

arkansas conference *Mission U* **2017**

**Arkansas Conference
The United Methodist Church**

July 26-29, 2017

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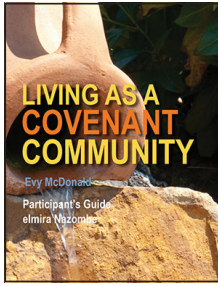
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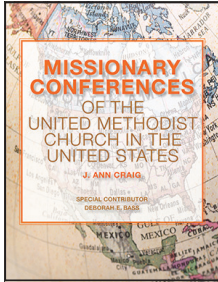
**Registration deadline: July 10
There are no exceptions to
the deadlines.**

2017 Mission Studies



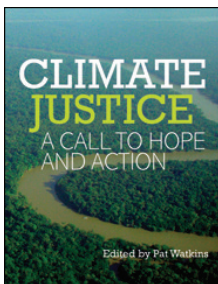
Living as a Covenant Community

This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us.



Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States

The aim of the study is to give an overview of the three missionary conferences in The United Methodist Church, the contexts out of which they grew and their current engagements: The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference are a hybrid of home and international missionary work.



Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

will deepen your understanding and awareness of climate change and its impact on God's creation. The study highlights justice, peace, and integrity of creation as important dimensions of partnering in God's mission today. It offers participants biblical, theological, and ethical insights as the basis of their advocacy on climate justice in churches and in the public sphere.

Deadlines – NO exceptions

- June 20 Special needs deadline
- June 26 Scholarship Application deadline
- June 30 Childcare requests deadline
- July 10 Registration deadline

Since we are studying Climate Justice this year we are discouraging the usage of plastic water bottles. Please bring your own reusable beverage container.

The study leaders for Mission u have spent much time and energy preparing for this event. Please show courtesy as a participant by:

- Attending all sessions of the studies with the study leader you have been assigned.
- Being prompt, attentive and respectful in all class sessions.

Additionally, as a participant you are expected to:

- Attend the plenaries each day.
- Take responsibility for all youth and children under your care when they aren't in class.

Let's work together to assure that this is a positive learning experience for all!



Register online at www.ARMissionU.weebly.com and visit our Facebook group and page 2017 Arkansas Conference Mission u.



2017 Mission u Registration Form

Duplicate form as needed. Complete both forms for **EACH** attendee.

Deadline for registration is **JULY 10 – no exceptions. Nursery requests by June 30.**

Each person registering to attend Mission u must have their own registration form, regardless of age.

INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Home church _____

District _____

Name tag (if different from above) _____

If child or youth:

Age _____ Grade entering (August 2017) _____

*Nursery (6 months -2 years) is available during plenaries and adult classes. NO drop-ins will be accepted. Parents should bring baby or special foods, as needed. **Nursery requests must be received by 6/30**

* Children ages 3-5 must be potty trained,

Name of adult responsible for the child/youth registering above

(One adult cannot be responsible for more than 4 children/youth. Children/youth will room with or next to their responsible adult. Adults are responsible for their children/youth at all times)

PHOTO PERMISSION FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

[] I give permission for my child/youth to be photographed during participation at the 2017 Mission u taking place on the campus of University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR. I also authorize the possible placement of these photographs in any and all publications associated with Mission u.

MISSION STUDIES

Spiritual Growth (everyone will be taking this study)
"Living As A Covenant Community"

Select ONE Choice Study

____ Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US

____ Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

SPECIAL NEEDS (Requests must be made by June 20)

____ First floor housing (please specify reason)

____ Minimal stairs ____ Minimal walking

____ Help moving around campus

____ Sign language interpreters

____ Special dietary needs (please specify)

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Requested roommate: _____
(Your roommate **must** have same needs regarding housing)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First time attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOGM Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> UM Missionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UMW Conference Officer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Applicant (Submit to ACUMW E&I Coordinator Helen Musgrave, 490 E Charles St, Batesville, AR 72501) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education Unit (1.5 CEU) for Pastors/Certified Lay Servant/Speaker | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would like to participate in the Plenaries | |

PAYMENT INFORMATION

ON CAMPUS

Adult/Youth (7 th - 12 th grade)	\$160
Children (Pre K - 6 th grade)	\$110
Nursery (6 months – 2 years)	\$40
TOTAL	_____

COMMUTER WITH MEALS

Adult/Youth (7 th – 12 th grade)	\$110
Children (Pre K – 6 th grade)	\$85
Nursery (6 months – 2 years)	\$40
TOTAL	_____

(Wednesday dinner and 3 lunches included)

COMMUTER WITH NO MEALS

Adult/Youth (7 th – 12 th grade)	\$75
Children (Pre K – 6 th grade)	\$60
Nursery (6 months – 2 years)	\$40
TOTAL	_____

(cost of meals not included)

- Registration **is not** complete until payment is received.
- You may pay for multiple registrations with one check. Staple all registration forms together, include payment and mail to:
LaDonna Busby
PO Box 2415
Batesville, AR 72503

CODE OF CONDUCT

- There will be NO use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, dip, cigarettes, guns or knives at the Arkansas Conference Mission u.
- Smoking is not allowed at Mission u or on University of the Ozarks grounds at ANY time during the session
- NO electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, hand held video games, etc) will be used during class time or plenaries unless authorized by a study leader.
- Male/female visitation is to take place in designated areas only.
- No male/female visitation is allowed in private rooms.
- Youth must attend all Mission u activities and remain in Mission u areas.
- A TRI-BUDDY system will be used with the youth. The means that a youth must be with at LEAST two other persons at all times.
- There will be an enforced curfew of 10:30 p.m. Children/youth participants are required to be in their assigned rooms and be supervised by their responsible adult.

