



Louisiana Interchurch Conference

E-Newsletter

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*"To live the faith we hold in
common"*

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*In honor of the Indians who helped the Pilgrims survive,
following is an old Native American proverb:*

A Native American grandfather talking to his young grandson tells the boy that he has two wolves inside of him struggling with each other. The first is the wolf of peace, love and kindness. The other wolf is fear, greed and hatred. "Which wolf will win, grandfather?" asks the young boy. "Whichever one I feed," replied the grandfather.

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Article from our Director

The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; Romans 13: 12

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us, and before we know it many of our churches will be facing a new Church Year ushered in by the Advent season. A prayer for the first Sunday of this new year in my Faith Tradition reads in part, *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.* Most every day we encounter events and situations that may call to mind the fact that life isn't as it should

be. People abuse and hurt other people in so many ways, and it seems that the news is filled with examples of “works of darkness.”

Recently, the annual Christian Unity Gathering (CUG) of the National Council of Churches was held in Silver Spring, Maryland. One of the most significant events on the schedule was a tour of the Smithsonian’s African American Museum of History. Many of you know who’ve tried to get tickets that this Museum is about the hottest ticket in town. Those who attended the CUG were provided tickets, and we were given a full morning—though it wasn’t nearly enough time—to view the collections and exhibits.

The museum is composed of, I believe, eight levels, and the lowest four levels beginning at the bottom floor, trace the history of African Americans from the 1400’s. One of the more compelling exhibits depicts drawings and other exhibits of the slave ships, and traces the trade routes to America and other countries throughout the world. There are detailed illustrations of slave ships as well, and they provide something of a sense of the sacrifices and horrific conditions slaves endured in these transatlantic voyages. These were voyages that were really works of darkness.

A time for reflection on our tour of the museum took place in the afternoon after we returned to the Conference hotel. One of the most moving moments of the reflection period occurred when an African American leader in describing his feelings and thoughts about the slave quarters in the hull of a typical slave ship said, “I can only imagine the kind of hope that lodged in the hearts of my foreparents to be able to survive the trip. There had to have been a flicker of light that enkindled their hopes that could not be extinguished.”

That flicker of light is part of the Light that will come bursting through the darkness of the sin in the world as we move through these next weeks when the Light of the world will be manifested once again. It was pointed out to us at the CUG next April 4, 2018, will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. No doubt this martyr of the Faith and descendant of slaves bore the Light in his heart. A gathering is being planned on the upcoming anniversary to launch what is hoped will be a new era of Truth and Racial Justice in America. There will be more later. In the meantime, let us prepare to put on the armor of Light!

Rev. Dan Krutz

Fr. Dan's email was hacked yesterday – caution

Fr. Dan's office email address of: LicExecDir@aol.com was hacked yesterday. He had sent out an email to a trusted associate about some document changes, and shortly rec'd a reply from that email, directing him to some new Google documents, but saying that he first needed to enter his AOL password to access them. He did so, not knowing at the time that the Associate's email had already been hacked. Fr. Dan changed his password this morning, but in the meantime if you have rec'd any strange emails, please disregard. We have already received strange emails sent to the mail LIC main email from “Dan” and the hackers have made the emails appear in print in the same fashion as Fr. Dan would address people, personally by name.

NEVER give out your email password to any one saying they ‘need it’ for whatever reason. It is a scam!

In memory of Rev. Mary Moody – an amazing lady



We give honor to the legacy and memory of Rev. Mary Edith Moody, who passed from this life at the age of 91 years on October 28th. No one who ever met Rev. Moody could ever forget her.

Well known for her work in advocacy on social issues, she received numerous awards for service, commitment and leadership. We are thankful for the many lives she touched in positive ways and our prayers remain with all of the family.

She was a native of Baton Rouge but had lived with her sister for the last several years in Keithville before moving to the AIME Hospice Center in Shreveport. She was a minister for the African Methodist Episcopal Church - 8th Episcopal District. She served for several years with the LIC as a Board Member at Large with her term ending upon retirement in March of 2011. Rev. Moody also was a member of the LIC Faith and Order Commission. She was also engaged in ecumenical dialogues and was particularly interested in the plan to unite 9 American Churches through Churches Uniting in Christ (formerly, Consultation on Church Union).

