

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarship support is available for lay and clergy persons seeking to become certified Rural Chaplains (a two year process). Applications must be complete with required recommendations filed with the RCA membership secretary 30 days prior to the annual FOCUS gathering.

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A limited number of scholarships are available to assist certified Rural Chaplains in retaining certification & in "special needs" situations.

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## AN ANNUAL GATHERING

Is sponsored by the Rural Chaplains Association to provide both lay and clergy persons a supportive setting for sharing insights and perspectives on the state of rural communities, institutions, environmental/economic challenges and religious/family life concerns. The gatherings bring together dynamic innovative practitioners from a wide variety of settings to share vital ministries that are transforming communities, institutions and congregations across the USA and beyond. While most Rural Chaplains certified by the association serve in the United States, there are others serving in Russia, Canada and England. Outside of the USA there are other groups that train and utilize rural chaplains (i.e. Australia).

**CHECK IN AND FIRST NIGHT'S LODGING  
at HOLIDAY INN Metairie New Orleans Airport**

**THE HOLIDAY INN METAIRIE NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT PROVIDES FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE  
2261 N. Causeway Blvd, Metairie, LA.70001 Ph. 504-373-5946. The same room rates apply 2 days  
before and after our gathering. For those planning to arrive early or stay late, make reservations  
directly with the hotel for extra nights only. Indicate you are a Rural Chaplain.**

**REGISTER BEFORE AUG 1<sup>st</sup> to SAVE \$50. (After Aug 1<sup>st</sup> \$331. Dbl & \$507. Single)**

**Registration deadline: SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

\_\_\_\$281. Double or \_\_\_ \$457. Single ROOMMATE\_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ special need? \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE RURAL CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION  
4705 Alabama Hwy #40, Dutton, AL 35744**



**PLAN NOW TO  
JOIN AN  
AMAZINGLY RICH  
ADVENTURE INTO  
THE SOUTHERN  
MOST PARISH AND  
BAYOUS OF  
LOUISIANA**

**OCT. 28-31, 2015**



Rev. Dr. Susanna Metz  
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**PLAQUEMINES PARISH  
RURAL CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION**



**WEDNESDAY, OCT 28, 2015**

**3-5 PM REGISTRATION Lobby of HOLIDAY INN Metairie New Orleans Airport**  
**5:30 DINNER at Holiday Inn**

**PRESENTATION: " The Development (History) and Diversity of People who call Southern Louisiana Home"**  
**Sharing & Evening Devotions**

**THURSDAY, OCT 29, 2015**

**6-8 AM Complimentary BREAKFAST**  
**8AM Bus leaves for PLAQUEMINES PARISH**

for a day of visiting with and hearing stories from local people.

**12:00 Lunch at Lighthouse Lodge**

Continue to hear stories from local people regarding life in Plaquemines Parish, with visit to fishing/shrimp boats.

RCA begins with dinner at 5:30 PM on Wed & ends Fri. with the return to the hotel at 8:30 PM following free time in the French Quarter. Those wishing to stay later must arrange their own return transportation to the hotel..

**\*EXPERIENCE THE RICH DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE , CULTURES AND TRADITIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO LIFE IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA.**

**\*EXPLORE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELATED TO SEAFOOD AND CITRUS INDUSTRIES; OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION; AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES IN RURAL LOUISIANA.**

**\*HEAR STORIES FROM LOCAL PEOPLE IDENTIFYING ISSUES, ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES.**

**\*VISIT AND LEARN FROM LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES.**

**\*EXPLORE AND ENJOY OPEN AIR MARKETS IN THE FRENCH QUARTER OF NEW ORLEANS WITH ITS STREET MUSICIANS AND TRADITIONAL CUISINE.**

**THURSDAY Continued**

**5:00 TRINITY UMC (Buras) STORIES FROM NATIVE AMERICANS**

**6:00 Dinner with continued sharing & Evening Devotions**

Spend the night at Lighthouse Lodge in Venice, LA at the end of Route 23

**FRIDAY, OCT 30, 2015**

**6-8 AM Complimentary Breakfast**

**8:30 Bus leaves for New Orleans**

**10:30 North Rampart Community Center & St Marks UMC**

**12-3:30 Lunch "on your own"\* & Free time in French Quarter**

**3:30 RCA Business Mtg at St Marks UMC**

**6 PM RCA Certification Service**

**7:00-8:30 Dinner "on your own"\* & Free time in French Quarter**

**8:30 Bus returns to Holiday Inn**

**SATURDAY, OCT 31, 2015**

**6-8 AM Complimentary Breakfast**

**\*allow \$40. to purchase 2 meals not provided**

**1.5 CEU**

**MAJOR PRESENTERS**

**Rev. Dr.Susanna Metz**, Vicar of Petrockstowe, North Devon, England

**Dr. Don Cottrill**, Louisiana Conference Provost/Director of COM

**Rev. Dave Carlton**, Pastor of Trinity UMC, Buras, LA

**Rev. Anita Dinwiddie**, Pastor of St. Marks UMC, New Orleans

**Coach Jeffery Parker**, Exec. Director, N. Rampart Community Ctr, New Orleans

