

*Caring
for
Our
Father's
World*



**Genesis
2:15
UMW
2018**

*Louisiana
Conference
United
Methodist Women
Annual
Meeting*

October 13-14, 2017

First United
Methodist Church
201 John Wesley Blvd
Bossier City, LA 71111



On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission focused on the needs of women and children. They started the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor organization of United Methodist Women. The women raised money to send Clara Swain, a doctor, and Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, to India as missionaries to serve the nation's women and girls. Those visionary women left a legacy that has moved generations of women for almost 150 years to engage in mission focused on the needs of women and children. In the twenty-first century, women still need to organize for mission. Please make it happen with a gift to the Legacy Fund.

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day. The Legacy Fund's income will ensure a regular source of support for the core expenses of being in mission.

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Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to the Legacy Fund. Any amount is welcome. Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of 1869: \$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc. Or you may want to honor United Methodist Women's years of service with gifts in increments of 150: \$15, \$150, \$1,500, etc. Members are also invited to name the Legacy Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

• Online: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

• By Phone: 800-278-7771 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. [EST])

• By Mobile Phone: Text LEGACY150 to 41444

• By Mail: Make checks payable to United Methodist Women. Mail to Treasurer's Office, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Write "The Legacy Fund" in memo section.

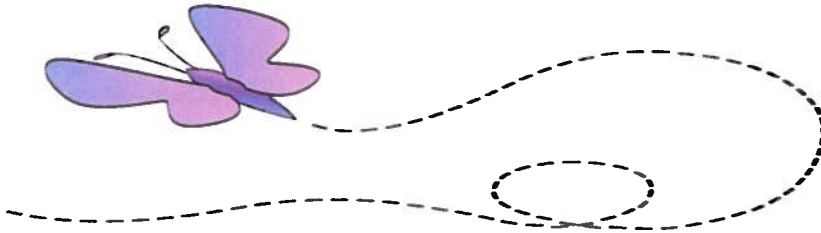
If your local unit needs ideas on how to raise funds for Legacy 150, please contact Joyce Thibodeaux, Conference Education & Interpretation Coordinator (985/868-0100) or Brenda Thomas-Nero, Conference Secretary, at (225/654-3739).



Welcome United Methodist Women of the Louisiana Conference! We are so excited that you have chosen to spend these two days with us at our 2017 Annual Meeting. If you are a first timer, we hope that this meeting will inspire you to want to come back again next year! If you are a regular attendee, we hope that you will enjoy meeting and greeting each other once again while fellowshiping and socializing together. Louisiana is known for having a rich "Southern Style" hospitality and we as United Methodist Women have been blessed to have an extra portion of this hospitality through our calling to serve others, not just here in Louisiana, but all over the world. We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Be blessed and know that we are glad you are here!

Peace and love,

Marjorie S. Franklin
Conference UMW President



President's Report on 2017 Conference Goals

The following goals were adopted:

1. Brought in new ladies for leadership positions in UMW; groomed them for leadership positions at the Conference level.
2. Encouraged and supported our local units; gained the support of our local pastors.
3. Promoted the 150th Anniversary Celebration of UMW, promoted the Legacy Fund and preserved the history of UMW. Communicated who we are, and what we are doing.
4. Developed ideas to help recruit and get young women involved in UMW.

The President's Report

The Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women has had a tremendous year. Thanks be to God for all of the labor put forth and the love shown by all in making a difference in the lives of many women, youth and children here and abroad.

For most of us, 2017 kicked off with our Annual UMW day celebration which was held on Sunday, January 22, 2017. Our theme for this year was "Sowing Seeds of Love" with the scripture taken from Galatians 5:22-23. I was blessed to have the pleasure of serving as the guest speaker at St. Landry's UMC in Gonzales, Louisiana for their UMW celebration. The pastor, Rev. Constance Saizon along with the unit president, Lucendia Mulberry and the entire church displayed radical hospitality that goes way beyond words to both myself and my family.

The Leadership Development Days (LDD) training was held on January 27-29, 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our Louisiana Conference was well represented by President Marjorie Franklin and six other UMW ladies: Cynthia Logan, Ouida Smith, Linda Resendez, Sandie Webb, Rosa Watts and Belinda Hearnese. Each of us shared a wonderful experience that included great workshops, caucus groups, guest speakers, and awesome praise and worship.

On Sunday, February 19, 2017, I was honored to serve as the UMW Sunday speaker at Abbeville UMC in Abbeville, Louisiana. Special thanks to Rev. Molly McGee and Dixie Hebert, unit president for allowing me a chance to share and be a part of such a spirit-filled worship service and sharing a great fellowship meal together.

On February 24, 2017, I attended "Voices" — a transformative leadership event held at Scaritt Bennett Center, Nashville, Tennessee. The theme for this event was "Repairers of the Breach." Women from all over the United States were in attendance. We were all blessed to experience inspirational messages delivered by our four Louisiana Conference missionaries who are currently serving in different parts of Africa.

Our 1st Leadership Team meeting for the year was held on Friday, March 3, 2017, before our Spiritual Growth Retreat in Ruston, Louisiana. The retreat was held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center (OWL) in Dubach, Louisiana. Each one of our guest speakers spoke on the "Fruit of the Holy Spirit." We enjoyed great music, good food and fellowship. A love offering was collected and given to the Center. Thanks to Vickie Bollinger, Retreat Chairperson and her committee for a job well done.

