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Los Rios UMW District Newsletter



May 2020

Calendar Items:

- **Mission U Events—All Canceled for 2020**
- **September 5—CANCELLED—Plan to reschedule for January 2021—Los Rios Annual District Celebration - Easter Hill UMC in Richmond**
Speaker: Sam Kaufman
- **Sep 16-17—Western Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting Tempe, AZ** - No word on cancellation yet
- **Sep 18-21 CA-NV Conference** at St. Mark's in Sacramento is still scheduled but in question
- **October 16-17—California Nevada UMW DELTE & Annual Celebration** in Sacramento—this event is in question.

Living in the COVID-19 World

Face Masks and Hand Washing

Our New Normal?

It seems fitting that the Los Rios District 2020 theme is "Fill My Cup, Lord." If there was ever a time when we needed our cup of patience, tolerance, perseverance, and faith 'filled,' I would say it is right now.

As you can see, the Mission U and other fall events have been cancelled. We are tentatively planning to rebook the Los Rios District Annual Celebration for January of 2021. This would depend entirely on the public health situation and recommendations from the State



*Theme for 2020
'Fill My Cup, Lord'
John 4:13-15*

and County. Please note you can get the latest updates for the State at www.COVID19.CA.GOV. This website is also available through the Los Rios District Website at www.losriosumw.org.

We are waiting to hear about the Tempe, Arizona Western Jurisdictional Quadrennial Meeting. As soon as we have information on whether this event will be held, we will let you know.

The other event still planned is the October 16-17 UMW Annual Conference Celebration. Again, as soon as there is an update we will be in touch. In the meantime, stay safe!

2020 Reading Program

This is a time you can encourage your UMW group to catch up with the recommended UMW reading program. The link to the UMW National site reading list is

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rp/2020list>

You may choose from any of the books for the last five years and still receive a Certificate of Recognition for your plan level participation. There are five levels of reading comple-

tion from 5 books to 20 books in 5 different categories—

- Education for Mission
- Leadership Development
- Nurturing for Community
- Social Action
- Spiritual Growth.

Check out the book options and think about enlisting a group to read the same books and then form a Zoom discussion group.

We will let you know in July where to report your results.





Mission Giving

Attention Local Treasurers:

During this time of Shelter in Place, we still need to be mindful of supporting our local and national missions through our Mission Giving. As you may know, there are 5 Channels of Mission Giving:

- Gifts in Memory
- World Thank Offering
- Pledge to Mission
- Special Mission Recognition
- Gift to Mission

Where possible, please encourage your members to keep these needs in mind. Please send remittances and checks for Mission Giving to Karen Ray, 411 Roanoke Drive, Martinez, CA 94553. If you have any questions, please contact Karen. Contact information for Karen and the rest of the Leadership Team is on our District Website—www.losriosumw.org.

Coming in July

Your Los Rios District Leadership Team will hold another Zoom call in July to continue with our planning and share any new information from Conference and National.

One of the items we will discuss is whether Los Rios will be able to hold a Zoom conference call for any of the Los Rios members that would wish to attend. We have the capacity to hold 100 callers. It would be a way to check in with the local church officers and see how everyone is doing.

Let us know what you think and whether your members would be interested in participating. Your input is always welcome!



The United Methodist Women offer a daily prayer calendar on their Facebook site.

<https://www.facebook.com/umwprayercalendar>

This is another tool for each of us to use as we continue with our spiritual development and stay connected. Information is provided so we do not have to come up with something on our own.

UMW is here for each of us to help us on our faith journey.

[Los Rios District Website](http://www.losriosumw.org)

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Contains information on COVID-19 safety, leadership contact information, and a place to submit comments and concerns.