



## Honoring Our Foremothers' Legacy

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate healthcare and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations, to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.

## Together, We Make an Impact

From the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors, from founding schools, hospitals and clinics in the early 19th century to interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline and working for maternal and child health today. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve in places they never imagined. They are unified in the pursuit of women's progress and their development as leaders in their churches, work settings and communities. Organized for mission, United Methodist Women operate from a biblically based understanding that equips laywomen to grow in their faith through prayer, study, fellowship and action, and to work for social justice to promote a more equitable, safe and healthy world for women, children and youth. This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations, and attests to its longevity and relevance, today and especially in the years to come.

## Building a Legacy

United Methodist Women members' commitment and faithful service has led our foremothers' vision forward for 150 years. Yet the needs, difficulties and unjust practices faced by women, children and youth continue. These factors underscore the urgency of our work and the importance of a stable and consistent source of revenue that enables United Methodist Women to respond to emerging needs and support the work of future generations of women in the United States and around the world. In 2014, the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched to raise \$60 million to secure United Methodist Women for service in the next 150 years and beyond.

## Ways to Give

There are many ways to contribute to the **Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign**. For example, you can make a one-time gift, a recurring gift or make a pledge over time. Please reflect on the best way to make a significant gift. Development staff from the United Methodist Women national office are available to discuss the various giving options with you. You can also speak with your financial or estate planner.

### SOME WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- **Cash/Check/Credit Card**
- **Planned Gifts**
- **Life Insurance Policies**
- **Matching Gifts**
- **IRA (or other retirement plan distributions)**
- **Appreciated Securities**
- **Online Giving: [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](https://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund)**
- **Text to Give: Text “41444” on your cell phone and enter “Legacy 150” in the message area**

Send checks to:

**United Methodist Women, attn: LEGACY**  
**475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115**  
**Write: “The Legacy Fund” in the memo line**

Please consider joining your legacy with ours by supporting the **Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign** to carry the mission of United Methodist Women forward in making a difference in the lives of women, children and youth in the years to come.

For more information on the **Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign**, please contact us at (212) 870-3705 or e-mail **[Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:Legacy150@unitedmethodistwomen.org)**.



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