Our Louisiana Conference UMW census report was completed and submitted on March 30, 2017. Most of our local units worked very hard and were very diligent in getting their membership count submitted. Hats off to Margery Manuel, our Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chairperson for coordinating the membership census effort and getting the task completed.

Our 2nd Leadership Team meeting was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at First UMC, Lafayette. It was business as usual at the top of the agenda. Our UMW were well represented at our Louisiana Annual Conference held on June 7-11, 2017 at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. A

President's Report (continued)

A lovely display table was set up in the bookstore with brochures, program books and information about the many programs and ministries that are offered through UMW. Thanks to Margery Manuel, Brenda Thomas-Nero and Janye Merritt for serving at the display table and interacting with all those who stopped by and browsed. Special thanks goes to the Shreveport District UMW for providing cookies for the refreshments served during the Laity's 1st Expo. Our UMW President's report was featured in the Conference Journal. I had the opportunity to serve as the song leader for the Laity session. In the month of June, the digital archiving of our Conference records from the past years and our history along with photos was completed and now rests on the campus Centenary College. This was something that had been in the works for many years and we are very proud that it has finally become a reality. Special thanks to Chris Brown, Joyce Thibodeaux and Margery Manuel. An article was submitted to the *Response* magazine featuring the work of UMW in connection with the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Also featured was the Boynton UMW of Gretna for their support of this center as their community outreach program.

Our 3rd Leadership Team meeting was held on July 18, 2017, before our Mission u which was held on July 19-23, 2017 at the Wesley Center, Woodworth, Louisiana. Our Spiritual Growth study was "Living As A Covenant Community," led by Rev. John Vining. The geographic study was "The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States." The Social Issue study was "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action." The youth study was "In Mission Together: A Youth Study on the Missionary Conferences." All of our study leaders were excellent! During the session we took part in great music, good plenaries, tasty food and, of course, our movie night which was once again a "tear jerker." Our attendance was 85 and the Baton Rouge District received the certificate for having the most persons in attendance. There were three offerings collected: \$713.00 for our UMW Legacy Fund and \$3,396.00 that was divided between our four mission institutions here in Louisiana. Thanks to Margery Manuel who served as Dean and her dedicated committee for a job well done!

Throughout the entire year of 2017, our six districts that make up our Louisiana Conference have held Leadership training, mission studies, Mini Mission u, Spiritual Day Apart and, of course, our responses to the disaster that has been experienced over the past few months.

The President's Newsletters are published monthly and posted to our UMW website, which has been modified and updated with current events, photos, forms, documents, and the *Gazette* newsletter. Please visit the site at www.umwla.org.

Our last Leadership Team meeting for this year was held on October 12, 2017. We are now anticipating the kickoff to our 2017 Annual Meeting here in Bossier City, Louisiana. I am very proud of our Louisiana Conference and it is my prayer that we continue to be the very best that God wants us to be in the next years to come.

With love to you all,

Marjorie S. Franklin

Conference UMW President



LOUISIANA AREA

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Cynthia Fierro Harvey
Resident Bishop

Kathryn Moore
Executive Administrator
to the Bishop

September 6, 2017

Louisiana United Methodist Women,
c/o Mrs. Marjorie Franklin, President
2900 Addison Loop
Lake Charles, LA 70607-7655

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ as you gather for your annual UMW Assembly.

I regret that I am not able to be with you to celebrate the great ministry of the United Methodist Women in the Louisiana Annual Conference. I am constantly amazed at the accomplishments of the United Methodist Women in Louisiana and across the United Methodist Connection. Your engagement in meeting the needs of women and children is extraordinary. You truly make a difference in the lives of people locally and around the world. You reach deep into the margins to reach the lost and the least. You deeply care about the issues facing our world and you are not ashamed to take a stand for human trafficking, immigration reform, climate issues, economic disparity, women and children's health and so much more.

I pray that as the women gather in Bossier City that the entire community will know that the "women are a gathering" in the name of Jesus the Christ so that the world might be transformed.

Grace and Peace,

Cynthia Fierro Harvey
CFH/km

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Caring for Our Father's World

Scripture: Genesis 2:15

“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.”

Song Leaders: Norma Anderson - Friday
Marjorie Franklin - Saturday
Musician: Lanette Butler

FRIDAY AFTERNOON
October 13, 2017 — 1:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude

Processional of Conference Officers & District Presidents (Please remain seated)

Welcome to the 44th Annual Meeting Marjorie Franklin
Conference President

*Invocation Vickie Bollinger
Conference Spiritual Growth Chair

*Affirming the Purpose of United Methodist Women Cynthia Alfred Logan
Conference Vice President

“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

*Hymn

“UMW Membership Song”
“This is My Father’s World”

See Page 26
No. 144 UMH

Welcome Rev. Wybra Price, Shreveport District Superintendent
Rev. Karl Klaus, First UMC, Bossier City, Sr. Pastor
Janye Merritt, First UMC, Bossier City UMW President

Greetings Shirley Payne
Shreveport District UMW President

Lighting of Mission Candle Sandie Webb
Conference Treasurer
Robin Jones, Shreveport District Treasurer

Mission Candle Offering: \$ _____ and the candle will burn for ____ hours
_____ minutes _____ seconds.

