Living and Leaving a Legacy

Our Methodist foremothers laid a foundation for mission 146 years ago, a mission we carry on today. As our 150th anniversary approaches, on March 23, 2019, we ponder the legacy we will leave to our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and sisters. The Legacy Fund is an opportunity to provide a foundation for future generations to put faith, hope and love into action. The Legacy Fund is an endowment to ensure the work of United Methodist Women continues for the next 150 years.

Over the next five years, United Methodist Women members can support mission with gifts to the Legacy Fund in increments of 150 or 1869 (the year of our founding), such as $1.50, $1,500, $1,869, etc., given each year leading up to 2019. In the next four years you’ll hear more about this fund from your conference leaders.

From 2015 to 2019, all United Methodist Women members are invited to participate in an organization-wide campaign to grow the Legacy Fund. When the campaign is finished, interest generated by the Legacy Fund will permanently support the work of United Methodist Women.

The three components of the Legacy Fund campaign are: (1) every-member annual giving, (2) estate planning opportunities and (3) major gift opportunities. Various options exist for any woman who wants to create a thoughtful financial plan that distributes her assets the way she wants and leaves a legacy of love and caring for her family and for United Methodist Women.

The Legacy Fund will provide for administration of United Methodist Women’s grants, scholarships and mission personnel and will finance technological updates like operating systems for data and communication and more. Ensuring a regular source of support for these core expenses will free future generations to budget Mission Giving to connect directly with the needs of women, children and youth.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION

- Collaborate with your conference Legacy Fund coordinator on fundraising efforts.
- Make gifts to the Legacy Fund in honor or in memory of United Methodist Women leaders.
- Name United Methodist Women and the Legacy Fund in your estate plans.
- Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/150th-anniversary for fundraising resources.

Give to the fund at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund, through your local treasurer or via the national office with project number 3001147.

The work of United Methodist Women is more important than ever. Be a part of that legacy.
Beginning the Anniversary Journey

United Methodist Women members begin to celebrate 150 years in mission and secure future mission through the Legacy Fund

by Sandy Wilder

United Methodist Women members have always understood giving as an expression of God’s grace. Their faith has led them to follow the gospel and to support the mission and ministry of Jesus. Our God is a God of justice, the One who loves the poor and hears the cries of the oppressed, who welcomes the stranger. It is God’s will that all people share in the feast of God. And by God’s grace, all shall.

Women, children and youth are those most often left out of God’s feast. They are systematically marginalized and discriminated against. United Methodist Women members commit themselves and their gifts to help relieve suffering and improve quality of life for women, children and youth. They recognize that in sharing God’s grace, both the giver and the receiver are equally blessed. All resources, natural and financial, are from God, and it is our responsibility as women of faith to ensure that these resources meet the needs of all.

The broad and timeless conviction that all Christians are called to be in mission and grow in community requires support of mission programs, projects and personnel. God’s mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit and carried out following the pattern of Jesus’ ministry, involves teaching, healing, feeding the hungry, changing corrupt systems, liberating the captives, and witnessing.

We are called today as followers of Christ to participate in God’s mission. We are called to leave our legacy for the followers of Christ who will come after us.

Leaving a legacy
Beginning now and for the next five years, United Methodist Women members are undertaking an ambitious, organization-wide challenge to provide even more resources to meet the needs of the women, children and youth who have often been left out of God’s feast. In celebration and recognition of our upcoming 150th anniversary in 2019, we commit to contributing our resources now to ensure the future of United Methodist Women and its capacity—to follow God in mission even more faithfully.

In the coming years we will celebrate the richness of our mission service and advocacy and will begin to make contributions to the Legacy Fund, which is our legacy to the future. We undertake this journey in a spirit of thankfulness and joy.

May God bless our celebration and our giving as we move courageously into our next century and a half of mission! Give today at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/LegacyFund.

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You Feed Them: Our Legacy and Our Future

United Methodist Women’s Living Timeline

by Anissa New-Walker

It seems only yesterday that we gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, for Assembly 2014. And our 150th anniversary is only four short years away!

The powerful message of the loaves and fishes contained in Mark 6:30-44 was our guiding scripture for the Assembly weekend. The sending charge, “You feed them!” truly captured the spirit of the event, and we left equipped with new tools, knowledge and a renewed commitment to turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth down the street and around the world.

