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Purpose of the United Methodist Women

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.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Mission...

What a year...from the devastating fires throughout Southern and Northern California, to the senseless loss of life at Borderline Bar and Grill, and to the ever threatening soak driven hillsides causing mudslides throughout our burnt communities...we have survived another year! It’s been a year of learning, networking, and making connections throughout our Cal-Pac Conference and beyond! I’ve attended a number of meetings; interacted with men and women from all walks of life who believe in our Purpose. For those familiar with UMW it’s a conversation of nodding our heads in agreement with what we stand for; but for those unfamiliar with us...it’s a time to educate and watch their eyes light up as they are amazed at the magnitude of the workings of an organization that is 800,000 strong in membership; the lives that are touched and the compassion that our women possess when we put Faith, Hope, and Love into ACTION! It’s a mantra that is felt at all levels of our organization but most compassionately found in our local organizations throughout our 5 Districts. I am so honored and blessed to represent all of you and stand proudly when we are recognized and introduced at various functions and gatherings throughout the Western Jurisdiction.

Be on the lookout for all of our 5 Districts will be hosting their LLTE or Local Leadership Training Events in January. EAST on January 19 @ Redlands First UMC; HAWAII on January 26 @ Wahiawa UMC; NORTH on January 19 @ Lancaster UMC and February 23 @ Santa Barbara UMC; SOUTH on January 19 @ Escondido UMC; and WEST on January 26 @ Westwood UMC. Do take advantage of these training events, feel free to cross over to another District should you find it to be a scheduling problem. Whether you are a seasoned officer or one just coming on board, there will be something you will learn that you can take back to your local organization. Perhaps you do not have a position at the moment but would like to see what a particular position offers to the team,...do come and participate and learn about their job and responsibilities. It should be a productive and informative time for all who attend; it is a wonderful way to connect with your counterparts as well as foster new friendships! Many of our Conference team members will be attending one of these 5 training events, so feel free to come up and say Hello and ask a question or two. District newsletters and the Cal-Pac website will provide pertinent information for registration deadlines and location.

Mid-Winter Event is just around the corner so keep February 16, 2019 opened on your datebook or electronic calendar...Yorba Linda UMC is the place to be! Registration should begin at 9:00 a.m. with our opening beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Program Committee is working diligently and putting
on the final touches to a time of learning and putting our learning into an action oriented day! Continue to keep this in your prayers as to how God will orchestrate this day for us! Further details are forthcoming as the date draws nearer.

During the month of February 1-3 our newly elected officers will be attending LDD or Leadership Development Day in Tempe, Arizona. Women leaders from all Conferences across the nation are invited to attend. It is a hands-on experience of three days of learning. We will be attending workshops specific to our office but also will have opportunities to expand our own spiritual growth. It will be an opportunity for our officers to meet the National directors and staff, to network with others in the same field as well as meet others from across our Jurisdiction. Our Language Coordinators will also be attending; I look forward to seeing and hearing what innovative ways is being instituted in other parts of our regions to encourage membership from ethnic women in our Conference and other parts of our nation and world.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our 5 Districts who hosted a number of UMW Conversations on A Way Forward for the United Methodist Churches during the 2018 year. It was a good time for all of us to be informed; to participate in table discussions on what makes us United Methodists and Living Together as a Church. At all of our meetings the Sisterhood of Grace guidelines were introduced and employed as each of these round table discussion were implemented at the Conference, District and Local level. We were commissioned by National and you all Made it Happen ...such that our report to National was outstanding with all Districts submitting their reports!

As we open up the New Year, I pray that each and every one of us will reflect and strive to do the best we can to make our local organizations, our districts and of course our Conference the best it can be! On behalf of the Conference I want to thank each of you for your dedication, support, and encouragement...UMW is a special group of women, whose mission is to support ministry and advocate for the oppressed with special attention to the lives of women, children, and youth here and around the world.

2019 will be a year of continuing to build a strong Conference team dedicated to furthering the Purpose; First to make a conscious effort to complete the 2019 Conference Directory ready for distribution at our Mid-Winter event in February, secondly, to add a renewed enthusiasm and drive to complete our $100,000 pledge to “Because We Care” Rehab Campaign for the Methodist Hospital, and lastly, to encourage and educate women of our Local organizations to complete the 2019 Census on the National website.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention our 150 Legacy Fund and Campaign... 2019 is a milestone year to celebrate UMW members past, present, and future as we continue to make an impact on the lives of women, children, and youth. TOGETHER we are building our Legacy. I look
forward to hearing and participating in a number of celebratory events throughout our Conference! Our Legacy Chair, Jane Stewart, always has something up her sleeve...so be ready to PARTY! I'm excited and can't wait to see what is in store for us ALL!

As a Conference Team we are excited and looking forward to the challenges and goals that have been placed before us! It definitely will be a busy year so be aware of added incentives and opportunities to participate in fulfilling our Conference goals. We are Women of Faith and know that our God is ever present in our lives. Praise Be to God...may all honor and glory be HIS!

Continued blessings for the upcoming year...may this New Year bring hope, joy, and peace. May the Lord's presence and guidance be with us all as we walk side by side embarking on our faith journey!

In His Service,

DIANE GIN
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VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Here we are. A brand new year, 2019! Every day the sun rises and we rise. Every day the new life begins and we begin anew. Every day comes a new promise, a new love. A declaration from the Book of Isaiah is a perfect example of God’s promise and love for us.

“Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (NIV, 43:18-19)”

I would like to thank everyone who came to Annual Celebration in October. It truly was a day of celebration for United Methodist Women making a difference for women, children and youth everywhere with our feet firmly grounded in the 150 years tradition and with our eyes gazing far beyond the horizon for the next 150 years. The music, dance, message, communion, food, fellowship … each and every part of that day was our thanksgiving prayer offered to our Heavenly Father.

