

Proposed Changes for Women's Division:

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- The Women's Division will structurally separate from General Board of Global Ministries.
- The title of "Women's Division" will become "United Methodist Women."
- The board of directors will reduce its size from 50 to 25 members, with the task of fiduciary management.
- A Program Advisory Group, composed of 70-80 members, will recommend programmatic policies to the Board of Directors.
- The term "unit" will be replaced with "local organization of United Methodist Women."
- Fewer officers will be required.

What's staying the same:

- The PURPOSE.
- The focus of United Methodist Women for women, children & youth.
- The priority of social justice and advocacy work.
- The streams and processes of funding United Methodist Women mission.

The main advantage: More flexibility.

The proposed reorganizing of the Women's Division Board of

Directors and United Methodist Women leadership teams independently from GBGM means more flexibility to **grow in mission** with women, children and youth around the world.

More flexibility...

Enables mission teams at all levels to **organize how they best see fit** to fulfill the Purpose and do the work according to their community's, church's, and members' needs.

Enables your mission team to **remain the same** if your organizational structure is working for you.

Enables the Women's Division to **advocate more strategically** on behalf of women, children and youth within The United Methodist Church by moving from a division to an agency.

Enables the Women's Division to **broaden its priorities across the church** by working directly with other agencies through the General Secretaries' **Table**.

Enables United Methodist Women members from every Annual Conference **representation** on the Board of Directors and Program Advisory Group and thus **fuller participation** in the organization.

Keep in mind, these are proposals to be brought to General Conference in 2012, and we do not know what will result from the voting. Any changes will not be implemented officially until January 2013; however, the Women's Division will prepare for implementation following General Conference.

Thank you for all you do for United Methodist Women as we put faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world.

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