Watercolor of Marina “Marie” Gipson cooking Pashola for an annual Chickasaw meeting at Seeley Chapel United Methodist Church in 1964. She wrote the minutes of United Methodist Women meetings in Chickasaw for her mother.

United Methodist Women is asking you to continue to share how you are making it happen.

The Power of Your Stories: A Living Timeline

The United Methodist Women Living Timeline is a storytelling project begun for Assembly 2014 that will carry forward to our 150th anniversary and beyond. Be a part of the Living Timeline by sharing your stories with us.

How are you feeding souls and meeting needs? Are you standing up to human trafficking, racial injustice, domestic violence? Have you gone on an Ubuntu Journey? Do you participate in rallies, forums and legislative days for social action? What are you passionate about? Tell us your story!

Create Your Story

Think in terms of one story or one experience that dramatically highlights the work you do. What in this powerful story changed the life of the person or community you served? How did this experience change you, deepen your commitment to change lives of women, children and youth?

Then put your story into a creative format: artwork, video, song, journal entry, poem or scrapbook, for example. Submit your story to livingtimeline@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

Mission Giving Stories

United Methodist Women News, 

magazine, and the United Methodist Women website at unitedmethodistwomen.org all share stories of transformation that your Mission Giving makes possible all over the world. Share these stories with others and share the story of United Methodist Women—your story.

If you have any questions, please contact Anissa New-Walker at awalker@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

See some current Living Timeline submissions at pinterest.com/UMWomen.

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Youth Emergency Anti-Ebola Campaign
Methodist youth in Liberia organize to help stop the spread of Ebola with help from United Methodist Women.

by Sam T.I. Grimes

The Ebola outbreak in Liberia started in March 2014. Since then, the deadly virus has been raging in our country. The government of Liberia put in place protocol and measures to fight the virus and prevent its spread and eradicate it totally from the country.

Liberia is beginning to experience progress with regard to the Ebola epidemic. Several counties are giving reports of no new Ebola cases. We are highly vigilant and hopeful for the downward trend of Ebola. In the largest Ebola outbreak on record, Liberia remains the most affected country. The Liberian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare reports 3,290 deaths from Ebola as of Dec. 9, 2014.

The Church Responds

From October 14-25, 2014, the Young People’s Ministries of the Liberia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church undertook a Youth Emergency Anti-Ebola Campaign Project implemented in three counties: Grand Bassa, Margibi and Bong. The program was supported by Regional Missionary Finda Quiwa through a grant from United Methodist Women.

Methodist Women. We began with sending communication to relevant authorities, recruiting volunteers and procuring Ebola prevention materials. The Young People’s Ministries Anti-Ebola Task Force conducted meetings and consultations with the stakeholders and scouted communities most in need. The young people who were volunteers were trained phase by phase.

The project was geared toward stopping the spread of Ebola and enabling communities deal with the outbreak. We distributed resources for prevention, raised community awareness and offered psychosocial counseling for affected families. Young people, community leaders, local authorities and church leaders were all involved, reaching approximately 122,000 people.

Outreach

The task force reached out to many communities, including churches and nursing homes. We wanted principally to enlighten people on the danger the virus poses and the measures they could take to prevent getting and spreading the disease. Prevention education included measures such as washing hands with soap regularly, avoiding contact with bodily fluids of sick people and dead bodies, reporting cases of sick people and not hiding them, and preparing handwashing solutions.

We distributed educational fliers and stickers and also educated community members on how to stop the stigma against Ebola survivors. The nursing homes especially appreciated the outreach, saying that The United Methodist Church was the first to provide such education.

In addition to educational fliers, other resources distributed included chloride to clean water, buckets with faucets, powdered soap, rice, vegetable oil, salt and Vita cubes to season food. Our teaching in these communities also provided the residents with new knowledge of using other substances such as ashes, lamb, salt and locally made soap to fight and prevent the virus in case the materials provided by The United Methodist Church and other organizations ran out and they did not have finances to procure more. We also tried to be simply listening ears for people who lost loved ones.

Looking Ahead

As we continue to work to end the spread of Ebola, we must keep providing education and awareness for the safety of our brothers and sisters until the virus is completely out of the country. The orphans of Ebola must also be seriously considered.

We are grateful for the opportunity for the voices of young people to be in heard in the fight against the deadly Ebola virus through the Youth Emergency Anti-Ebola Campaign. We particularly recognize the efforts of Regional Missionary Finda Quiwa for the success of the project, and thank the volunteers, members of the task force and the Liberia Annual Conference as well as the West Africa Central Conference. We thank United Methodist Women members, whose Mission Giving supports Ms. Quiwa and supported this project.