Another big annual conference event is in the making. Mid-Winter Event 2019 will be held in California and in Hawaii together (but separately) on Saturday, February 16, 2019. You can find the registration information in this issue of Pacific Waves, and on line registration is also available for your convenience. The location for the event in Hawaii is Susannah Wesley Community Center (1117 Kaili Street Honolulu, HI 96819). In California, the event is scheduled in Yorba Linda UMC (19002 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886).

The theme of this year’s Mid-Winter Event is “Climate Justice” which is, sadly and timely at the same time, so fitting to the State of California and Hawaii where the natural disasters are becoming a harsh reality, a new “normal” that affect all of us directly and indirectly in all fronts.

In our event, guest speakers will be speaking on the urgency of climate change. What actions we can take individually and as a community to combat climate issues will be highlighted. We plan to have hands-on activity to help us remember what we learned. We plan to have tables set up where local UMW officers and members can get help filling out membership census form and petitions. A peek at the upcoming Mission u 2019 where pastors as well as members can apply for partial scholarships is another exciting part of the event.

Oh, the topic of lunch! In order to fully immerse ourselves in the theme, we are asking the host church to prepare a simple but healthy communal meal that can bring us all close to the natural abundance God provides. We are asking that you bring your own water bottle (or cup) so we can limit the use of paper and plastic goods. By making our efforts to recycle, reuse and reduce continue throughout the day, we hope the idea and practice of going green in our daily existence stay alive well after the Mid-Winter Event is done.

I am excited, and honored to witness what new things God has in store for us this year 2019. Let us not dwell on the past but step into the future boldly and courageously.

Blessings,

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CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MID-WINTER 2019 EVENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2019

CALIFORNIA:
THEME: “SPARKING A CLIMATE REVOLUTION”
SPEAKER: REV. DR. DEBORAH SHEPHERD-WEBSTER

REGISTRATION: 9:00AM
PROGRAM: 10:00AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION:
40RBA LINDA UMC
19002 40RBA LINDA BLVD.
40RBA LINDA, CA 92886

HAWAII:
THEME: CLIMATE JUSTICE
SPEAKER: MAXINE BURKETT
UH PROFESSOR OF LAW

REGISTRATION: 8:30AM
PROGRAM: 9:00AM - 2:00PM

LOCATION:
SUSANNAH WESLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER
1117 KAILI STREET
HONOLULU, HI 96819

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE! CARPOOLLING IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!

REGISTRATION FEE: $12.00 LUNCH INCLUDED
*LUNCH IS NOT GUARANTEED TO LATE REGISTRANTS*
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019
PLEASE INCLUDE E-MAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION.

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NAME: __________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________ CITY: __________________________ ZIP: __________
PHONE: __________________________ E-MAIL: __________________________
CHURCH: __________________________ DISTRICT: __________________________
CHILD CARE: □ YES □ NO  AGE(S) OF CHILDREN: __________________________
(Please provide a sack lunch for your child.)

*$25.00 deposit per family for child care is required with registration by Feb. 5th. Deposit refunded at event if child care is used.
2018 is now behind me. What a year filled with activities, trials, and surprises. I began the year with one office on the United Methodist Women Conference Team and mid-way through, was asked to help fill another office. The Lord’s Plans are often not our plans.

The Lord called me to step in and fill the office of your Conference Secretary around April. I questioned Him and you know what His answer was. It has not been easy juggling two positions but as is always my experience, hard as the work may be, when the Lord calls, He always wraps it up with a beautiful ribbon of joy! On top of my officer duties; I spoke fourteen times. The joy in speaking is preparing what I will say and meeting new women within our conference. Praise the Lord, as He not only directs my paths, He walks along side!

I have been busy preparing for the new 2019 United Methodist Women Cal-Pac Directory. I am trying to get it out to you early this year. I need your joyful help. You see, putting the directory together is not all that difficult. Changing the information to update it is. I am requesting that everyone with a 2018 directory open it up, check your information (if you’re in it), your church information, and anything else you may notice. For example, your church may have closed or possibly merged with another church. All these many details are needed to help me put a big Joy Ribbon on this enormous job.

Make a list of all corrections/updates and add the page number that you found it in. Check with the other members in your local organization/district to see if they found any others and add them also. If you don’t have a 2018 Directory but have changes within your local organization or your church, please contact your District Secretary as well. Send your lists to your District Secretary and mark it “Urgent Joy, Pass It On.”

I thank you in advance for your help. You may also pass on the information to me via email. Make sure to add your name and contact information, in case I have a question and your District, please.

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“A little faith lifts our souls to heaven,
Abundant faith allows heaven to descend on our souls.”
Treasurer's Thoughts...

Hello Sisters in Christ,

As you are reading this, we are already in 2019. I hope that your Christmas was all that you expected and your New Year has started off Great. I did not travel this Christmas. I stayed at home and enjoyed friends and my dog (Leroy). To live in the center of God’s will—to walk step by step, the path He’s prepared before us—is no easy task. At some point in our lives, we each much wonder, what am I doing here? This is too difficult. I know that I have, but when I do, I pray and read scripture and I am reassured that God never leaves me or forsake me. There are still some churches that are not sending in money to mission. I am asking that as you read this, you will take it upon yourselves to check with your local treasurer and ask her if she sent in money for the pledge, we want everyone to be a part of helping the mission of Women, Children and Youth throughout the World. We appreciate each Local Organization in our Conference and know that each of you are needed to make UMW work.

