

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

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The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God stands forever! Isaiah 40:8. We thank you for your Word that is like you: eternal, unfathomable and indispensable. We praise you for your Word dear God and for its saving power and we thank you for preachers that help us to understand it!

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 those who have already celebrated their special day in July and to those who will be celebrating this month of August. May God's gift of love and happiness continually be extended to each of you.

The 2017 Mission u was absolutely wonderful. I'm quite sure that those of you that were able to attend would agree with me in saying

that this year's study was one of the best. The study leaders did an awesome job in the presentation of their study and materials. Both the Spiritual Growth and the individual class studies were very informative. I'm hoping that each one of us will share our learning experiences with others in our local church and Districts. Once again the music was outstanding and the plenaries were great. The attendance for this year was 75 students and 10 study leaders, making a grand total of 85. The Baton Rouge District received a certificate for having the most persons in attendance. There were two offerings collected during Mission u: \$713.00 for the UMW Legacy Fund and \$3,396.00 to be divided among our four Mission institutions here in Louisiana.

Our special guest, Roseanne Borland, blessed us with greetings from the South Central Jurisdiction Nominating Committee. She was excited to be a part of our study and to share kind words with us about the work that she does as being a member of the Nominating committee. We look forward to greeting her again at our Annual Meeting in October. Last but certainly not least was our Movie night, which of course was a "tear jerky". We were all like little children in a candy store with all the popcorn, candy, cookies and lots of other great treats you could possibly imagine. Special thanks goes out to Margery Manuel, Dean of Mission u and her wonderful committee for making this event as great as it was.

It's that time to start making preparations to attend our United Methodist Women Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held on October 13-14, 2017 at First UMC, Bossier City. The Meeting kicks off at 1:00 pm on Friday and concludes on 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. We all look forward to our annual banquet which is held on the Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Registration forms and information can be found on our UMW website. Please get registered as soon as possible and spread the word around in your local churches and districts. The Shreveport District UMW ladies are preparing for us to have a great time and they just can't wait to welcome each one of us.

Save the Date: May 18-20, 2018: United Methodist Women Assembly, Columbus Ohio. Theme: "The Power of Bold." More information to follow!

Let's all continue to spread the word about how great our Louisiana Conference UMW organization is! Encourage our ladies and share with them the wonderful feeling of being a part of United Methodist Women and what it means to you. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the entire Conference Leadership Team for all that you do in service to make UMW what it is today. God's got a special blessing in store for each of us and guess what? It's got our name on it!! Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

With Love, Blessings and Peace

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