We now know that when the history is written about the fight against the deadly disease, our name will not be left out. May God Almighty bless the works of our hands and save the Church.

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What is Ebola?

Ebola is a rare but deadly disease caused by the Ebola virus. A person infected with Ebola can only spread the disease after symptoms begin, and only through direct contact with body fluids—it is not airborne and cannot be spread by hugs or handshakes.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Controlling Ebola outbreaks

Community engagement is key to successfully controlling outbreaks. Good outbreak control relies on applying a package of interventions, namely case management, surveillance and contact tracing, a good laboratory service, safe burials and social mobilization.

Source: World Health Organization
**Because We Believe:**

**A Wesleyan Response to Ferguson, Missouri**

United Methodist Women’s historical and ongoing advocacy for racial justice is as important today as ever before.

Janis Rosheuvel  
for United Methodist Women

**The Assault on African-American Lives: How Must Christians Respond?**

As followers of Christ, we are called to seek justice, particularly in times of crisis. The killing of Michael Brown in St. Louis, Missouri, left many feeling confused, dismayed and heartbroken. In the face of a series of killings of unarmed African Americans, including Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin, Renisha McBride and many others, we are presented with a moment of reckoning with our nation’s still unfinished business of racial injustice.

Today, the United States is in the midst of an epidemic of extrajudicial killings of African-American men. This is not an abstract crisis, and, painfully, the killing of African-American men is now a regular occurrence. According to a 2012 study by the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, an African-American man is killed every 28 hours in America by police, security personnel or vigilantes. There are many reasons why this kind of seemingly indiscriminate murder continues to afflict our nation.

The pervasive profiling and targeting of African-American communities gives us one part of the story. Police brutality and over policing are “much more prevalent in ethnic minority communities, partly because police in minority communities are usually a nonresident, mostly white occupying force” (Resolution 3376, The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2012). But police brutality, militarization of local police forces and the blanket suspicion thrown over whole communities of color are mere symptoms of the larger issue of ongoing racial injustice throughout our nation. The relentless criminalization of African-American communities also means African Americans face harsh consequences for criminal convictions that most white people with the same convictions rarely endure. Exacerbating this trend, African Americans facing criminal charges can often lack effective legal counsel, further stacking the deck against them.

Beyond the staggering inequities of the criminal justice system, all Americans continue to grapple with inadequately addressed racial oppression in every level of our society. We are called to more. We are called to realize God’s kin-donm on earth, and we are failing far short. Our faith must be a guide for how we can work to end the punishing legacy of racism. As United Methodist Women, our social policy on the Criminalization of Communities of Color in the United States is a decisive call to “actively work to dismantle current policies that depict whole groups of people as criminals and that respond with profiling and mass incarceration.” The criminalization of communities of color is a deeply rooted systemic reality. Holding those cops who kill unarmed people to account through investigations, arrest and prosecution is a start.

In the Wesleyan tradition, our call is, as ever, to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the places we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to know how to “do good” in the face of such relentless repression of African-American life. In most instances, African Americans occupy the bottom rung of the ladder in our society. In fact, the structures that limit and criminalize African-American life have impacts for all people of color in our country. Indeed, from mass incarceration, which disproportionately targets African-American and Latino men and families, to the mass deportation of immigrants, to the extreme marginalization of First Nation peoples, to the hypersurveillance of Arab, Muslim and South Asian communities, racism remains an intractable reality for all people of color, with African Americans bearing among the heaviest burdens.

As United Methodists we can turn to some of the strongest tenets of our faith—scripture, tradition, reason and experience—to understand and offer a thoughtful response during disorienting and agonizing moments.

**A Wesleyan Response to Racial Violence**

What does scripture tell us about the nature of evils like racist violence and racism and the Lord’s demand that we seek justice in the face of such evils? Looking to Proverbs 24:11-12, we see our mandate clearly defined. The Message interpretation urges us to “rescue the perishing; don’t hesitate to step in and help. If you say, ‘Hey, that’s none of my business,’ will that get you off the hook? Someone is watching you closely, you know—someone not impressed with weak excuses.” We are asked to step in to interrupt injustices when we
see them and to realize that we must contend with injustice especially in moments where we may not feel comfortable. Being able to effectively interrupt injustice means honing our skills to identify and act to undo unjust practices and policies. This passage is also asking us to take risks for justice. We must use moments of strife and questioning not for hand wringing but to sit down and continue talking cross-racially about how to stop the ongoing barriers to racial justice we all face. How we respond in those moments and afterward matters. Persistent bravery, compassion and risk-taking are necessary if we are to grow the modern movement for racial justice so that all lives matter.

