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Women

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## *LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE*



*Matthew 5:16*

*“In the same way, let your light shine  
before others, so that they may see your  
good works and give glory to your Father  
in heaven.”*

Logo Design by Nancy Price, Vice President, Central North District  
“With the dawning of each new day I am grateful for the opportunity to give  
thanks and praise to God who sustains me; and I pray, not only for my light  
to shine, but for God’s light to shine through me.”

**Spring Retreat**  
**February 26-27, 2016 Lakeview Conference Center**  
**Palestine, Texas**



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Rev. Dr. Rhanel Y. Johnson** is a product of the Houston Independent School System she is an alumnus of Sam Houston High School. She is the eldest daughter of the late Otis Johnson and Helen Lewis Johnson. Being a native Houstonian she attended Texas Southern University where her mother was an alumnus and received a B. S. in Biology Research. She is a fifth generation minister on her maternal side and still recalls her first

encounter with the Holy Spirit at her maternal grandmother's home during [Mimi's weekly fasting]. She was employed with Amoco Production Company now BP for nineteen years where she during her tenure was employed as a manager in IT division. During her time at Amoco/BP she accepted her calling into ministry in 1990 and embarked on a journey to seek God's guidance. This led her to leave Brentwood Baptist Church in 1993 and become part of the staff at Windsor Village UMC and formally start on her path to being ordained. Dr. Rhanel finished Southern Methodist University in 1999 with a degree of Master's of Divinity. She was ordained deacon in 1999 and had her first appointment to what is now called Norris Chapel UMC in South Park. She has since served as pastor of Ebenezer UMC, Wesley UMC, Union Memorial UMC, Saint James UMC and Abundant Life UMC in Lufkin, Texas. Dr. Johnson is presently serving Saint Andrews United Methodist Church in Houston. Dr. Rhanel started her path toward a doctoral degree in 2005 at Texas Christian University and has completed all of her requirements during 2010. She obtained her Doctor of Divinity in May 2011 from Kingdom Builder Bible Seminary. She is a single mother of an adult daughter, Rhaquele Y. Nealy, and financial analyst in Houston. Dr. Rhanel is driven by social justice and is on the national board of IEF (Interfaith Education Fund) which is a parent corporation of TMO. She loves to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all persons of the world. Dr. Rhanel strives to seek God in everything she does. To God be the glory!

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# Focus Groups and Rooms

Bible Study: Walk in the Light	Joyce Moore	Craft 1
It's in the Little Things	Ashley Loftus Johnson	Craft 2
Member Development Welcome Event	Karen Clay	Craft 3
It's Our Legacy	Stacie Hawkins	Ray Williams (Large)
Water	Marcia Butcher	Craft 5
Being Light in a Secular Community	Lynda W. Ouedraogo	Craft 4
Baby Sitting		Ray Williams (Small)

**Make plans NOW to attend the  
Texas Conference United Methodist  
Women Lunch on May 29, 2016  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm \$25.00 per ticket at  
Texas Annual Conference in Houston!  
Contact Paulette Moore-Hall for tickets.  
We will be presenting our  
Hazel Decker Award**

**Watch for the flyer about our upcoming Mission u – July  
21 -23, 2016  
Lakeview Methodist Conference Center  
Palestine, Texas  
Also enclosed is the Scholarship Application Form (this  
form can also be downloaded from the website)**

**Schedule  
Spring Retreat  
Feb. 26-27, 2016**

**Let Your Light So Shine  
Matthew 5:16**

**Friday**

3:00 p. m. 4:00 p.m.	Registration	Roy Hall
	Hospitality	Roy Hall
	Service Center	Roy Hall
	Learning Resource room/displays	Roy Hall
	Gift Shop	
5:30p.m.-6:00p.m.	Serving time for dinner	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Solo: Suzzanne McDougale	Peace Chapel
	“Go Light Your World”	
7:10 p.m.	Speaker: Rev. Jason Huffman	
	Worship: Teresa Mauney and Anne Nollen	

