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## United Methodist Church Timeline

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### UMC HISTORY

#### *BEGINNINGS INFORMAL*

John Wesley is born.

Charles Wesley is born.

Martin Boehm is born..

Philip William Otterbein is born.

John Wesley attends Oxford University.  
Charles Wesley forms the "Holy Club" at Oxford.

John Wesley serves as chaplain to Georgia Colony.

John Wesley learns Spanish in order to preach to the Native Americans in Georgia who were taught by Spanish Catholic missionaries.  
John Wesley holds his first service in Savannah on March 7.  
Charles Wesley leaves for England.

John and Charles Wesleys' conversion in London.

#### *RENEWAL MOVEMENT WITHIN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND*

Formation of Methodist Societies in and around London.

John Wesley's first conference of preachers.

Francis Asbury is born.

Thomas Coke is born.

Otterbein arrives in America.

Otterbein's conversion, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

John Wesley baptizes two African-American slaves which breaks the color barrier for Methodist societies.

Jacob Albright is born.

### USA HISTORY

#### *THE AMERICAN COLONIES*

1703 Jonathan Edwards born.

1707 England and Scotland unite to form the

1725 First recorded scalping of Indians by v

1726 Benjamin Colman preached an executi

1729 King George I crowned.

1732 Georgia Colony founded.  
Ben Franklin starts a circulating library

1735 Paul Revere born

1736 Anna Lee born, founder of the Shakers

1738 Ethan Allen born.  
King George III born.

1739 Slave revolt in South Carolina.

1744 King George's War between the British

1745 King George's War continues.

1747 King George's War continues. The war

1752 Colonies adopt the Gregorian calendar

1754 French and Indian War.  
Albany Plan.

1758 British captured Fort Duquesne in pre

1759 British capture Quebec.

Methodist colonists arrive in America. Richard Allen is born.	1760	Briton Hammon's A Narrative of the Unhappy Condition of the Negro Man-Servant to Gen. Hammon, a Negro Man-Servant to Gen. Hammon, Returned to Boston, After Having Been Regarded as the first work of prose written by a black American.
Robert Strawbridge organizes a Methodist class.	1763	Treaty of Paris I.
Barbara Heck helps to establish a Methodist congregation in New York City which is a forerunner to the John Street Church. United Ministers, a non-sectarian group, developed. This group was a forerunner of the United Brethren Church.	1766	Repeal of Stamp Act. Declaratory Act.
St. George's Society founded.	1767	Townsend Act.
John Street Church in New York City is built.	1768	Treaty with the Iroquois Indians to acquire the Ohio River is signed.
Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmore arrive in America. St. George's Church Purchased and Dedicated.	1769	Virginia's resolutions.
<i>THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION</i>		
George Whitefield dies at Newburyport, Massachusetts on his seventh visit to America. Mary Evans Thorne is appointed class leader by Joseph Pilmore in Philadelphia. Thorne is probably the first woman in the Colonies to be appointed as such.	1770	Boston Massacre.
Francis Asbury arrives in America.	1771	Benjamin Banneker, American black man.
First conference of American Methodist preachers. George Shadford and Thomas Rankin sail for America.	1773	Boston Tea Party.
Lovely Lane Chapel built in Baltimore.	1774	First Continental Congress.
	1775	Revolutionary War.
Thomas Coke named by Wesley as the first superintendent for America.	1776	Declaration of Independence.
	1783	Articles of Peace, Treaty of Paris II.
<i>ORGANIZATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</i>		
Initial call to the Christmas Conference originates at Barratt's Chapel. Christmas Conference. Ordination of preachers. Richard Allen and Absalom Jones are the first African Americans licensed to preach.	1784	Plan to divide Western territories for new states. New York City temporary national capital.
Formation of black congregations. Cokesbury College opens in Abingdon, Maryland. Wesley writes to Asbury deploring the genocide of Native Americans.	1787	Constitutional Convention.
Charles Wesley dies.	1788	Constitution adopted.
Bishops Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke visit President Washington. Methodist Book Concern is established in Philadelphia.	1789	George Washington inaugurated.
Jacob Albright's conversion. Methodist Episcopal Church recognizes Sunday School as a valid ministry. African-Americans make up twenty percent of American Methodists.	1790	First United States patent issued. First slaves and 59,466 free African Americans. The first successful American Sunday School.
John Wesley dies.	1791	Bill of Rights. Vermont statehood.

