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KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Rev. Dr. Rhenel Y. Johnson is a product of the Houston Independent School System she is an alumnus of Sam Houston High School. She is the eldest daughter of the late Otis Johnson and Helen Lewis Johnson. Being a native Houstonian she attended Texas Southern University where her mother was an alumnus and received a B. S. in Biology

Research. She is a fifth generation minister on her maternal side and still recalls her first encounter with the Holy Spirit at her maternal grandmother's home during [Mimi's weekly fasting]. She was employed with Amoco Production Company now BP for nineteen years where she during her tenure was employed as a manager in IT division. During her time at Amoco/BP she accepted her calling into ministry in 1990 and embarked on a journey to seek God's guidance. This led her to leave Brentwood Baptist Church in 1993 and become part of the staff at Windsor Village UMC and formally start on her path to being ordained. Dr. Rhenel finished Southern Methodist University in 1999 with a degree of Master's of Divinity. She was ordained deacon in 1999 and had her first appointment to what is now called Norris Chapel UMC in South Park. She has since served as pastor of Ebenezer UMC, Wesley UMC, Union Memorial UMC, Saint James UMC and Abundant Life UMC in Lufkin, Texas. Dr. Johnson is presently serving Saint Andrews United Methodist Church in Houston. Dr. Rhenel started her path toward a doctoral degree in 2005 at Texas Christian University and has completed all of her requirements during 2010. She obtained her Doctor of Divinity in May 2011 from Kingdom Builder Bible Seminary. She is a single mother of an adult daughter, Rhaquele Y. Nealy, and financial analyst in Houston. Dr. Rhenel is driven by social justice and is on the national board of IEF (Interfaith Education Fund) which is a parent corporation of TMO. She loves to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all persons of the world. Dr. Rhenel strives to seek God in everything she does. To God be the glory!

**Theme Scripture
(Let Your Light
So Shine)**

Matthew 5:16

In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven

**Friday Registration
Roy Hall – 3:00-5:00**

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

Saturday
7:00 am Greet the Day
8:00-8:30
Breakfast
(Overnight
Guests)

7:30 am – 8:30
am Registration
Roy Hall

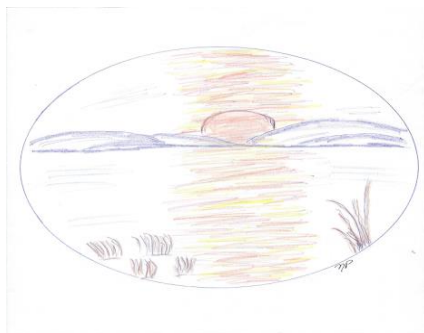
8:45-9:00 am
Gather in Song
& Program
St Luke's

10:30-11:45 am
Focus Groups

Lunch
12:00 Noon – 12:30

1:00 -2:15 pm
Focus Groups

2:30 pm –
Gathering



**Spring Celebration
Spiritual Growth Retreat
February 26-27, 2016
Lakeview
Conference Center
Palestine, Texas**

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Paulette Moore-Hall, Krystal West and Lee Thornton

The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (formerly World Federation of Methodist Women) is a fellowship of such officially recognized groups of Methodist, United and Uniting Church Women organized in Units from the respective participating nations to affirm its purpose "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known". National Units are combined within nine geographical Areas. The Area and Unit Officers co-ordinate programs and provide a global network for sharing information on program activities. They are meeting this year in Houston, TX August 29-September 3 at Hilton Downtown.

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.

FOCUS GROUP



Joyce Moore

Bible Study: Walking in the Light

Joyce Summage Moore is a member of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church and is the Congregational Care/Prayer Director. A member of the United Methodist Women and has served on the Conference as Spiritual Growth Coordinator and Education and

Interpretation Coordinator.

A certified lay speaker and has spoken at women conferences in the Texas and Louisiana area. Her motto for life is "Only What You Do For Christ Will Last"

Walking in the Light

God is light; in him there is no darkness. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. The world is in darkness and daily need to see the light that darkness can't comprehend.



Ashley Loftus Johnson

It's in the Little Things: Finding God's Blessings in Tragedy through Art

My focus group will let us stop and smell the roses. Through tragedy. God gives us an amazing ability to take

those moments and flip them into witness. We will use art journaling as a medium for finding your light and being able to stop and listen, even for just a little while.

I have been married to my husband and best friend, Michael, for 12 years. I have two spirited boys- Lex and Rigel. I currently work at Lufkin Middle School as an 8th grade science teacher and find ways to minister to my students through grace and love. I am a member of First United Methodist Church in Nacogdoches. I currently serve as the UMW Unit President for Nacogdoches First United Methodist Church, Communications Coordinator for the East District United Methodist Women, and the Associate Dean of Children for Mission U.