**Take Action:** Expand your conversations on racial justice by using the Show up for Racial Justice (SURJ) police brutality action kit, which can be found at showupforracialjustice.org. Use this to begin to host cross-racial dialogues in your church or community. SURJ is a national network of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice. Through community organizing, mobilizing and education, SURJ moves white people to act as part of a multiracial majority for justice with passion and accountability. The work of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) is also a great resource to help spur multiracial conversations. Use BAJI’s video The Real Crime, available at blackalliance.org, to examine how criminalization impacts all communities of color. BAJI is an education and advocacy group that provides the African American community with a progressive analysis and framework on immigration that links the interests of African Americans with those of immigrants of color.

**Tradition.**

In all of our many iterations, United Methodist Women has had a long tradition of doing the hard, mundane, messy and necessary work of racial justice. Methodist women have for nearly 150 years worked to undo the practice of racism in our own organization, the church and the wider world. We have sought to hold our institutions accountable for racially unjust policies, like the separation of African Americans into the Central Jurisdiction. Methodist women have also led the fight to change policy with in the church, as in the decades-long fight to get the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community adopted at General Conference. But United Methodist Women has also been at the forefront of racial justice struggles to build cross-racial alliances, support civil rights movements and end lynching. Today, we must honor our tradition by recognizing the modern-day lynchings and follow the lead of our brave foremothers to sound the alarm in our homes, churches and communities. Our antiracist witness deepens our tradition, faith and commitment to Christ.

**Reason.**

During times of social crisis it can be hard to understand the complexities of a situation. Here our faith asks us to bring to bear discerning and cogent thought on issues of injustice. Yet it can be hard to know how to make reasonable assessments about a situation like the one in Ferguson, Missouri, in the face of fast moving realities and potential misinformation swirling about the media. What is clear is that over the past 40 years whole communities have been deemed criminal and have been overly policed, profiled, locked up and killed in increasingly frightening numbers. What is also clear is that the media has often played the mouthpiece of this 40-year war on communities of color by often publishing unquestioned police accounts of criminal cases and suspects. We also see media trying cases in the “court of public opinion,” frequently tainting jury pools and resulting in coerced confessions or erroneous convictions, as in the case of the Central Park Five.

**Take Action:** Use a wider variety of media sources. View media through a social justice/racial justice lens. Colorlines magazine at colorlines.org offers content that examines the social justice aspects of the news of the day. You can also analyze the media through the tools of organizations like Center for Media Justice and Free Press.

**Experience.**

Our experiences can often be the defining factors that help us discern how to act in instances where issues of justice are on the line. But the call to engage our experiences is also a call to know when our experiences may not be enough. Everyone lives with relative privilege. White privilege, able-bodied privilege, economic privilege, male privilege and more. We must uphold the United Methodist Women tradition of keeping close to and following the lead of those who are most often marginalized and directly impacted by injustice, particularly racial injustice. But we must also use our judgment to discern if we need more information, knowledge and time to get a fuller understanding of the world’s injustices. Our experiences matter in how we view injustice and act for justice, but we must also listen to the realities as impacted people see and experience them.

**Take Action:** Use the Reading Program and the annual mission studies to deepen your understanding of other people’s experiences of injustice. A 2014 Reading Program selection to focus on to deepen your consciousness about racial justice would be Dear White America: A Letter to a New Minority by Tim Wise (City Light Books, 2012) and from the 2012 reading list The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness (The New Press, 2010). You can also revisit the 2014 spiritual growth study How Is It With Your Soul? to reflect on how you must answer Christ’s call to be his disciple, for justice. Use the study to pray, learn, mentor, collaborate and act for racial justice in your home, church, community and world.

Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racial-justice for more resources.

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Several thousand United Methodist Women were joined by local community activists as they marched from the Kentucky International Convention Center to Baxter Square Park in Louisville, Kentucky, demanding racial and economic justice. The April 26, 2014, event took place during the 2014 United Methodist Women Assembly.
United Methodist Women Huddle to End Human Trafficking

United Methodist women participate in the Intercept Human Trafficking campaign and raise awareness of human trafficking during the Super Bowl season.

