

## Louisiana Conference Begins Planning 2017 UMW Mission u

# Mission u

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will host the annual Mission u event at the Louisiana Conference Retreat Center.

Mission u is the Louisiana Conference UMW annually sponsored mission education, spiritual growth and geographical study event. Mission u offers opportunities to learn and grow. Mission u educates to transform people for mission.

### Call to Mission u:

School Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Wednesday - Saturday, July 19-22, 2017

Louisiana Conference Wesley Center  
2350 Methodist Parkway  
Post Office Box 378  
Woodworth, Louisiana 71485  
318. 449-4500

### 2017 Studies

Spiritual Growth: Living as a Covenant Community

Geographic: The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church

Social Issue: Climate Justice

Youth: The Missionary Conferences

### Scholarship Opportunities

#### The People behind the Mission u Scholarships

Do you ever wonder who the women are who our two Mission u scholarships are named? In an effort to attract first timers and teen and college women Louisiana Conference UMW provide two scholarships: **Estelle Dameron and Doretha Brown Youth Scholarships.**

The scholarships are issued by the Louisiana Conference UMW Membership Nurture & Outreach Committee.

Applications deadlines and due dates will be announced timely.

#### Here are the Women that these Scholarships are named to Honor

**Estelle Darsey Dameron**  
**(Mrs. George W.) 1906-1996**  
**Rev. George W. Dameron, Sr., 1889-1969**

Estelle Darsey Dameron, was the wife of Reverend George Walton Dameron. The couple met on the campus of Louisiana State University, where she was a student and he was director of the YMCA, and a graduate student. Their union was blessed with one son, Dr. George W. Dameron, Jr. They were a beloved first family of Pineville First United Methodist Church, Pineville, Louisiana, where Rev. Dameron served for five years, 1949-1954. The family later returned to Pineville, Louisiana in the mid 1960's after Rev. Dameron's retirement.

They became the first residents of the first retirement home built by the Louisiana Conference Retired Ministers' Home Board at 112 Redd Street, Pineville, Louisiana. Estelle remained there for twenty-five years after the sudden death of her husband until she moved to an assisted living facility until her death. Estelle's accomplishments in Mission Education are many. Listing a few:

- served both the Louisiana Annual Conference and the South Central Jurisdiction Women's Societies of Christian Service, (WSCS) as Secretary of Missionary Education
- served the larger church as a member of the Board of Missions and on standing committees of Spiritual Life and Missionary Education
- President of the Louisiana WSCS, 1961-1966.
- taught for many years in Christian Workers Schools and in Schools of Missions and Christian Service.

Estelle Dameron was a recognized, well sought and excellent teacher of the mission studies. In her own church, First United Methodist Church, Pineville, Louisiana, she is remebered for establihing and teaching the Pairs and Spares Sunday School class where she inspired many to church leadership; and established the George Dameron Memorial Library. **Source:** Journal Louisiana Conference, p. 275, by Rev. Art Baker.

**Doretha Brown**

Doretha Brown, a Louisiana native, grew up in the rural areas of Franklin and New Orleans, Louisiana. Brown completed her B.A. in Elementary Education at Dillard University, New Orleans. She taught grade school for two years, and then attended Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. After her studies at Scarritt, she left for Liberia in October, 1960. In Liberia and later Monrovia Ms. Brown's work as a commisioned United Methodist missionary spanned for 50 plus years as a teacher for girls ranging from elementary to university age. Ms. Brown was featured in the November, 1983 issue of Response and the article concerning her work notes her "conscious decision to go to Africa." To further honor Ms. Doretha Brown for work as a commisioned United Methodist missionary and an educator of children, in 2010 marking her 50th year anniversary Louisiana Conference UMW established the Doretha Brown Youth Scholarship for young women, ages 12-18 to

attend the annual Mission u event, the former School of Christian Mission.



Pictured left to right: Cheryl Trent, Womens Division Director and 2010 Annual Meeting speaker; Lueburda J. Myers, former Louisiana Conference UMW president; Ms. Doretha Brown, honoree; Edna Brown Hickman, former Conference UMW president and Pat Cobb, former Conference UMW president. Louisiana Conference Now! Special UMW Section, November 20, 2009 page 5.

