

Louisiana Conference UMW Newsletter

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What a Mighty God we serve! Greetings and happy New Years to all. I trust that everyone is having a wonderful year thus far. God has been and is still so good to us! Just the mere fact that he allowed us all the opportunity to say farewell to 2016 and being able to welcome 2017 is a blessing in itself. I hope that no one took this opportunity for granted, for there were many that didn't have this chance.

I would like to wish all who will be celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this month a happy birthday and a blessed anniversary. I'm very excited to see what God has in store for our Louisiana Conference UMW for 2017. I know that he has a special plan purposed only for us. In order to achieve our goal, we must continue to work together. According to Romans 8:28 "we all know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose".

Our United Methodist Woman's Day will be celebrated all over the world on Sunday, January 22, 2017. There will be hundreds of speakers all over sharing the word from our theme: "Sowing Seeds of Love". The scripture text, Galatians 5:22-23 speaks on the "Fruit of the Spirit" and how they can be used to Sow Seeds of Love. This should be a glorious day in the lives of UMW and the entire congregation. It is my prayer that our hearts will be filled, our souls will be fed and our spirits will be lifted as we meditate on God's word for each of us.

Our Spiritual Growth retreat will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the “Owl Center” in Ruston, La. The registration form along with a save the date flyer can be found on our UMW website. Please mark your calendars and get the word out about this wonderful event. Vickie Bollinger, our Spiritual Growth coordinator and her committee have been working really hard to make this event very special. Please let’s all come out and be fed by the word.

On January 27-29, 2017 several of our Leadership team members will be attending Leadership Development Days in Charlotte, North Carolina. This will be a very exciting time as we learn, share, meet other leaders from other conferences and exchange ideas that will be useful in moving our Conference forward and working toward making it be the best that God expects it to be. Please be in prayer that we will have safe travels there and a safe return home.

District Presidents and other members, please let’s continue to work on getting all of our UMW members in our local units registered through the internet. All units should have had some type of training on how to get this done. If there are any units or any persons that are still not clear as to what must take place, please don’t hesitate to contact Margie Manuel, our Conference MNO Chairperson for assistance.

Once again I want to say “thank you” to everyone for whatever role you may play in making our Louisiana Conference UMW the best that God wants us to be. Continue to be blessed.

With love and peace

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