On Feb. 1, 2015, many Americans watched Super Bowl XLIX at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Thousands traveled to the Phoenix area to take part in Super Bowl festivities. Among the travelers were those brought by force, fraud or coercion as victims of human trafficking, serving food in restaurants and catering parties, cleaning hotel rooms, washing dishes, tidying nail salons, delivering dry cleaning or washing windows. Some are trafficked as sex workers for “escort” services or in men-only clubs.

To express our belief that we can help survivors of human trafficking live as whole persons, United Methodist Women members formed a virtual huddle around University of Phoenix Stadium by posting photos of themselves huddling, raising awareness on social media on National Human Trafficking Day on January 11, and sharing Intercept Human Trafficking postcards, fliers and bulletin inserts.

In sports, the huddle is a way for team members to check in with one another, exchange information and agree on strategy and actions. The huddle is a place of “intense and purposeful focus.” United Methodist Women members will continue to huddle and name human trafficking as the crime that it is, committing ourselves to acts of prevention and protection so that those who are victimized can move from trauma to thriving. We will continue to huddle to pass laws that prosecute the traffickers, not the victimized. We huddle together to bear witness to the strength of survivors and to partner in their journey to wholeness.

Continue the Huddle

United Methodist Women members are called to listen to the mandate of our faith to help the vulnerable. You can still contribute to the Let’s Huddle photo campaign by taking a picture of your United Methodist Women group in a circle or huddle and holding a sign that says, “United Methodist Women huddle to intercept human trafficking,” or use #UMWhuddle for social media. In your neighborhood, at church, in the grocery store and at work, become a part of our circle of protection and prevention to intercept human trafficking.

Send your pictures to your conference communicators to share on conference websites and in newsletters. Post them on Facebook or Twitter and be sure to tag United Methodist Women and use hashtag #UMWhuddle. Or you can e-mail your digital photos and captions to webadmin@unitedmethodistwomen.org. You can also mail your physical photos to Intercept Human Trafficking Photos, c/o Tara Barnes, United Methodist Women, 475 Riverside Drive, room 1501, New York, NY 10115.

As always, the United Methodist Women website has resources available to help you learn more and to educate others. Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/human-trafficking.

For further information or help with hosting a forum, contact United Methodist Women Executive for Public Policy Susie Johnson: 202-488-5660 or CSADC@unitedmethodistwomen.org.

To see more photos, visit flickr.com/UMWomen.

United Methodist Women and USAID Partner to Address Fistula

United Methodist Women in Mozambique and USAID-funded Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program host workshop to raise awareness.

by Denise Alves

In September 2014 the Mozambique Women’s Desk of The United Methodist Church organized a workshop on awareness and prevention of fistula in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) in the country.

Obstetric fistula is a medical condition resulting from prolonged or obstructed labor that causes a fistula (hole) either between the rectum and vagina or between the bladder and vagina when adequate medical care is not available. This condition can lead to lifelong incontinence and social ostracism. Pregnancy in adolescence, geographic distance from health facilities, the status of women in communities and limited access to education also contribute to fistula, which, in Mozambique, disproportionately affects young women.

The workshop was held in Maputo and brought together 60 participants from the 13 districts of the United Methodist Church Mozambique South Episcopal area. The workshop’s main theme was “How to fight and prevent obstetric fistula in Mozambique.” Other topics addressed during the workshop included the importance of facility-based prenatal care, labor and delivery care and postpartum care as well as danger signs during pregnancy, delivery and the postpartum period. It also addressed the importance of family planning for women and child health, issues surrounding maternal mortality in Mozambique and screening and treatment for cervical, breast and prostate cancer.

Participants included young women, men, young adult presidents and women’s presidents from all 13 districts. Lectures were led by trained health professionals from the MCHIP Mozambique project.

This workshop sought to educate and engage churches and community members on women’s reproductive health issues and trained women to be community trainers and activists who will return to their communities to advocate for women’s health and rights.

Support for this workshop came from United Methodist Women members’ Mission Giving. Through their generosity United Methodist Women members help empower and improve the lives of women, youth and children in the United States and around the world.

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Charter for Racial Justice
Written and adopted by United Methodist Women in 1978 and by the whole denomination in 1980, the call of the Charter for Racial Justice remains urgent today.

