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Louisiana Interchurch Conference

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"To live the faith we hold in common"

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Walking in Newness of Life

Article from our Director

Therefore we have been buried with him [Christ] by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:4ff.

Last weekend our next-door neighbor came over with her almost two-year old to spend a little time with Papa Dan and Nanna. Mother and daughter had been to New Orleans on a bit of a shopping trip sandwiched between visits to the New Orleans Zoo and the Aquarium. Maddie and her mom talked about her new Easter clothes, and we were shown some samples. Some of you may remember when you were a child that there always seemed to be that shopping trip for new clothes to get ready for Easter Sunday. My mother took me and my brothers and later our much younger sister on the annual pilgrimage to find those special outfits that would be fitting for the Easter parade at Church that next Sunday. It's nice to know our wonderful neighbors are keeping up that tradition and reminded me of some special memories of my family as we prepared for this experience to "walk in newness of life."

There are probably many reasons people want to dress up for Easter. It is after all Spring now, and so we can shed some of our winter clothes for something new. Aside from a few curmudgeons most of us enjoy donning something different for when we go out on the town or for those special occasions in which our comfy every day attire is not particularly appropriate. My sense is that there is another often underlying reason, an almost unconscious desire to become new ourselves. For those of us who may have become a bit bored with our daily routines and habits of living, new clothes can sometimes bring out a new and better attitude or mood. Indeed, the act of wearing something new may almost by accident open the door to the possibility of new feelings and thoughts surfacing in our lives.

As we prepare for the Easter parade this year it might be good for us to listen to the Apostle's words that because of the resurrection we too "might walk in newness of life." His death seemed meaningless except for what God did in raising Jesus to new life. That raising of Jesus has made all the difference in the world! We too can live in that hope of our lives changing day by day as we grow closer and closer to God in Christ. Those who experienced that new life realized that some things in us die that something else can be born. This could be true of those institutions and structures in our society that also need transformation. It is in a way the dream of a new heaven and a new earth. As we put on our Easter clothes may God raise us up so that we can take steps toward that new life he promises each of us through the power of the Resurrection.

Rev. Dan Krutz

[Annual Assembly – Highlights are on the LIC website](#)

The 48th Annual Assembly of the LIC was held **March 5-6, 2018**, at the historic **[First United Methodist Church](#)**, 930 North Blvd., in downtown Baton Rouge, LA in Baton Rouge, LA, with the Theme:

“Outlines of the Future Shape of Christian Unity”

Thanks to all who attended!

And special thanks to the staff of First United Methodist Church for hosting the Annual Assembly meetings and the Monday evening worship service.

Various pictures, information on resolutions passed, elections held, etc. are posted on the LIC website at <http://www.lainterchurch.org/AnnualAssembly2018.htm>
Please check it out! ☺



Dr. Smith

The **Keynote Speaker** for the Assembly was **Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Ph.D.**, a Catholic theologian working in the Boston area who has authored various publications and papers on ecumenism.

We do not have electronic presentations from her as of yet, but we invite you to (if you haven't already), review the focus document of this Assembly, as authored by Pope Francis, On Care For Our Common Home. Click on this environmental document at this link: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html. There is also a handy audio version for people who want to listen to it while driving, etc., at: http://villagedoings.com/wp-cafe/?page_id=505.

[Holocaust Remembrance Services April 2018](#)

Alexandria & Shreveport both hold Holocaust Remembrance Services every year. Shreveport link: <http://www.holocaustremembranceservice.org/> For 2018, the service will be held on **April 15th** at 3 PM at the Brown Chapel at Centenary College. Rabbi Raina Siroty of the Congregation Gemiluth Chassodi in Alexandria has indicated that the Central Louisiana service has been set for **April 12th**, but as of last contact with her, no time or place had been set yet. Emmanuel Baptist is usually also involved.

**Yom HaShoah
2018 –
Wednesday,
April 11th**

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Year of Prayer for Cancer Alley

At the fall Board Meeting, the LIC named 2018 as the Year of Prayer for Cancer Alley in response to a request from pastors in the region. Please join the campaign by signing-up as a partner congregation or encouraging churches in your judicatory to do so. It's a simple, online process. Click [here](#). The LIC also has PDF files for printing of prayer cards for use in churches. Please [contact us](#) if you would like these files sent to you.

