

Let Your Light Shine for All!

Our theme for 2020 is "Let Your Light Shine - Ignited for Justice". What does light mean for us? Light helps dispel darkness, reveals injustice, brings hope. Where have we seen God's light shine in and around us? How can we shine a light on issues in our world that cause anxiety on a daily basis? Where are we seeking God's presence in the midst of darkness?

As we come to the end of 2019 and begin 2020, we need to be ever mindful of the above. We will be coming together with our sisters (and brothers!) from the Memphis Conference to form a new conference. Both conference executive teams will be working together to bring this about with as little pain as possible - and with looking with excitement to the future! You will, of course, be hearing more about this as the work is done.

I hope that you all will make plans to attend the conference events. These events will be centered around our theme. We will be reminded to shine a light on issues that crush and marginalize God's children. We are emboldened by the light of life and the word that give us hope to practice justice in the world. Please join us as we work together as a conference to accomplish these goals.

When I look at next year's theme, I always give thanks for each of you because this is what you as United Methodist Women do - you all step out of your comfort zones to bring God's light to women, children and youth. I know God will bless your efforts.

Speaking of light, let's all remember that, in Advent, we celebrate the birth of a savior, the light of the world, who came to save us all and who paid a debt for all of us that he didn't owe. Thanks be to God for His ultimate gift. I wish all of you a blessed, Merry Christmas and a new year full of promise.

Blessings,

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