August 2018

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Calendar for 2018

Mark Your Calendar

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

Purpose
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.
East District United Methodist Women
Annual Celebration
“Celebrating Powerful Women In Action”

Guest Speaker – Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
Newly Appointed East District Superintendent

Saturday, September 22, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

West Covina United Methodist Church
718 S. Azusa Ave., West Covina, CA 91791

Registration {Continental breakfast} 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Registration fee $12.00 by September 13, 2018 deadline.
$15.00 at the door and starting September 14, 2018
Make check(s) payable to East District UMW
Mail to: Carroll Martin, 1331 Brooktree Circle, West Covina, CA 91792
Telephone: (626) 961-2704  Email: rcepmartin@charter.net

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Please return this portion with registration fee

Name: ____________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________
Email: _______________________________________Phone: _______________________
Local Unit:  __________________________________________________________________
Special Needs: ________________________  Child Care: Yes/No ________
Message from the President

As we come to the close of summer, thank God for the sun (I know that is hard...). The sunshine is our light, may we share light in many ways to others. The weather was a welcome surprise for our “cooler” Cal-Pac Annual sessions in Redlands. Thank you to all who helped with the UMW booth and also all those who represented your local churches as delegates. Thank you to all who joined us for our annual luncheon. I learned a lot about our deaconesses and missionaries and enjoyed our young ladies singing for us.

Mission u was early this year. It was wonderful seeing all of you at Biola. In one of the interest groups we made fascinators—how about if we wear them to annual celebration on September 20th?? We will be meeting at West Covina UMC this year. Join us to meet and welcome our new East District Superintendent Rev Melissa McKinnon. Oct 27 we will meet our sisters from all over the conference at the annual celebration in Gardena. Please join us.

Familiarize yourselves with the Way Forward movement within our church. Please start conversations with your organization and local churches. Listen to others—what do they think? What do we as Methodists believe? How does that fit into our thought process? Please keep the conversation open and going. Enjoy the newsletter and use it as a resource.

Remember our commitments to David and Margaret Youth and Family Services and also Methodist Hospital in Arcadia!

Be the Light
Blessings,
Sharon

Note from your Secretary

It was so nice to meet some of you at Mission U. I am sorry I did not get to talk with more of you at the District Gathering but time ran short. Again, this year I really enjoyed Mission U and wish all the ladies in our district were able to attend, but know this is not possible. The fellowship and all the things you learn make this a special weekend. I do hope to meet more of you at the East District Celebration in West Covina on September 22nd. I am looking forward to hearing our new District Superintendent speak to us. It is that time of year when we need to be looking for officers for our local organizations and I will be sending out the forms for your secretary to fill out after our Celebration in September.

Jane Stewart, our Conference Secretary wants to have the information into her by the first of December so she can get the Conference Directory out on time this year. May you have a blessed rest of the summer and continue to be bold in serving women and children who need someone to help them live the lives Christ means for them.

Margie Schriener, Secretary
**A note from your treasurer $$$$$**

Dear UMW Sister,

Here we are in August and before your know we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. By this time each local organization should have received information on the East District Annual Celebration. This event will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at West Covina UMC in West Covina. Please register early so we can get a count to prepare for the food. Our theme is “Celebrating Powerful Women in Action” with guest speaker Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon.

Our East District pledge for 2018 is $90,000 to Conference. As of July 31, 2018, we have sent $31,500 to Conference which is 35%.

With the help of all local organization a total of $50,621 on the pledge of $100,000 for the Methodist Hospital Rehab has been to sent. We appreciate the extra money that was sent for the Rehab Center and a big “Thank You”. We still about $50,000 which is 50% to meet the pledge.

The Candle of Commitment for 2018 is $24.44 which will burn the candle for one minute at Cal-Pac Annual Celebration on October 27, 2018. Form attached to newsletter. All forms must be submitted to the District Treasurer by October 1, 2018 to meet the deadline to place in the booklet.

We will be asking all local organization to complete a Pledge Card for 2019 at the Annual Celebration. In addition, I will email or send information on deadline dates and forms to be completed for 2018 in October. If you would like to receive a 5 Star and/or 60/40 certificate but are not sure if you have met the requirements send me an email and I will review.

*Don’t forget to save the dates for the following upcoming events:*

- **East District Annual Celebration**  September 22, 2018 at West Covina UMC
- **Cal-Pac Annual Celebration**  October 27, 2018 at Kum Ran UMC in Gardena

Blessing,

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**Limitless Chat**

What Has East District Limitless Been Up To? Limitless has now come down to only two representatives, the mentor and the young women’s coordinator. We will now have applications set forth for those young women who would like to be a member. So far, East District Limitless hosted a Social Action event in Banning with the East District UMW, and it was very successful. Since Limitless became initiated officially to the UMW, we had the blessed opportunity to participate in Mission U, as well as Assembly, and annual celebration. The ED Limitless mentor and YWC are also planning a Limitless event for later on potentially in November to bring young women and our UMW together for a time of gratefulness. Limitless is also planning to have a big event with all districts by next year, and we are looking forward for it.

