



TEXAS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2020

There are more than 100,000 members of United Methodist Women in Texas. At their annual legislative conference, UMW members from all six of Texas' United Methodist Annual Conferences adopt a consensus legislative agenda reflecting their priority legislative concerns. United Methodist Women was established in 1869. United Methodist Women place particular emphasis on issues impacting the well-being of women, children and youth.

Texas United Methodist Women affirm the dedication of every member of the Texas Legislature. We thank you for your service to our state and we look forward to thanking you for your good work in the 87th legislative session. The following represent our consensus legislative priorities for 2020:

National UMW Priority Area: Economic Inequality

Texas Legislative Priorities

- Increase funding for public education
- No tax subsidies to private schools

National UMW Priority Area: Climate Justice

Texas Legislative Priorities

- Mitigate climate change by advancing renewable energy and reducing support for and reliance on fossil fuels
- Maintain and enforce existing environmental regulations

National UMW Priority Area: Criminalization of Communities of Color

Texas Legislative Priorities

- Repeal SB4 and prohibit all forms of discriminatory enforcement including racial profiling
- Increase transparency and accountability in detention centers

National UMW Priority Area: Maternal and Child Health

Texas Legislative Priorities

- Expand Medicaid as provided under the Affordable Care Act
- Strengthen the existing Medicaid program by implementing 12-month continuous eligibility for children and 12-month postpartum coverage