I want all of you to have no fear, because we are in God’s hand. I have listed the treasurers for each district below, if you have any question regarding your finances please feel free to call them. If you cannot reach them always remember that you can always call me. Remember that we are never alone, we have God and each other. May God continue to bless and keep you and hope to see at the Mid-Winter event on February 16, 2019 at Loma Linda UMC in Loma Linda.

The Treasurers for the Districts are:
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Blessing to you all!

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MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS...

It is an honor to be serving as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. The members of the committee are committed to finding the best women to serve as officers on the conference leadership team. We know there ladies out there with skills and talents that can help keep our team strong and fulfill the purpose of the United Methodist Women. However, the committee members cannot know all of these ladies and we will be asking for your help to direct us to those ladies who you think are ready and able to serve at the conference level.

We are looking for someone from the North and South districts to serve on the Committee on Nominations. Please find the “Gift and Grace” inventory form in this issue to be filled out if you or someone you know are willing to serve at the conference level.

Don't forget to attend your districts' D'LTE in January and February. Your Conference Leadership Team will be supporting each event.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year, especially the ladies who attended the CON training in San Diego. You are not forgotten.

BLESSINGS AND PEACE,

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*Gifts and Graces form can be found in newsletter and on our website [www.calpacumc.org/umw](http://www.calpacumc.org/umw)
MISSION EDUCATION

“I AM LEAVING YOU WITH A GIFT. PEACE OF MIND AND HEART. AND THE PEACE I GIVE ISN’T LIKE THE PEACE THE WORLD GIVES. SO DON’T BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID.” JOHN 14:27 (NIV).

What an exciting year 2018 was. The focus of the year was to reflect on Sacred Places, the times that we interacted with God and with each other physically, spiritually and within ourselves. We had many opportunities to experience these moments as we attended meetings, celebrations, Assembly, Mission u, etc.

As we move on into 2019 there will be more opportunities to continue to experience God and the work that He does using us as United Methodist Women to bring peace, love and relief to women, children and youth throughout the world. The focus this year is to celebrate the Mission that our foremothers 150 years ago and the General Board of Global Ministries 200 years ago started. We are all called into Mission as our Purpose tells us, and we can carve out our own mission field as we rely on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A big congratulations to the local organizations that made Mission Today. The form for 2019 is in this newsletter. Please use it to plan your calendar. It is so easy to accomplish eight or more of the criteria listed. The Local Leadership Training “LLTE” is coming up in January or February for the Districts. Please take the opportunity to learn about the offices that are available for you to serve.

Mission u 2019 is coming on from July 24 – 27 for our Korean sisters and from July 25 – 28 for all others. If you will need help with the registration fee, you can apply for a Partial Scholarship. The form is also included in this newsletter.

Wishing you all a blessed 2019 and looking forward to meeting you at our gatherings.

BLESSINGS,

SOPHIA BLANKSON
CAL-PACIFIC UMW
MISSION EDUCATION COORDINATOR

*The Mission Today form can be found in newsletter and on our website: www.calpacumc.org/umw
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Happy New Year Cal-Pac United Methodist Sisters!

It is with enthusiasm and gratitude that I write this article for you. I feel great enthusiasm because it is the beginning of a new year. The New Year is a time when after celebrating the miracle of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are filled with the desire to renew our spirit, to rededicate our lives, and to serve.

As we begin the New Year, I am excited to announce that on December 2, 2018, East District welcomed Montebello UMW into our Cal-Pac Conference with the installation of its Officers. In addition, Hollywood UMC, West District, and Calexico Neighborhood House, South District, are in the process of Reorganizing UMW Units. Praise God!

I feel much gratitude because I have been entrusted with the position of Conference Membership Coordinator. I take this position seriously and I am anxious to work together with everyone to increase our membership. March 30, 2019 is the deadline for every unit to fill out and to submit their online UMW 2018 Census. Unit Presidents are responsible for filling out and submitting the online form. The website address is: www.unitedmethodistswomen.org. Click on the green box to the right and it will take you directly to the 2018 UMW Census Page. I urge you to watch the 20 minute video by clicking on the arrow.

It takes you step by step through the process. You are required to answer the questions marked by a red asterisk. This is the same information that you provided on your Charge Conference Form #23. Your District Membership Coordinators have copies if you need them. You need to fill out the UMW 2018 Census form in addition to Charge Conference Form #23. The additional questions are optional but extremely important to National. I urge you to answer as many as possible. Most importantly, remember to press the SUBMIT button. The deadline again is March 30, but you can go online now. The sooner the better.

District Membership Coordinators and Officers will be available with laptop computers at our Mid-Winter Event on February 16 at Yorba Linda UMC and at your District LLT Meetings in January or February. Please come prepared with your membership information including number of members in 2018, members removed and added.

I look forward to meeting you and guiding you through this process along with Conference and District Leadership.

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God Bless,

JULIETA M. SALAZAR
CAL-PAC CONFERENCE UMW
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR
PROGRAM RESOURCES

I am looking forward to let you know which District have counted the most participants of UMW Reading Program during our Mid-Winter event. The Reading Program Banner will be waiting for the District Patch. I will let the District Program Resource Coordinator which District wins and will add to our Banner. The Youth and Children’s trophy may stay in the same District or find a new home for a new year. The trophy will be happy to reside in all five Districts in the next five years. I hope that you include all age groups (adult, youth and children) in your programs.

I pray that for 2019, there will be an increase in the number of participants. Please set your goal to be 1-10% higher than previous year. The Reading Program Plan form is available in our UMW Resource website. You can print one copy today for you to keep record and by November 2019, you can send a copy to your District Reading Program Coordinator. It is so much fun to read, learn and share from the books that different experiences and places we may not be able to reach in our busy schedule.

