



United
Women
in Faith

Local Church Group Purpose

United Women in Faith is the public-facing name of United Methodist Women in the United States, the women's organization of The United Methodist Church. Our organizational Purpose and local church group Purpose, both adopted in 1972 shortly after the church union that formed the then new denomination, are detailed in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2016*, in ¶1902 and in ¶256, respectively.

We often recite the local church group Purpose when we gather. When reciting the local Purpose, we suggest it be stated as:

We are...a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.