Budget (See Page 8) Sandie Webb

Pledge Service (See Pages 9-10) Sandie Webb and Joyce Thibodeaux

Nominations Committee Report (See Pages 14-17) Sandy DeCelle, Chair

Election of Officers Marjorie Franklin

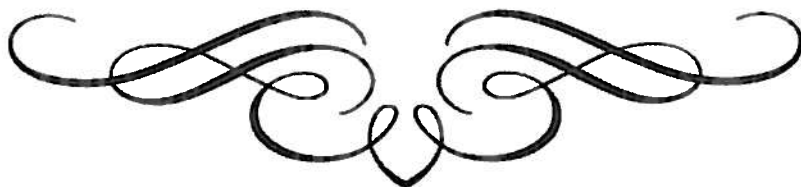
Recognition of Retiring Officers Edna Hickman
Past President, South Central Jurisdiction

Installation of Officers Pat Cobb
Past Louisiana Conference President

Offering Sandie Webb and District Treasurers
(Offering to be divided among the four UMW Mission Agencies)

*Doxology "Praise God from whom..." No. 95 UMH

BREAK — 15 minutes



**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2018 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Pledge to Mission	\$ 145,000.00
Administrative Membership & Development	
Leadership Team Expenses (Insurance, Lodging, Meals, Mileage)	\$ 12,500.00
Resources: Service Center Sampler Mailings	\$ 134.25
District Administration and Membership Development (A&MD)	\$ 14,265.00
Jurisdiction A&MD (1-1/4% of Pledge)	\$ 1,812.50
Mission u	
1. Mission u Training	\$ 7,000.00
2. Louisiana Conference Mission u	\$ 11,500.00
Programs and Events within Louisiana Conference	
1. Annual Meeting (includes speaker's travel)	\$ 6,000.00
2. District Elected Leadership Training	\$ 1,500.00
3. Spiritual Retreat / Social Action Event	\$ 500.00
Attendance at Regional and National Events	
1. National Assembly 2018 (\$8,000-Cumulative 4 years)	\$ 2,000.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting 2020 (\$6,000-Cumulative 4 years)	\$ 2,000.00
3. National Seminar 2019 (\$1,200-Cumulative 4 years)	\$ 300.00
4. Young Women to SCJQM 2020 (\$800-Cumulative 4 years)	\$ 200.00
5. Leadership Development Training	\$ 2,000.00
Operating Expenses	
1. Conference Directory	\$ 800.00
2. Conference Web Site	\$ 1,200.00
3. Postage	\$ 150.00
4. Office supplies, Printer/Copier	\$ 400.00
5. Audit for 2017	\$ 325.00
6. Honors and Memorials	\$ 200.00
7. Dependent Care Subsidy	\$ 600.00
8. Louisiana Annual Conference Display	\$ 200.00
Church Women United	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 65,886.75
Total Conference Budget	\$ 210,866.75

2018 DISTRICT PLEDGES AND A&MD BUDGETS

DISTRICT	2018 PLEDGE	A&MD Budget
Acadiana	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,450.00
Baton Rouge	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,600.00
Lake Charles	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 1,745.00
Monroe	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 2,515.00
New Orleans	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 3,125.00
Shreveport	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 3,230.00
Total	\$145,000.00	\$ 13,665.00

PLEDGE SERVICE

Sandie Webb, Joyce Thibodeaux and District Treasurers

(Please stand with your district when your District Treasurer comes forward.)

Conference Treasurer - Sandie Webb

Genesis 2:15 (NIV) “The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” May we remember that God has given us dominion over all the earth and that it is our responsibility to care of his creation. Mission giving is one way that we may respond to God’s call to be good stewards throughout the earth.

Conference Education & Interpretation

Genesis 2:7 (CEB) “The Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life’s breath into his nostrils”. The fact that we exist as living, breathing beings suggests that we have a relationship with the earth from which we were created and God who blew breath into us.

Acadiana District Treasurer – Debbie Cottrell

Genesis 2:28 (CEB) “God blessed them and said to them (Adam & Eve) Take charge of the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky and over everything crawling on the ground.” Each day 150-200 species become extinct. We must care for our oceans, coastlines and help preserve the ecosystem that lives there.

District Members: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. The Acadiana District pledges \$10,000.

Baton Rouge District Treasurer – Anita Hansberry

Deuteronomy 24:19 (CEB) “Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don’t go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the Lord your God blesses you in all that you do.” Cultural degradation threatens and eliminates knowledge within indigenous communities about how to live sustainably and cooperatively with creation. We must respect all God’s creations.

District Members: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. The Baton Rouge District pledges \$30,000.

Lake Charles District Treasurer – Ouida Smith

Genesis 2: 29 (CEB) “...now, I give you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruits produce seeds within it. The spread of chemicals such as DDT, by global circular patterns has caused global toxification. We must protect our earth and the plants on it.

District Members: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. The Lake Charles District pledges \$18,000.

Monroe District Treasurer — Nancy Wallace

Leviticus 25:3-4 (CEB) ” You will plant your fields for six years, and prune your vineyard and gather their crops for six years. But in the seventh year the land will have a special Sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the Lord.” Land degradation reduces available land for creatures and crops and destroys land by erosion, development and desertification.

District Members: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. The Monroe District pledges \$18,000.

New Orleans District Treasurer — Tanjileah Russell

Psalm 24:1 (NIV) “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Deforestation and habitat destruction removes approximately 30 million acres each year. An equal amount is degraded by overuse. We must practice conservation in order to protect God’s earth.

