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.

“and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21: I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.”

Texas Conference News

United Methodist Women
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SPRING CELEBRATION SPIRITUAL GROWTH
FEBRUARY 24-25, 2017
LAKEVIEW CONFERENCE CENTER
PALESTINE, TX

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH
Galatians 2:20-21

Friday Registration
St Luke’s – 3:00 – 5:00

Friday Evening
Dinner – 5:30 – 6:00
Program – 7:00 pm

Saturday
Greet the Day - Chapel - 7:00 am
Breakfast – 8:00-8:30 (Overnight Guests)
Registration 7:30 – 8:30 St Luke’s
Gather in Song – 8:45 – 9:00 St Luke’s
Program & Speaker – 9:00 – 10:15
Focus Groups – 10:30 – 11:45
Lunch – 12:00 Noon – 12:30
Focus Groups – 1:00 – 2:15
Gathering – St. Luke’s – 2:30 -
Joyce Summage Moore – FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER

Joyce is a member of Jones Memorial UMC and is involved in various ministries including United Methodist Women, Sisters of Hannah Prayer Ministry, Usher Board, Gospel Choir, Chairperson of the Congregational Care Ministry, teaches Sunday School for the first and second grades, and is a certified Lay Speaker.

She served four years as the Texas Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator and will be currently serving as the Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Joyce acknowledges that she is only an instrument for the Lord and her motto for her life is “Only What You Do For Christ Will Last”.

Minister Georgia Barrett - KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR SATURDAY

I am a native Houstonian; a retired public school administrator from the Houston ISD with thirty-four years of service. I am a member of St. Andrew’s UMC, pastored by Rev. Dr. Rhenel Johnson. I have been blessed with a Bachelor Degree from Wiley College; a Master of Arts Degree in Guidance Counseling, Texas Southern University; Master’s Certification in School Administration, Texas Southern University and a Master of Divinity Degree, Perkins School of Divinity/Southern Methodist University. I am also a licensed realtor (inactive) in the State of Texas and the sole proprietor of Barrett’s Consulting Service. I have served on various United Methodist Women committees and as Resource Secretary for two terms.

I am widowed and I have one son, who is an executive at a major corporation in Seattle, Washington. I am a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the Texas Annual Conference, having accepted my call in 2007, after a trip to Haiti. I enjoy learning about God and receive great pleasure in serving Him, because He is the savior of my life.

Stacie Hawkins – Communicating Across Generations and Legacy Fund

Understand the barriers to women within United Methodist Women as well as barriers around race, economic status and language. Church is a community of four to five generations worshipping together. While each generation has its own culture, value and needs, communicating across generations is the key to growing a healthy community. The challenge facing United Methodist Women today is breaking down the barriers between generations as well as between race, economic status and language. It's been nearly 150 years since 10 ladies started out on a mission journey that became the organization of United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send 2 ladies to India, and we've never stopped answering God's call to mission. As we embark on year 2 of this five-year campaign, come hear ways you can help celebrate and support The Legacy Fund in your local unit, as we strive to continue the good work that was begun so long ago.

Stacie Hawkins, a member of Windsor Village UMC, Houston, is currently a Director for United Methodist Women, where she serves on the Legacy Fund National Planning Team.
Keith L West - Bible Study – James 17:5-6 - Small Faith Big Results

You’ll learn how to apply practical Faith in an impractical world. It will be lecture and Q&A and some interactive. Keith West is a member of First United Methodist Church Westchase for 13 + years. He served as Worship Leader under Pastor Levingston and Pastor Clines. He also served in the Healing Service as Worship Leader and Prayer Leader. He served under Pastor Susan Grittman and Pastor Michelle Hall. During this time he also taught Bible Study, and continues to teach to this day. He has a God given ability to teach the word of God. He is an awesome bible teacher. God begin to bless him in teaching in his youth until the very day! He is a retired Houston Firefighter and a retired FISD driver and works now at CFISD. He is a Minister and comes from a family of Minster’s. He has been a faithful member of FUMC. He is the husband of Endrika M B West, Texas Conference UMW Vice President. Together they have 6 Children, 2 Son-In -Laws and 2 grandchildren and raising their niece.


We will explore elements that help to form and develop faith, practices that support faith, and practices that demonstrate faith. Rev. Glynden Bode is an ordained Deacon in The United Methodist Church. She is certified by the UMC in both Spiritual Formation and Christian Education. Currently serving in extension ministry in the Texas Conference, she chairs the board of the Charis Spiritual Director Training Program (under the Center for Congregational Excellence), and serves on the board of Hearts on Fire: The Fellowship of United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders. She teaches, occasionally preaches, collaborates, leads retreats, and travels with a labyrinth for prayer. Glynden is a wife, mother, and grandmother, and enjoys nature, knitting, reading, art and the spiritual journey.

