



Feb 12, 2018 -JOYGram

Dear UMW Sisters:

It has been a Legislative weekend. I attended the Ecumenical Legislative Day in Lincoln, NE on Saturday. "Working for Justice". Nebraska has the nation's only Unicameral. Senators and speakers attend the Legislative Day and discuss current legislation, Climate, Human Trafficking, Immigration, aging and health care and other topics to UMW and Church Women United.

Then on to Topeka for LEAF, Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith. "Called to Community." The Sunday evening speaker, Annie McKay from Kansas Action for Children. You can receive Action Alerts by sending an email to kac@kac.org. Workshops. Legislative updates and Q&A, followed. On Monday, workshops were held on Kansas Health, Dream Act, LBGTQ, Silver Haired Legislature, tours of the Capitol and Brown vs Board of ED Museum.

Both legislative events were planned by committees representing different organizational and what a wonderful job they do. I am so impressed with both legislative events. What an opportunity to listen, learn and become active.

On Sunday morning before LEAF, I had the opportunity to deliver the message at University UMC for UMW Sunday. It was interesting that two circles were named JOY and HOPE. My theme last year was JOY and this year it is HOPE through Prayer. I also went to Countryside UMC, to worship with my former pastor. I was introduced to the UMW president at Countryside and found out they have a new circle!!

At the leadership meeting in Colby, each district was challenged to add 150 new members to celebrate 150 years for UMW. 150/150. So, let's GO.

I look forward to this new year, Assembly, Mission u, UMW Sunday and especially meeting with districts to have the following conversations: On A Way Forward, Charter for Racial Justice and Associability. More on our conversations to follow.

I choose HOPE through Prayer,

Blessings, Karen