

"The Spirit!"

September 2018
ADDENDUM

Music that Stays with me

~ After Mission u

~ Faye Abram
District VP

Thank you Sharon Dzula (MO UMW Conference President and Dean of Mission u) for sharing with us your love of "Do Something" by Matthew West during the Closing Plenary at Mission u in Fayette, MO. I immediately went home and googled it so I could have the exact lyrics to share with each of you.

DO SOMETHING

*I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now
Thought, how'd we ever get so far down
How's it ever gonna turn around
So I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"*

*Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did, I created you"*

Refrain

**If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
It's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something**

*I'm so tired of talking
About how we are God's hands and feet
But it's easier to say than to be
Live like angels of apathy who tell ourselves
It's alright, "somebody else will do something"
Well, I don't know about you
But I'm sick and tired of life with no desire
I don't want a flame, I want a fire
I wanna be the one who stands up and says,
I'm gonna do something"*

repeat Refrain

*We are the salt of the earth
We are a city on a hill
But we're never gonna change the world
By standing still
No we won't stand still
No we won't stand still
No we won't stand still*

repeat Refrain and add the last 2 lines

***It's time for us to do something
It's time for us to do something***



This song/ lyrics can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quE8iM-x3f0>

I also fell in love with another song that was new to me – "Breathe" by Marie Barnett. Lyrics were on song sheet provided at Mission u. And it was great just singing along with my grandson J.J. and others ~ although, I'm certain I sang off key. He thoroughly enjoyed Mission u and this grandma survived the challenge.

What? The Voting Booth as a Prayer Closet? Says Who?

Says, Rev. Susan E. Sneed, the keynote speaker for ...

**WHAT: Gateway Central District
2018 Annual Meeting**

WHEN: Saturday, October 13th

**WHERE: UMC of Green Trails ~
14237 Ladue Rd.,
Chesterfield, MO 63017**

Rev. Susan Sneed is an Ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church and is currently appointed to Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) as a community organizer. She was raised United Methodist in the Ferguson UMC and now worships at St. Mark's UMC. Also presenting is **Leah Clyburn**, an activist and MCU organizer who advocates for the advancement of the underrepresented constituents and views the fight for social, economic, education, environmental, and justice for women through a spiritual lens. Both Rev. Sneed and Leah Clyburn are committed to putting faith into action by developing leaders who move their congregations, organizations, and communities to change public policy for the common good. Toward this end, they and others at MCU have been actively working to heighten voter engagement and stem voter suppression.

Do come to hear what Christ is calling all UMW members and people of faith to do – to find a sacred space or sacred place where you can be alone with God, where you can let your faith guide your response as you vote.

Yeah...I know, all of this sounds pretty political. Everyone has heard someone say that we ought to vote in the upcoming elections. But, I've heard more than just a couple of folks say that they're tired of all the political conflict and don't see any point in voting this November. After all, the Bible doesn't tell us we have to vote, does it? No, the Bible doesn't directly command us to vote — because people who lived in Bible times couldn't vote. They lived under kings and emperors who weren't elected by popular vote. But the Bible does command us to be

Rev. Sue Sneed & Leah Clyburn, Organizers with Metropolitan Congregations United



good citizens—and one of the ways we do this today is by voting. In fact, if we don't vote, we are failing to fulfill that God-given responsibility to be good citizens. The Bible says that Mordecai, Esther's uncle, was honored "because he worked for the good of his people" (Esther 10:3). Shouldn't we also work for the good of our nation?

Some people won't take the trouble to vote because they don't believe their vote will make any difference. But that isn't true; you might be surprised to find how many elections have been determined by only a handful of votes. But more than that, what would happen if most people felt that way? Then our future might be determined by only a small minority of people.

Don't look on voting only as a responsibility. Look on it also as an opportunity—an opportunity hundreds of millions of people in our world wish they had. Also, think of voting as a right that many of our ancestors fought and died for – that you and I would exercise our right to vote. Above all, pray for our nation during this crucial time. The Bible reminds, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). And in Exodus 18:21 (The Voice), it follows that "As for all these other duties you have taken on, choose competent leaders who fear God, love truth, despise dishonesty, and won't take bribes. After you divide and subdivide all the people into various groups of a thousand, hundred, fifty, and ten, put those of integrity who you have selected in charge...."

**So, I'll see you Saturday, October 13th at our
Annual Meeting.**

- Faye Y. Abram, District VP