The Mission u books will be available by spring time. Please check the UMW Mission Resource website for its availability. Although our UMW national office have chosen to change the ways books are ordered, I hope that you have resources in your local organization that will help you navigate the ordering process online or fax or phone. The catalog is found on line and there is no printed flyer from national office. Their office of operation are: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Eastern time, Monday – Friday. Contact information: website: www.umwmisionresources.org, phone: 800-305-9857, fax: 770-280-0061

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ON OUR MID-WINTER EVENT!

RESPECTFULLY,

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ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE NEW YEAR

36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” - Matthew 22:36-40

The whole world is groaning for something better. We are waiting for salvation. But, as Christians, I believe we are required to help spread the good news that there is already a better way for us. Jesus came to earth to mentor us in the way we ought to live. Jesus forgives us and encourages us to do better.

As I look forward to a new year and a fresh start, let us pray that we will have the courage to follow Jesus more closely by listening and acting in ways that honor HIM. May we indeed love God with all our heart and our neighbor’s too.

BLESSINGS,

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SOCIAL ACTION

We have all read of those in need and wondered how we can best help. As United Methodist Women, we have pledged to support opportunities for mission, and these are a few we can support locally.

New Entra Casa is a home in San Diego that takes in women getting out of prison. Their goal is to help them rebuild their lives, learn life skills, get their children back, and return as successful members of society. New Entra Casa’s success rate is very high. It is rewarding to hear the testimonies of the women at their quarterly teas. We hope you will consider supporting this worthy cause and that you will plan to attend the next tea, which will be in February.

The Calexico Neighborhood House is one of our UMW National Missions serving the whole Imperial Valley. They provide meals throughout the Valley, and they run a preschool for low-income families. Offering micro loans is one of their most successful projects. CNH also cares for battered women, and they have a shelter for victims of violence. They have a program for the homeless, and they also help people seeking asylum at the border. Perhaps you will want to sponsor a diaper drive or send donations for their thrift store or send jackets and blankets for the asylees, who arrive with practically nothing. They are also in need of hygiene and household products for their shelter.

The Joint Commission is working to support the Methodist Churches south of the border, who are desperately trying to help the migrants from Central America with food and shelter. You can send donations to Rev. James Oliver at P.O. Box #6, Wrightwood, CA 92397.

Rev. Bill Jenkins at UMC Christ Ministry Center is housing asylum seekers and refugees in his church at 3295 Meade Avenue, SD, 92116, and he needs funds, clothing, hygiene items, and volunteers. Call 619-284-9205 to find out how to help.

There is also a Good Neighbor Center at Nestor UMC, 1120 Nestor Way, SD, 92154. They are also in need of funds and items for low-income people seeking assistance.

Teberman Neighborhood Center is a non-profit community-based organization committed to delivering life-changing services that encourage, inform, educate, and empower families and individuals to live healthy purposeful lives.

David and Margaret Youth and Family Services fosters emotional, educational, spiritual, and identity development through culturally diverse community services. Let’s continue to support these and other local missions with our presence, gifts, and prayers.

BLESSINGS,  
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TAGALOG | PILIPINO LANGUAGE COORDINATOR REPORT

MABUHAY AT MANIGONG BAGONG TAON!
Hello and Happy New Year to all!

2018 was a wonderful experience for me as the Tagalog/Filipino Language Coordinator. I learned many things and met a lot of dedicated United Methodist Women from all the five districts. Here are some of the highlights of events that happened from the last quarter of 2018. First was the East District Annual Celebration at West Covina United Methodist Church last September 22, 2018. The guest speaker was Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon, East District Superintendent. The celebration was well attended by many of the local churches from the East District and for the entertainment, our local church, First Filipino American United Methodist Church of San Gabriel Valley performed the Itik-Itik (Duck) dance.

During November, our sisters from the North District suffered a devastating news, first was the shooting at the Borderline Bar and the Malibu fire which many of our brothers and sisters are still recovering from these events. We continue to pray for them and help these communities put their lives back in order.

Upcoming events:
1. 2019 Mid-Winter Event – February 16, 2019 at Yorba Linda United Methodist Church

With all these upcoming events for the UMW, I am looking forward to 2019 as we continue to be Bold and Courageous through Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

To God Be All The Glory!!

BLESSINGS,

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Psalm 145:18

The Lord is near to all who call on Him.
SPANISH LANGUAGE COORDINATOR REPORT

Dear sisters:

This is my report for the last quarter of 2018.

In September I attended Camp Colby, a camp specifically design and planned for Hispanic congregations. I was able to identify and had personal contact with several Hispanic women attending the camp that could help me recruit members of their congregations.

I also attended a meeting of LAMAG, the Hispanic caucus of our Conference. Had contact with a couple of women from Grand UMC, but they are not ready yet to make a commitment.

Same story in Downey UMC and Baldwin Park UMC, that have Hispanic congregations. I talked to some of the members of these groups but they thinks let me know that the women are not ready yet to commit. In Baldwin Park there is a good group of young people and in talking with Brenda Tuita we are planning to involve them in Limitless.

With the help of Sylvia and Rhonda we made contact with Nancy Castillo and Rosa Lopez, members of the Calexico UMC. The UMW of that church is already organized. I made contact with them and offered our help as needed. They said that they will make contact with us for whatever help they may need. I already got some materials in Spanish and will get them to this group soon.

Looking forward to the work in the New Year 2019.

I pray you had a blessed Christmas.

BLESSINGS,
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“I am making a way in the desert, and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43: 19B
TONGAN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR REPORT

God has done great things in our midst, hallelujah! I am forever thankful for His steadfast love never cease. His mercies are new every morning which carries us through, United Methodist Women, to the beginning of the new year of 2019.

