

FROM HUMAN RESOURCES/ YOUR LEADER DEVELOPMENT Chairmna, PAT RECK, checking in here .....this warmish FALL, **SEPTEMBER "HUG IN A MUG"**

SCHOOL'S IN SESSION; RING 'DEM BELLS!!!! . . . . . oops, somebody's **Tardy!** { Did you miss the bus? ☹ }



**Late! Late? Nobody likes to be late.** I love James 5:1-12, but specifically v. 7, where the Lord's brother, James, weaves an analogy of farmers waiting for the **late** rains.....for us to be patient, "establishing our hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

Greetings, Ladies. I am not professing being tardy nor "left behind," but the Teacher in me all these decades is just a bit overwhelmed with such a very busy summer winding down, hints of Fall & colors sprinkled all over the backyard punctuated by frosty, cool mornings in the thirties! AND all the children are off to school in session by now! My calendar reminds me: 18 days until we pack up and are off to our Fall Retreat at Macleay Center.

We need to **get on this bus** behind the Christian Life Committee and their efforts/ BUT most of all...we need to be in fellowship with our Sisters at Macleay, acknowledge the times we live in, hearing the proclamations, (Lat.: **clamare** means to cry out/ shout!)and embrace the promise and confidence in Christ's return .....which leads to patience. Our Retreat promises just that: **Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so!**

I pray, in your leadership capacity, you have all spread the word and Registration opportunities around to all your Societies and church women, such that we may come together and share this joy & promise.

I am reminded, in the same breath, the challenges we face ahead this calendar year, now that Rally Sundays are taking place, great picnics and hugs to those who have been away the summer, a true time of travel and huge family gatherings for some, as we gather our Faith Families around us and settle into **some semblance of "routine"** once more. It is time to lift up and build up our monthly LWML meeting attendance, give credence to events or meaningful activities for our Young Women amongst us, and have a watchful eye for the many new families entering our God's House as school takes up. if it means door knocking, take charge. If it takes hand-shaking, be there! If it means pushing 'n passing those Welcome attendance cards or booklets up and down the rows during Service, create

a relationship with your beloved Church Secretary to give you heads up. And take to the road. Form a task force, phone tree, whatever it takes to let them know that you know that they are new, like, ya know???(I hate that phrase but in this case: it works!) A simple welcome call, a fresh basket of Society goodies, an offer for a ride, exchange phone numbers, get them into the prayer chain which often drives a growing church and allows us ALL the privilege of name-needs-specific prayer! That's our job, ladies. **Be not late**, says James. Be prepared..and "let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

**AFTER ALL, IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE TO LEAVE SOMEONE "BEHIND!"**

❖ We have work to do this Fall.

❖ We have a body of believers to build up.

❖ We have buses to fill and shouting to be done!

❖ We have THE Gospel to share, in precious Bible Studies from our Quarterly.

{The first one is all about "Sisterhood." HOW TIMELY. Let's be good stewards and wonderful sisters.....to the old and new, young & elderly.} AND MAY THE OREGON DISTRICT AND THEIR UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING BE BLESSED WITH FOCUS ON THE 2016 CONVENTION, OUR MITES PROJECT FUNDING RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, and a prospect of willing hearts to fill the upcoming vacancies in District Leadership These are my prayers for you and us all.

Yours in Christ, in our ongoing, exciting Bus Ride with our gracious Heavenly Father!!

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