LIC Board Member, Rev. Herman Kelly, hosted the visitation and service at Bethel AME Church on South Street in Baton Rouge, LA on Nov. 8th and 9th. Internment is at Southern Memorial Gardens in Baton Rouge.

Find out more about the life of this amazing lady at:

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_751dd240-c286-11e7-94fa-eb96d2e700d1.html Obituary Link and guest book can be found at:

<http://obits.theadvocate.com/obituaries/theadvocate/obituary.aspx?n=mary-edith-moody&pid=187150592>

Congrats to Bishop Harvey on recent election

Source: UMC Newsletter November 10, 2017

***Bishop Harvey Elected
President-Designate of the
United Methodist
Council of Bishops***

At the UMC Council of Bishops' meeting earlier this month in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, Louisiana UMC Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey was elected President-Designate for the Council.



The council's president and president-designate each serve two-year terms and the responsibility for Harvey would begin May 2018 and she would, pending confirmation by the Council of Bishops in the fall of 2019, assume the office of president at the conclusion of General Conference 2020. Until that time, Harvey will continue to serve as the Council of Bishop's secretary, her current role, until May of 2018 and remain on the executive committee. (She has served for the last four years as secretary for the Council and has regularly attended the meetings.)

The council president presides over the group's executive committee and semiannual council meetings and often takes a leading role in council initiatives. The council president does not speak for The United Methodist Church; however, he or she is sometimes called to comment on various church teachings in mass communications in and outside of the denomination.

In her remarks following the vote, Bishop Harvey reflected on what it might mean to lead in the midst of anxious times. She shared the story of how birds actually use the eye of a hurricane as they migrate. As the birds fly toward their destination, they choose to fly inside the calm of the storm, staying inside the eye of a hurricane, as opposed to fighting the strong winds.

"It is vitally important that we lead from the Center, from the calm in the storm. In order to do so, we must be strong and courageous; physically and especially spiritually," she said.

The United Methodist Council of Bishops is made up of all active and retired bishops in the church worldwide. There are 46 episcopal areas in the U.S. and 20 outside the U.S.

Friends mail out soon to be on the way

Approximately 90% of our operating income comes from Judicatories. Their faithfulness in prayer and financial support is always appreciated. Occasionally, we also send out a 'Friends of the L.I.C.' support request. For *all of those on our postal mailing list, you should be receiving a letter next week. (**Requests are not sent out to those who recently gave. Thank you!*)

Please respond as generously as you are able to, as your support helps with our on-going **operational expenses**. Our budgeted goal for 2017 is 3,990.00. To date, we have received 1,995.00. Every gift counts and your help in meeting our goal would certainly be appreciated!

We'll send a couple of **2018 wallet calendar cards** as a small thank you to each person who contributes. Our new wallet calendar cards for 2018 will feature the Bread or Stones logo with a brief introduction to the program on one side of the card. The LIC name and logo will appear on the calendar side. We hope you like the new look!



2018 calendars!



Please keep the L.I.C. in prayer as well. No ministry can survive without prayer.

If you are not currently on our mailing list, and would like to contribute, please mail contributions to: Louisiana Interchurch Conference, Friends Pledge Drive, 527 N. Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or contribute online via PayPal/credit card at <http://www.lainterchurch.org/contribute/index.htm>. Thank you!

Giving Tuesday – November 28th

**#GIVING
TUESDAY**

*A worldwide celebration of
generosity*

Giving Tuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back. It is now in its sixth year of being celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. On **Tuesday, November 28, 2017**, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give of their money and/or time and talents.

In 2015, \$117 million dollars was contributed to various organizations around the world on Giving Tuesday. Some were large contributions but many were smaller, from ordinary people collectively making a huge impact. In 2016, Giving Tuesday sparked \$168 million in charitable donations worldwide, topping the former year's tally by 44%. Meanwhile, volunteers pledged thousands of hours to assist their neighbors and those in need.

It's a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to come together to give something more. Then tell everyone you can about how you are giving. Join in to be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity. Perhaps you can include the LIC on that day!