I understand that if I violate these rules it WILL result in my being sent home immediately.

Participant Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Responsible Adult Signature

Date

PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Read each statement, initial, sign and date.

In order to maintain an environment conducive to learning:

Initials

_____ Only people designated by parent/guardian can pick up the child. This will be required to sign out the child and may be asked to provide I.D.

_____ If my child becomes disruptive, I may be called to remove my child from the classroom and/or the residence hall.

_____ I will verbally advise the adult leader if my child takes medication or has special needs.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to pick up my child if he/she should break the rules.

_____ I hereby acknowledge that my child may be taken to a medical facility to receive emergency care. I give my permission for my child to participate in all Mission u activities, both on and off-campus and to receive medical attention as necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Responsible Adult Signature Date

TRI – BUDDY ACCEPTANCE FORM

I hereby give my permission for _____ to participate in the tri-buddy system while at Mission u 2017. The tri-buddy system will be in place between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. while youth are not in class, plenary, youth recreation or any other group activity.

The tri-buddy system requires that three (3) or more youth be together when walking between group activities such as class, meals, etc. when not with their class or guardian in attendance at Mission u.

Parent/guardian signature

Phone number

Date

Youth signature

Date

DRESS CODE

- Shorts must be at least fingertip length
- No sagging of the pants
- No pajamas during daily activities
- No cleavage showing or bare midriffs
- No underwear showing
- No bras or bra straps showing
- Swimming suits must fully cover you (modest bikinis, one-piece suits, swimming trunks)

ANY adult leader or adult on site has final veto power on all wardrobe choices. If they even have to think about saying something to you about your outfit, that is reason enough for them to say something. Leave no room for doubt! If it's a question, the answer is going to be "NO."

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ARKANSAS CONFERENCE MISSION u
ARKANSAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

July 26 – July 29, 2017
University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, AR

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 26 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

E-MAIL (PRINT LEGIBLY, PLEASE) _____

DISTRICT _____ LOCAL CHURCH _____

AGE LEVEL: CHILD/YOUTH AGE _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL 2017-18 _____

NAME OF ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD/YOUTH (MUST BE ON CAMPUS)

AGE LEVEL: ADULT 18-35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51-60 _____ 61-70 _____ ABOVE 70 _____

IF A UMW MEMBER, DO YOU HOLD A LOCAL OFFICE? _____
IF SO, PLEASE INDICATE WHAT OFFICE AND HOW MANY YEARS IN THAT OFFICE _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED MISSION u IN THE PAST? _____ WHEN? _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

_____ 1ST TIME ATTENDEE _____ PERSON OF ETHNIC MINORITY

_____ PHYSICAL DISABILITY _____ 1ST TIME LOCAL UMW OFFICER

ETHNICITY: _____

WILL YOU LEAD OR HELP LEAD THE MISSION STUDIES IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OR UNIT?

**** ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM, WRITE A BRIEF PARAGRAPH STATING WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. *Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant.* ****

Send completed forms, **postmarked by JUNE 26** to: **HELEN MUSGRAVE**
Mission u Scholarship Coordinator
490 E Charles St., Batesville, AR 72501

Questions? Contact Helen: 870-793-3711 (H), 870-612-2446 (C), email phmusgrave@suddenlink.net

Arkansas Conference Mission u 2017 Scholarship Guidelines

The Scholarship Program of Arkansas Conference Mission u functions to provide assistance to persons wishing to attend the school but without funds to do so. To maintain the integrity of the program while upholding the purpose of the Arkansas Conference Mission u, the following guidelines have been adopted for the coming year. **Failure to abide by scholarship guidelines may prevent persons from being considered as future scholarship recipients. Please keep this copy and follow these guidelines carefully.**

