CLIMATE JUSTICE
We are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

You can be, too

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
We are committed to reducing maternal mortality

You can be, too

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.


• 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
CRIMINALIZATION OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
We are committed to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

You can be, too

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

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.

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

(Eccl. 4:12)

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

GO TO:
unitedmethodistwomen.org/action

• 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?

Here’s how

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)