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Issue #1

It seems like we're always in the middle of an improvement project, whether in our homes or our personal lives. We repair, revamp, remodel. We experience temporary pleasure. But we all know that the brokenness in our lives and the world go way deeper than a remodel can fix. At our 2018 UB Women's Conference, author Carey Scott will speak to us on, "God's Promise of Restoration." We'll consider the deep restoration that only our Creator can give, a restoration that spills from our personal lives to our families, communities, and the world.

We'll gather at the Toledo Renaissance Hotel, a newly restored 4-star hotel in a city that's been going through a restoration process of its own. As the Women's Ministry Team has met to plan and pray through this time, we have seen the ways this place and our theme have come together in surprising ways. We'll share those in the coming months leading up to our conference as we all prepare our hearts for what God has for us in Toledo!

Information and updates will go out through these monthly e-mails, as well as through our Facebook page located at facebook.com/ubwomentoledo. Please share widely!

Sounds great, so how much will it cost?

Super Early Bird pricing until April 28

Quad - \$175 | Triple - \$200 | Double - \$250 | Single - \$400

Early Bird pricing begins April 29 till July 28

Quad - \$200 | Triple - \$225 | Double - \$275 | Single - \$425

Regular Pricing begins July 29 and is available until the event is sold out

Quad - \$225 | Triple - \$250 | Double - \$300 | Single - \$450

\$25 locks in your Super Early Bird rates! Price includes 2 nights at the Renaissance Toledo, 2 days valet parking, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, 1 lunch and 1 dinner, and all sessions.

We have a pay as you go option, like a conference lay-away program. Pay \$25 every month, starting in January, and you'll be all paid up by September for a quad room!

So, **register** soon to lock in your price! Go to ubwomen.org.

Pastor's Wife Discount

The first 20 pastors' wives to register will get a \$50 discount.
We thank the Phronsie Hazen fund for this benefit to our pastors' wives!

Restore and Glassmaking

Our theme for our 2018 Women's Conference is Restore. As it turns out, our hotel in downtown Toledo has undergone a complete restoration in recent years. You'll see it in the shiny surfaces and reflections that surround you from the moment you step into the revolving glass doors and into the lobby.

Toledo is known for its history of glassmaking. From the Libbey Glass Company to modern glassmakers, to the glass area of the Toledo Museum of Art, you'll see signs of glass everywhere. So what does glass have to do with restoration?

Consider this quote from the Toledo Museum site:

"When you put empty glass bottles in your recycling bin, you're following a practice that is thousands of years old. Because glass is one of the only materials that can be repeatedly recycled without losing strength or purity, it can be melted down and reformed endlessly. The ancient Romans and subsequent glassmakers commonly used broken vessels as cullet—scrap glass melted in the furnace—to make new vessels". (You can check out more about this history of glass at their site).

Now consider these verses from 1 Peter, "These (trials) have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Peter writes that the proving process that happens as we go through trials is similar to the process of refining gold—impressing on how exquisitely precious our faith in Jesus is, so much more precious than a precious metal.

Glass is so much more fragile than gold that it seems strange to compare the two, but the melting and refining process is remarkably similar. And the fact that even glass, as fragile as it is, can be melted down and reformed endlessly without "losing strength and purity" is an image of what we long for, right? As we are reformed and reshaped, we are strengthened, purified, and prepared for new ways to serve in the world, just like those ancient Roman vessels that were remade.

We look forward to coming together in downtown Toledo to enjoy God's goodness and beauty, to encourage one another in our faith, and to listen and respond to God's word.

See you in Toledo!

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