



RESOURCES

Grants and Funding Opportunities

The United Methodist Women connection provides national mission institutions, international partners and deaconesses and home missionaries with a number of funding opportunities from special grants to other forms of supplemental giving. We also provide scholarship opportunities as well as property resourcing, annual gifts and access to volunteers.

Training and Networks

Mission organizations and partnerships are strengthened through education, board development, capacity building, networking opportunities and technical support so leaders can provide better quality services to the women, children and youth they serve. Deaconesses and home missionaries are equipped through education and supported with ongoing professional development and care.

Advocacy

The Section on Ministry Opportunity offers national mission institutions and international partners a voice and a platform in which to be heard. In ministry appointments and as laity, deaconesses and home missionaries strive to be a prophetic voice for justice, sustainability and an abundant life for all. Through our networks we work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems and we equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and systems.

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SECTION ON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Through the administrative offices of International and National Ministries as well as Deaconess and Home Missioner, the United Methodist Women's Section on Ministry Opportunities is putting faith, hope and love into action by facilitating ministry opportunities throughout the country and the world.



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Purpose of the Section on Ministry Opportunities

The Section on Ministry Opportunities' work is designed to support international ministries and national mission organizations and to administer the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner. The collaboration of these offices enables mission across the globe by providing resources, vocation and partnership opportunities.

Main Goals of the Section on Ministry Opportunities

This section is geared toward eradicating poverty, building educational platforms, bringing justice to women and children and helping more women and children to become leaders in our communities. SOMO works to build a supportive community among women, to advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention given to the needs of women and children, and to engage in activities that foster growth in Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement through United Methodist Women.

International Ministries

International Ministries holds relationships with approximately 300 partner organizations in nearly 80 countries. Its work is focused on poverty eradication in union with local churches, church women and youth organizations, global and local nongovernmental organizations, and grass-roots organizations geared toward access to education, health care, economic development, spiritual and theological development, and leadership and organizational development so that women, children and youth have an articulate voice to take to any table. It supports Global Justice Volunteers and offers various scholarships.

National Ministries

National Ministries facilitates the mission of a network of mission institutions across the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These institutions provide much-needed services to their communities at large, and many have historical relationships with United Methodist Women. National mission institutions equip women, children and youth to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, government and churches. They work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems, and they provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world. Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/national-mission-institutions to identify institutions in your area.



Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner

Deaconesses, who are laywomen, and home missioners, who are laymen, are professionally trained persons who have been led by the Holy Spirit to devote their lives to Christ-like service under the authority of The United Methodist Church. The Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner is an empowering avenue for United Methodist laity to fulfill their calling to lifetime ministries of love, justice and service, providing the church with a body of trained, committed, equipped servant leaders and active voices and witnesses in the world. Is this a calling for you? Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/dhm.

