

Louisiana Conference UMW

June 2017 Newsletter

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Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe - *John20: 29*. Lord, how blessed we are to be able to see you all around us and to sense your presence within us! Even though we can't see you in the same way we might see a friend or a neighbor, we see you in your word and in all that is good and true in the world around us. Thank you Lord for making yourself so available to us!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I would like to extend a happy birthday and a blessed wedding anniversary to all who may be celebrating their special day in the month of June. May God's gift of love and happiness continually be extended to you.

Our second Conference Leadership team meeting was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Lafayette, Louisiana. We had a wonderful meeting with a full business agenda relating to old business as well as new business for upcoming events for the remainder of 2017. Thanks to all who attended. Our Louisiana Annual Conference was held on Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-11, 2017 in Shreveport, Louisiana. United Methodist Women were represented well with our display table that was graciously set up in the bookstore by Margery Manuel and Brenda Nero. Many people stopped by while visiting the bookstore and were able to ask questions concerning United Methodist Women or pick up brochures about the many, many programs and ministries that are offered through United Methodist Women.

Applications for Mission u and Mission u scholarship applications were also available for pick up. Special thanks to Jane Merritt, UMW President of First United Methodist Church-Bossier City, Louisiana for lending a hand on Friday, June 9, 2017. For those of you who may not have attended the Annual Conference, our United Methodist Women's report was featured in Supplement #1 of the Conference Journal.

Exciting news to come! There's going to be an article in the Response Magazine featuring the work of United Methodist Women in connection with the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Boynton United Methodist Women, Gretna, Louisiana, will also be highlighted for their support of this center as their community outreach program. They are proud supporters of the children in many, many ways. We as the members of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women are very honored to have been chosen to be a part of this great magazine. To God be the Glory!

Mission u 2017 is just around the corner. Please spread the word, go online (www.umwla.com) and print registration forms and get registered as soon as possible. Encourage others to attend and be a part of this great event, whether they are First Timers (Adult or Youth) or returning again. Get your study books early and be prepared. The list of books and the studies can all be found online at our UMW website. Our study leaders are all pumped up and ready to go!! Funds are still needed from your local units to support the Estelle Dameron and Doretha Brown scholarship fund, so please encourage your units to get their donations in as soon as possible. The more funds we have, the more applicants we can sponsor.

Thanks to the entire Louisiana Conference UMW Leadership team for your service to United Methodist Women. May the God of hope, peace and love continue to fill your lives with joy and happiness. Looking forward to seeing you all Mission u. Remember "U" are what makes Mission u!!!

With Love, Blessings and Peace

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