First quadrennial General Conference of American Methodists. Richard Allen leads African-Americans out of St. George's Church in Philadelphia.	1792	Postal Service, Mint, and Military Draft
	1793	Eli Whitney invents the Cotton Gin. Fugitive Slave Act.
Beginning of the camp meeting movement at Rehoboth, North Carolina. Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church founded in Philadelphia.	1794	John Jay's treaty with England. The American Convention of Abolition
Albright began his first preaching tour. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church organized in New York by James Varrick. Zoar Methodist Episcopal Church founded in Philadelphia.	1796	Tennessee is the 16th state admitted to the Union.
OTTERBEIN AND BOEHM FOUND THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST (a.k.a UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH)		
EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDED	1800	National capital moved to Washington
Methodist Episcopal Church General Conference issues a pastoral letter on abolishing slavery and allows bishops to ordain African-Americans as deacons.		
<i>EXPANSION, REVIVALS, REFORMS AND SCHISMS</i>		<i>WESTERN EXPANSION</i>
Cane Ridge Camp Meeting, the Great Revival in the West begins.	1801	Thomas Jefferson inaugurated.
First conference of the Evangelical Association meets and "ordains" Albright.	1803	Marbury vs. Madison case. Louisiana Purchase.
EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED		
Albright elected bishop.	1807	Embargo Act.
Methodists adopt a constitution. Jacob Albright dies.	1808	Slave importation prohibited. There are 1,000,000 slaves in the United States.
First Discipline and Catechism of the Evangelical Association is printed.	1809	James Madison inaugurated. Non-Intercourse Act.
Evangelical Association holds first German camp meeting.	1810	Postal services consolidated under United States Post Office.
Martin Boehm dies. General Conference is composed of its first elected delegates.	1812	War of 1812.
William Otterbein dies. Christian Newcomer becomes a bishop for the United Brethren Church.	1813	James Madison sworn in for second term.
Thomas Coke dies. John Dreisbach elected first Presiding Elder for the Evangelical Association. John Stewart converted.	1814	Washington, D.C. burned by British Army. War of 1812 ends.
First General Conference of United Brethren Church in Christ - Discipline and Confession of Faith adopted. John Stewart begins his work with the Wyandottes.	1815	Battle of New Orleans.
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORGANIZED		
Francis Asbury dies.	1816	Indiana statehood.
First General Conference adopts the name Evangelical Association.		