**Saturday**

7:00 a.m.	Greet the Day	Peace Chapel
8:00 a.m. -8:30 a. m.	Breakfast (Overnight Guest)	Cafeteria
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	Service Center	Roy Hall
7:30 a.m. -8:30 a. m.	Registration	Roy Hall
	Hospitality	Roy Hall
	Learning Resource Room/Displays	Roy Hall
8:45 a. m. – 9:00 a. m.	Gather in song	St Luke’s
	Song Leader’s	Teresa Mauney and Anne Nollen
9:00 a.m.	Welcome	Lee Thornton
	Theme Song: ( page 314 )	“In the Garden”
	Prayer Calendar/Prayer	Suzanne McDougale

Theme Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:32    Suzanne McDougale

Spanish    Miriam Aguila

Response Moment    Theresa Graham

9:20 a.m.    Announcements    Endrika West

Introduction of Guest Speaker    Lee Thornton  
Pastor Dr. Rhenel Johnson

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.    Focus Groups 1    Location Inside Front Cover

12:00 p.m.-12:30p.m.    Serving time for Lunch    Cafeteria

12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.    Service Center    Roy Hall

1:00p. m. – 2:15 p. m.    Focus Groups 2    Location Inside Front Cover

2:30 p. m.    Gathering    St. Luke's

Welcome back    Lee Thornton

Hymn: ( page 339 )    "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

In Remembrance    Suzzane McDougale

Communion    Pastor Dr. Rhenel Johnson

Offering    (Baskets will be available  
as you complete communion)

Doxology

## Calendar of Events

District Training Event	January 9	Lakeview
Conference Executive Meeting	January 9-10	Lakeview
Legislative Event	January 24-26	Austin
Spring Spiritual Growth Meeting	Feb 26-27	Lakeview
South Central Jurisdiction Meeting	April 14-17	Oklahoma City OK
UMC Texas Annual Conference	May 29-June 1	Hilton Downtown
Conference Program Meeting	May 29	Hilton Downtown
UMW Annual Lunch	May 30	Hilton Downtown
UMW Conference Executive Mtg	May 31	Hilton Downtown
Mission u	July 21-23	Lakeview
Conference Program Planning Mtg	August 13	TBA
World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Churches Event	August 29 - Sept 3	Hilton Downtown
Wesley Community Lunch	September	TBA
Conference Executive Meeting	September 17	Lakeview
Fall Festival Friday Event	September 18	Lakeview
Fall Festival/Annual Meeting	September 18	Lakeview
Conference Program Meeting	Sept 18-19	Lakeview
Leadership Development Days	November	St Louis MO

# UMW “HANDS ON” PROJECT 2016 FOR UMCOR

## Layette Kit

### ***6 Cloth Diapers***

pre-folded or plain diapers only  
no disposable diapers

### ***2 Shirts***

undershirts or onesies

### ***2 Washcloths***

infant size only  
no adult washcloths

### ***2 Gowns or Sleepers***

### ***2 Diaper Pins***

must have protective plastic closures  
no regular safety pins

### ***1 Sweater or Jacket***

must open from the front  
may be hand knitted, crocheted or sewn  
hooded sweatshirts are acceptable

### ***2 Receiving Blankets***

sizes may range from 28" x 28" to 32" x 32"  
no crib blankets please

### ***Assembling directions***

*Lay one of the receiving blankets flat on a table. Set aside the diaper pins and place all remaining items on top of the blanket. Fold the blanket around the items and secure the bundle with the diaper pins.*

### ***Important notes***

All items must be new.

Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

Please remove all packaging.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.

**DO NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send.

## Texas Conference United Methodist Women

### Entry Form for 2016 Fall Logo

The Texas Conference UMW Program Committee is asking artists in the Texas Conference to create a logo for 2016 Fall Festival that will illustrate the artist's conception of the theme:

#### **“The Light of the World”**

Theme Scripture – Matthew 5: 14

The selected logo design will be used for 2016 Fall Festival fliers, program book, and any Spring Festival materials or decorations, power point presentations, banners, etc.

