

Louisiana Conference UMW Newsletter

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Greetings to each of you. “God is good” all the time and “All the time”, God is good! What a wonderful time of the year! Although everyday should be considered a day of Thanksgiving, November is the month in which we all celebrate Thanksgiving Day. This is a special day set apart where family and friends come together sharing a meal and giving special thanks to God for all that he has done and provided for us.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the New Orleans District for an awesome Annual Meeting. Mrs. Doris Harry and her leadership team did an outstanding job in planning and implementing such a spirit filled, informative meeting. The hospitality was far above more than we could ever imagine. “Sowing Seeds of Love” was exhibited throughout the entire meeting. Great things are still being said about this meeting. I want to thank God for allowing this great team to be used in an awesome way. The presence of the Lord was truly with us from our Thursday evening Leadership team meeting until the conclusion of DELT. Our ladies who attended were leaving their training with laughter and conversations as if they were not yet ready to go. We can only thank God for this wonderful experience.

During the Thursday night team meeting, the business at hand was discussed while enjoying a delicious catered meal. The highlight of the meeting came at the conclusion when each of our UMW sisters had a chance to exchange their gift that they purchased with another sister and share something special about the

gift; what makes the gift a reason to be thankful. This was an awesome experience and enjoyed by all.

Here are some highlights from the Annual Meeting:

- 130 ladies were registered for the meeting, 135 for the banquet.
- Great music and songs led by Rev. Connie Breaux
- The Mission candle burned for 3 hours, 33 minutes, and 39 seconds, totaling \$5,659.10
- Service honoring our retired officers and the installation of our new officers for 2017.
- Greetings and updates from the directors of our 4 National Mission Institutions.
- An awesome banquet where the Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson delivered an inspiring message.
- Honoring and special recognition to all of our past Jurisdictional and National Presidents and other offices held.
- Entertainment from the Cornerstone Harmonizers.
- The Forum on Saturday morning entitled “Need New Members, Let’s Brainstorm”.
- Awesome praise dance from the “Expressive Worship Choir”, St. Mark’s UMC, Baton Rouge, La.
- Sending forth with Holy Communion.
- DELT training.

Special thanks to our retiring officers for their services rendered while serving on the Conference Leadership team. Congratulations to our newly elected and installed officers for 2017. Rita Parham, a native of Baton Rouge was appointed as the Task Force Volunteer Chair for revitalizing units and reaching out to old members while telling the story of Mission here in our Louisiana Conference. Staphanae Carey, a native of Harvey, La will serve as a member of the Program Advisory Group from the Louisiana Conference.

Our UMW website will soon be getting a facelift with new photos and current information. The list of the 2017 Conference Leadership team will be posted as well as any changes for District presidents and other offices.

I would like to take time out to say “Thank You” to everyone that play a part in making our UMW what it is today. It takes all of us working together to get the job done. I want to wish each one of you a “Happy Thanksgiving” and please don’t forget to always give thanks to our “creator”, Jesus Christ. Enjoy you family and friends and if at all possible share a meal, share some love, “Sow a Seed of Love” with someone.

With Blessings, Peace and Love

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