During our time of praying, meditating, and reflecting to welcome the newborn King Jesus, He is finally here, praise the Lord! We, United Methodist Women, are stretching the anchor of our boat and get ready to start our new journey for the year. As we move forward, let’s renew our mind, soul, and strength for the work ahead of us. In God we trust, there is Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace that will carry us through.

Come Holy Spirit Come! Let’s continue to work diligently towards our mission statement “United Methodist Women is 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”. Involving in the local unit, district, and conference, help us to encourage more women, youth, and children to do His work here on earth. United Methodist Women are called to be good ambassadors for His kingdom. Visiting the sick and shut-in, the lonely, serving the less fortunate, and doing good causes are good stewardship.

May God’s loving arms embrace us, United Methodist Women, as we initially commence our 2019 journey for a fruitful year. My hope for the best is yet to come in 2019. Happy New Year!

LOVE AND BLESSINGS,
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Renewing & Soaring in His Love
Happy Birthday United Methodist Women. On March 23, 2019 we will be 150 years old. Our organization continues on because of the faith and tenacity of two women, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker, who forever changed the meaning of Women in Mission!

Four years ago, we began to focus on the Legacy of United Methodist Women and to prepare for the next 150 years and beyond. Our call today is no different than 1869. We are women of faith called to respond to the needs that impact women, children and youth. United Methodist Women members have led the way: from founding schools to interrupting the school to prison pipeline, from founding clinics and hospitals to working towards maternal and child health.

The Legacy Fund is a forward-looking permanently invested endowment, the earnings of which will strengthen our organization so that future giving can be even more directly linked to our projects and partners, addressing injustice and alleviating suffering.

I begin this fifth and last year of the Legacy Campaign thanking each and everyone of you for your heartfelt contributions to the Legacy Fund thus far. We will keep collecting funds (officially) through the end of 2019, however, remember that as with any designated giving, you will always be able to give to the Legacy Fund.

United Methodist Women Conference and District Leaderships have planned many ways to celebrate our Anniversary at every event this year. Make sure you attend all events to be a part of this year-long celebration and remember that all local organizations are encouraged to do the same.

We also encourage all women this year, to give $18.69 (signifying founding year) and also each local organization to donate $150.00 (signifying years in mission). Make your checks out to: United Methodist Women (NOT your District or Conference treasurer), write Legacy Fund on the Memo line, and mail to:

United Methodist Women
Office of the Treasurer
475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115

Thank you all for your great response to helping support the future United Methodist Women through your giving to the Legacy Fund! God Bless you.

Jane Stewart, Legacy Fund Committee Chair

“God will make our love fruitful, whether we see that fruitfulness or not.” —Henri Nouwen.

What a privilege we have: to be faith, hope and love in action at this time in the history –and the future– of United Methodist Women.

Together, we are building our Legacy!
"If you persist in staying silent at a time like this; help and deliverance will arrive... for someplace else... who knows? Maybe you were made Queen for such a time like this."

- Esther 4:14

Limitless

TO EQUIP YOUNG WOMEN OF FAITH TO TRANSCEND BARRIERS AND TO DO JUSTICE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES BY PUTTING FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE INTO ACTION.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A DIVERSITY OF YOUNG WOMEN WITHIN THE AGES OF 12 - 45 YEARS OLD THAT ARE EAGER FOR EDUCATION IN SOCIAL JUSTICE, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SERVING OUR UMW GLOBAL MISSIONS!

ONGOING LIMITLESS MISSION SUPPORT:
1. METHODIST HOSPITAL REHAB
2. CALEXICO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

MID-WINTER EVENT IS FEBRUARY 16, 2019
INVITING ALL WOMEN TO JOIN US AS WE "SPARK A CLIMATE REVOLUTION!"

POWER OF LIMITLESS 2019 EVENT
JULY 26, 2019 @ 10AM AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
DETAILS OF THE AMAZING EVENT WILL BE POSTED SOON!
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE BECAUSE WE WANT TO SEE YOU!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLS CONTACT:
BRENDA TUITA
YOUNG WOMEN COORDINATOR
PHONE: (714) 322-0292
EMAIL: BRENDATUITA@GMAIL.COM

CHECK US OUT:
WEBSITE: CAL-PAC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
FACEBOOK: CAL-PAC UMW LIMITLESS GROUP
EMAIL: YOUNGWOMENINACTION@GMAIL.COM
JOIN CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AT

MISSION U 2019

LOCATION: AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
901 E. ALOSTA AVENUE
AZUSA, CA 91702

JULY 26: LIMITLESS EVENT
JULY 25-27: KOREAN
JULY 26-28: ENGLISH, SPANISH, TONGAN

TAKE A DIVE INTO THE GOSPEL OF MARK, THE TOPIC OF MONEY & THE INSPIRING STORY OF WOMEN ORGANIZED FOR MISSION!

PRACTICING RESURRECTION: THE GOSPEL OF MARK & RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP
WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE: 150 YEARS IN MISSION
WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A FAITH RESPONSE
ADDITIONAL STUDIES ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

COST: $175 - CHILDREN & YOUTH
$200 - COMMUTERS
$275 - ADULTS

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM THE CONFERENCE AND DISTRICTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
BARBARA MILLER, DEAN OF MISSION U 2019
PHONE: (626) 327-0914
EMAIL: BARBARA@LANTOGA.NET
WESTERN JURISDICTION REPORT

The Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women’s Leadership Team has been working diligently as we plan for the April 17 – 19, 2020 Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting in Tempe, Arizona.

