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Mission Moment

In March, we observe Women's History Month. Women have always been influential in The United Methodist Church beginning with the spiritual guidance of Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley. We celebrate women like Elizabeth Stanton who championed for the ability to have a voice and a vote. We also celebrate Dorothy Day, whose faith inspired her to serve the poor, and Alma Matthews, a Methodist, who made it her mission to welcome and care for immigrants in the late 1800's.

It was the 1960's before women were granted full clergy rights in The United Methodist Church, but it was countless women serving the church as laypersons that helped make this possible.

This past year, seven women were elected bishops, demonstrating that women truly do have a place in all areas of the church. One of the ways we ensure this is accomplished is through our giving to The World Service Fund, which supports the work of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. The United Methodist Church today affirms full participation of women and let us pray we are able to continue journeying toward full participation, supporting our missions and providing opportunities for people to grow in wisdom and to spread the harmony of your peace.