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MISSION u FACT SHEET

Louisiana Conference Mission u

July 22-25, 2015

Wesley Center-Woodworth, LA

Mission u: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World 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. Studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church.

2015 Mission Studies

- **Spiritual Growth:** Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God
- **Geographic:** Latin America: People and Faith
- **Issue Study:** The Church and People with Disabilities
- **Children and Youth Study:** Latin America: Places, Culture and Faith

The study books are available at the United Methodist Women-Resource. Contact information:
www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/store Toll free phone: 1-800-305-9857 or order by mail: United Methodist Women Mission Resources, PO Box 742349, Atlanta, GA 30374

Mission u 2015

2015 Mission Study Leaders

Spiritual Growth: *Created for Happiness*

Rev. Monica Monk

Geographic: *Latin America: People and Faith*

Ms. Chyrelena Peyton, Rev. Clifton Conrad

Rev. Willie Berman, Rev. Tracy MadKenzie

Issues: *The Church and People with Disabilities*

Mrs. Millie Moore

Youth: *Latin America: Places, Culture and Faith*

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Registration forms and news are in this newsletter.

Reminder: Funds are needed for the Mission u 1st timer scholarships. Please consider a donation to the Estelle Dameron (Adult) and Dorothea Brown (Youth) Scholarship Funds...

FROM THE ACADIANA DISTRICT OFFICERS;;;;;;;;;;;;;

Kathleen McIntire, Program Resources Coordinator...”Happy Day! Thank you God I got to write this and thank God you get to read it. I hope you are all well. I am sending out a challenge to UMW in our beloved Acadiana District. I want to challenge you all to get at least a participatory ribbon in 2015. If you read one book between now and July 1, 2015, you receive a participatory award. If /you read a book to your children or grandchildren you will also receive a participatory award. There are five categories of books: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Books may be read from this years’ booklist and the booklist from the last four years. Current Mission Study books can also be read for credit on the Reading Program. You can download the Reading Program catalog at: umwmissionresources.org/products/reading-program-catalog-2015. The book list for children and youth is: unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/readiingprogram/youth. If you need help with anything please e-mail me at: Kathleen_McIntire@hotmail.com or call/text me at 337-354-5157. Thanks and good reading! Kathleen”

Deidre Lewis, Social Action Coordinator...”A third of the 15 million Africans sold into slavery were women. These women had to not only endure the hardship and dehumanization of enslavement, but also were subjected to constant sexual exploitation...and the mistreatment continues today. Even though slavery has been abolished and condemned, there are over 20 million victims of human trafficking today and half of those are women and girls. March 25 marked the International Day of Remembrance for Victims of Slavery. Every year people from around the globe gather in solemn remembrance to pay their respects to the millions of lives lost and affected by slavery. In honor of the victims, a permanent memorial entitled, “The Ark of Remembrance” will be constructed at the United Nations headquarters. United Methodist Women stands against the exploitation of those forced to submit to civil injustice as a result of their basic needs or position in society. The human trafficking epidemic has become the second largest criminal activity behind the sale of illegal arms. As advocates for social justice, UMW will continue to work for the rights of those exploited by this cruel trade and end this all too prevalent form of modern-day slavery. You can find out more about what we as UMW are doing to raise awareness of this issue by going to: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Cheryl Edney, Membership, Nurture and Outreach...The Woman in Mission Nomination form is included in this newsletter...if you want to nominate someone please fill out this form and mail to me at 105 Ridgela Circle, Duson, LA 70529

Don’t forget to fill out the forms in this newsletter and mail to appropriate officer by the dates listed on the forms.

FYI.....

Did you know the Acadiana District failed to meet our pledge commitments in 2014? Please remind your units to keep up with their pledge payments so we CAN meet those commitments in 2015...

District officers are trying to visit all the churches in the Acadiana District. If you are interested in having someone visit your church please e-mail Dixie Hebert at dhebert@88bellsouth.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

The LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING will be hosted by the Lake Charles District on Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, 2015 at St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church. The 2015 theme is: BEHOLD! OUR MISSION: A CALL TO SERVE. More details to follow at a later date.