

United Methodist Women's History Quiz: Questions and Answers



Please circle your answers.

1. When was the first Women's History Month observed in the U.S.?
1775
1812
1987
2018
2. How many United Methodist Women members are there in 2019?
8
800
8,000
800,000
3. What Methodist woman wrote more hymns than Charles Wesley?
Frances Willard
Fanny Crosby
Frances Alexander

Fanny Brice

4. True or false, Helenor Davisson is the first woman ordained in the Methodist tradition?
True
False

5. Who was the first woman to run for President in the U.S.?
Betsy Ross
Carrie Nation
Victoria Woodhull
Hillary Clinton

6. Who was the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?
Sandra Day O'Connor
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Sonya Sotomayor
Eleanor Roosevelt

7. How many active women bishops are there in 2019 in the UMC?
0
4
17
68

8. When was the Commission on the Status and Role of Women created?
1872
1972
2002
2012

9. Who was the first woman to serve as president of the Council of Bishops?
Dolly Madison
Marjorie Matthews
Minerva Carcano
Sharon Brown Christopher

10. True or False, you can purchase a Women's Edition of the Bible.
True
False

Complete Answers:

1. When was the first Women's History Month observed in the U.S.?

The correct answer is **1987**. According to Wikipedia, the first International Women's Day was held in 1911. In 1979, the school district of Sonoma, California, participated in Women's History Week. Then, in 1987, the U.S. Congress expanded the focus to a whole month.

Learn more about United Methodist Women in Leadership.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_History_Month#Women's_History_Month

2. How many United Methodist Women members are there in 2019?

The correct answer is **800,000**. The group's first iteration in 1869 had 8 members. According to UMW, "For more than a century, women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions have led a struggle for human rights and social justice. The generation of women who founded the early missionary societies developed powerful networks and organizational structures to help women attain full participation in the life of the church and society."

Learn more about United Methodist Women:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/history>

3. What Methodist woman wrote more hymns than Charles Wesley?

The correct answer is **Fanny Crosby**, a lifelong Methodist blind from infancy. Crosby wrote more than 9,000 hymns, for example, "Blessed Assurance," "To God Be the Glory" and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>

4. True or false, Helenor Davisson is the first woman ordained in the Methodist tradition?

The correct answer is **True**. Helenor Davisson was the first ordained woman in the Methodist tradition. In 1866, Davisson was ordained deacon by the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

See a timeline of women in Methodism:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>

5. Who was the first woman to run for President in the U.S.?

Victoria Claflin Woodhull was an American suffragist described by newspapers as a leader of the American woman's suffrage movement in the 19th century. Woodhull was nominated for President of the United States by the Equal Rights Party on May 10, 1872.

Read about Methodist women who fought for the vote.

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/6-methodist-women-who-fought-for-the-vote>

6. Who was the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

The correct answer is **Sandra Day O'Connor** who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. She served the court until her retirement in 2006. On August 12, 2009, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor of the United States, by President Barack Obama.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandra_Day_O%27Connor

??? women sit on the United Methodist Judicial Council, the highest "court" of the UMC.

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/judicial-council>

7. How many active women bishops are there in 2019 in the UMC?

There are currently **17** women bishops leading episcopal areas in The United Methodist Church. The first woman to be elected was the Rev. Marjorie Matthews in 1980, who served the Wisconsin Episcopal Area before her retirement.

Get other facts about the Council of Bishops:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-council-of-bishops>

8. When was the Commission on the Status and Role of Women created?

The correct answer is 1972. In 1972, the General Conference created the Commission on the Status and Role of Women as a four-year agency. Barbara Ricks Thompson was elected president.

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/timeline-of-women-in-methodism>

<https://www.gcsrw.org/>

9. Who was the first woman to serve as president of the Council of Bishops?

The correct answer is **Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher**. In 2002, she became the first woman to serve as president of the Council of Bishops. Bishop Christopher delivered the Episcopal Address at General Conference in 2008.

<https://archive.wfn.org/2002/05/msg00033.html>

Take a quiz about United Methodist bishops.

10. True or False, you can purchase a Women's Edition of the Bible.

The correct answer is **True**. The Common English Bible Women's Bible debuted in 2016 and is sold by Abingdon Press, as a specialty edition of the Common English Bible. The CEB Women's Bible offers Holy Land maps, intros to the books of the Old and New Testaments, and footnotes. There's an index of all women mentioned in the Old Testament and New Testament, along with biographical sketches of many of them.

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/womens-edition-of-bible-offers-new-light>

Read more about women in the Bible.

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/biblical-mothers-not-a-job-for-the-faint-of-heart>

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<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/are-you-smarter-than-the-average-united-methodist-mothers-edition>

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