You are the Help until Help arrives - Emergency Response

YOU can help in emergencies

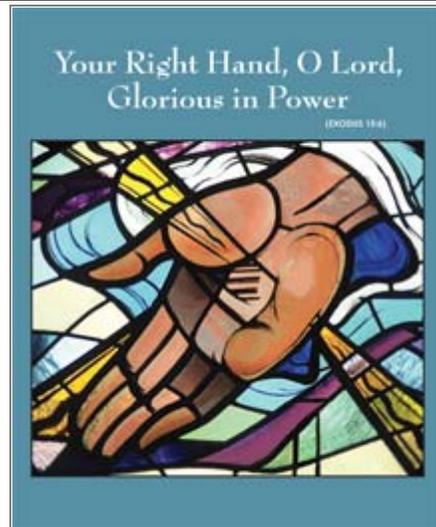
Life-threatening emergencies can happen fast. From ordinary daily mishaps to terrorist attacks, any of us could experience or witness an unexpected tragedy. Emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. You are the Help until Help arrives.

According to a recent National Academies of Science study, trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under age 46. Life-threatening injuries require immediate action to prevent an injured person from dying. Those nearest to someone with life threatening injuries are best positioned to provide first care.

Learn how you can help by taking time for educating yourself or by teaching your community life saving skills until help arrives. Please check out these free resources at: <https://www.ready.gov/until-help-arrives>

Week of Prayer – Please send us your scheduled events!

Please let us know as soon as you know of events occurring in your area, so that we may post them in the LIC newsletters and/or on the LIC website.



Events we've been notified of so far:

January 19, 2018: Bishop David Talley of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Alexandria has advised of plans to hold an Ecumenical Liturgy of the Word – Prayer Service at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 626 4th Street, Alexandria, LA Phone: (318) 445-1451, on Friday, January 19th (11 AM to 12:30 PM, with brunch), as their main focus for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Vicar General, Fr. Scott Chemino, will coordinate this for the diocese. Please make plans now to attend!

The LIC has a small supply of *ordering forms* for Week of Prayer materials. Please [email](#) us if you would like an ordering form pamphlet mailed to you.

Green Homes – Fall Tree Planting & Insulation Check-up



*Fall is the best time to
← plant trees*

*A little weather stripping
goes a long way →*



Green Homes don't happen by accident. There are things we can all do to make our homes more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Many things require very little investment.

Insulating the home to keep it warmer in winter and cooler in summer saves energy and

helps reduce heating and air conditioning costs for home owners. Check for drafty windows, door, and electrical outlets and switches on the outer walls inside your home. Foam insulating plates can be put behind outlet covers (making sure you have the power turned off at the circuit box while working). Rolls of self-adhesive insulating strips can be purchased inexpensively at local department or hardware stores for sealing around windows and doors. Attic insulation should be inspected periodically. Sometimes the insulation has shifted and/or critters have visited or make their home in your attic. If your insulation has become wet it is ineffective. The tiny air pockets that are instrumental in trapping the air and maintaining the temperature become plugged with water, rendering the insulation useless.

Placing shade trees in strategic positions is a further natural solution for living better at lower costs as well as promoting a healthier environment. In Louisiana, hurricane hearty trees are a plus. Sand live oaks are the most resistant to wind damage. Other good choices include the Southern magnolia, live oak, crape myrtle, bald cypress, and sabal palm. These trees are less likely to lose limbs or blow over during hurricanes.

When it feels like Fall – that is the time to plant trees. There’s less chance of drought or sun scorch harming fragile, newly-planted trees; plus, the cooler temperatures help encourage new root growth (as trees generally focus on growing new roots in fall). Planting new trees now helps them develop more and stronger roots.

Offering thanks to our recent contributors

The majority of the LIC operating income is contributed through the leadership of our member Judicatories, whom we deeply appreciate and depend upon. Additionally, we offer our sincere thanks to our ministry partners who have contributed as listed below.

Contributions received from October 27, 2017 through November 15, 2017:

Bread or Stones Children's Anti-Poverty Initiative: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Houma, LA.

Thank you!

Please pray for this ecumenical ministry. If you would like to help financially, please mail contributions to: Louisiana Interchurch Conference, 527 N. Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or contribute online via PayPal at <http://www.lainterchurch.org/contribute/index.htm>.

Various Dates to calendar

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Annual Assembly meeting dates:

2018		March 5-6, Baton Rouge
2019		March 11-12, Lafayette

Fall Board meeting dates:

2018		Sept. 24-25, Lake Charles
2019		Sept. 23-24, Monroe

LIC Holiday Schedule:

Closed for Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Will reopen on Monday, November 27.

Closed for Christmas: Friday, December 22nd through Tuesday, December 26th. Will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th.

Closed for New Year's: Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st. Will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.



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