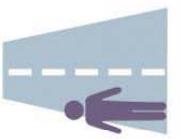


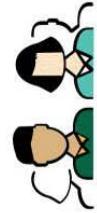
General Conference

History & Highlights



2016

Where is God calling us to go from here?



1988

General Conference approves founding of Africa University, the first private university in Zimbabwe serving young people from all over Africa.



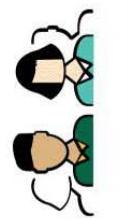
1972

The first General Conference of The United Methodist Church meets in Atlanta, Georgia.*



1870

The first lay delegates (non-clergy) attend General Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*



1956

Methodist Church officially adopts full clergy rights for women after years of female preachers, teachers, and leaders.



1982

General Conference of The United Methodist Church meets in Atlanta, Georgia.*



1803

The first conference of the Evangelical Association ordains Jacob Albright to lead them.*



1800

William Otterbein and Martin Boehm found Church of the United Brethren that held "General Conferences" annually.*



1956

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1800

Methodist Episcopal General Conference issues pastoral letter on abolishing slavery.



1773

The first conference of American Methodist preachers meets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3 years before the United States becomes a nation.



1784

The Christmas Conference at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland officially forms the Methodist Episcopal Church.



1792

General Conference begins cycle of meeting once every four years.



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1844

John Wesley hosts first conference of Methodist preachers in London.



1744

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1968

*Historical branches of The United Methodist Church named above
1968 - The United Methodist Church was founded when the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren joined.
1946 - Evangelical United Brethren formed through uniting of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church.
1939 - The Methodist Church was founded when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united.
1894 - United Evangelical Church officially breaks away from the Evangelical Association.
1844 - Methodist Episcopal Church, South forms when congregations leave the Methodist Episcopal Church over the issue of slavery.
1828 - Methodist Protestant Church forms after congregations separate from Methodist Episcopal Church over issues of church governance.

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