

## Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

July 2016 Newsletter

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Hello Leadership Team. I hope all is well with everyone. Time is really moving fast. Our Social Action event held on March 5, 2016 was a great success. The attendance was outstanding, the hospitality shown by the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> UMC of Pineville was radical and of course the speakers were awesome. The information shared was very informative. An offering was collected at the conclusion of the session and thanks to our generous giving, we were able to award each of the 4 speakers a check to be used for their charity. Thanks to Melinda Graham for an outstanding program and special thanks to Margery Manuel for stepping up and assisting during Melinda's illness. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Leadership team meeting for the year was held on Friday evening, March 4, 2016. It was a great meeting and many items on the agenda were discussed. Our UMW South Central Jurisdictional meeting was held on April 15-17, 2016 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Renaissance hotel convention center was filled with "A fresh wind blowing". The Louisiana Conference was very well represented with persons from throughout our state. The entire event was spirit filled, exciting and informative

from beginning to end. There is so much I could talk about from the Bible study, the keynote speakers, the praise dancers, the Indian tribal dancers, the Communion service, the workshops, the National Mission Institutions tours, the banquet, the food and the hospitality to say the least. We are so very proud of our outgoing Jurisdictional president, Mrs. Edna Hickman and her Leadership team for planning a memorable event. Special thanks goes to Sandra Boudreaux for chartering the bus and supervising the arrangements for the trip. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Leadership team meeting was held on May 21, 2016 at the 1<sup>st</sup> UMC in Lafayette, La. Thanks to Margery Manuel for making the arrangements. Many items on the agenda were discussed, including the adoption of our goals for 2016. Several goals were shared by various team members and it was decided that a committee would be formed to discuss and narrow down the top goals of which we would adopt at our next meeting. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all. Special thanks goes to Margery Manuel for setting up our UMW display table at the Louisiana Annual Conference held on June 8-11, 2016 at Centenary College in Shreveport, La. Our next big event is of course Mission U, which is scheduled for July 20-23, 2016 at the Wesley center. Carrie Roy, Dean and Margery Manuel, Assistant Dean are working really hard to make this Mission U-2016 one of the greatest! Everyone should be registered by now, but if not, there is still time. I would like to encourage our District Presidents to check with your treasurer and make sure that all churches have included in their budget a donation to our 2 scholarship funds that sponsors adults and youths as 1<sup>st</sup> timers to attend Mission U at no cost. We have some excellent study leaders chosen and we are looking forward to having a great week. Leadership team, don't forget about our team meeting on the Tuesday evening immediately after supper, which served around 5pm. Remember to save the date for our Annual Meeting, October 14-15, 2016 in New Orleans, La. More information will follow at a later date. Doris Harry and her team are working diligently to make this a great meeting.

Let us remember that communication is very important! Please share any information with those who may not have access to email. Don't be afraid to ask questions and never assume! I want to personally thank each and every member of the Leadership team for all that you do. We all have different gifts and talents

and we need each other in order to make UMW the best that it can be. We are all the same in God's eye!

With Blessings & Love

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