Organized for Mission
Women's Organizations in the United Methodist Denominations

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (1784-1939)

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1869-1939)
Woman's Home Missionary Society (1880-1939)
Wesleyan Service Guild (1921-1972)

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH (1844-1939)

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1878-1910)
Woman's Home Missionary Society (1890-1910)
Woman's Missionary Council (1910-1939)

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH (1830-1939)

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1879-1928)
Woman's Home Missionary Society (1893-1928)
Woman's Work of the Methodist Protestant Church (1928-1939)

THE METHODIST CHURCH (1939-1968)

Woman's Society of Christian Service (1939-1972)
Wesleyan Service Guild (1921-1972)

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST (1800-1946)

Women's Missionary Association (1875-1946)
Young Women's Mission Band, later Otterbein Guild (1883-1946)

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION (1803-1922)

Woman's Missionary Society (1884-1922)
UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH (1894-1922)

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (1891-1922)

EVANGELICAL CHURCH (1922-1946)

Woman's Missionary Society (1922-1946)
Christian Service Guild (1944-1958)

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN (1946-1968)

Women's Society of World Service (1946-1972)
Christian Service Guild (1944-1958)

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (1968-PRESENT)

Women's Society of Christian Service (1968-1972)
United Methodist Women (1972-present)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF INTEREST

Ladies Aid Societies: *Date from early American Methodism; flourished at the local church level in the various denominations. Formally recognized in the 1904 Methodist Episcopal Discipline.*

The Female Missionary Society of New York (1819-1961): *Auxiliary to the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society; largest and most influential of the local female auxiliaries organized prior to the formation of a denominational woman's missionary society.*

Ladies' China Missionary Society (Methodist Episcopal Church) (1848-1871): *Reorganized in 1871 as the Baltimore Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Ladies and Pastors Christian Union (1868-1870s): *Under pastoral supervision, female members of the Union visited the sick and needy.*