First publishing house for the Evangelical Association starts in New Berlin, Pennsylvania. Negotiations for a potential merger between the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Association at the "Social" Conference. Richard Allen gives Jarena Lee permission to preach and hold meetings.	1817	James Monroe inaugurated.
Formation of Methodist Missionary Society - mission to Wyandot Indians in Ohio officially established.	1819	Florida acquired from Spain.
Reformers debate roles of bishops and laity in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Methodists in Alabama form missionary society to work with the Chickasaws and Choctaws.	1820	Missouri Compromise. American Colonization Society founds
<b>AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORGANIZED</b>		
William Capers founds Asbury Mission to the Lower Creek Tribes.	1821	Emma Hart Willard found Troy Female
<i>Zion's Herald</i> begins publication, first Methodist weekly newspaper.	1823	Monroe Doctrine.
"Reformers" exit to form the associated Methodist Churches.	1828	Tariff of Abominations. Noah Webster's American Dictionary c
Primitive Methodists begun mission to America. Oneida Mission established.	1829	Andrew Jackson inaugurated.
<b>METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH ORGANIZED</b>		
	1830	First locomotive steam engine put into Slavery north of the Mason-Dixon Line Massive German immigration to the U
Indian Conference formed by Methodist Episcopal Church's General Conference.	1832	Black Hawk War begins. Source of the Mississippi River discovered Public street-cars begins service in New John C. Calhoun became the first vice
Melville Cox begins first overseas mission in Liberia. Jason Lee goes west to establish work in Oregon. Turtle Fields becomes the first ordained Native American minister by the Tennessee Conference. Chippewa mission established.	1833	Sewing machine invented. Oberlin College opens in Ohio - It adm
The United Brethren Publishing House is formed. Evangelical Association begins publishing the <i>Der Christliche Botschafter</i> . Sophronia Farrington, the first unmarried Methodist woman missionary, arrives in Liberia. David Ayers distributes Bibles in Spanish in South Texas.	1834	McCormick invents the mechanical reaper Organization of the New York Female I
Phoebe Palmer institutes a weekly prayer meeting in her home. William Nast becomes a missionary to the Germans in Cincinnati, Ohio. Indian Manual Training Schools established in Oregon.	1835	Texas Revolution from Mexico begins.
<i>Der Christliche Botschafter</i> , the first Evangelical Association newspaper, begins publication.	1836	Texas gains independence. The New York Women's Anti-Slavery S
Ann Wilkins goes to Liberia.	1837	Depression.
Evangelical Association missionary society founded.	1838	Cherokee, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws removed from their homeland in the S
First Methodist regional historical society founded. John Seybert elected first bishop for the Evangelical Association since Albright's death. The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association is formed. The Methodist Episcopal Church acquires Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Georgia, the first college to grant full collegiate degrees to women. <i>Die Geschaftige Martha</i> established by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.	1839	Mississippi enacts the Married Women's
Newbury Bible Institute (Vermont) is founded, the first American Methodist seminary, forerunner of Boston University School of Theology.	1840	The Hawaiian kingdom is recognized as Antarctica claimed by the United States William Henry Harrison elected president

## COLORED METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH ORGANIZED

*The Ladies' Repository*, the first Methodist periodical for women, is published.  
The United Brethren Missionary Society is founded.

1841 William Henry Harrison inaugurated, d

Radical abolitionists exit to form Wesleyan Methodist Church.  
Alejo Hernandez born.

1842 Massachusetts Labor Union.

Methodists North and South split over twin issues of slavery and episcopacy.  
Indian Mission to the Oklahoma Territory organized.  
The New York Ladies' Home Missionary Society is organized.

1844 Samuel Morse invents the telegraph.

## METHODIOST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, ORGANIZED

Indian Mission Conference organized by the newly formed MECS.

1845 Florida statehood. Texas annexed.  
Potato famine in Ireland begins which States.

Baltimore Colored Mission Conference organized by the Methodist Protestant Church.

1846 Iowa statehood.  
Oregon boundary established with Cai  
Mormons begin trek to Salt Lake City.

A United Brethren quarterly conference gives Charity Opheral a preacher's license.  
Otterbein College established-first college for the United Brethren Church.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, publishes *Southern Ladies' Companion*.

1847 Utah settled by Mormons.  
American forces take Mexico City.  
Fredrick Douglass begins publishing t  
Gold is discovered in California.

The Evangelical Association begins publishing *The Evangelical Messenger*.  
The Ladies' China Missionary Society of Baltimore is organized.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, begins mission work in China.

1848 Forerunner of the Associated Press is  
Mexican War ends.  
Convention in Seneca Falls, New York,

Jarena Lee's journal is published.

1849 Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery i  
First Asians arrive in California.  
Beginning of Cuban migration to Flori

Five Points Mission is established in New York City.  
Jubilee year of founding and mission to Germany begun by the Evangelical Association.  
Ole Peter Peterson appointed a local preacher to Norwegians in Upper Iowa.

1850 Compromise of 1850.  
Fugitive Slave Law enacted.  
Lucy Stanton is the first African-Ameri  
(Oberlin College).

Lydia Sexton is voted "recommendation" as a "pulpit speaker" by the General Conference for  
The Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

1851 Maine became the first state to enact a  
Sojourner Truth delivers her "Ain't I a  
New York Times begins publishing.  
Singer granted a patent on his sewing  
YMCA founded.