Elenoa Tukunga  
Limitless Young  
Women’s Coordinator
Women’s Auxiliary of the Methodist Hospital - “Membership”

“She stretches out her hand in love: Yea, she reacheth forth her hand in kindness and mercy.” Proverbs 31:20

This verse shows the essence of the spirit of love, kindness and mercy which in 1903, the dedicated members of the Woman’s Home Missionary Society in Los Angeles (our UMW foremothers) saw the need for health service for their fellow men and women, and which spurred them to action to establish the Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Los Angeles. Today, Methodist Hospital has grown to an outstanding hospital, with exceptional physicians, nurses, management, staff, and services located now in the city of Arcadia since 1957. The hospital is ranked in the Top 1% nationally for patient safety, quality and efficiency, received a five-star rating for overall hospital quality from Medicare, among other outstanding services. The hospital is a non-profit, philanthropic institution, no stock, dividends or profits issued to any persons or person. Any income above operating costs is used for improvements, equipment and service.

The Methodist Hospital Women’s Auxiliary was organized in 1949 for the “spiritual welfare” of those served by the hospital. The By-Laws states: “The name of this organization shall be Methodist Hospital Women’s Auxiliary of the Methodist Hospital of Southern California and the United Methodist Women of the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and to advance the spiritual welfare of all who are served by the Methodist Hospital in Arcadia, California…”

Membership in the Auxiliary are open to all who are interested in the Methodist Hospital. Members receive the Green Sheet newsletter. Types of active members are: a) Regular Membership, $10 - $99; b) Life Membership, a one-time donation of $100.00, includes a name recognition in the green sheet and name on plaque in the Chapel area. Future donations are appreciated; c) Local Organization Membership, a donation of $50.00 or more. Up to 8 members may receive green sheet…”

The Executive Committee consists of: Elected officers of the Auxiliary; District representatives, Chairpersons of Standing Committees, Members of Committee on Nominations, Members of Gift Shop Committee. Executive Meetings are every other 4th Monday of each odd month, and general meetings where all are invited are on the 4th Monday of January and September. The Administrator of the Hospital, President of Methodist Hospital Foundation, Director of Spiritual Care, Director of Volunteer Services, Conference Methodist Women Representative and Gift Shop Representatives shall be ex-officio members.

What is the work of the Auxiliary? The spiritual welfare of the patients of Methodist Hospital is our special concern. A full resident chaplain is an important part of the healing team at the hospital. We pay her/him a salary, provide supplies for her—like the “Upper Room”, prayer cards, small bibles, etc. We support the Chaplaincy program (open to Chaplain Interns of various faith). Chaplains are available 24 hrs. /day. We have furnished and maintained an Interfaith Chapel for all patients and their families/friends to go.

The Gift Shop is owned by the Women’s Auxiliary. Proceeds from the gift shop and donations from members are donated to the Hospital Foundation. We donate approximately $90,000 - $100,000 + a year. The By-Laws specify that 10% of Auxiliary funds from Gift Shop, member donations, and additional unrestricted funds shall be designated to the United Methodist Women’s Endowment Fund for the purpose of maintaining spiritual care services at Methodist Hospital in the future. We are so grateful for the support of the members of the Women’s Auxiliary—the leaders, members, volunteers, donors, stuffed animals contributors—thanks for making a difference.

As UMW, Women’s Auxiliary and Methodist Hospital supporters—you have a lot to be proud of. The Methodist Hospital provides service in healing, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Respectfully,

Julie Asuncion, Membership
Candle of Commitment 2018

Our Candle of Commitment represents the cost of our mission work to women, children, and youth to the U.S. and countries around the world.

24.44 will burn the candle for one minute at our Cal-Pac UMW Annual Celebration on October 27, 2018

Gifts can be given by a Local organization or an Individual
“In Honor or Memory of the Bold and Courageous people in our lives”

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Name. [ ] In Honor or [ ] Memory of:

Person/Unit submitting the name. Amount

Deadline for inclusion in the Cal-Pac UMW Annual Celebration program:
October 1, 2018

Please send form and check to: UMW District Treasurer (check one)
[] East [] Hawaii [] North [] South [] West

Add any additional names on a separate piece of paper. Please type or print neatly.
Thank you!
From Nominations-Chair

Hi UMW Sisters,
I hope you had a refreshing, peaceful, and blessed summer! Thank you to our officers who faithfully served God and East District UMW this past year! Thankfully we have a full slate of officers willing to serve 2018-2019! This will be an amazing year to serve, since we will be celebrating the Legacy of United Methodist Women for the past 150 years. It will be an opportunity to lead, learn, and grow together “turning faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth.”

Regretfully, I will need to step down as CON Chairperson so I can care for several family members. I was blessed to serve and meet so many United Methodist Women from other churches in East District. I appreciated sharing ideas, and encouraging each other. I will remain active in my local unit and look forward to attending future events.

I hope to see you at our annual celebration on Saturday, Sept. 22 at West Covina UMC.

Blessings,
Carroll Martin
East District United Methodist Women
Committee on Nominations
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EAST DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Slate of Officers for 2018-2019

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New Beginnings UMC

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Slate of Officers for 2018-2019 continued

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New Beginnings UMC

Living Our Vision

United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.