

The Purpose of United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United Methodist Women Facts

- United Methodist Women has **local units in every district** of The United Methodist Church.
- Over **26,000 local units** make up United Methodist Women.
- Members **gave more than \$16 million** to support mission worldwide in 2008.

“I’ve learned that I’m unique, that I can follow Jesus and that everybody around me is a little piece that we can put together to make a better world.”

—Sarah Burgos



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The Emblem

The official emblem for United Methodist Women and The United Methodist Church combines the cross and flame. The cross and flame are ancient symbols of Christ and Pentecost. The shape of the emblem is fluid and free-flowing, suggesting change and mobility. “I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you” (2 Timothy 1:6a NEB).

Our heritage is one of sacrifice, witness and service. The emblem serves as a continuing reminder of both opportunity and obligation.



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Join United Methodist Women



“United Methodist Women gave me a chance to open my eyes and my mind for others.”

—Young Sook Kim



What does membership mean?

It means joining a global community of women—nearly 800,000 strong—who are committed to the same purpose and have a passion to change the world around them.

Any woman who commits herself to the Purpose of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be a United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

How do I join?

It's easy to become a member of United Methodist Women, just talk to someone you know who is already a member of the organization.

If you don't know a woman who is a member, you can contact the membership office at 212-870-3725 to learn how you can join. We can either help you connect to a group locally or online. The membership office can also help you organize a new local unit if there are none in your area.

“Being a member of United Methodist Women has given me the opportunity to do things that I had never thought about doing.”
—Barbara Lampley



What do United Methodist Women do?

Members of United Methodist Women are active in their church and the world around them in all kinds of ways. You'll find members serving, teaching, sharing and advocating for others all over the world.

United Methodist Women members are committed to spiritual growth, giving to mission, social justice and living out their faith. They meet regularly for prayer, study, social action and mission engagement—they also get together just to have fun.

Many United Methodist Women members take on leadership roles at one time or another. Members might find themselves serving on behalf of the organization at local, district, conference, jurisdictional or national levels at some point in their lives.

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—Jennifer Noel

