



Greetings My UMW Sisters,

2020 ushered in a new year, a new decade, a new beginning, a clean slate. There is something exciting about the start of a new year, bringing new opportunities. You now have some new officers in your units, districts, and conference. We have selected some new focus issues to address this year. We are facing possible changes in our United Methodist Church. We are no longer required to have as many officers as we once did, allowing for more flexibility. There will be changes in the way we do Mission u this year. It seems as though we face change at every turn. It is reassuring in these unsettled times, to remember that we, as United Methodist Women, are still organized for one purpose and that is for Mission, especially with women, children and youth.

As I face this new year, I am honored and humbled that you have elected me to serve as your UMW president of the Louisiana Conference for 2020. We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God, and because of this, I am assured that we will work together to expand our mission to improve lives in our communities, districts, conference and beyond. Because we are creative, we will find new ways to do so, and because we are supportive, we will help each other attain our goals as we love one another and faithfully serve God's people. United Methodist Women have been inspired to carry out this mission for over 150 years, and with our Lord's help, we will do so for many years to come. I pledge that I will work very diligently to represent you and support each member of our organization as we carry out our purpose.

This year also promises many challenges and possibly changes, both to our organization and church. It would be easy to become discouraged and sometimes overwhelmed, but I am reminded that in the midst of change, God is working to do new things. He is calling us to remain ever faithful, to allow Him to use us to help the

helpless, the weak and the hopeless. As it is said in Isiah 4: 1-4 'we are one Body, one Spirit, and one in the Lord'. We may not know where He leads us, but we know God will be with us when we land together on the other side. May we be ever faithful to His call and be in union with Him and each other.

Blessings,

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