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Mission Moment

United Methodist women in Liberia have launched a campaign to promote the rights of girls, including access to education and freedom from violence.

United Methodist Women approved the resolution on January 29th, which has the theme “**Women Arise**”. The resolution took inspiration from “Sarah”, the groups’ president and sister of Liberia’s Bishop.

“We are committed to making sure that the districts and churches send girl children to schools and are seeking ways to end gender based violence. The church must create an environment that will protect the rights of the girl child”, says Sarah.

Although the church has made efforts to protect girl children, more needs to be done. Young girls are being raped and denied education in a culture where males are given priority.

In addition to the Liberian resolution, the United Methodist Women increased the number of scholarships offered to young women who want to go to universities, especially the United Methodist University. These scholarships will be awarded to young women both in need and demonstrate high academic standards.

In the bishop’s most recent sermon, he challenged United Methodists in Liberia to invest in the education of young women to ensure a better future for the church. Alluding to the meeting’s theme, he added “**Women Arise** and shine for a better United Methodist Church”.