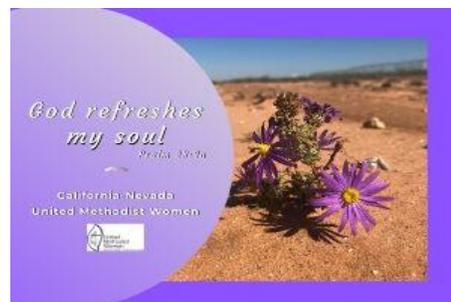


First Time Ever!!!

CA-NV Annual Conference

UMW Virtual Breakfast Session

Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Everyone is encouraged to bring the breakfast treat of their choice and enjoy socially-distanced fellowship and education as our Annual Breakfast Program breaks new ground in the “Zoom-osphere”. We will get to hear inspirational stories rich in diversity and ethnicity from our deaconess sisters.

Bios of Guest Speakers:

Megan Hale – Introductory Speaker



Megan Hale serves as an Executive for the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner, which is part of the National Office of UMW. She is part of the New York Annual Conference where she is a member of the Church of Saint Paul & Saint Andrew and Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) where she represents the New York Chapter as a member of the Program Council. Megan was consecrated as Deaconess at Assembly in 2014 and previously served as a 7th Grade Reading Teacher in Arlington, TX before moving to New York in 2017 to work for the National Office.

Ellen R Dizon – Speaker # 2



Ellen Roans Dizon is an Alumna of Harris Memorial College, a training school for deaconesses in the Philippines. She served the church and community in the Philippines as Christian Education Director for 7 years and served as a preschool teacher/Director and CE director for 30 years in San Francisco, CA. In June 2020, she retired as Preschool Teacher/Director but not as a deaconess. Ellen continues to do mission work at her local church and remains active in advocating for social justice. She is blessed and inspired by her very supportive husband, 3 sons, 3 grandkids, mom and sister.

Heidi Caban-Santiago BSW, MS, MSW, LSW – Speaker # 3



Heidi Odalis Caban-Santiago is Director of Social Services and Bereavement Services at Circle of Life Community Hospice. She has a bachelor’s degree in Social Work, a master’s degree in Gerontology and a master’s degree in Clinical Social Work. She was the winner of the Linda Carr Care Giver Award for her service to hospice patients and their families. She has also received Congressional and Senatorial Recognitions for the same. She was the first Circle of Life Community Hospice Employee of the year for excellent service and going above and beyond the call of duty for their patients and families. She has been a member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Reno since 2012. She is a Deaconess in training, and once consecrated, she will be the first Deaconess for the state of Nevada.



Selena Ruth Smith – Speaker # 4



Selena Ruth Smith is a native of Mayesville, SC. She is the daughter of late Lawrence Smith Jr and Ruth Wilson Smith. She has a brother, Kenneth J. Smith. Selena Ruth is a graduate of Columbia College (Bachelor) and Columbia Southern University (Master). She is a former elected official (Town Council Mayesville) currently a commissioner for the Sumter County Election & Voter Registration Board and a board member for Tandem Health (Sumter, SC).

Selena Ruth is employed by the City of Sumter as a firefighter and EMT. She was commissioned as Deaconess for the United Methodist Church April, 29 the 2012 at General Conference in Tampa, Florida. Deaconess Selena Ruth is active in her church: St. Mark United Methodist Church, Mayesville. She's a member of the Board for The Advocate (South Carolina Conference). Deaconess Selena's favorite scripture: Galatians 3: 28. Her ministry is Fire Safety in places of Worship.

Katherine O Kim – Speaker # 5



Kathy is a retired pharmacist from the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group after 36 years of service. She received her pharmacy training in S. Korea and at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. She was a General Conference Lay delegate once from Ca/Nevada Conference, and was a reserve Delegate until 2018. She is an active United Methodist Women member, and passionate about UMW work. She served as Women's Division director (2004-2008), and Program Advisory Group (2009-2012). She is a deaconess, Commissioned in 2004. A Deaconess serves with Love, Justice, and Service. She served Senior Ministry at her local Santa Clara Korean UMC over 10 years for her Deaconess ministries.

She is interested in Social Justice, especially for women, children, and youth. Currently, she serves as Social Action Coordinator at the El Camino Real District of Ca/Nevada Conference UMW. She served on the Immigration Task Force of Ca/Nevada Conference, and went to the Arizona border with Bishop Brown.

You can participate in the Zoom meeting using your smart phone, your computer or laptop, or tablet. You can also join simply by calling the designated number – although sometimes the results are unsatisfactory.

If you are able to meet in small groups at your church or in someone's home, (complying with social distancing) this will provide the opportunity for those without the required technology to participate.

Registration:

Please [click here](#) to register, and you will receive an email confirmation with the link to join the session

Looking forward to seeing you all! BE SAFE!