We are happy to announce that Katharine Hayhoe, co-director of the Texas Tech University Climate Science Center and a professor in the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts & Sciences will be our guest speaker. Professor Hayhoe is considered one of the world’s leading experts on climate science. Her research focuses on evaluating future impacts of climate change on human society and the natural environment by developing and applying high-resolution climate projections. In 2017 she was named one of the 50 World’s Greatest leaders by Fortune Magazine, which honors men and women across the globe who are helping to change the world and inspire others to do the same. On October 2018, Professor Hayhoe was invited to participate in one of the most distinguished forums in climate work by the Norwegian Nobel Institute. She joined other world leaders on climate science, policy and solutions as part of 2018 Nobel Peace Prize forum Oslo at the University of Oslo. The forum was titled “How to Solve the Climate Crisis in Time.”

Along with Katharine Hayhoe, we will hear from Harriet Jane Olson, General Secretary & CEO, and Shannon Priddy, National UMW President. We will be electing new directors. There will be tours and Ubuntu opportunities, Native American cultural enrichment, workshops inspiring worship and on so much more. Mark your calendars and spread the word.

As my knowledge of United Methodist Women across our Western Jurisdiction grows, I am always so proud of our diversity in our Hawaii District and I hope we continue to embrace and support the Young United Methodist Women known as Limitless because they are a vital part of us.

LOVE AND BLESSINGS,

MAXINE WHEELER
WESTERN JURISDICTION COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS MEMBER
Gifts & Graces Inventory

Potential Leaders Information Form
(to be completed by potential leader)

Type or Print (attach additional sheets as necessary)

Date: ______________________

Name: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (hm) ___________ (wk) ___________ Email: ______________________

Member of Local Church: ______________________ District: ______________________

Age:  20’s ___  30’s ___  40’s ___  50’s ___  60’s ___  70’s ___  80’s ___

Languages Spoken: _____________________ Racial/Ethnic Group: ________________

Employed:   No ________ Part Time ________ Full Time ________

Professional skills, job experience___________________________________________

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Additional experience on the local, district, conference or general church level (other than United Methodist Women), or in the community: _____________________________________________________________

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How will your spiritual journey strengthen your commitment to serve on the Conference Leadership Team? _____________________________________________________________

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12/2017

Return to: Elizabeth Martinez—Committee on Nominations
34021 L St., Barstow, CA 92311 Email: veolafrank@yahoo.com
Inventario de Talentos

Forma de Información para Líderes Potenciales
(a ser completada por posibles líderes)

Favor de escribir en letra de molde o computadora (Añada páginas adicionales de ser necesario)

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Cómo cree usted que su jornada espiritual fortalecerá su compromiso para servir en la Conferencia
*** 달란트와 은혜 나누기 ***
잠재적인 지도자 정보
(잠재적인 리더님들께서 작성해 주세요)

이름 ______________________
주소 ______________________
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전문적인 기술이나 직업 경험이 __________

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당신의 영적 여정이 이 연회리더팀에 봉사하였다 당신의 선물을 어떻게 강화시켜 줄 수 있습니까?
**Imbentaryo Ng Handog at Biyaya**

**Form Nang Impormasyon Para Sa Potensyal Na Mga Pinuno**
(Kukumpletohin ng mga potensyal na pinuno)

_Type o Tatak (Maglakip ng karagdagang mga pilyego kung kinakailangan)_

Petsa: ___________________________

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| Nagtratrabaho: | | Oras bahagi ng trabaho | Sa lahat ng panahon |
| Propesyonal na mga karanasan, Karanasan sa trabaho | | |

_Opinisang hawak sa Nagkakaisang Kababaihang Metodista:_

| Lokal | ___________________________ | Petsa ng Serbisyo |
| Distrito | ___________________________ | |
| Komperensya | ___________________________ | |
| Hurisdiksyon | ___________________________ | |

Karagdagang karanasan sa local, distrito, komperensya o pangkalahakang antas ng simbahan (maliban sa Nagkakaisang Kababaihang Metodista) o sa komunidad: ___________________________.

Paano mo patalakasin ang iyong pangako sa espirituwal na paglalakbay upang maglingkod sa Komperensya ng mga pamumuno ng koponan.

12/2017
Yes, I want to leave my legacy with United Methodist Women!

Name_____________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________
Phone_____________________________________________________
E-mail_____________________________________________________
Local Church and ZIP code____________________________________

THE LEGACY FUND is a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of United Methodist Women as they address the needs of women, children and youth of their day. It is part of United Methodist Women’s five-year 150th anniversary celebration.

MY LEGACY FUND GIFT
☐ $5000  ☐ $1500  ☐ $186.69  ☐ $150  ☐ $18.69  ☐ Other__________
I will give ☐ one-time gift  ☐ monthly  ☐ annually through_______ (year)
Total pledge $____________________

Enclosed is my check payable to: United Methodist Women. Write “The Legacy Fund” in the memo section.

To ensure acknowledgement of giver and amount, please print legibly.

To make a secure gift online please visit: unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
Or you may text your gift by texting Legacy 150 to 41444
Or you may call your gift in by dialing 1 800 278-7771

To Mail your gift to Legacy, please complete this form and enclose it with your check or money order payable to United Methodist Women and please remember to write The Legacy Fund in the memo section.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor
New York, NY 10116

The Cal-Pac UMW Legacy Committee would be happy to answer any questions you may have:
Jane Stewart, Chair  562 425-1378;
Diane Gin 323 265-2830; Eutha Hankinson 818 767-3508; Sharon Shellman 626 825-6436; Randa Krakow 760 815-3423;
Mapuana Mailei 808 216-6446; Tiala Toetuu 808 953-9156; Julie Asuncion 626 447-8456; Mele Faiva Blagojevich 310 428-6704

United Methodist Women California-Pacific Conference; thanks you on behalf of all future United Methodist Women and all mission outreach around the world that this Legacy Fund will support. God bless you.
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUPPORTS ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL’S NEW REHAB UNIT CAMPAIGN

Because We Care ...
UMW pledges $100,000

As one of Cal-Pac Conference’s local project, UMW has a special history and connection with Arcadia Methodist Hospital. It is a premier health care and service provider which continues to grow and excel in its services.