District Members: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. The New Orleans District pledges \$28,000.

Shreveport District Treasurer — Robin Jones

Psalm 104:13-14 (CEB) ” From your lofty house you water the mountains. The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you’ve done. You make grass grow for the cattle, you make plants for human farming in order to get food from the ground.” Water-quality degradation pollutes groundwater, lakes, rivers and oceans. Everyone deserves clean water.

District Members: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. The Shreveport District pledges \$41,000.

(ALL MEMBERS STAND)

Conference Treasurer — Sandie Webb

Revelations 22:1-2 (NIV) ” Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its’ twelve kinds of fruit, producing its’ fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women: We respond by taking care of God’s creation. We pledge \$145,000.



BUSINESS SESSION
Friday, October 13, 2017

*Gathering Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92 UMH

Presentation of Certificates

Five Star Units Sandie Webb, Treasurer
Mission Study & Mission Today Units Joyce Thibodeaux
Education & Interpretation Coordinator
Social Action Awards Linda Resendez
Social Action Coordinator
Reading Program Cynthia Alfred Logan
Vice President
Woman In Mission Margery Manuel
Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

*Hymn "Pass It On" No. 572 UMH

Greetings from Women's Division Assembly (video)

Greetings from South Central Jurisdiction

Greetings from Louisiana Church Women United Mary H. Collins
State President, Church Women United in Louisiana

Greetings from the National Missions located in the Louisiana Conference:

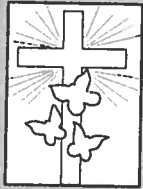
Dulac Community Center
MacDonnell United Methodist Children's Service
North Rampart Community Center
Sager Brown/UMCOR

Announcements Marjorie Franklin

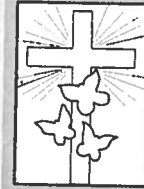
*Closing Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 431 UMH

CLOSE AFTERNOON SESSION – 4:30 p.m.

Resource Room Open -- Room #28
Hospitality Area Open



BANQUET
Hilton Garden Inn
2015 Old Minden Road
Bossier City, Louisiana
Friday, October 13, 2017
6:30 p.m.



Gathering and WelcomeMarjorie Franklin, Conference UMW President
 Special Music Norma Anderson, Song Leader
 Blessing of the Meal Vickie Bollinger, Spiritual Growth Chair

Dinner

Introduction of Speaker Shirley Payne, Shreveport District President
 Speaker Rachel Scott, Diaconal Minister, Louisiana Conference
“Climate Justice”
 PresentationsMarjorie Franklin, Conference UMW President
 Announcements Shirley Payne, Shreveport District UMW President
 *Benediction Rev. Karl Klaus, Senior Pastor
 First UMC, Bossier City

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

October 14, 2017 — 9:00 a.m.

*Hymn “This is the Day” No. 657 UMH
“He Lives” No. 310 UMH

*Opening Prayer Vickie Bollinger
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

Special Music St. Paul UMC Mixed Choir, Shreveport

Special Presentations Cynthia Alfred Logan
Conference Vice President

Legacy 150 Video

Report of Registration Sandie Webb, Treasurer

Invitation of 2018 Annual Meeting Florence Cole, Acadiana District President

Announcements & DELT Instructions Marilyn Turnley, Chairperson

*Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 618 UMH

Holy Communion Rev. Karl Klaus & Janye Merritt
Senior Pastor, First UMC, Bossier City & President, First UMC, Bossier City UMW
(only gluten-free wafers served)

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Karl Klaus
Senior Pastor, First UMC, Bossier City

Postlude

Lunch is to be eaten in the Fellowship Hall. Those not attending DELT will stay in Fellowship Hall and write cards to deaconesses and missionaries. Cards and Prayer Calendars will be available.

District Elected Leaders Training (DELT) (map is on Page 27)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Assignments for DELT</u>	<u>Room #</u>
President		42
Vice President		37
Secretary		46
Treasurer		40
Spiritual Growth		44
Education & Interpretation		45
Social Action	Fellowship Hall	26
Membership, Nurture, Outreach		43
Program Resources	13	28

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Committee on Nominations Report Sandy Decelle, Chairperson

2018 Slate of Conference Nominees

President — Marjorie Franklin, 2nd term 2018-2019
Spiritual Growth Coordinator — Vickie Bollinger, 2nd term 2018-2019
Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator — Linda Sibley Ward 2018-2019
Secretary of Program Resources — Rhonda Babin 2018-2019
Communications Coordinator — Margery Manuel 2018-2019
Education & Interpretation Coordinator — Anne Fields 2018-2019
Committee on Nominations Member — Lucendia Mulberry 2018-2019
Committee on Nominations Member — Rose Wainwright, Acadiana District 2018-2019
Committee on Nominations Member — Loretta Haskins, Shreveport 2018-2019

Returning Officers—2018

Vice President — Cynthia Alfred Logan 2018
Secretary — Brenda Thomas-Nero 2018
Treasurer — Sandie Webb 2018
Social Action Coordinator — Linda Resendez 2018
Committee on Nominations Chairperson— Sandy DeCelle 2018
Committee on Nominations Member — Jeannie Clemons, New Orleans District 2018
Committee on Nominations Member — Melinda Graham, Lake Charles District 2018

Retiring Officers — 2017

Margery Manuel — 4 years, nominated for new position
Joyce Thibodeaux — 8 years
Linda Sibley Ward—1 year, nominated for new position
Rosa Robertson Watts— 3 years

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

2018 Nominees

Rhonda Babin

Rhonda was born and reared in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She graduated from LaGrange High School. Rhonda is a graduate of McNeese State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications and a Minor in Speech. She grew up in Boulevard Baptist Church. She started attending Lydia Circle meetings four years ago at the invitation of her friend, Gay Arnold.