- 1) All applications **MUST** be filled out completely, including a paragraph explaining why the scholarship is needed on the back of the form. (Parents of young children may assist in this requirement.)
- 2) Electronic (e-mail) applications will **NOT** be accepted. Paper applications **MUST** be mailed to the AR Conference Scholarship Coordinator and postmarked by the deadline date to be considered for a scholarship – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 3) Youth requesting scholarships for a second, third, etc. year will be asked to provide hands-on service as part of their “repayment” for receiving the scholarship. They will be contacted concerning their work assignment within two weeks of the Arkansas Conference Mission u so arrangements can be made if they need to arrive at the Arkansas Conference Mission u early and/or depart later than normal check-out times.
- 4) Any one church may not receive more than 5 scholarships for persons who are members/attendees of that church. If more than 5 persons from any one church apply and funds are available after filling all other scholarship requests additional scholarships may be considered for that church.
- 5) Children and youth **MUST** have a parent or another adult attending the school who will be responsible for them at all times while on campus.
- 6) Persons receiving scholarships are expected to attend all classes, plenaries, and other scheduled activities during the Arkansas Conference Mission u.
- 7) Scholarships cover tuition, room and meals, but no books or other materials needed for the classes. Textbooks may be purchased from the Mission Resource Center prior to the school or in the Resource Room before classes begin at the school. Local units may choose to help with the purchase of textbooks.
- 8) Scholarships **DO NOT** cover transportation costs to the Arkansas Conference Mission u.
- 9) Priorities for scholarships include: first time attendees, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, women under the age of 35, first time local UMW officers, and persons with critical financial needs.
- 10) Elizabeth Thornburg Workman (ETW) scholarships will be reserved for children and youth.
- 11) Board of Global Ministries Scholarships will be awarded, as funds are available, one per district within the conference.
- 12) Scholarship recipients will be notified by e-mail or phone call within 10 days of scholarship deadline or at least one week prior to the registration deadline, whichever comes first. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RECIPIENT TO COMPLETE HIS/HER REGISTRATION AND SEND IT TO THE SCHOOL REGISTRAR, NOT THE SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, BEFORE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE.**
- 13) Persons receiving scholarships but finding they will be unable to attend should notify the scholarship coordinator as soon as possible so those funds can be used to assist others to attend the Arkansas Conference Mission u.

Registration information

- All participants must pre-register and registration fee must accompany registration form(s). We will not accept late registrations or walk-ins.
- Drop-ins will not be allowed for childcare or children's program. Childcare requests must be received by June 30.
- Individuals with special needs should register by June 20.
- All registrations must be postmarked by **July 10**.
- There are no refunds for cancellations.

Registrar – LaDonna Busby

P.O. Box 2415, Batesville, AR 72503
(870) -1720 (cell); lbusby@arumc.org

Scholarships – Helen Musgrave

490 E. Charles St., Batesville, AR 72501
870-612-2446 (cell); phmusgrae@suddenlink.net

What to bring

- Clothing including sweater/jacket (classrooms/dorms air-conditioned) and walking shoes
- XL twin sheets, pillow, blanket, towels, washcloths
- Personal care items (shampoo, soap, mirror, etc.)
- Flashlight, study lamps, personal drink cup/mug
- Bible, textbooks, notebooks, devotional, tote bag

Check-in

- University of the Ozarks, Seay Student Center, 1-3:30 pm Wednesday, July 26
- Golf carts available for those needing assistance

Housing

- Participants are housed in University of the Ozarks dormitories with twin beds.
- There are NO rooms available with private bathrooms.
- If first-floor housing is requested, your roommate must have the same housing needs.
- All buildings on campus are smoke-free.
- Furniture is not to be moved in dorm rooms.
- Lost key replacement fee: door key \$60 and card key \$45. This fee applies to *everyone* issued a key.

Textbooks

- Textbooks may be ordered from Mission Resource Center - www.missionresourcecenter.org or purchased in the Resource Room upon arrival.

Medical care

- No medical staff will be available. Bring first aid items with you

Meals

Meal tickets are included in on-campus registration fee. Commuters or those staying off-campus are responsible for their own meals. Children under 5 eat free.

- Breakfast \$5.18
- Lunch \$6.38
- Dinner \$6.44

Youth

Pay special attention to the tri-buddy agreement and code of conduct. These will be strictly adhered to.

Mission Projects:

Socks and underwear for children & youth in foster care

This past year over 650,000 children spent time in the foster care system. On any given day there are more than 415,000 children in foster care in the United States, Arkansas is home to more than 5,600 children in foster care. Although Arkansas makes up only 1.3% of children in foster care in the United States there are only 1,500 foster homes in Arkansas. This means there is roughly one foster home for every four children in foster care. In order to help children in foster care in Arkansas, the kids and youth in attendance at Mission u will pair up and bag socks and underwear for children across the state. We are asking Mission u attendees to bring *new, unopened packages* of socks and underwear of all sizes and large reusable shopping bags to Mission u to donate.

Red Bird & Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference's toiletries kits

We will have representatives from both the Oklahoma Indian and Red Bird Missionary Conferences in attendance at Mission u 2017 as adult study leaders for the Missionary Conferences study. As a second mission project, we will gather and donate toiletries for the study leaders to take back to their conferences. We are asking Mission u attendees to bring *new, unopened* full-size toiletry items including shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, body wash, bars of soap, band-aids, etc. to Mission u to donate.

Any donations for the mission projects, including the tips raised by the youth for carrying luggage, will go toward both of our mission projects this year. Please bring/donate what you are able.