Women Local Leader Training
“ADVANCING WOMEN in LEADERSHIP”
For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

January 20, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cal Pac Legacy Committee Chairperson

Registration Fee $12 due by January 9, 2018
$15 if postmarked after January 10, 2018

Hacienda Heights: FIRST FILIPINO-AMERICAN UMC OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
1415 S. Ninth Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Guest Speaker
Jane Stewart
Cal Pac Legacy Committee Chairperson
Registration Fee $12 due by January 9, 2018
$15 if postmarked after January 10, 2018
Make checks payable to East District UMW

Mail to: Carroll Martin 1331 Brooktree Cir. West Covina, CA 91792 Telephone# 626 – 961 – 2704

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Calendar for 2018

January 20, 2018 Local Leaders training, 1st Filipino UMC 1415 S. 9th Ave. Hacienda Heights, CA
January 28, 2018 Victorville UMW Day- Limitless
February 17, 2018 Conference Mid-Winter Event Ubuntu at David & Margaret a National Mission
March 24,2018 East District Social Action
April 14, 2017 Cal-Pac Diversity @ Santa Ana Church –Many Cultures, One God
May 17-20, 2017 UMW Assembly Columbus, Ohio
June 2, 2017 Exec meeting La Puente UMC
June 13-16, 2018 UMW conference luncheon- booth sitting
June 29 - July 1, 2018 Mission U at Biola University, 13800 Biola Ave, La Mirada, CA 90639
July-14, 2018 Exec planning meeting La Puente UMC
August- dark
September 22, 2018-East District Annual Celebration
October 26 - 27, 2018 D’lite training & Annual celebration
November 17, 2018 Local Leaders training meeting planning
December 31, 2018 Mission Units Today due
Mark your calendar for these East District Events - we look forward to seeing you there
Message from the President

Greeting Ladies—

We are there—2018 WOW!! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and now can rest a little, re-group. Please join us for local leadership training in January at First Fil-Am UMC in Hacienda Heights. Consider attending Assembly in Columbus, Ohio in May, 2018—this only happens every 4 years, let’s have a party! Many things are happening in UMW for you to take part in and grow in your faith while giving service—what a great feeling!

Let us know what you want/need. We are here because of you and for you. How can we serve you? Please contact us and let us know! Included in this newsletter are articles from officers letting you know what is coming up and connecting you with other resources. Don’t forget to register your group membership with National UMW, this is in addition to the report that was submitted with your charge conference forms.
May 2018 be a fulfilling, blessed year for all!

In your Service,

Sharon Shellman

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Message from Social Action:

Dear People of Faith,

Thank you for the Love and hope that you give to others by doing God’s will. God is Love and is most happy when his love is passed on to others making the problems that we encounter at different times of our lives easy to work out. We must just remember to have God by our side wherever we go. Remember the cleaning of the temple and recall the Public witness of the Disciples and the Apostles. Paul remembers our call to Christian education sending the church to learn what it means to be a faith filled Christian to actually follow in the Christ footsteps, to give love to do no harm, to always do God’s will. Fight for Justice remember we are all God’s children; for Child Advocacy, Civil and Human Rights, Women’s Rights and Peace. We must remember to let our words be herd studying and discussing amongst ourselves isn’t enough, we need to become a part of the public witness and advocacy process. Send a card or an email to your legislator, take a stand. Read the Charter for Racial Justice Policies and do some serious reflection and study on Racism while working towards its illumination in the church and community. The process begins with study and discussion using video the video series, In Search of Racial Justice which includes, The Charter for Racial Justice, a History, the leaflets, Why Have a Charter for Racial Justice Policies? Human Trafficking, Lives for Sake, Fighting Child Prostitution, Child Brides stolen Lives. Look beneath the surface. God Loved the World. God cares for the integrity of creation wills the healing and the wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of goodness. And so shall we for God so Loved the World. Please hear our Prayer Lord

Dear God The reward of the Believer
1Corinthians 3:6-15
Our God-given purpose is to glorify our heavenly Father. Ephesians 2:00 sheds light on the means to which we accomplish this. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works as delivers we are responsible to do God’s work.