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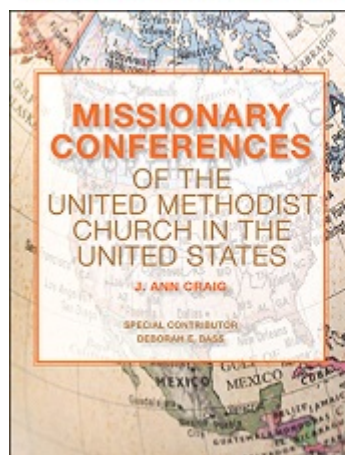
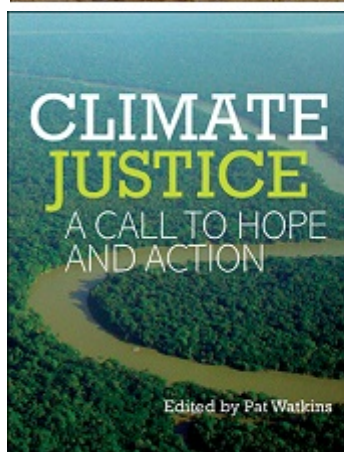
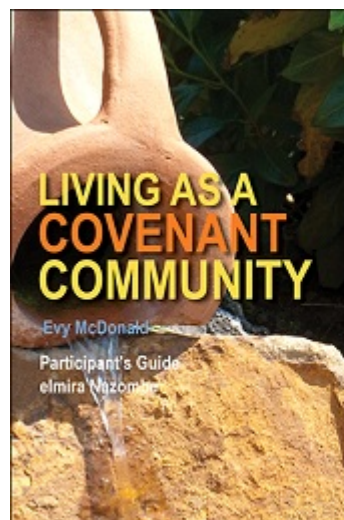
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## 2017 Mission u Course Catalog

### Order text books by Mail:

United Methodist Women Mission Resources  
P.O. Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374-2349  
Call to Order Toll-free: 1-800-305-9857

- Spiritual Growth: Living as a Covenant Community**  
**Course Description:** This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. **Text Book:** Living as a Covenant Community by Evy McDonald; Participant's guide by elmira Nazombe. Price \$10.00; Item # M3291. Large print \$13.00; Item # M3306; Kindle \$5.35.
- Geographic: The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church**  
**Course Description:** This study gives the reader a foundational understanding of mission and ministries of the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. 108 pp. **Text Book:** Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States by J. Ann Craig with Special Contributor, Deborah Bass. Leaders guide by Judith Pierre-Okerson. Price \$10.00; Item # M3284
- Youth: The Missionary Conferences**  
**Course Description:** The youth study focuses on the three United States missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference. It also offers opportunities for youth who are interested in relationship-building and hands-on mission. **Text Book:** In Mission Together: A Youth Study on Missionary Conferences by Kelly Martini with contributions from Kendra Dunbar. 90 pp. Price \$10.00; Item # M3289.
- Social Issue: Climate Justice**  
**Course Description:** This study invites you to understand climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Climate injustice is the result of climate change. The study will challenge you to see what needs to happen for climate justice to become a reality in the world today. The church needs to more powerfully model a way of doing it differently. This will entail not just focusing on the environment, but also asking hard questions regarding financial profit, a growing economy, our independent way of thinking and our understanding of efficiency. **Text Book:** Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action. Edited by Pat Watkins. Price \$10.00; Item # M3265; Kindle \$5.35



# Mission u 2017

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## The Learning Centers

### District Sponsored Display Tables Highlight 2017 Studies

The Learning Center will be located along the hallway of the main lodge. A table for each district will be provided. Please bring extension cords, table covering and backdrops as needed. Displays are to be ready for viewing by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017 and taken down no later than 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2017.

## Learning Center Topics

**Spiritual Growth:** Living as a Covenant Community

**Geographic:** The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church

**Social Issue:** Climate Justice

**Youth:** The Missionary Conferences

## 2017 Mission u Display Tables

The District United Methodist Women responsible for Mission u Display tables and their topic assignments are:

### Acadiana District

Living As a Covenant Community

### New Orleans District

Missionary Conferences of the  
United Methodist Church

### Shreveport District

Climate Justice

## 2017 District Mini Mission u Events:

### Acadiana

**Saturday, August 26, 2017 - (Place/Time TBA)**

#### Baton Rouge District

**Saturday, August 19, 2017- (Place/Time TBA)**

Host Church: St. Mark United Methodist Church

6217 Glen Oaks Dr, Baton Rouge 70811

225. 357-6150

Host Unit President: Julia S. Carnes

Host Minister: Derrick D. Hills

#### Lake Charles District

**Date: (Date and Place/Time TBA)**

#### Monroe District

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2017 ; Time: TBA

Host Church: Farmerville UMC, 300 Anthony St.,  
Farmerville 71241 318. 368-3840

Host Unit President: Juanita Cook

Host Minister: Henry M. Hamilton, Jr. (Shauna)

130 Airline View, Farmerville 71241 337-378-8480 C

#### New Orleans District

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2017 ; Time: TBA

Host Church: Cornerstone UMC, 5276 Bullard Ave.,

New Orleans 70128-3440 504. 248-7998

Host Unit President: Carol Tyson

Host Minister: Karli D. Pidgeon

#### Shreveport District

Date: Sunday, August 20, 2017 ; Time: TBA

Host Church: Shady Grove UMC,

1630 Hwy. 481 South, Mansfield 71052

318. 872-2146

Host Unit President: Willie Guiton 318. 872-4099

Host Minister: Samuel L. Neal