January 2019

East District
United Methodist
Women

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Calendar for 2019

January 19, 2019- LLT Redlands First UMC
January 20, 2019- Suggested UMW Sunday for Local Churches
February 16, 2019- MidWinter Conference UMW Event- Location TBD
March 23, 2019- East District Leadership Team Meeting- University UMC of Redlands
April 27, 2019- East District Spiritual Growth Retreat/Quiet Disciple- Location and time TBD
June 1, 2019- East District Leadership Team Meeting- Riverside 1st- 9:00am
June 12-15, 2019- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (UMW Luncheon on Saturday June 15th)
July 25-28- Mission U at Azuza Pacific- Limitless Event for all UMW members on the 25th
August 3-2019- East District Leadership Team Meeting- University UMC of Redlands
September 21, 2019- East District Annual Celebration- Location and time TBD
October 25, 2019 Dlite Training- Location TBD
October 26, 2019- Cal-Pac Conference UMW Annual Meeting- Location and Time TBD
November 23, 2019- East District Leadership Team Meeting- Riverside First

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
Local Leadership Training
“Creating Connections – Build Bridges Together”

Guest Speaker
Rev. Krista Givens
Pastor of Walnut UMC

Saturday, January 19, 2019
8:30 am – 1:30 pm (8:30-9:00 am)

REDLANDS FIRST UMC
1 E. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373

Registration fee: $15 Registration deadline: January 14, 2019
($20 if postmarked after registration deadline)

***Make checks payable to: East District UMW***

Send to Registrar: Liz Roark, 695 Sequoia St., San Bernardino, CA 92407

Questions call: 909-227-6919, e-mail: lizumc94@gmail.com

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Name ___________________________________________ Phone __________________________ E-mail ________________________________

Address ___________________________________________ City ___________________ ST ___ Zip __________________________

Local Church Name ___________________________________________ Position ________________________________

Class Attending ________________________________

Childcare needed? Y___ N__

Parents are responsible for bringing sack lunch for each child. YES___ How many children? _____

Accessibility: Do you need assistance? Parking_____ Stairs_____ Other ________________________________

Dietary needs: YES___ Type _________________________________________________________________

Gluten-free? _____

Note from your Vice President Message:
Welcome to 2019!! A lot has happened in our lives and our church. We will be having a LLT (Local Leadership training on January 19th at Redlands UMC—please see enclosed form. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Cal-Pac Conference UMW is having their mid-winter event on February 16th. You can access their form by going to the Pacific Waves through UMW at calpac.org.

We will be recognizing reading program awardees, 5-star units and 60/40 units at our January training. This year is the 5th year of our Legacy campaign and as such we will be making an effort to include Legacy in every event we do. Please try to include it in your local organizations also!

Let’s start our year with love and service. We are the light!

Blessings,
Sharon

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Note from your Vice President Message:

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

A new year is coming and it is time for us to make that important “connection” with our bold and courageous women of our UMW East District. As your new VP, I am happy to announce that we will be having our East District Local Leadership Training on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Redlands First UMC, 1 E. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373. Thank you, our local leaders, for saying “Yes” in accepting your various positions in your Local Organization. The above verse reminds us that we are all born with distinct talents and gifts that set us apart from each other. We can use them to glorify Him and share them for good works such as serving others through the United Methodist Women which will be helping the communities feel the love of Christ as shown by the United Methodist Women. We had just attended our Conference Annual Celebration and I still remember the dynamic and inspiring speech by our guest speaker, Clara Ester (UMW National VP), who told her story of her faith filled journey with UMW and about the present and future UMW leaders to continue our Legacy. Conference President Diane Gin stated that it is our local UMW members that are the foundation of this organization. And indeed you are and what a blessing.

Knowledge and education empowers us to lead and take action. Therefore, the Leadership Training is so important to focus our talents and gifts in accomplishing our positions and responsibilities to further the growth of our missions. Just as our theme for this training, “Creating Connections—Build Bridges Together”, let us connect, unite and build those important bridges—to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.” I invite each and every one of you to register for the East District Local Leadership Training on January 19, 2019—a registration form will be sent out separately announcing our speaker. (See the attached SAVE THE DATE flyer.) So fellow UMW sisters, let us connect and build bridges together in this coming new year 2019!

Peace and blessings,
Julie Asuncion
UMW East District Vice President

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Note from your Mission Education Coordinator

My name is Barbara Grode and I am the Mission Education Coordinator for East District. After the death of my husband I moved to Palm Desert to be near friends. I joined Shepherd of the Valley UMC in Indio. I became active in the UMW and was asked to lead the mission education for the unit. I have enjoyed learning so much about our missions and the missionaries who serve. I was honored when ask to fill this position for the East District. One of my first duties is to collect your 2018 Mission Today Criteria sheets. This is due no later than December first. Please make sure this is completed and sent to me at the address below by the due date. Thank you for your assistance on this. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving may we all take the time to thank our heavenly Father for all that he has given us.