In submitting your logo please follow these few rules:

- Logo submitted on 8 ½ “x 11” white paper, copy ready OR submitted digitally by e mail
- Logo may be in black and white or color. Final printing in the Fall Festival flier will be in black and white
- Please submit a brief statement of 50 words or less, explaining the logo design on the back of this form or attached e-mail file with logo.
- **Deadline for logo artwork is July 1, 2016**

Name of the Artist(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to use artwork is given with the signature of the artist below:

X \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit artwork and completed form to: Mrs. Endrika M. B. West 6622 Wide Creek Dr. Katy, Texas 77449 or email [ephesians32021@yahoo.com](mailto:ephesians32021@yahoo.com) on or before July 1, 2016.** Submitted artwork not selected as the main logo may also be used. Thank you and enjoy this creative opportunity.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Mission u  
Lakeview conference Center  
July 21 – 23, 2016

The conference will pay the cost of housing and registration, with a maximum of \$150.00, for one first time attendee, who is a youth, young adult, or newly retired woman from each district.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

SEX \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE IF APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTEREST:

Recommended by: (must have signature)

Local President of United Methodist Women \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this sheet write a short essay telling why you want to attend Mission u.

Return to your District contact officer

The District President and Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation will choose the recipient and send the information to the Conference Mission Coordinator for Education and interpretation.

# THANK YOU

Joyce Moore  
Staci Hawkins  
Karen Clay  
Ashley Loftus Johnson  
Marcia Butcher  
Lynda W. Ouedrogo  
Teresa Mauney  
Anne Nollen  
Suzanne McDougale  
Childcare Providers

Focus Leader  
Focus Leader  
Focus Leader  
Focus Leader  
Focus Leader  
Song leader  
Musician  
Soloist

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

And Special Thanks to Rev. Jason Huffman and Pastor Dr. Rhanel Johnson

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## **Officers-Texas Conference United Methodist Women 2015**

Lee Thornton	President	Theresa Graham	Education and Interpretation
Endrika West	Vice-President	Valerie Poole	Membership Nurture & Outreach
Dorothy Ringer-Sumner	Secretary	Melba Spann	Secretary Program Resources
Paulette Moore-Hall	Treasurer	Sarah Clark	Chair, Committee on Nominations
Suzanne McDougale	Spiritual Growth	Lana Bowsher	Communication Coordinator
Krystal West	Social Action		

### **Additional Members of the Executive Committee**

Board of United Methodist Women  
Stacie Hawkins

Spanish Language Coordinator  
Miriam Aguila

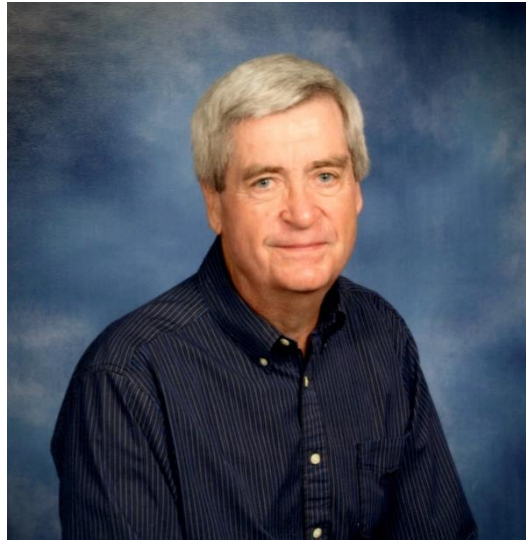
### **Additional Members of the Committee on Nominations**

Doris Rowland  
Gwen Smithheart

Brenda Saulter  
Mattie Ordaz

Maude Caldwell  
Beverly Deerhake

*Texas Conference United Methodist Women  
2016 Special Mission Recognition  
Honoring  
James Parker*

