

The Legacy Fund

United Methodist Women is celebrating its 150th anniversary by strengthening and passing on its mission inheritance with the Legacy Fund. The forward-looking permanent endowment will provide a firm foundation for generations of United Methodist Women to come as they engage in mission with the women, children, and youth of their day.

The Legacy Fund's income will ensure a regular source of support for the core expenses of being in mission. It will undergird United Methodist Women grants, scholarships, mission personnel, membership nurture, and leadership development, as well as enable the organization to make much-needed technological updates to its data and communications operating systems.

The total program of United Methodist Women is mission. United Methodist Women service, advocacy, and transformative learning opportunities equip members to be agents of change and to promote the empowerment of women that is essential when addressing the root causes of so many harmful conditions affecting women, children, and youth. The Legacy Fund will provide a stable source of support for core expenses of mission, and in doing so, it will free future generations of United Methodist Women to raise and budget their Mission Giving dollars in different ways that enable them to connect even more directly with women, children, and youth.

Every member of United Methodist Women is invited to contribute to the Legacy Fund. **Any amount is welcome.** Consider commemorating the year United Methodist Women foremothers first organized for mission with gifts in increments of 1869: \$18.69, \$186.90, \$1,869, etc. Or you may want to honor United Methodist Women's years of service with gifts in increments of 150: \$15, \$150, \$1,500, etc. Members are also invited to name the Legacy Fund in their will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or pension.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund can be made in several ways:

- **Online:** unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund
- **By Phone:** 800-278-7771 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. [EST])
- **By Mobile Phone:** Text **LEGACY150** to **41444**
- **By Mail:** Make checks payable to United Methodist Women
475 Riverside Drive, Treasurer's Office
New York, NY 10115
Write "The Legacy Fund" in memo section.

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission focused on the needs of women and children. They started the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a predecessor organization of United Methodist Women. The women raised money to send Clara Swain, a doctor, and Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, to India as missionaries to serve the nation's women and girls.

Those visionary women left a legacy that has moved generations of women for almost 150 years to engage in mission focused on the needs of women and children. In the twenty-first century, women still need to organize for mission. Please make it happen with a gift to the Legacy Fund.



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