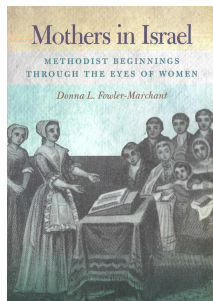


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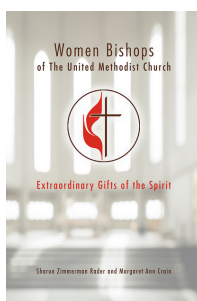
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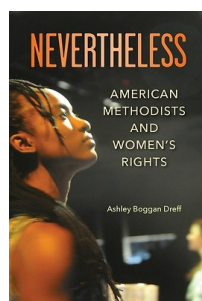
**Mothers in Israel: Methodist Beginnings Through the Eyes of Women** by Donna L. Fowler-Marchant. Eighteenth-century women were pivotal in the growth of the Methodist movement in many leadership roles, even as preachers.



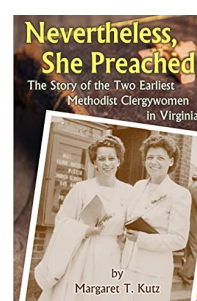
**Pioneer Black Clergywomen: Stories of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church 1974-2016** by Josephine Whitely-Fields. Black clergywomen are pioneers of The UMC who continue to significantly contribute to making disciples and spreading the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



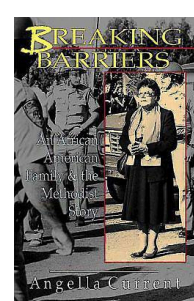
**Women Bishops of The United Methodist Church: Extraordinary Gifts of the Spirit** by Sharon Zimmerman Rader and Margaret Ann Crain. This book shares inspirational stories and pivotal moments that illustrate how these women managed the complexities of family, faith, and authority.



**Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights** by Ashley Boggan Dreff. This book tells the story of American Methodist women's efforts to fight for women's rights.



**Nevertheless, She Preached: Story of the Two Earliest Methodist Clergywomen in Virginia** by Margaret T. Kutz. The never-before-told story of Reverends Lillian Russell and Mildred Long, the two earliest clergywomen in Virginia Methodism is based on years of research of primary sources.



**Breaking Barriers: An African American Family & the Methodist Story** by Angella P. Current. On July 19, 1984, Leontine Current Kelly was elected bishop of The United Methodist Church, making her the first African-American woman to become a bishop within a major American religious denomination.

### Upcoming Events

[nccumc.org/events](http://nccumc.org/events)

- **Mar 16:** Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course, Ocean View UMC, Oak Island, NC
- **Mar 16:** Lay Servant Ministries Course: Public Prayer (Online)
- **Mar 19:** Looking Up: Acknowledging Grief, Embracing Hope (Online)
- **Mar 23:** Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course & Called to Preach, St. Francis UMC, Cary, NC
- **Mar 23:** Change the Conversation: Immigration 2.0, College Place UMC, Greensboro, NC
- **Apr 3:** Creation Care Bible Study (Online)

### Upcoming Grant Opportunities

[nccumc.org/grants](http://nccumc.org/grants)

- **Applications due Mar 13:** Ministerial Education Fund (NC Conference)
- **Applications due Mar 13:** Scholarships (General Board of Higher Education & Ministry)
- **Applications due Mar 13:** Clergy Renewal Programs (Lilly Endowment)
- **Applications due Mar 17:** Grants/Awards for Students & Researchers (General Commission on Archives & History)
- **Applications due Mar 31:** Comprehensive Plan of Inclusiveness Grants (NC Conference Race Equity & Justice Ministries)



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## Serve at General Conference

United Methodists from all over the world are traveling to attend General Conference in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024.

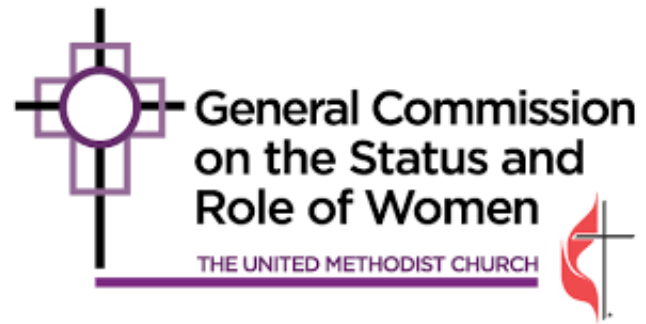
You are invited to serve as part of our Welcome Team during General Conference and offer gracious hospitality to our guests. We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and create a holy space where spirits can be nurtured. This will foster a welcoming environment and support delegates as they come together in worship, discernment, and holy conferencing on behalf of The United Methodist Church.

Serving at General Conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in the connectional nature of the church, to meet new people, and to live into your commitment to support The UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Visit the website above to express your interest in serving at General Conference.



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The Commission on the Status and Role of Women challenges The UMC for the full and equal participation of women in the total life and mission of the Church.

### Current Goals:

1. Consistent messaging across our NCC and the national level
2. Provide networking opportunities among ALL clergywomen and laity in our NCCUMC
3. Holistic clergywomen's support
4. Awareness advocacy for better appointment opportunities for ALL clergywomen

The NC Conference COSROW also hosts a monthly online book club. These events are posted in their Facebook group at: [fb.com/groups/ncccosrow](https://fb.com/groups/ncccosrow)

## ENCOURAGEMENTS

### A MONTHLY EMAIL FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY

The Center for Leadership Excellence, in partnership with COSROW, is pleased to lift up the voices of women in ministry encouraging fellow women in ministry.

Anyone can sign up to receive Encouragement emails at: [nccumc.org/leadership/encouragements/](http://nccumc.org/leadership/encouragements/)