goal: To Increase the presence of organized
units of United Methodist Women in all local
churches in the Louisiana Conference.

- Expand systems of communication to support the LA Conference UMW Community.
- Develop a LA Conference UMW Bulk Mailing List (USPS standard).
- Produce an electronic location guide for local church UMW units.
- Produce a LA Conference UMW Directory.

Scripture and Bible Study

Matthew 4: 19 NIV

We are called to service

Mark 16: 15

We were told to go into all the world

Acts 5:20

We were told to go tell the full message

Acts 1: 8

We have no excuses - we will receive power

Acts 10

All are worthy and invited -The story of a Gentile and
a Jew; a vision and a trance.

Key Study Verses: Acts 10: 47-48; NIV, ISV

The Classified Ad

Wanted - Task Force Members:

Job and Skill Level Requirements

- Basic computer skills including the use of e-mail communication ability.
- Ability to send and open e-mail attachments.
- Skilled in the use of software programs including: Word, WordPerfect, Rich text, PDF, Adobe.
- Familiar with the geographical layout of the district they are representing; the people, congregations, traditions, and resources.
- Ability to gather and report complete detailed information via electronic format.
- Where possible involve and engage teen and college young women. Especially for their computer, communications, business, and internet/web design skills.

Louisiana Conference UMC

Louisiana Conference UMC is composed of 486 United Methodist Churches in the state of Louisiana. The churches are divided into six geographical districts. The 2015 Louisiana Conference UMW web cite reported 197 organized local units of United Methodist Women.

Statistics (2014): Membership 118,725; Clergy 599; Churches 486.

Louisiana Conference is organized as a connectional church . . . we affirm together the doctrine of the denomination and follow the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. “In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women” (256.5).

Each district has special flavor, resources, traditions and qualities. All of these unique characteristics can be used to “Make Mission Happen in a Bold New Way.”

The Districts

2015 Reports

Acadiana District

68 Local Churches / 26 Units of UMW reported

Baton Rouge District

82 Local Churches / 25 Units of UMW reported

Lake Charles District

63 Local Churches / 38 Units of UMW reported

Monroe District

89 Local Churches / 25 Units of UMW reported

New Orleans District

83 Local Churches / 46 Units of UMW reported

Shreveport District

100 Local Churches / 37 Units of UMW reported

6 Geographical Districts

485 Local Churches / 197 Units of UMW

The Acadiana District covers Louisiana’s Cajun heartland. From the farmland in the north to the bayous and marshlands of the Gulf Coast.

Baton Rouge District host the Bishop, Provost, and the Conference Headquarters; also home to three Wesley Foundations, LSU Tigers, Southern Jaguars, and SLU Lions, and United Methodist churches of all sizes.

Lake Charles District is rich with traditions, vast landscapes, small towns, and large cities. United Methodist Churches can be found as far north as the Alexandria area and parts of Grant Parish, as far south as Cameron and Vermilion Parish, as far east as Jennings along the I-10 corridor, and as far west as Vinton.

Monroe District includes churches of every shape and variety from small and rural to large and urban. From Lake Providence to Vidalia, from Ruston to Jonesboro, and everything in between.

New Orleans District represents south Louisiana from Buras to Donaldsonville, from Franklinton to Grand Isle. Uniquely different, one vision, one mission.

Shreveport District is spread across the beautiful northwest corner of Louisiana, and the churches are as diverse as the landscape which they occupy. United by commitment to offer joyful worship, growing in faith, and making a difference in the lives of people.

**On a Mission
to go
Hunting and Fishing
For UMW Members!**

The Classified Ad

**Wanted - Task Force Members:
Job and Skill Level Requirements**

- Lap top / Desk top computer/s with current software programs.
- Basic computer skills including the use of e-mail communication ability.
- Ability to send and open e-mail attachments.
- Skilled in the use of software programs including:
 - Word processing programs:** Microsoft Word, Microsoft Office suite - which includes Outlook (E-mail), Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote; WordPerfect, Rich Text, PDF, Adobe, Dropbox, and other processing programs.
 - Distance Communication:** Skype, video and call conferencing opportunities.
- Familiar with the geographical layout of the district they are representing; the people, congregations, traditions, and resources.
- Ability to gather and report complete detailed information via electronic format.
- Wherever possible we shall involve and engage teen and college young women. Especially for their computer, communications, business, and internet/web design skills.
- Willing and able to travel to attend day or overnight meetings announced timely.

Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ District _____

List Software and Computer Skills:

**Please prayerfully consider and apply by E-mail:
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