

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

September 2016 Newsletter

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This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Greetings to the Louisiana Conference UMW and friends. Hope all is well. Here we are on this day exactly one month from our Louisiana Conference Annual meeting. This year's theme is: "United Methodist Women: Sowing Seeds of Love". The scripture text is taken from Galatians 5:22-26, which talks about the Fruits of the Spirit. As the registration is in process, many of us are making preparations in anticipation of a special time when the Louisiana Conference UMW can come together not only to discuss the business at hand, but a time when we can enjoy each other's company while fellowshiping and worshipping together.

Doris Harry, New Orleans District president and her team are anxiously awaiting our arrival to the "Crescent city". Their seemingly ending work and tireless efforts in making sure that we have a great meeting will soon pay off. The registration form with all the necessary information is posted on our UMW website ([umwla.org](http://umwla.org)). Our keynote speaker for our banquet this year will be Chief Justice Bernette Johnson of New Orleans, Louisiana. Make sure that you get registered before the deadline, for this is one event you will not want to miss!

At our July 2016 Leadership team meeting, the team members agreed and voted that there would be no amendments done to the Standing Rules. Therefore, the Standing Rules that are posted on the UMW website will remain effective. Jeanette McCalman

and Joyce Thibodeaux were appointed to review the Guidelines and recommend any changes. These will be presented to the Leadership Team for approval at our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

The following goals were adopted for 2016:

1. Bring in new ladies for leadership positions in UMW, grooming them for leadership positions at the Conference level.
2. Encourage and support our local units; gain the support of our local pastors.
3. Promote the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of UMW, promote the Legacy Fund, and preserve the history of UMW. Communicate who we are, and what we are doing.
4. Develop ideas to help recruit and get young women involved in UMW.

As the days and months continue to pass, let's not forget about our love ones who are still struggling and trying to find ways to pull their lives back together after the devastation from the floods on last month. By all means, let's keep the prayers flowing. Be encouraged by knowing that the UMW that "prays together" will "stay together". As praise and prayer goes up, blessings will continue to fall down.

Looking forward to seeing all of you next month. Take care and be blessed.

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