Rhonda attended Mission u last year and was one of the study leaders for Human Sexuality and was also a study leader for Mini Mission u in her district. She participated in last year's pledge service and will participate in this one as well.

She is a member of First UMC, Lake Charles, enjoys cooking and dog sitting.

Linda Sibley Ward

Linda Sibley Ward grew up in the UMC in Texas and Louisiana. She graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1972 and worked as a registered nurse for several years before her children were born. She has lived in London, San Francisco and Texas but always has called Louisiana home. She is an active member of First UMC, Lafayette where she serves as Worship Chairperson, sings in the Chancel Choir and plays in the Handbell Choir. She has been a member of UMW for many years and is currently president of her unit at First UMC, Lafayette. She is a firm advocate of the UMW and their support of missions. She is married to Robert H. Ward and has three children and five grandchildren.

Anne Fields

Anne Fields is a 25+ year member of the Moss Bluff UMC. She is a very active member of the UMW unit, having served in many capacities, attended numerous local, district, Louisiana Conference meetings, studies and workshops and UMW training at Lake Junaluska. Anne is currently serving her tenth year as local United Methodist Women president. Her title at Moss Bluff UMC is "Church Hostess" which means, with a hand-picked crew, planning, purchasing, decorating, cooking and serving at church-wide brunches, lunches, Lenten Suppers, SHHS football breakfasts, spring teas, Pumpkins Patch helpers' meals, Wesley at MSU lunches, and oh, so many more functions. Anne served UMW at the Lake Charles District level in many capacities before serving as president for four years, 2013-2016. This presidency presented a multitude of challenges because the Alexandria District was dissolved. Churches and UMW units were then accepted in to the Lake Charles District. In 2016, she served as chairperson of the Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting held in Lake Charles at St. Luke-Simpson UMC. Anne has represented the Lake Charles District at the conference level by serving on the Leadership Team. She has served as a

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (continued)

2018 Nominees

Anne Fields (continued)

UMW Sunday speaker on many occasions. Anne believes that COMMUNICATION is the key to a very successful UMW at the local, district and conference level. Calls, handwritten notes, typed letters, flyers, texts and emails are all a must. No one method reaches everyone at all times. UMW — women in action!

Margery Manuel

Margery is a lifelong United Methodist and was blessed to be surrounded early in life by strong women of faith who made her aware of the importance of mission. As a young woman, she became involved more actively with UMW through her local church.

She has held several positions in her local United Methodist Women unit, including several years as president. At the district level, she was the Education and Interpretation Coordinator, vice president and president of the Acadiana District. Most recently, she has served the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women as the Membership, Nurture & Outreach for four years. She also served as the registrar for Mission u for several years and this past summer Margery was Dean of Mission u.

Margery has been privileged to attend national Leadership Development Days training, United Methodist Women Assembly and the most recent South Central Jurisdiction Meeting where she served as a voting delegate.

Rose Wainright

Rose Wainright is a dedicated and committed wife, mother and member of St. Paul UMC. Rose and her husband, Willie Wainright, reside in Jeanerette, Louisiana, where they are both dedicated and active in several areas of their church and community. She has been an active choir member at St. Paul since the choir's inception, has served the Acadiana District in various capacities and is also a member of the local Tri-Parish Community Choir. Rose is loyal and faithful in her acceptance as Lay Leader under the tutelage of her Pastor Darryl Briggs, Sr.

In addition to her 28 1/2 years of dedicated service to students in the Iberia Parish School System and the rearing of her four children: Yvonne, Lionel, Phyllis and Thaylen, Rose has always given of her time and talent to assist anyone in need with food, transportation, encouragement and truth. Yes, truth! She got that from her mother; truth in love that would truly set you free.

Rose Wainright (ontinued)

Trusting in God and her favorite scripture: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” Rose never backs down from a challenge and is always on the go. She travels constantly to assist her children, grandchildren, other family and friends. She is truly a woman after God’s own heart who has answered her call and is committed to doing her part; whatever that may be.

Lucendia Mulberry

Lucendia is currently a member of St. Landry UMC where Rev. Connie Saizon is ministering. She serves as President of the UMW and in Lay Ministry at St. Landry. She has held many different offices there. She has four children: Deacon Kelvin Wells, Minister Kenneth Wells, Sonia Percie, Christyn and Karen Landry. She worked for the Ascension Parish School Board for 33 years. Lucendia is presently employed at Louisiana State University as a Communications Facilitator for Disability Services. She attended Louisiana State University and RPCC where she received a degree in General Studies with a Concentration in Early Childhood. She also worked for Ascension Hospital for 20 years as a Pharmacy Tech, CAN and Behavioral Health Tech. Lucendia loves people and the Lord.

Loretta Haskins

Loretta Haskins was born in Fort Madison, Iowa. She lived most of her childhood in Missouri as a “Methodist preacher’s kid!!!” So her family moved a lot!!! After high school, she had two years of college (one of which was at Kansas City National College — a UMW college).