**Karen Clay
Member Development
Welcome Event**

A resource created for those who are looking for a process to try and reach women who have not been involved in United Methodist Women (in the church

and in the community). The process involves hosting welcome events that engage prospective and existing United Methodist Women members.

I was born in Seguin, TX and graduated from Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, TX. I am currently a retired teacher with 34 years of service, with the last 26 years at Felix Tijerina Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District.

I'm a devoted mother of one daughter Danielle. A member of Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Houston TX. I serve as Alter Guild and with the United Methodist Women.

I think of myself as a very patience person. The things I love most in life are family, friends and my relationship with God.



**Stacie Hawkins
It's Our Legacy!**

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.



**Marcia Butcher
Water**

Information about the laws in Texas about water and how this will affect your life. What is water and how clean is it? What do you want to drink? How water is related in the Bible and its meanings. Problems in the future for water,

the conservation, environment, climate change, How will we plan for it? Questions can be asked at the end.

40 years teacher, B.S. and Masters in Education
Member of First United Methodist Church, Missouri City.
Water Captain for Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy on Water
Member of Karios Ministry for Women and Men Missions Ministry, Choir member, Vacation Bible School, Vice President of Southwest District United Methodist Women.



**Lynda W Quedraogo
Being a Light in a Secular Community.**

Being a light many years ago was easy in America Culture. However as the world is becoming increasingly secular it is imperative that believers know how to be a light when presenting their faith, and how to live as the light through giving. In this class you will learn ways to articulate

a Christian worldview and one major way to live out the Christian worldview. Mrs. Lynda West Ouedraogo daughter of Keith and Endrika West attended FUMC where she worked in her call to missions and Helps. It was also where she meet her husband at their downtown location. Lynda married Alex Ouedraogo and they are living their lives always for Christ. Lynda attended University Of Houston where she received her Bachelor's in English. She is also a writer.

Spring Retreat
 February 26-27, 2016

Please copy and complete this page

Name _____ Preferred Name _____
 Address _____ City _____, TX Zip _____
 E-Mail _____ 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.**

*Any special dietary needs should be discussed with the Kitchen Director, at Lakeview 2 weeks prior to arrival-903 538-2711.

Information needed for Children and Youth Registration

Age: _____ Birthdate _____ Grade Completed _____ Special Learning or physical needs? _____ If Yes attach sheet

Name of Accompanying adult _____

CHILDREN & YOUTH MUST BE WITH AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT ATTENDING THEIR PROGRAM.

Focus Groups

Joyce Moore – Walk in the Light Bible Study Karen Clay – Member Development/Welcome Marcia Butcher – Water	Ashley Loftus Johnson – It’s in the Little Things Stacie Hawkins – It’s Our Legacy Lynda W Ouedraogo – Being Light in a Secular Community
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HOUSING REGISTRATION

You may make photocopies. Send one form for each person (child or adult) attending. Campers and commuters must preregister by mail. Dorm residents should bring bed and bath lines, pillow, flashlight. Everyone pays in advance. No Refunds for missed events. You have not registered until you send your money.

DORM HOUSING (Bring your own linens)

1ST CLASS HOUSING

Ck One INDIVIDUAL Reg. Before Jan 29 After Feb 1	Ck One INDIVIDUAL Reg. Before Jan 29 After Feb 1
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DOUBLE OCCUPANCY OVERNIGHT

Adult (11+ yrs) overnight Friday meal thru Saturday lunch _____\$69 _____\$79 Adult overnight No Friday meal Thru Saturday lunch _____\$58 _____\$68 Child (3-10 yrs) overnight Friday meal thru Saturday lunch _____\$38 No Reg	Adult (11+ yrs) overnight Friday meal thru Saturday lunch _____\$79 _____\$89 Adult overnight No Friday meal Thru Saturday lunch _____\$68 _____\$78 Child (3-10 yrs) overnight Friday meal thru Saturday lunch _____\$48 No Reg
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SINGLE OCCUPANCY OVERNIGHT

SATURDAY ONLY INCLUDES LUNCH) Adult (Saturday only, includes lunch) _____\$20 _____\$30 Child (Saturday only, includes lunch and child care) _____\$12 No Reg Grand Total \$ _____ \$ _____	Adult (overnight Friday meal thru Saturday lunch)] _____\$94 _____\$104 Adult overnight No Friday meal Thru Saturday lunch _____\$83 _____\$93 Grand Total \$ _____ \$ _____
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Additional \$15 will be added to this late registration rate if you walk in without preregistering. Dinner on Friday evening not available for Walk-Ins. We cannot accept registration for children after the February 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