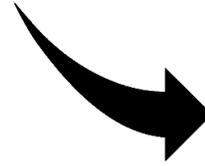


Print these
Tip Cards as
two-sided (page 1A
and 1B are
matching front and
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rectangles to use at
your meetings.

CLIMATE JUSTICE

We are committed to reducing
greenhouse gas emissions.

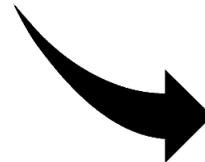
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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

We are committed to reducing
maternal mortality

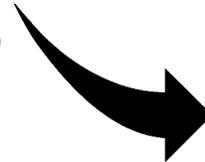
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ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

We are committed to advancing
legislation that will lead to a living
wage for all workers.

You can be, too



Contribute to United Methodist Women's Carbon Fund. This fund will support projects that increase access to clean energy, develop economic initiatives within underserved communities, support climate and energy advocacy initiatives led by women that bring about greater equity and sustainability.

The U.S. has the worst maternal mortality rate in the developed world. Find out if your state has a maternal mortality review committee (MMRC) and how you can support this initiative at [unitedmethodistwomen/mchealth](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/care-for-the-earth-a-legacy-of-acting-for-climate).

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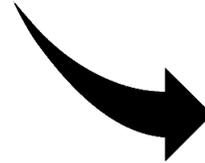
- **Find partners to work with on living wage issues in your state.**
- **The United Methodist Women Living Wage Map cites wage laws in your state and possible partners to work with on Living Wages for All.**

[unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wage-map](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/living-wage-map)

CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

We are committed to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

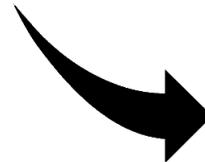
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Did you know?



ADVOCACY TIPS

There's no substitute for showing up.

Here's what you can do



- **Become a school-to-prison pipeline interrupter in your hometown.**
- **Educate key decision makers (e.g., school boards, superintendents, local police) about racial disparities in discipline and change the life of young people in your community for the better.**

- **School suspensions cost the United States \$35/billion a year.†**
- **African American girls are suspended six times more than white girls.‡**

†Source: npr.org/sections/ed/2016/06/02/480181488/high-school-suspensions-cost-the-country-35-billion-annually-report-estimates

‡ocrdata.ed.gov/downloads/crdc-school-discipline-snapshot.pdf

**Consider visiting your legislator in person, either at the capitol or in your district.
Elected representatives are more responsive to in-person meetings than to e-mails, phone calls or letters.**

ADVOCACY TIPS

Concerned about an issue
in your community?

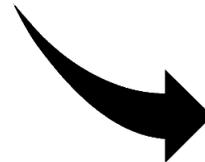
Here's what you can do



ADVOCACY TIPS

You don't need to do it alone,
bring friends to the table!

Here's how



ADVOCACY TIPS

Organize!

Here's why



**Consider writing a brief letter to
the editor of your local newspaper.
Keep it concise, personal
and specific.**

**Partner with other organizations
that have a shared vision
for your community.**

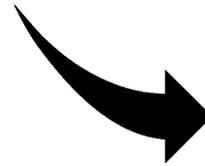
**“And though one might prevail
against another, two will withstand
one. A threefold cord is not
quickly broken.”**

(Eccl. 4:12)

ADVOCACY TIPS

Ask questions, learn.
We listen.

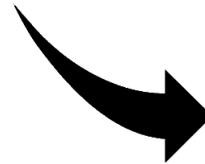
Here's how



ADVOCACY TIPS

We tell our stories.

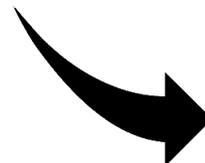
You can, too



ADVOCACY TIPS

How do I advocate with
my legislator, governor or
other decision maker?

Here's how



**Listen carefully to the voices of
women, children and youth
in your community.**

**Tell why are you concerned
about an issue.
Prepare an “elevator speech”
— a version of your own story
you can fit into 30 seconds or so.**

- 1. Do your homework before the meeting. Know the issue and the person.**
- 2. Go with a group. In advance of the meeting, prepare and decide who will say what.**
- 3. Share a powerful, personal story about the issue. Speak from your heart and make it memorable.**
- 4. Build a relationship. One meeting isn't enough to make change, so keep following up over time.**

NMIs

ENGAGE with a National Mission Institution! — autonomous, community-based organizations that do direct service and advocacy on issues affecting women, children and youth.



Here's how



SOCIAL ACTION

Get updates on
**United Methodist Women's
Four Social Action Campaigns**



Here's how

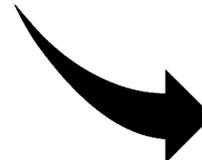


SOCIAL ACTION

Find out about *public policy*: the system of laws, regulatory measures, courses of action and funding priorities issued by a governmental entity or its representatives.



Here's how



- **Serve on the board**
- **Develop resources**
- **Uplift the social justice priorities of United Methodist Women**
- **Serve as advocacy partners**
- **Be in mission!**

For more information and/or to get connected, contact:

NMI@unitedmethodistwomen.org

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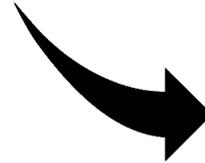
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- **Work with your conference social action coordinator to organize a Legislative Event or Social Action Day. See conference website for her name and contact information.**
- **Get in touch with your federal, state and local elected leaders. Get to know their local staff!**
- **Sign up for alerts on the Four Social Action Campaigns at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action**
- **Offer advocacy skills workshops at your local, district and conference annual meetings, such as: writing letters to the editor; visiting elected officials; working with allies, etc.**

MEMBERSHIP

Interested in JOINing US?

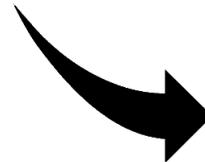
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MEMBERSHIP

Get your local unit
ENGAGED!

Here's how



To learn more about becoming a
United Methodist Women member
please contact us at
membership@unitedmethodistwomen.org
or call us at 212-870-3725

- **Service + Advocacy:** choose at least one of our social justice priorities
- Use your monthly United Methodist Women Sunday to uplift and share the work around our service and advocacy campaigns
- Create and share your elevator speech with women in the UMC and within your community
- **Members:** complete the myUMW form online at unitedmethodistwomen.org/myUMW and get your Membership Card
- Cultivate partnerships with local stakeholders (i.e., community leaders, government, and schools)