She married a great guy who promised her the “world.” So as an Air Force wife, she saw the world one country/state at a time. They have two children, two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great step-grandchildren.

Loretta has always been active in the women’s ministry wherever they were stationed. If they were in the states, she was involved in the UMW (or whatever name we were known as at the time). They moved to Haughton, Louisiana in 2007 (their daughter and granddaughter reside there). They have been active in the First UMC, Bossier City UMC ever since. She sings in two choirs, plays the bells, participates in the Shawl Ministry, participates in an exercise group and work in the UMW unit. Loretta was president of the local unit for a while; then stepped in as a District President for a term. She has attended several Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Conferences and Mission u programs. Loretta is currently a UMW Circle Chairman and Vice President of Shreveport CWU.



2016 READING PROGRAM SUMMARY

<u>District</u>	<u>#Units</u>	<u>Plan I</u>	<u>Plan II</u>	<u>Plan III</u>	<u>Plan IV</u>	<u>#Readers</u>	<u>#Participants</u>	<u>#Books</u>
Acadiana	28	5	2			9	2	55
Baton Rouge	26	29	3	2		108	64	380
Lake Charles	37	6		1	3	12	2	130
Monroe	27	8			1	24	15	85
New Orleans	38	8	2	1		43	16	189
Shreveport	32	62	10	3	8	128	45	822
Total	188	118	17	7	12	442	586	2,247



United
Methodist
Women

The Reading Program encourages members to think critically about current issues through an annual selection of member-reviewed books. It offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of our mission work.

The Reading Program Leads to Action!!

For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. The purpose of the program is to encourage United Women members to:

- ~ Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- ~ Increase sensitivity to all human beings — their needs, interests and concerns.
- ~ Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- ~ Grow to understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- ~ Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- ~ Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Five Star Units

Louisiana Conference 2017

Sandie Webb, Treasurer

ACADIANA DISTRICT

Abbeville, Briggs UMW
Franklin, Asbury UMW
FUMC, Lafayette UMW
Jeanerette, St. Peter UMW
Waxie, St. Paul UMW

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Broadmoor UMW
Baton Rouge, First UMC UMW
Gonzales, First UMW
Ingleside UMW
Pine Ridge UMW
St. John's UMW
St. Landry UMW
St. Mark UMW
Baton Rouge, Wesley UMW

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Alexandria, FUMC UMW
Alexandria, Horseshoe
Drive UMW
Alexandria, Newman UMW
Alexandria, Wilton UMW
DeQuincy UMW
Iowa UMW
Lake Arthur UMW
Lake Charles, First UMW
Lake Charles, St. Luke -
Simpson UMW
Lake Charles, University UMW
Lake Charles, Warren UMW
Jennings-Mallalieu UMW
Maplewood UMW
Moss Bluff UMW
Oakdale UMW
Raymond UMW
Sulphur-Henning UMW
Westlake UMW

MONROE DISTRICT

Claiborne UMW
Crew Lake UMW

MONROE DISTRICT

(Continued)
Epps UMW
McGuire UMW
FUMC, Monroe UMW
FUMC, Tallulah UMW
Nolley UMW
St. Joseph UMW
St. Paul's UMW

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Asbury UMW
Boynton UMW
Cornerstone UMW
Elizabeth Sullivan UMW
1st Street Peck Wesley UMW
Harry's Chapel UMW
Hartzell UMW
Hartzell Mount Zion UMW
Mary's Chapel UMW
Mount Zion UMW
Munholland UMW
St. Matthew UMW
St. Matthew's UMW
Thirfield UMW
Wesley Ray UMW
Winan UMW

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Benton UMW
FUMC, Bossier UMW
Gibslan/Oak Grove UMW
Haughton UMW
Haughton Love Chapel UMW
Ida UMW
Mansfield-Shady Grove UMW
Mansfield-Wesley UMW
Many UMW
FUMC, Natchitoches UMW
Plain Dealing UMW
Shreveport-Broadmoor UMW
Shreveport Christ UMW
FUMC, Shreveport UMW
Shreveport-Noel UMW

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

(Continued)
Shreveport-North Point
Friendship Circle
Shreveport-St James UMW
Shreveport-St. Luke's UMW
Shreveport-St. Paul UMW
Zwolle UMW

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Mission Area of Social Action Exemplary Service Awards—2017

Acadiana District

Abbeville/Briggs United Methodist Church of Abbeville
Asbury United Methodist Church of Franklin
Bayou Blue United Methodist Church of Blue Bayou (Houma)
First United Methodist Church of Houma
First United Methodist Church of Lafayette
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Glencoe
St. Paul United Methodist Church of Jeanerette
St. Peter United Methodist Church of Jeanerette
Trinity United Methodist Church of Baldwin (Franklin)

Baton Rouge District

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Clinton
Wesley United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge

Lake Charles District

Dequincy United Methodist Church of Dequincy
First United Methodist Church of Lake Arthur
First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles
Henning United Methodist Church of Sulphur
Jennings United Methodist Church of Jennings
Maplewood United Methodist Church of Sulphur
Newman United Methodist Church of Alexandria
Raymond United Methodist Church of Jennings
St. Mark United Methodist Church of Alexandria
Squyres United Methodist Church of Ragley
University United Methodist Church of Lake Charles
Wesley United Methodist Church of Sulphur

