

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

August 2016 Newsletter

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Greetings Louisiana Conference UMW and friends!

Where has the year gone? It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the month of August. Recently, we held our **Mission u** 2016 on July 20-23, 2016 at the Wesley Center. Those of you who were blessed to attend can certainly attest to the fact that we had an awesome time. In my opinion, I believe that it was one of the best **Mission u** that I have ever **attended**. There were 84 persons registered with 10 teachers making 94. To some of you, this may seem to be a low attendance, which may be true. **However**, I truly believe in my heart that God had already ordained those who were to be there. God is not concerned with numbers, but how you make the numbers count.

The Lake Charles District was given a certificate for having the most persons from their district. Both the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Districts tied for having the

most of amount of first timers to attend. We had a record number of 22 first timers in attendance.

Thanks to all of our study leaders for making our studies informative, spiritual and at times humorous. We experienced awesome early morning praise and worship and the plenaries were great. The music along with the choir provided spirit filled uplifting music for all.

During our Mission u this year, we collected two offerings. We collected \$3,035 on Thursday to be equally shared among our four Mission institutions here in Louisiana. The Friday collection totaled \$701.50 that is to be donated to the Eden House in New Orleans as they work with individuals affected by Human Trafficking. Thank you so much Dean Carrie Roy and Asst. Dean Margery Manuel, for all your hard work, dedication and love that you put into making this event the best ever. Job well done!

On Tuesday evening both the Finance Committee and the Leadership Team met for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of this year. Many items on the agenda were discussed and the meeting was enjoyed by all.

Our next big event is of course our Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting, coming up on **October 14-15, 2016 at St. Matthews UMC, Metairie, LA**. Please save the date, mark your calendars, spread the word and make plans to attend. The registration forms along with all the necessary information will be posted to our UMW website within the next 2 weeks. The New Orleans District President, Doris Harry and her committee are working really hard to make our Annual meeting an enjoyable experience.

Finally yet importantly, please let us keep our sisters and brothers of the Baton Rouge District and surrounding areas in our prayers. If any of us are able to reach out and assist them with anything, let us not hesitate to do so. Remember that we are our "brother's keepers".

Continue to keep the communication flowing in our Conference concerning any events or happenings that **can provide information for us**. Let us continue to **utilize** all of our gifts and talents that we have been blessed with and work together to make our Louisiana Conference UMW the best it can be!

With Blessings, Peace and Love

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