

Louisiana Conference UMW

May 2017 Newsletter

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What makes a Christian influence? Christ like love, Christ like forgiveness, Christ like encouragement. Whom are you influencing? Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God is good all the time; all the time God is good! What a blessing to wake up each morning and to have a chance to share in the wonderful creation that God has made! We should never forget to thank God for allowing us another day on earth and to be found in good health and strength. We as Christians tend to take so much for granted; food, clothing, shelter, life, health and strength, the air that we breath....the list goes on and on.

I would like to extend a happy birthday and a blessed wedding anniversary to all who may be celebrating in the month of May. May God's gift of love and happiness be continuously extended to you.

Our next Conference Leadership team meeting will be on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 1st UMC in Lafayette, La. Special thanks to Margery Manuel and her church officers for extending hospitality to us. Hope to see all of our officers present. A great business agenda has been planned.

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Our next Conference event will be Mission U to be held on July 19-22, 2017 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, La. Our Dean and her staff along with the study leaders have all completed their training and they are excited and ready to share some great information with us. As usual, we have some great studies as well as excellent study leaders this year. Please make an attempt to purchase your books and study material as soon as possible. I would like to encourage all Louisiana Conference UMW local units, members and friends to support the Estelle Dameron and Doretha Brown scholarships with generous donations. Both of these scholarships make it possible for 1st timers and new members of UMW to attend the annual Mission U event. The more donations we receive, the more applicants we will be able to sponsor. Information about these scholarships as well as the studies and leaders can be found on our UMW website. Please encourage any youth, young adult or any woman that has never attended Mission U to please consider applying for a 1st timer scholarship. Make sure you save the date and spread the word!

I would like to encourage all to visit our newly revised website. A very needed facelift has been done, with some things still in the works. You will find updated forms, current information about happenings in the Districts and Conference along with updated photos. We would love to hear about and see photos of events and mission activities and programs that you are doing in your local unit as well as the District.

We are very proud to announce that our Louisiana Conference records from the past, our history along with photos have been archived on the campus of Centenary College in Shreveport, La. This has been in the works for many years and we very proud that it has finally become reality. Special thanks goes to Chris Brown along with the assistance of UMW members Joyce Thibodeaux and Margery Manuel for all their hard work and diligence put into this activity.

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Thanks to the entire Louisiana Conference UMW Leadership team for your service to UMW. May the God of hope continue to fill your lives with love, joy, peace and happiness.

To all Mothers and those who serve in the capacity of Mother: Happy Mother's Day!!!

Mothers are full of love and laughter
 Filling our hearts forever after
Mothers are always loving and dreaming
 Putting up with us and all of our scheming
Mothers are sweet smiles and happy faces,
 Forgiving us our troublesome disgraces
Mothers deserve this day of their own
 To be queen of our heart and of her home.

With Love, Blessings and Peace

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