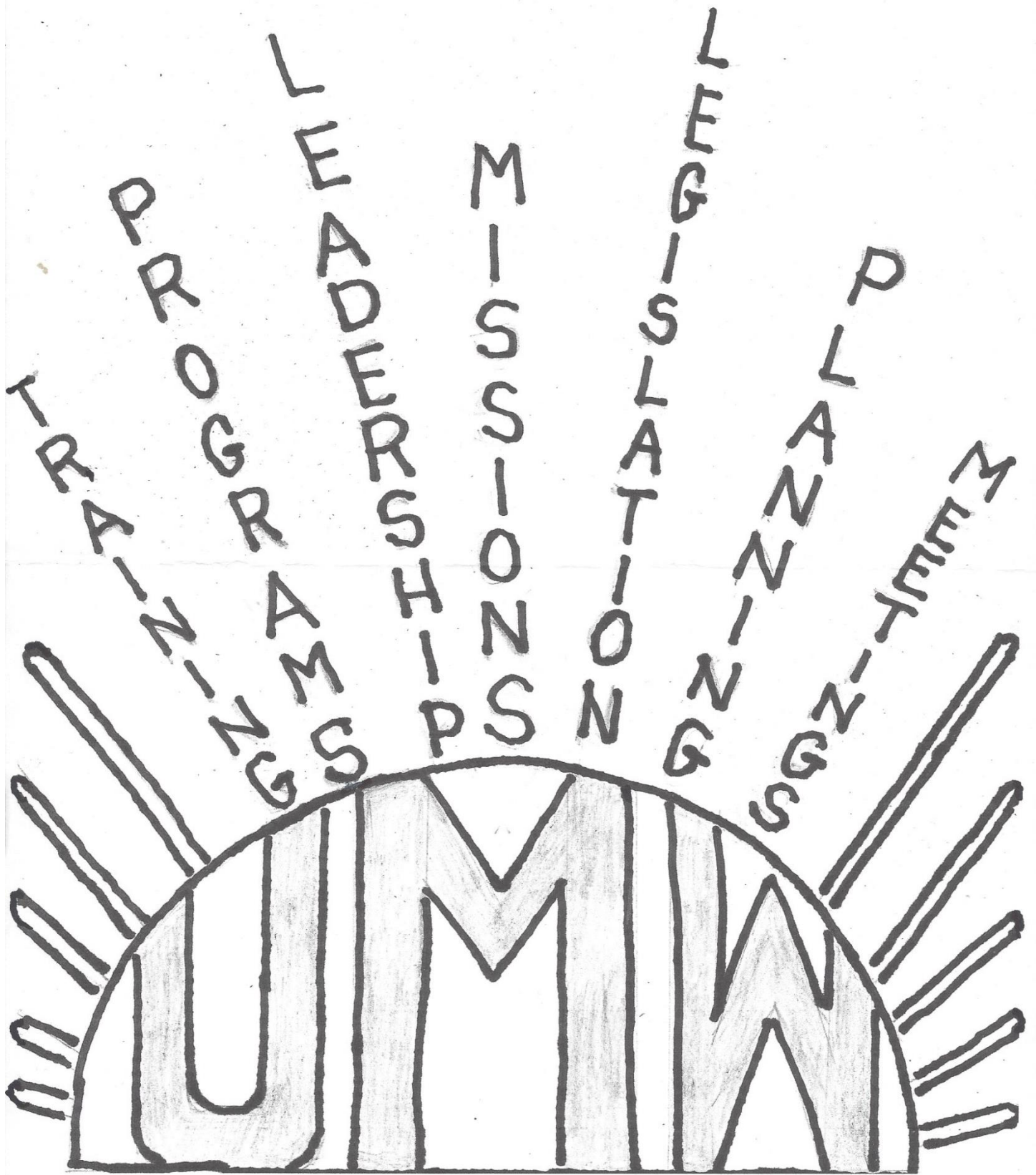


James Parker was born and raised in San Angelo, Texas. While growing up he was active in the youth group at his church and his high school swim team. He served as the city's swimming pool manager and lifeguard in the summers. He attended Abilene Christian University where he pursued a Bachelors degree in Counseling Psychology. In addition, he furthered his education at Angelo State University where he graduated with a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology.

He worked for Verizon as a Human Resources Manager for twenty-six years and retired in 1996. He then moved to East Texas where he became a member of First United Methodist Church, Palestine.

James has a passion for helping others and currently serves on the church's Mission Team. Over the years has participated as Team Leader in numerous local mission projects including, Texas Annual Conference renovation project of Saint James United Methodist Church in Teague. He partnered with Beaumont United Methodist Church and led early response disaster relief teams after hurricanes, doing early clean up and rebuilding in the areas of Silsbee, Oklahoma City and New Orleans. James and his team are active on the Lakeview United Methodist Conference Center Campus and have spent time cleaning up the Prayer Trail and assembled bunk beds for the new dormitories. He is also an active supporter of the Texas Conference United Methodist Women, for the past eight years at our annual fall meeting he has been loading the truck with the UMW kits assembled for UMCOR projects.

James is married to Carolyn Parker. They have one son, a granddaughter, and a great granddaughter. You may give to this Special Mission Recognition award throughout the year. Please send your mission dollars to your District Treasurer at any time. The Special Mission Award will be presented to James at the Fall Festival in September 2016.



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