Thanks Be to God,

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East District Social Action Co-Coordinator,
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Message from Nominations

UMW Sisters,

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of our officers who serve God and UMW at the Local, District, Conference, Jurisdiction, and National level! I would like to encourage you to pray about and consider a position on our District Team, whose objective is to “work with local organizations to live out our Purpose, develop spiritually, and promote Mission giving.” (See United Methodist Women Handbook, 2017-2020, pgs. 31-32.)

We need Vice-President, Membership Coordinator, Program Resources Coordinator, Mission Education Coordinator and Committee on Nominations members. If you have a passion for serving God, enjoy teamwork, meeting other UMW members, and sharing ideas, you would be a great candidate for one of these positions. Mentoring/Training is available! Please let me know if you are interested! You are invited to attend East District Local Leadership Training on January 20, 2018. (See the flyer in this newsletter).

At our annual meeting in September, we were blessed to have Margie Schriener volunteer to be our East District Secretary. She felt called by God to seek this position. We are truly grateful for her willingness to serve and share her gifts and talents.

I look forward to seeing you soon! May your families and you have a Christmas filled with peace, health, joy, and love.

Blessing,

Carroll Martin
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Note from your Secretary:

Happy New Year to all of you,

My name is Margie Schriener and I am your new East District Secretary. I have been a UMW member for 37 years and am excited to take on a new roll in our wonderful organization. UMW is important to me because it’s purpose is to spiritually sustain us while equipping us to help other women and children in our world. Each one of us could only accomplish a little to help others, but together as an organization of over 80,000 women we do great things. I am a wife and mother of two grown sons and am presently also President of my local UMW Unit at Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church in Indio. When I am not watching my grandchildren, helping out at church, or keeping house and home together I like to read. There are some good books for this in the UMW Reading Program. I want to thank all of you who returned your lists of new officers for 2018 and your membership numbers to me. I enjoyed getting to get to know some of you through e-mails and phone calls. Next, I want to invite all Unit Secretaries to join me for officer’s training on January 20th at First Filipino-American UMC of the San Gabriel Valley in Hacienda Heights. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and answering any questions you might have. I may not have all the answers but I will get them for you. Remember we can do all things through our Lord Jesus Christ! Blessings!

Margie
Message from Treasurer:

Dear UMW Sister,

Wishing all of you blessing in 2018. As I continue to serve as your East District Treasurer for the 3rd year I am blessed to have the opportunity. I am keeping this article short since this is the being of the year. I look forward to seeing all the ongoing and new treasurers at the Local Leadership training on January 20, 2018.

There are a few local organization that did not submit a Pledge Card for 2018 for your organization. We use the pledge cards to determine our yearly pledge to Conference. You can email your pledge using the email address below.

Lastly, we will recognize the 5 Star and 60/40 organization at the training on January 20, 2018. I hope each local organization will have a representative (hopefully the Treasurer) at the training.

Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

May God Continue to Bless You,

Freda Low, Treasurer
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Message from Spiritual Growth:

A New Year, a New Me?

It is a custom to make New Year's resolutions, but I gave that up years ago. After all, we seldom really keep them for very long. This year however I am hoping to keep one promise to myself. The promise is to grow my spirit. How? The standard answers would be to read the Bible again, do daily devotions, and go to church regularly..... (I must confess that I haven't been able to do these things)....

Okay so,
*I do pick up the Bible once in a while and randomly read a few chapters.
*I do pray most days, and I try to be thankful every day for the many blessings in life.
*I listen to Christian music frequently...This helps a lot.
*I promise myself that I will be healthier and then I will get to church more...because seriously we all need to be with other likeminded people to really grow our spirits.
*I promise myself that I will get (and use) a structured Bible Study.....
* I promise myself that I will be a better friend, making contact with people that I care about.

So, if you have already been doing all of the above, what more can you do to grow your spirit? Teach others. Volunteer. Be involved with UMW on a local level. Check. Be involved with UMW on the District level? Perhaps. It is not for everyone. However, it may be good for you. Give it some prayer, we still have some room for more members... Contact Carroll if you feel an interest in joining the team.

Meanwhile I will work on keeping my promises to me.

Remember Christians are not perfect people, in a perfect place in life, we are imperfect people reaching for perfection, stumbling our way from darkness to the light. Go to the source... read the Bible. 1st John 2:24-25 says "Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that He made to us-- eternal life."

May you always know the love of the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth McKibben, Spiritual Growth.