Earliest call yet discovered for deaconess as an order in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the  
*Zion's Herald*, March 17, 1852 issue.

1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes *Uncl*

Church of the United Brethren in Christ's Missionary Society founded.  
Benigno Cardenas preaches the first Methodist sermon in Spanish in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1853 Envelopes made by paper folding mac

The first missionaries for the United Brethren Church are sent to Sierra Leone.  
Garrett Biblical Institute opens in Evanston, Illinois.

1855 Abolitionists in New England and othe  
send anti-slavery activists into Kansas  
Alabama similar societies send in settl  
Iowa becomes the first state university

Methodist Episcopal Church 's General Conference gives presiding elders authority to employ  
African-American pastors.  
William and Clementina Rowe Butler arrive as the first Methodist Episcopal Church missionaries  
to India.

1856 Pottawatomie Massacre.  
Preston Brooks strikes Charles Sumn

Church of the United Brethren in Christ General Conference passes a resolution that no woman  
should be allowed to preach.

1857 Dred Scott decision.  
Dwight L. Moody begins revivalist care

teachers, Sarah and Beulah Woolston, are sent by the Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary Society.

Mrs. M. L. Kelley of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, organizes a fund-raising effort for missionaries in China. This is the earliest effort on record by the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in support of foreign missions. Francis Burns elected missionary bishop.

Young J. Allen and wife, missionaries for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, arrive in China to establish a mission.

Phoebe Palmer proclaims the rights of women to preach the Gospel in her book *Promise of the Father*.

1860

Abraham Lincoln elected.  
South Carolina secedes.

### CIVIL WAR

North Central College founded - Evangelical Association.  
Annie Whitmeyer becomes an agent for the Western Commission.

1861

Richmond, Virginia, becomes the offic

Amanda Hanby Billheimer, daughter of United Brethren bishop William Hanby, sails for Sierra Leone with her husband. She is the first woman foreign missionary for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

1862

Battles of Shiloh, Antietam.

1863

Emancipation Proclamation.  
Battles of Gettysburg, Vicksburg.  
Kit Carson wages war on the Navajo.

Full clergy rights for black preachers with Frank B. Smith admitted to the New England Annual Conference.

Methodist deaconess work begins in Germany.

Methodist John M. Chivington, leader of the Colorado Militia, massacred 450 Cheyenne at Black Kettle. Church does nothing to reprimand Chivington but the federal government recommends punishment.

Delaware Conference organized.

1864

Sherman takes Atlanta.

Evangelical Mission to Switzerland formed.

Mississippi Mission Conference formed by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1865

Abraham Lincoln assassinated.  
13th Amendment enacted to abolish sl

### RECONSTRUCTION

Drew Theological Seminary established.

Maggie VanCott, first Methodist Episcopal Church woman to get local preacher's license.

Freedmen's Aid Society formed.

Helenor M. Davidson is ordained a deacon by the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, lay representation in General and Annual Conferences as well as establishing African-American districts, conferences and general conference.

1866

National Labor Union.

National Camp Meeting Association for the Promotion of Holiness is founded.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, establishes a mission in Brazil.

1867

United States buys Alaska.

Otis Gibson begins work with Chinese in California.

Annie Whitmeyer establishes The Ladies and Pastors Christian Union.

Reorganization of German conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1868

14th Amendment - Rights of Citizens.  
New England Suffrage Association is f

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is formed.

Isabella Thoburn and Clara Swain leave for India.

Maggie Newton Van Cott is granted a local preacher's license.

1869

Trans-Continental Railroad.  
Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady  
First Japanese immigrants arrive in th

### EXPANSION

COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORGANIZED (Name changed to CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH in 1952)

1870

15th Amendment - Right to Vote.

Mission House for for Chinese opens in San Francisco.

Alejo Hernandez becomes the first Mexican ordained deacon by a Methodist body - Methodist

Episcopal Church, South

Union Biblical Seminary founded by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Dayton, Ohio.

