

*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.*

*World Federation of Methodist Women (1939-present): Affiliated with the World Methodist Council.*

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