

March 25, 2018

## Mission Moment

Women were an important part of Jesus' ministry. Women followed Jesus and provided for him faithfully. Women opened their homes and lives to Jesus. In the story of the passion, it was the women that stuck with Jesus until the bitter end. It was the women who sought to care for Jesus' broken body and found the empty tomb. It was women who first proclaimed the news of Jesus' resurrection.

The tradition of women involved in ministry started with those who were a part of Jesus' own ministry. Today, women continue to play important roles in ministry in The United Methodist Church; however this was not always the case.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, we are reminded that it is celebrated because women have not always been honored or included. It wasn't until 1956 that the Methodist Church granted full clergy rights to women.

It is the work of the ***Commission on the Status and Role of Women*** that upholds our commitment to ensuring a safe place for women at all levels of the church. The Commission is able to continue this important work with our generous apportionment giving to the ***World Service Fund***.