Because We Care ... UMW has pledged $100,000 to this New REHAB Unit campaign. This new Rehabilitation Unit will be built on the 3rd Floor of the Berger Tower. Care and healing will be given to patients at this new unit with:
✓ 30 beds in 25 new and larger rooms
✓ new and advanced equipments
✓ expanded physical therapy services
✓ rehabilitation physicians and nurses; physical, occupational, and speech therapists
✓ ...and more

Target Completion Date: Fall 2016

How to Donate

Let’s give our support to this worthy cause. If you wish to donate -

Local organizations:
• make checks payable to your district’s UMW
• submit to your district’s Treasurer
• on check’s memo – write Methodist Hospital REHAB Unit

Districts:
• make checks payable to Cal-Pac Conference UMW
• on check’s memo – write Methodist Hospital REHAB Unit

Updates on funds collected, by districts, will be published in Pacific Waves Newsletter.
Please find below are the names of the persons who were not in the Annual Celebration Book. These names were omitted because they came in after the cut off date to print the book.

We would like to thank all of you for such a marvelous giving in the area. Our Candle of Commitment represents the cost of our mission work ($26.49 per minute) to women, children, and youth in the United States and around the world. Thank you again.

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Cal-Pac Conference United Methodist Women  
2019 MISSION TODAY CRITERIA

To become a Mission Today Local Organization, the Local Organization (LO will be used instead of Local Organization below) must meet EIGHT (8) of the following criteria, including a minimum of FOUR (4) of those marked with an Asterisk (*).

Return To Your District Mission Education Coordinator no later than December 15, 2019.
Mission Education Coordinator’s Name:

__________________________________________

Address, E-mail

__________________________________________

Local Organization Name:

__________________________________________

Contact Name, E-mail / Phone: ____________________________________________

☐ * Use the Prayer Calendar at EACH general meeting of the LO to pray for persons in mission & for our mission work with women, children, & youth.

☐ * The LO will lead their members in the UMW purpose EACH meeting.

☐ * The LO will make and meet its pledge to mission.

☐ * The LO will add at least TWO members to its roll.

☐ * The LO will have at least TWO members subscribing to response magazine. (Order from the Mission Resource Center)

☐ * The LO will use TWO programs from the Program Book for UMW each year.

☐ * The LO, circle, or subgroup will conduct at least ONE Mission Study a year. (Contact your Dist. or Conf. to learn what the studies and textbooks are for each year).

☐ * The LO will implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in at least TWO ways during the year. Suggested plans of action:

1. ENCOURAGING a joint Vacation Bible School.
2. ENCOURAGING pulpit exchanges.
3. SHARING joint worship services on special occasions.
4. ENCOURAGING support for equal employment practices in the church & community.
5. CONTACT your Conference Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies for further action plans.

☐ The LO will ADD or ENCOURAGE their LO’s Young Women’s or Youth Circle.

☐ The LO will ADD or ENCOURAGE their LO’s Language Group Circle.
☐ **HOLD** a joint LO meeting with a LO of a different racial/ethnic background, using programs from the Program Book.

☐ **DEVELOP** a bi-racial/cultural or multi-racial/cultural Koinonia group.

☐ At least **ONE** member of the LO other than a Conf. or Dist. officer will attend the Conference or District School of Christian Mission.

☐ At least **TWO** members of the LO other than a Conf. or Dist. officer will attend the District or Conference Annual Celebration.

☐ At least **TWO** members of the LO will attend any Young Women’s Event in the Cal-Pac Conference.

☐ At least **FIVE** members of the LO will attend any event with emphasis on UMW 101 or any Language event in the Cal-Pac Conference.

☐ The LO will have at least **ONE** person join the United Methodist Women’s Action Network to receive & respond to legislative information. (To join, call the Women’s Division Washington Office at (202) 488-5660 or write to UMW Action Network, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Suite 550, Washington, D.C. 20002).

☐ Members shall write to **FIVE** persons listed in the Prayer Calendar at least twice a year.

☐ The LO will participate in the Campaign for Children in at least **TWO** ways. Possibilities for action:

1. **HELP** sponsor a church or community program related to children and youth needs.
2. **SPONSER** a Children’s Sabbath, sponsored by the Children’s Defense Fund.
3. **GET INVOLVED** with children in mentoring, tutoring, and “big sisters” programs.
4. **WRITE** letters, e-mail, or call Congressional representatives and/or others in government regarding children’s issues.
5. **LEARN** how our schools are funded.

☐ The LO will be a Five Star LO, contributing to **ALL FIVE** channels of Mission Giving.

☐ Each LO, circle, or subgroup will **INCLUDE** a mission moment where an article from response or New World Outlook magazines will be lifted up as a way to tell the mission story.

☐ Have at least **TWO** persons from the LO, circle, or subgroup complete one of the Reading Program Plans and report on at least **ONE** of the books read.

☐ The LO will invite a Dist. or Conf. officer, other than a member of the LO, to **ONE** of the LO meetings during the year.

☐ Make a **PLEDGE** to care for God’s creation and become a “Green” UMW LO (How to Become a Green LO at umwonline.org/environment or contact Women’s Division Office of Community Action).

☐ **HOLD** a Mini – Spiritual Growth Retreat (For addition information contact the Women’s Division Office of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology).

☐ The LO will have at least **TWO** persons visit one of the national mission sites within the Cal-Pac Conference.

