



Texas United Methodist Women's Legislative Agenda 2021

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 1865. 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 2021:

National UMW Priority Area: Wellbeing of Women, Children, and Youth

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
- Sustain and strengthen funding for public education
- No tax subsidies to private schools

National UMW Priority Area: Criminalization of Communities of Color

Texas Legislative Priorities

- Prohibit all forms of discriminatory law enforcement including racial profiling
- Refocus policing on core public safety principles and deepen commitment to other first responders including mental health first responders
- Pass the George Floyd Act

National UMW Priority Area: Climate Justice

Texas Legislative Priorities

- Support renewable energy and energy efficiency and ensure Texas remains a clean energy leader
- Center racial and economic equity in climate mitigation, resilience, and disaster preparedness policies

United Methodist Women in your district want to work with you! Please contact these leaders so we can work together to build the community of Texas: