

Historical Timeline of United Methodist Women

1856 Methodist Mission in India established

1869-1880 missionary societies formed in various branches of forerunners and branches of Methodist Church

(Methodist Episcopal Church, United Brethren Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Methodist Protestant Church)

1881 mission bands for children 6-16

1882-1884 "Women's Evangel" and "Women's Home Missions" began publication

1886-1887 care for 1-year olds, reading programs for members of society

1890 Rutherford B. Hayes Lucy is first president of Women's Home Missionary Society

1896 first retirement home established for missionaries and deaconesses in Ocean Grove, NJ

1914 children's home Cedartown, GA

1932 "World Outlook" began publication

1939 Woman's Society of Christian Service Wesleyan Service Guild, The Methodist Church

1940 "The Methodist Woman" published by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church

1949 Ellen Barnette and Pearl Bellinger first Black women missionaries sent to India

1951 States Laws on Race and Color, by Pauli Murray published by Women's Division

1952 The first Charter for Racial policies adopted

1954 Support for the historic Supreme Court decision (Brown vs. Board of Education)

1955 Policy statement on school desegregation adopted by The Woman's Division of the Evangelical United Brethren Church

1961 Purchased site at First Avenue and 44th Street, New York City

1969 Successor to World Evangel and The Methodist Woman, Response Magazine was published in January 1969

1969 Passed resolution in opposition to the Vietnam War

1972 Organized around the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

1972 General Conference established the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSRW)

1973 Division approved an amendment calling for the impeachment of President Nixon

1976 Ministries To Women and Ministries To Children: A Policy Statement adopted

1984, 1988 Sent resolutions to General Conference in opposition to apartheid in South Africa

1990 Delivered 10,000 postcards signed by Assembly participants requesting President Bush to sign the child care bill

1992 The 20th Anniversary of United Methodist Women

1997 The New Structure for United Methodist Women

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2011 Purpose of UMW

- To be a community of women
- To know God
- To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- To expand concepts of mission
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- **About United Methodist Women**
- United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.
- Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.
- The Women's Division is the national policy-making body of this group.

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