Monroe District

Claiborne United Methodist Church of West Monroe
McGuire United Methodist Church of West Monroe
St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Monroe

New Orleans District

Bethany United Methodist Church of New Orleans
Boynton United Methodist Church of Gretna
Cornerstone United Methodist Church of New Orleans

New Orleans District

Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Slidell
Live Oak United Methodist Church of Angie
Mary's Chapel United Methodist Church of Angie
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of New Orleans
Munholland United Methodist Church of Metairie
St. Matthew United Methodist Church of New Orleans
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Metairie
Wesley Ray United Methodist Church of Angie
Winan United Methodist Church of Franklinton

Shreveport District

Benton United Methodist Church of Benton
Bossier First United Methodist Church of Bossier City
Christ United Methodist Church of Shreveport
First United Methodist Church of Many
First United Methodist Church of Natchitoches
First United Methodist Church of Shreveport
Gibland/Oak Grove United Methodist Churches
Ida United Methodist Church of Ida
Logansport United Methodist Church of Logansport
Love Chapel United Methodist Church of Haughton
Mooringsport United Methodist Church of Mooringsport
Noel United Methodist Church of Shreveport
North Highlands United Methodist Church of Shreveport
North Point United Methodist Church of Shreveport
St. James United Methodist Church of Shreveport
St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Shreveport
St. Paul United Methodist Church of Shreveport
Shady Grove United Methodist Church of Mansfield
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of Homer
Wesley United Methodist Church of Mansfield

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**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2018 Calendar**

Conference Level Events

Three events that all are encouraged to attend!

Legacy 150
TBA

Mission u
Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana
Wednesday July 25– Saturday, July 28, 2018

Annual Meeting with Banquet
Acadiana District
October 12-13, 2018

UMW Local and National

UMW Sunday
January 28, 2018 at local churches

19th Assembly
Columbus, Ohio
May 18-20, 2018

THE POWER OF

MISSION STUDIES & MISSION TODAY UNITS: CERTIFICATES

DISTRICT CHURCH	MISSION STUDY CERTIFICATES			MISSION TODAY		
	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	PARTICIPATION
ACADIANA						
Abbeville/Briggs	X			X		
Bayou Blue			X	X		
First – Houma			X		X	
First – Lafayette			X	X		
BATON ROUGE						
Asbury-Clinton				X		
Blackwater	X			X		
Broadmoor		X		X		
First – Baton Rouge				X		
Ingleside				X		
St. Landry - Gonzales			X			
St. Mark – Baton Rouge				X		
Wesley – Baton Rouge			X	X		
Wesley - Wilson			X			
LAKE CHARLES						
DeQuincy			X			
First – Lake Charles	X			X		
First - Lake Arthur				X		
Maplewood					X	
Moss Bluff	X			X		
Neuman	X					
Oakdale			X		X	
Squyres		X		X		
Warren					X	
MONROE						
Claiborne				X		
Epps				X		
McGuire	X				X	
Memorial - Bastrop				X		
Sevier					X	
Trinity			X		X	
Winnfield			X		X	

MISSION STUDIES & MISSION TODAY UNIT CERTIFICATES (Continued)

DISTRICT CHURCH	MISSION STUDY CERTIFICATES			MISSION TODAY		
	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	PARTICIPATION
NEW ORLEANS						
Asbury – New Orleans	X			X		
Bethany					X	
Boynton			X		X	
Centenary			X		X	
Cornerstone			X	X		
First St. Peck Wesley				X		
Harry's Chapel			X			X
Mary Chapel			X			
Munholland	X			X		
St. Matthew			X	X		
St. Matthew's			X	X		
Thirkield			X	X		
Thomas					X	
Wesley Ray		X			X	
Winan			X	X		
SHREVEPORT						
Asbury – Natchitoches						X
Benton			X	X		
Broadmoor	X			X		
Christ			X		X	
First – Bossier	X			X		
First – Logansport				X		
First – Many				X		
First – Natchitoches	X			X		
First – Shreveport	X			X		
Gibbsland/ Oak Grove		X			X	
Haughton	X			X		
Haynesville						X
Homer – Wesley Chapel			X			
Ida			X		X	
Love Chapel				X		
Mansfield – Wesleyan	X			X		
Mooringsport		X			X	
Noel	X			X		

MISSION STUDIES & MISSION TODAY UNIT CERTIFICATES (Continued)

DISTRICT CHURCH	MISSION STUDY CERTIFICATES			MISSION TODAY		
	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	PARTICIPATION
North Highland			X	X		
Northpoint			X		X	
Plain Dealing			X		X	
Shady Grove	X			X		
St. James					X	
St. Luke's	X			X		
St. Paul's	X			X		
Zwolle	X			X		



UMW MEMBERSHIP SONG

(Tune of the Battle Hymn of Republic)

You ask why I'm a member of the **U.M. double U**,
And spend my time in meetings, when there's something else to do,
Well I'm United Methodist and I'm a woman too,
And that's why I belong!

U. means that we are **United**
M. for **Methodist**, our doctrine
Double U, for we are Women
And that's why we belong.

Our purpose is to know that God is with us all the way,
As we support each other in this work day after day,
We grow in Christian personhood, through Christ our Rock and Stay.
And that's why we belong!