Amanda Boyd Stratton – Believing God – You will learn how to trust God. Have belief in Him and How to walk in Faith

Rev. Amanda Boyd-Stratton celebrates over twelve years in outreach-related ministry within the East District of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is currently in her third year of Seminary at Asbury Theological and serves as Pastor at A. Frank Smith and Cold Springs United Methodist Churches in Alto, Texas. Amanda is passionate about equipping churches to grow in their discipleship by reaching out to their local community. She has experience in working in areas of rural poverty, the small church, and with nonbelievers and the unchurched for nearly two decades.

Amanda is mom to two young children and wife to Rev. Ryan Stratton. Her hobbies include reading, quilting, gardening, and spending time with her mule, Gus.

Dr. Velma McAfee Williams – The Whole Armor of God
In this class you will learn about keeping on the whole armor of God. History of the Faith of the UMW thru prayer.

Velma McAfee Williams is the 8th child and last living sibling of 10 children born to Luther Ford McAfee and Susie Johnson McAfee; the youngest child died in infancy. Faith and Education were the two pillars of their family. Growing up in Marshall, the family church home was Miles Memorial CME Church. Upon receiving her Bachelor in Science degree from Wiley College, in 1950 she married John L. Williams. In 1953 and with their infant son Marcus, they traveled to Chicago, Ill to pursue graduate studies – he at Illinois College of Optometry where he received a Doctorate in Optometry, and, she at DePaul University, where she obtained a Master’s degree in Mathematics. During her time in Chicago, she was employed as a scientist at the Argon Chemical Company. In 1956, they returned to Marshall, Texas. Subsequently the family grew to five as Janet and Yvonne were born, respectively. In 1960, the family moved to Houston and they joined Trinity Methodist Church. As a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Velma has held many leadership positions, including Vice President of the United Methodist Women, UMW Membership Secretary, and United Methodist Women’s treasurer; Chairperson of Finance, Youth Director, Council on Ministries Chairperson, member of Staff Parish Relations Committee and many more. Soon after the 1978 merger of the Methodist Protestant Church, Methodist Episcopal Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church, forming The United Methodist Church: she, an advocate for justice was instrumental in the Texas Conference UMW in imaging its National Structure by influencing diversity within the District and Conference executive committees, assuring that all women have access to leadership. She received the Helen Decker Award in 2016.

In December, Velma completed her term as the District President of the Central South District. She counts the welcoming the St. Stephens UMW unit and two units from the Rio Grande Conference as some of her many moments of great pride. Furthermore, as District President, she counts it a privilege to have been able to share the rich history of our denomination’s commitment to addressing racial justice, as she presented two workshops on the United Methodist Women of conscience and courage who authored the Charter for Racial Justice; a Charter that is yet a living document. Dr. Velma McAfee Williams is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Doris Woodland – Glorifying God’s Temple

Doris Woodland, a servant of Jesus Christ member of Faith United Methodist Church, Dickinson, Texas. A member of SPRC and worship committee.

Retired 3rd time, widow, mother of 4 ( 1 deceased ) 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Enjoy and love being a United Methodist Woman. I enjoy reading black history, and being a caregiver and love traveling.
# Texas Conference United Methodist Women

## Conference Officers 2017

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## Officers by District

- **Northwest District**:
  - **President**: Suzanne McDougle
  - **Vice President**: Krystal West
  - **Secretary**: Theresa Graham
  - **Treasurer**: Donna Senter

- **Central South District**:
  - **President**: Lana Bowsher
  - **Vice President**: Sarah Clark
  - **Secretary**: Melba Spann
  - **Treasurer**: Sara Clark

- **Central North District**:
  - **President**: Maude Caldwell
  - **Vice President**: Gwen Smithheart
  - **Secretary**: Beverly Deerhake
  - **Treasurer**: Paulette Moore-Hall

- **South District**:
  - **President**: Doris Woodland
  - **Vice President**: Marcia Butcher
  - **Secretary**: Carol Butcher
  - **Treasurer**: Paula Butcher

## Additional Members of Committee on Nominations

- **Northwest District**:
  - Maude Caldwell (2017)
  - Marcia Butcher (2020)
  - 11360 Woodwind Ct
  - 1517 Spring Hill Rd
  - Longview, TX 75605
  - 713-862-3387