Because We Believe:

1. that God is the Creator of all people and all are God’s children in one family;
2. that racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
3. that racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
4. that racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic and political exploitation;
5. that we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers of other races in thought, in word and in deed;
6. that in our common humanity in creation all women and men are made in God’s image and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
7. that our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person’s value is respected and nurtured;
8. that our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings and new relationships and must be reflected in the law, policies, structures and practices of both church and state;

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons. Therefore, as United Methodist Women in every place across the land …

We Will Unite Our Efforts With All Groups in The United Methodist Church:

1. To eliminate all forms of institutional racism in the total ministry of the church with special attention given to those institutions which we support, beginning with their employment policies, purchasing practices and availability of services and facilities.
2. To create opportunities in local churches to deal honestly with the existing racist attitudes and social distance between members, deepening the Christian commitment to be the church where all racial groups and economic classes come together.
3. To increase our efforts to recruit women of all races into the membership of United Methodist Women and provide leadership development opportunities without discrimination.
4. To create workshops and seminars in local churches to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of each race to the church and community.
5. To increase local churches, awareness of the continuing needs for equal education, housing, employment and medical care for all members of the community and create opportunities to work for these things across racial lines.
6. To work for the development and implementation of national and international policies to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all people such as through support for the ratification of United Nations covenants on human rights.
7. To support and participate in the worldwide struggle for liberation in the church and community.
8. To support nomination and election processes that include all racial groups employing a quota system until the time that our voluntary performance makes such practice unnecessary.

Free copies of the Charter for Racial Justice as well as the United Methodist Women Racial Justice Time Line can be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/store.
Mission Resources

United Methodist Women mission studies and spiritual growth studies offer opportunities to learn and grow. Mission u centers on these books, and they are the perfect resources for small-group studies, book clubs and Sunday school classes.

**Created for Happiness:**
*Understanding Your Life in God*
by Cynthia A. Bond Hopson and Sarah Hearer Lancaster

$10.00; English (M3220), Spanish (M3221), Korean (M3222)
Kindle (English) $5.35

The early Methodist tradition used the language of happiness often. Not only did John Wesley preach about happiness but his brother Charles wrote hymns about happiness that the early Methodists sang. The happiness they sought was happiness in God. This study examines the understanding of happiness and how to live the life that God calls us to.


**Latin America: People and Faith**
by Sonia Maria Barbosa Dias

$10.00; English (M3223), Spanish (M3224), Korean (M3225) Kindle (English, Portuguese) $5.95

Latin America: People and Faith presents a broad perspective of Latin America—the South American continent, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean—from a historic and socioeco-
nomic perspective. Its five chapters cover the life and culture of the pre-Columbian civilization, the historical process of colonization, the diversity of its people, the independence movements and the historically rooted challenges Latin America is currently facing. The book explores the rich culture of the region and considers the progress of women in the arts, society, and politics while examining the roles of belief, faith, and religion in Latin America today.


**Latin America: Places, Culture and Faith: A Mission Study for Youth**
by Claudia Lacayo Colejal

English translation by Shalom Ebin Belo Diaz $10.00 (M3227)

The study provides a wealth of information on Latin American life, customs, culture, young people, geography and liturgical practices that will help United Methodist youth increase their understanding of what life is like for Latin American youth.

**Life and Faith in Latin America: A Mission Study for Children**
by Andrea Fernandez and Telma Cezar

English Translation by Euda Gomes da Silva $10.00 (M3226)

A comprehensive leader’s guide to four sessions using four biblical studies for children (ages 5-12) to gain a deeper awareness and understanding of Latin America and its people, promoting sharing opportunities, growth and transformation.

**DVD:**
*History, Culture and Faith in Latin America*

$14 (M3264)

This DVD presents an overview of the richness of Latin America and its people. We learn of the life and culture of the pre-Columbian civilization and the course of colonization and see how the waves of immigration occurred in the 19th and the 20th centuries both within Latin America and to other parts of the world. The role of women in Latin America society is examined, and we also hear the challenges women encounter. The work of the church in Latin America and its impact is explored.

Additional features include videos of United Methodist Women’s partners work in the region with women, children and youth. Run time: Approximately 26 minutes. Available February 16, 2015.

**Sale! 2010-2013 Reading Program Books up to 50 percent off!!**