U. is **Unified** endeavor
M. for **Membership** forever
Women's work is ended never
And that's why we belong.

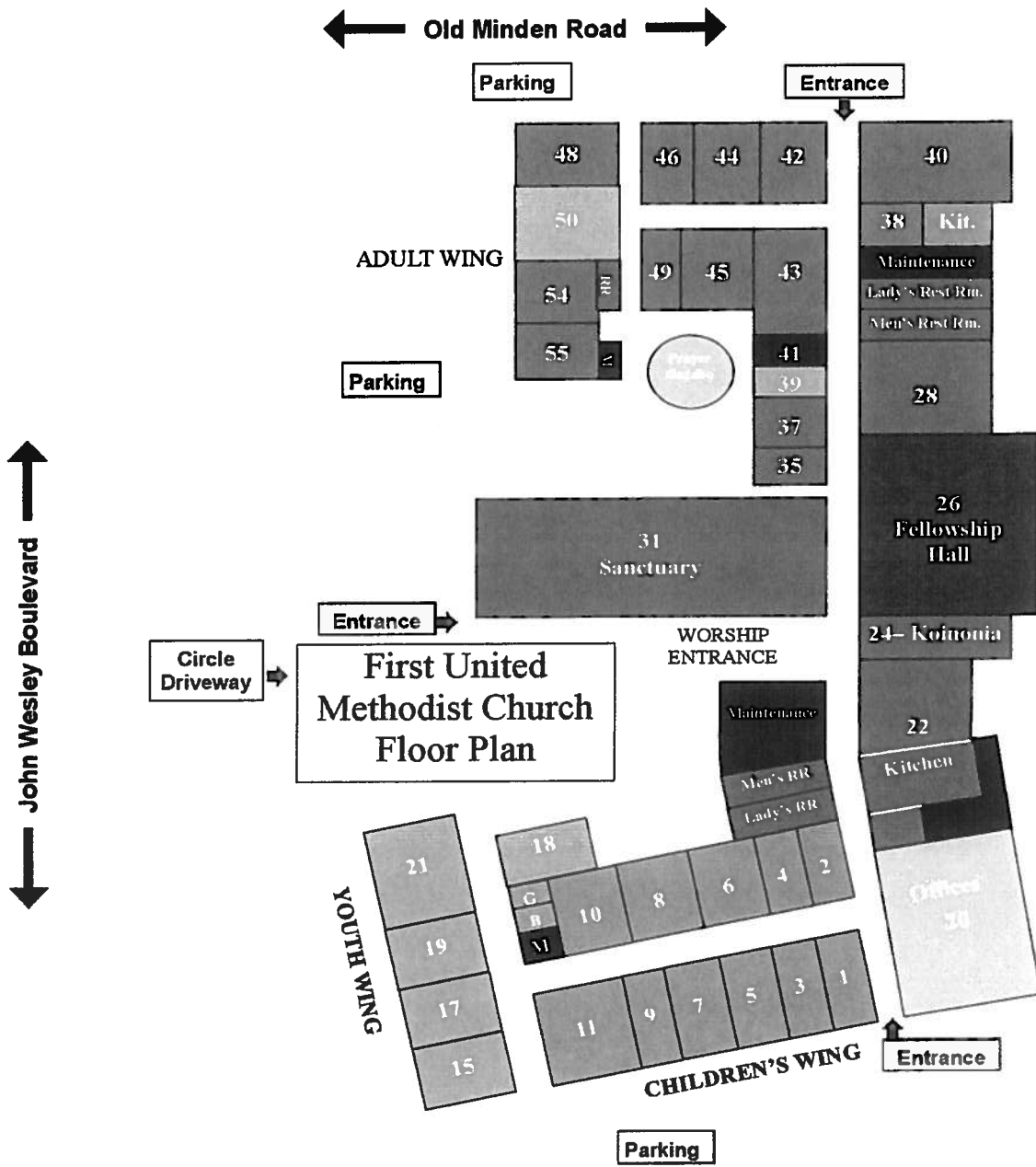
We have a Mission **u** that is mighty hard to beat,
We have a Reading program and a Spiritual retreat,
There's fellowship and inspiration every time we meet,

And that's why we belong!

U. for **Useful** lives we're living,
M. for **Money** that we're giving,
W. the **World** we're winning, Because we all belong.

Each loyal local unit helps the District meet it's goal, the Conference and Jurisdiction supervise
the "doles"

We reach, through Global Mission, several hundred thousand souls
Because we all belong!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! (Repeat 3 times)
Praise God, We can Belong!



DELT ROOM ASSIGNMENTS	
President — Room 42	Mem/Nur/Outreach — Room 43
Vice President — Room 37	Nominations — Room 35
Secretary — Room 46	Communications — Room 48
Treasurer — Room 40	Education/Interpretation — Room 45
Resource Program — Room 28	Spiritual Growth — Room 44
Social Action — Room 26 — Fellowship Hall	

NOTES

2017 Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting Evaluation

**October 13-14, 2017
First UMC, Bossier City**

Please circle the word that expresses most nearly your evaluation of each element of the program. Thank you for your thoughtful response.

REGISTRATION	Well Done	Good	Fair
FOOD	Well Done	Good	Fair
BUSINESS SESSION	Well Done	Good	Fair
DELT/REPORTS SESSION	Well Done	Good	Fair
MUSIC	Well Done	Good	Fair
COMMUNION SERVICE	Well Done	Good	Fair
HOSPITALITY	Well Done	Good	Fair

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