- **Central South District**:
  - Alejandra Laguna
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  - 713-862-3387

- **Central North District**:
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  - 713-862-3387

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  - 979-894-9931

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# 2017 Calendar of Events

**Texas Conference United Methodist Women**

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**John Wesley’s Covenant Renewal Service**

A prayer for 2017

Lord make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands. Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

In our holy saviors name I pray

Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen
Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:
Online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
By Phone: 800-2789-771 (8 am-6 pm EST, M-F)
Text Legacy 150 to 41444
By Check: Note Legacy Fund in memo line and mail to:
United Methodist Women: Treasurer’s Office
475 Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10115
SPRING RETREAT
February 24-25, 2017
REGISTRATION FORM (one registration form per person attending)
Please complete this page.

Name ____________________________________________  Preferred Name ________________________________________
Address __________________________________________ City ____________________________________________, TX Zip __________
Email _______________________________  Phone (    ) _______________________________  Cell (    ) _______________________________
Church _______________________________  District _______________________________  Female _______________ Male ____________
Emergency Contact ____________________________________________  Relationship _______________________________  Contact Phone (    ) _______________________________

1st Time Attendee? Yes ____ No ____

Bring your insurance card and ID and a list of all your medications with you.

For special dietary needs – Call Lakeview Food Services two (2) weeks prior to arrival (903) 538-2711.

Information needed for Children and Youth Registration: Name _______________________________________

Age ____ Birth Date ________ Grade Completed ____  Special Learning or Physical Needs? If yes attach sheet.

Name of Accompanying Adult ____________________________________________

Focus Groups (Choose only one)
___ Keith West – Bible Study “Small Faith Big Results”  ___ Stacie Hawkins – “Communicating Across Generations
___ Rev Glynden Bode – “Forming & Practicing Faith”  ___ and Legacy Fund”
___ Dr Velma Williams – “The Whole Armor of God”  ___ Doris Woodland – “Glorifying God’s Temple”
___ Rev Amanda Stratton – “Believing God”

DORM HOUSING (Bring Your Own Linens)

CK One INDIVIDUAL Reg.  Before Jan 27  After Jan 30

Adult (11+ yrs) Overnight
Friday meal thru Saturday Lunch ______$71 ______$81

Adult Overnight No Friday Meal
Thru Saturday Lunch ______$56.50 ______$66.50

Child (3-10 yrs) overnight
Friday meal thru Saturday Lunch ______$41.25  No Reg

Grand Total $_______ $_______

SATURDAY ONLY INCLUDES LUNCH

Adult (Saturday only, includes lunch) ______$19.50 ______$29.50

Child (Saturday only, Includes lunch And child care) ______$15  No Reg

Grand Total $_______ $_______

MOTEL STYLE HOUSING - Double Occupancy

CK One INDIVIDUAL Reg.  Before Jan 27  After Jan 30

Adult (11+ yrs) Overnight
Friday meal thru Saturday Lunch ______$83.50 ______$93.50

Adult Overnight No Friday Meal
Thru Saturday Lunch ______$69 ______$79

Child (3-10 yrs) Overnight
Friday meal thru Saturday Lunch ______$51.50  No Reg

Motel Style - Double Occupancy

HTC One INDIVIDUAL Reg.  Before Jan 27  After Jan 30

Adult (11+ yrs) Overnight
Friday meal thru Saturday Lunch ______$111 ______$121

Adult Overnight No Friday Meal
Thru Saturday Lunch ______$96.50 ______$106.50

Grand Total $_______ $_______

SINGLE OCCUPANCY OVERNIGHT

HTC One INDIVIDUAL Reg.  Before Jan 27  After Jan 30

Adult (11+ yrs) Overnight
Friday meal thru Saturday Lunch ______$111 ______$121

Adult Overnight No Friday Meal
Thru Saturday Lunch ______$96.50 ______$106.50

Grand Total $_______ $_______

Additional $15 will be added to this late registration rate if you walk in without preregistering. Dinner on Friday evening is not available
for Walk-Ins. We cannot accept registration for children after the January deadline.

Make check(s) payable to Texas Conference UMW. Mail check with registration form to:
Lue Wenzel, 708 E. 10th St, Cameron, TX 76520
Lue’s email: lue_wenzel@yahoo.com or call home 254-605-4009 or cell 936-661-2382

Those who mail together stay together. (Additional forms may be printed from website: www.txconfumw.org