

Why United Methodist Women Engages in Social Action

Member Resources

United Methodist Women members engage in social action drawing from our biblical and theological Christian tradition and our Wesleyan heritage. We look to the Bible and to United Methodist Church social policy and prioritize the needs of women, children and youth as we determine the primary issues for social action. We also draw on our rich 150-year heritage of engagement in mission as advocates for justice. Here are some resources to assist as you plan programs with members to explore what grounds us and motivates our collective action.

See unitedmethodistwomen.org/action for action resources.

Getting Started...

Why United Methodist Women Engage in Social Action (from the Four Social Action Campaigns poster). unitedmethodistwomen.org/whyunitedmethodistwomenengageinsocialaction.pdf

Why Should I Get Involved in Social Issues? unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/action/whyshouldigetinvolved.pdf

Bible Studies

Biblical Women: Claiming Justice for Ourselves and Our Children (Bible study). unitedmethodistwomen.org/getmedia/aba15312-3237-49ba-b37b-d5f152cf1326/2-Biblical-Women-Speak-Out-and-Pursue-Justice-S2PP-Bible-Study-Curriculum.pdf

Reading the Bible Together. This is an introduction to the School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible study series. It can also be used as a general introduction. unitedmethodistwomen.org/getmedia/ee4b3c68-7803-4bb6-a6d8-5ce3d1a8d99d/1-Introduction-Reading-the-Bible-Together-S2PP-Bible-Study-Curriculum.pdf

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Study. Created in 2018 for the 50th anniversary of King's assassination, it can be adapted for general use. The study involves a close reading of King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and theological reflection on justice. unitedmethodistwomen.org/king



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Mission Studies

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, Janet Wolf. unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-study/resurrection

Practicing Resurrection Leader's Guide. Includes a supplementary session that can be used for a 1-3-hour study or meeting. unitedmethodistwomen.org/getmedia/f63a81b5-eb73-4931-a4dc-913a7f902042/LeadersGuideSG2019Mark.pdf

Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission, Ellen Blue (2019-2020). Offers an historical perspective on our approach to social action (e.g., settlement houses, deaconesses, racial justice work). unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-study/women-united-for-change

United Methodist Women Economic Justice Mission Legacy, a timeline. Companion piece to 150 Years in Mission. unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality/economicjusticemissionlegacy.pdf

What About Our Money? A Faith Perspective, Susan Taylor. unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-study/money

What About Our Money? A Faith Perspective. 2019 Supplement by elmira Nazombe. Includes interactive Bible study. unitedmethodistwomen.org/getmedia/2792018a-de71-41b6-be92-3e6f75037423/MS2019MoneySupplement.pdf

The Call: Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly, George McClain, Tilda Norberg and Nancy Kruh (ed.). unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/transformational-education/mission-study/spiritual-growth/living-sacramentally

United Methodist Policy

The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, 2016. Cokesbury. cokesbury.com/search?cid=2028994044&aid=73580973962&keyword=cokesbury&kid=303901780491&qclid=Cj0KCQjw_5rtBRDxARIsAJfxvYCB6bkplnnWZKGBH2xWSd2xQUIk4_cne29QeahgqCAFMM LP0Farn8YaAnXnEALw_wcB&q=the+book+of+resolutions+of+the+united+methodist+church+2016&pagenumber=1

Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, 2017-2020. Cokesbury. cokesbury.com/Social-Principles-of-The-United-Methodist-Church-2017-2020-1



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United Methodist Women Social Action Campaigns

1. Just Energy for All

Just Energy for All Campaign 101: [3-Part Webinar Series on Climate Justice](#) (Session 1 is a Bible study.)

“Choose Life: A Bible Study on Sustainability.” unitedmethodistwomen.org/bible-studies/choose-life

2. School-to-Prison Pipeline

“School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study.” unitedmethodistwomen.org/school-to-prison-pipeline-bible-study

3. Living Wage for All

Faith Talks, with Carol Barton on Women, Labor and Living Wage. Explores God’s Economy of Grace. unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks

What About Our Money?: A Faith Perspective, Susan Taylor, unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-study/money

Faith and Economic Inequality, Bible Studies and Reflections
unitedmethodistwomen.org/economic-inequality/reflections

Overworked and Undervalued (**response** magazine Bible study)
unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/overworked-and-undervalued



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