Barbara Grode
Mission Education Coordinator
Note from your Treasurer $$$$$$$

Dear UMW Sister,

I am your continuing Treasurer serving my 4th year. Just a quick note for those that do not know me. I have accepted the position of East District Treasurer and excited to the challenge to continue this year. In the past I have served as Chair of Nominations and Vice President. I am looking forward to meeting the new and/or continuing Treasurer’s in the East District at our Local Leadership Training.

On September 22, 2018 we held the East District Annual Celebration at West Covina UMC. What a great turnout!!! We had about 150 people attended. The music, dancers, fellowship, lunch and guest speaker Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon with her message was exciting.

By the time you read this article your Treasurer’s should have received an email or snail mail from me to complete the Year End Report and Final Remittance for the year. If your Treasurer did not receive via email or snail mail please call or email at the information below. Final Remittance and Year End Reports are due by December 5, 2018. The Year End Report is necessary in order to determine if your unit meets the requirements for 60/40 certificate.

I am “your” East District Treasurer and always here to help and answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions please feel free to:

Email: freda.eastumw@gmail.com
Call: 626 572-7540
Mail: 8437 Village Lane, Rosemead, CA 91770

Always make checks payable to: East District UMW (Please do not add my name or any other wording)

SAVE THE DATE
Local Leadership Training at Redlands UMC on January 19, 2019

Blessing to All and Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas !!!!

Note from your Secretary

Greetings to my UMW Sisters in the East District,

It was so good to see so many of you at our East District Annual Celebration in West Covina. We had 143 members from 37 churches attend, and our District Superintendent Melissa Rev. Roux MacKinnon shared a wonderful message with us. I hope just as many of you will join us for our spring meeting which your East District Officers will soon begin planning for. I saw some of you at Cal Pac Annual Conference Celebration as well, and this meeting was one also well worth driving to Gardena for. The end of 2018 is rapidly approaching so it is that time of year when yearly reports are due. I have put the form on which you will need to fill out the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails of your new officers in the mail and you should be receiving it soon. Please fill it out and return it to me ASAP as I need to have the information in to Jane Stewart our Conference Secretary by December 1, 2018. Don’t forget to put the number of members in your local unit up in the right-hand corner as well. Hope to see all of our local unit officers at Officers Training on January 21, 2019, and until then if you have any questions about what is going on in our East District please feel free to call me at 760-772-7475. May you have a Blessed Holiday Season!

Margie Schriener,
East District Secretary
**Note from Resource Room Manager**

Hi, sisters in Christ! I am Aurora Piedad-Garcia, your new RRM in the East District team! Yes, you read it right! RRM means Resource Room Manager aka Program Resources Coordinator aka Secretary of Program Resources. As your new RRM, I am trained in a new system so each of us will learn new things as we greet the new year. I will not be a “vendor” anymore so I will not deal with money. Instead I will take your order forms to the Mission Resources and they will send your orders along with your bill. For questions you may call me at 626-524-2841 or better yet go to our website at https://www.umwmissionresources.org or by phone with MR customer service department at 800-305-9857.

A little bit of myself:
I am a member of First Fil-Am UMC of SGV in Hacienda Hts. I currently serve as president of the local organization and as Witness Ministry coordinator. In the past, I was your East District secretary and member of Nominations Committee. I look forward to working with you in a worthwhile and fruitful manner! One of the goals of my task is to encourage you all to participate in our Reading Program so we can all broaden our understanding of mission work and deepen our spirituality.

Have a great Thanksgiving celebration, a meaningful Christmas 2018 and a Happy New Year 2019! Immanuel!

Aurora/Auring Garcia  
Have a great day😊

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**Note from your Spiritual Growth**

Dear all. See the people around you? They all have something going on in their lives that they can't talk about because it is too painful, or they are embarrassed about it. Sometimes we can simply pray for them. We don't need to know all the details. We don't even need to know them. See the guy rolling around town in a wheelchair. Pray. See the mom with several small children. Pray. See the kid running to, or away from school. Pray. It doesn’t matter if you know what they need, because God does. Just pray. And maybe smile too.

Many blessings to you and yours. Looking forward to seeing your smile at our next event.
Elizabeth McKibben  
East District Spiritual Growth

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Thank you Faye Coates and Carroll Martin for dedicated service to UMW!!
Thank you Anne Solo and Freda Low for a fantastic East District Event

David & Margaret Open House Limitless and other East District members attend a fun filled event!

Visiting with Santa!

Making snow flakes and wreaths!
Great Entertainment

**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.