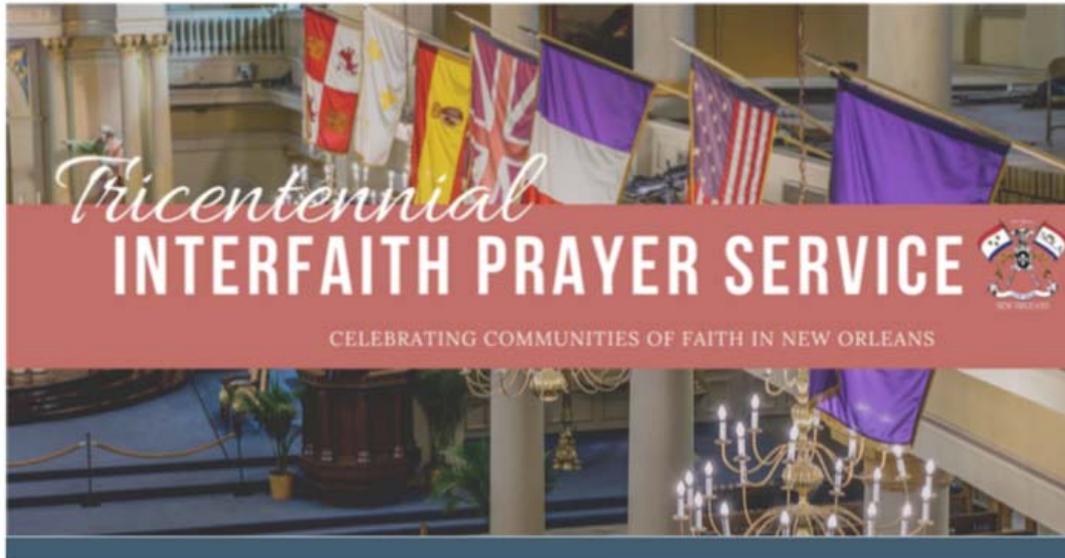
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Faith and Creation Care

The Louisiana Interchurch Conference is partnering with the Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition to offer an education event for clergy, lay leaders and others on being more effective in our care for creation. Participants will explore [creation care themes in scripture](#) and receive [resources](#) for launching a green team.

The event will take place on May 10, 2018, at the office of the Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition, 3801 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, from 9am till 1pm. Please mark your calendars and [register here](#)! For more info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cory Sparks, Chair of the LIC Stewardship of the Environment Commission.

Tricentennial Interfaith Prayer Service



TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 AT 7 PM
ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL



Join Archbishop Gregory Aymond as he leads a gathering of interfaith clergy and leadership in an evening of prayer to give thanks for 300 years and ask God's blessings on the city's future. Cultural and interfaith representation will include Native Americans, Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims. **All** are welcome!

For more information or to participate in the prayer service, call (504) 341-9522. More information about Tricentennial activities is available online at <http://nolacatholic.org/tricentennial-celebrations>.



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Reminder Anti-Racism event in DC

The LIC Executive Director, Rev. Dan Krutz, will be flying to and participating in this event: **April 3-5, 2018** Washington, D.C. Anti-Racism Summit – **ACT Now To End Racism**. Please visit the event website, rally2endracism.org, to learn more and plan on being in Washington, DC, April 3-5 to be part of this powerful series of events. The LIC had been working on chartering a bus, but that idea did not come to fruition.

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 February 27, 2018 through March 29, 2018:

Bread or Stones Fund: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Women – donation to assist families with pharmaceutical discount programs.

Endowment Fund for Christian Unity: Rob Gorman; and Catherine Townsend

Friends of the LIC and General Contributions: Marie Ducote-Comeaux; Rev. Barbara Driscoll; Rev. Kenneth York; Rev. Donald Cottrill; Madre Annie Etheredge; Rev. Nancy Andrews; and many anonymous givers at the Annual Assembly worship service..

Annual Assembly - general help with expenses: Louise Brown

Starter fund for Voter Voice program purchases: University Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge

Thank you all!

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>.

Dates to calendar

Earth Day April 22nd

National Workshop on Christian Unity: April 16-19, 2018, Silver Springs, MD

National Day of Prayer – May 3th

Children’s Sabbath – First week of May

Bread or Stones Task Force Meeting – May 3rd, Baton Rouge

May Friendship Day – Church Women United – May 4th

Annual Assembly meeting dates:

2019		March 11-12, Lafayette
2020		March 2-3, tbd – New Orleans or Houma

Fall Board meeting dates:

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

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