**Other Mission Work:**

__________________________________________________________________________

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PACIFIC WAVES | JANUARY 2019

PRACTICING RESURRECTION: THE GOSPEL OF MARK AND RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP (SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY)

The study explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today (with the times issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and more) using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation.

YOUTH (AGES 12-15)

The study will be "Who do you say I am?" Meeting Jesus through the eyes of Mark" CHILDREN (AGES 4-6)

The study will be "Marked: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark" CHILD CARE (AGES 2-3)

Childcare is available. Reservation Required.
Childcare fee is $25 per family and non-refundable. Please fill out child(ren)’s name(s) and age(s) below and return to UMW.

WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A FAITH RESPONSE (SOCIAL ISSUE STUDY)

This study explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith and introduces the students to the biblical foundation of abundance (stewardship), which stands in opposition to the scarcity narrative in North American culture which is so deeply defined by money.

WOMEN UNITED FOR CHANGE:
150 YEARS IN MISSION (GEOGRAPHIC STUDY)

This is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women’s 150th anniversary in 2019 and the movement that brought women into the forefront of Christian ministry.

Each study has required reading. Once you receive your confirmation letter with your assigned study, please purchase your book by going to www.ummissionresources.org

YOU CAN ORDER BOOKS DIRECTLY FROM UMSSION RESOURCES.

REGISTRATION FORM

Partial Scholarships of $50 are available for participants and pastors who have financial need. More information about scholarships can be found online at http://www.umcmissionresources.org.

Deadline for applications is June 1, 2019. For additional information about scholarships contact Sophia Blancson by email at ablancson@sbglb.org.
NEWS FROM SUSANNAH WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Susannah Wesley Community Center celebrates 120 years in mission in 2019! United Methodist Women will join community supporters to bring attention to the effective ways that the agency has touched lives and impacted the community by becoming a recognized beacon of hope for people in need. From its beginnings as an orphanage for Japanese and Korean girls and through the many extensions of its service as a true community center, the reach of SWCC is now felt across the state as a lead partner in a human trafficking grant that provides direct services, referrals and safety for rescued victims.

The year-long celebration begins on January 26, 2019, with a dinner at the Honolulu Country Club, which will also be an opportunity to recognize former Executive Director Ron Higashi, who retired after over 40 years with the agency.

At the helm now is Executive Director Joni Chun, who has outlined a clear and realistic vision to lead SWCC forward. She brings new energy and definition to the mission of the agency as we commemorate this banner year and reaffirm Susannah Wesley Community Center as the heart of the community it serves. We celebrate with gratitude the work of many hearts and hands in mission that bring us to this time and place.
NEWS FROM CALExico NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Because funding across-the-board is down and mission giving has been in decline for several years, the national office of United Methodist Women is having to cut support to Calexico Neighborhood House, one of our UMW National Missions. This cut could be as much as 20% for liability insurance and maintenance. I urge you to include them in your local organization’s year-end-giving as well as giving throughout the year.

Neighborhood House does so much in the community and is such a vital part of the life of Calexico, El Centro, and surrounding areas. They provide emergency assistance with a food pantry, rental assistance, clothing and utility assistance for low-income families and individuals in crisis. They offer shelter and transitional housing for homeless women and children and those fleeing from domestic violence. They run preschool and day care centers for low income working families. CNH offers sessions to educate parents and expecting parents on how to encourage early literacy. They run a thrift store offering low-cost clothing and household items as well as diapers to low income families. Their Micro-Business Service Center is one of their most successful endeavors, helping Imperial County residents to initiate new businesses. They provide school lunches and after school snacks to children throughout the school year and the summer, as well.

Neighborhood House is also receiving refugees at the border and helping them to move on to their relatives across the country. Often these migrants arrive with nothing. NH tries to supply them with coats, blankets, hygiene kits, and money for bus tickets. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Cindy Alba, Executive Director, at <cindy@nhclx.org> or 760 357-6875.

Perhaps your local organization would like to have a Diaper Drive. Maybe you can donate toys for their Children’s Community Christmas Party. They also need small items for the preschool children to pick out presents they can give to their parents and siblings.

THANKS FOR CONSIDERING WAYS TO HELP.

YOURS IN CHRIST,
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Rev. Dr. Deborah Shepherd-Webster
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**Who Worship Him**
**MUST WORSHIP**
**IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.**

John 4: 24
FROM YOUR EDITOR

Happy New Years, Sisters In Christ!

My mindset into this new year to give thanks to God in all things. I thank God for another year to be alive. I thank God for my family. I thank God for this path that’s led me to be surrounded by such bold and courageous women. I thank God for the opportunity to serve.

I know coming into this position requires a lot of patience, understanding and loads of continuous learning. A foundation has been set by the amazing Janet Townsend and for that I am blessed and forever grateful. Even as I navigate through "new waters", it’s comforting to know that I am not alone.

This new year started off with two deaths in my family. I would love to dedicate my article in their loving memory. We just buried my dearest uncle this past weekend. Pastor Epeli ‘Uhamaka had a contagious laugh that was infectious. He was always so loving and kind. I will truly miss him.

As I finish last minutes touches to this newsletter, I also prepare to lay my grandmother to rest, the amazing Velonika Tamo’ua. The two things I knew in my heart about her; she was a bold woman of God and she had the most beautiful smile. She had a huge heart and I know our whole family will miss her dearly.

Although my world will not be the same for a bit, but I still give much thanks. Why? Because my faith and comfort lives in God. When I am tired, He gives me strength. When I am weak, He makes me strong. When I am lost, I pray and look up, I am found.

MANY BLESSINGS,

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May God bless you with a wonderful year of PEACE and HAPPINESS

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