1871

Congress approves the Indian Approp

Lay representation won in Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodist churches receive the largest quota of funding from the federal government for the administration of Native American schools within their mission fields. This policy continues until the 1892 General Conference when it is deemed a violation between the separation of church and state. Actual funding continues into the early 20th century.  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, begins work in Mexico.

1872

Arbor Day (April 10) is celebrated for the first time.  
President Grant's administration regulates railroads.  
Thus begins the government's role in regulating business.

William and Clementina Butler establish a mission in Mexico for the Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Alejo Hernandez organizes first congregation in Mexico City and is ordained elder.  
Woman's Missionary Association of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ founded.  
Union Biblical Institute, later named [Garrett]-Evangelical Theological Seminary, founded.  
The Church of the United Brethren in Christ's Sarah Dickey opens Mt. Hermon Seminary for African-American girls in Mississippi.

1873

Depression.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is formed.  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, organizes German Mission Conference.

1874

First structural steel bridge built in St. Louis.

Mission to Japan begun by the Evangelical Association.  
Church of the United Brethren in Christ women organize the Woman's Missionary Association; in 1877 they are given General Conference recognition.

1875

American Express adopts the first private delivery system.

Anna Oliver is the first woman to receive a degree from Boston School of Theology.  
Methodist Episcopal Church votes at General Conference to divide annual conferences along racial lines.

1876

United States Centennial.  
Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone.  
Baseball's National League formed.  
Custer dies at Little Big Horn.

Emily Beekin is sent to Sierra Leone as the first missionary of the United Brethren's Woman's Missionary Society.  
Kanichi Miyama is converted in San Francisco. He later founded the first Japanese Methodist church in the United States.  
First Hispanic church building in Key West, Florida.

1877

Thomas Edison invents the phonograph.  
Nez Perce leave Idaho for Canada.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is recognized.

1878

Carl Sandburg, American poet, is born.  
First commercial telephone exchange.  
Lincoln County War begins in New Mexico.  
Edison Electric Company begins operation.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church is recognized.

1879

Methodist President Rutherford B. Hayes is inaugurated.  
before the Supreme Court.  
First five and dime store opens in Utica.  
Albert Einstein born.

First Test Case: Ordination of women in the Methodist Episcopal Church.  
Antonio Diaz begins work in Los Angeles.  
Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is recognized.

1880

New immigrants come.

First Ecumenical Methodist Conference - London.  
Amanda Berry Smith becomes a missionary to Liberia.

1881

Beginning of Civil Service reform.

Board of Church Extension is started by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1882

Rockefeller gains oil trust.  
The United States government passes the Sherman Antitrust Act.

Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association is recognized.

1884

United States Naval War College founded.  
First baseball post season champions.  
American Association.

First denominational historical society formed - Church of the United Brethren in Christ.  
Bishop William Taylor begins his African mission work.  
The Spanish Mission Conference (MEC) and the Mexican Frontier Conference (MECS) organized.

1885

First sky scraper built in Chicago.  
Louis Pasteur administers successful vaccination against rabies.

Ella Niswonger is the first woman ordained in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.  
New Constitution and Confession of Faith adopted which leads to the withdrawal of the Church of the United Brethren (Old Constitution) under Bishop Milton Wright.  
Enrique Somejilan becomes the first Cuban pastor in Key West.

1889

First practical dishwasher manufactured.  
First film made in the United States: *Phénix*.

Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is recognized.	1890	Sherman Anti-Trust Act.
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the United Evangelical Church is recognized.	1891	International Copyright Act passed. Wrigley Company founded in Chicago. Carnegie Hall in New York City opens. Alternating current (AC) is transmitted
Lay delegates of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ are admitted to General Conference which includes two women. Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church is recognized.	1893	American businessmen and lawyers ir
The UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH officially breaks away from the Evangelical Association.	1894	Pullman Company strike.
Mrs. Hartman from Oregon is the first female member of an Evangelical Association annual conference.	1895	Wilhelm Rontgen discovers x-rays.
Seven missionaries of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ's Woman's Missionary Association are massacred in Sierra Leone. Methodist Episcopal Church opens a mission in Rhodesia.	1898	Spanish-American War.
Church of the United Brethren in Christ establish s a mission in Puerto Rico. Methodist Episcopal Church establishes a mission in the Philippines.	1899	Guam, Philippines and Puerto Rico an
Full laity rights for women - Methodist Episcopal Church. The Japan Mission Conference organized. Drees establishes a mission in Puerto Rico for the Methodist Episcopal Church.	1900	Hawaii Territory organized.
<b>INDUSTRIALIZATION</b>		
Ella Niswonger is elected the first woman clergy delegate to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ's General Conference.	1901	Theodore Roosevelt inaugurated.
Puerto Rico Mission organized. Juan Vazquez becomes the first Puerto Rican to be licensed as a local preacher.	1902	The United States ended its occupatio President Roosevelt begins conservat
Evangelical Association creates Deaconess Society. Laymen are voted membership in the Evangelical Association General Conference but denied the same privilege at the annual conference level. First Koreans arrive in Hawaii. Among them are Korean Methodists. Work soon starts in California.	1903	Wright brothers fly.
Methodist Episcopal Church women are given laity rights and admitted as delegates to General Conference. Ladies Aid Societies granted recognition by the Methodist Episcopal Church.	1904	Roosevelt corollary to Monroe Doctrin
Joint Methodist hymnbook, Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Hawaii Mission established by the Methodist Episcopal Church.	1905	Theodore Roosevelt inaugurated for s
Methodist Protestant Church begins work in India. Martha Drummer, an African-American deaconess, sent to Angola.	1906	Pan-American Conference. San Francisco earthquake and fire.
First Methodist Social Creed adopted. Mrs. M. C. B. Mason named supervisor of the Bureau of Colored Deaconesses for the Methodist Episcopal Church.	1908	Model T introduced by Ford Motor Cor General Electric patents electric toast
The Brotherhood, A Church of the United Brethren in Christ men's fellowship group, is organized. Methodist Episcopal Church organizes its Italian Mission.	1909	William Taft inaugurated. NAACP founded in New York City.
Women's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is created from the former Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.	1910	Boy Scouts of America founded. Glacier National Park established. United States Bureau authorized.



Gum Moon Home for Women begun in San Francisco.	1912	Arizona and New Mexico are granted s
Lake Junaluska Assembly is opened for Southern Methodists. Wesley Foundation is organized at the University of Illinois. The Church of the United Brethren in Christ declares that the aim of its mission program is to make their overseas fields self-supporting.	1913	Woodrow Wilson inaugurated. 17th Amendment - Income Tax.
<i>WORLD WAR I</i>		
Candler School of Theology is founded. Pacific Mexican Conference founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.	1914	Wilson proclaims United States neutra
First black bishops elected and a woman is granted local preacher status in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Methodist Episcopal Church's General Conference orders the Board of Missions to renew its efforts among Native Americans.	1920	18th Amendment - Prohibition of alcohol 19th Amendment - Women's Suffrage.
<b>EVANGELICAL CHURCH FORMED</b>		
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, gives women full laity rights. Methodist Episcopal Church, South, begins mission work in Europe. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church organized. The WFMS of the Methodist Protestant Church begins mission work in India.	1922	Colonel Charles Young, one of the first Lagos, Nigeria. Young was also the first States Army.
"Local" ordination of women in the Methodist Episcopal Church.	1924	Teapot Dome Scandal. Congress passes Chinese Exclusion Act
<i>GREAT DEPRESSION</i>		
Southwest and Central West annual conferences formed.	1929	Stock Market Crash. Mexicans deported.
	1933	Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated. New Deal. 21st Amendment repeals Prohibition.
The Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church issue a joint hymnal. Mary McLeod Bethune named director of the Negro Division of the National Youth Administration. She also becomes the first president of the National Council of Negro Women.	1935	Works Progress Administration (WPA) Social Security Act passed.
<b>METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZED</b>		
<i>WORLD WAR II</i>		
Formation of the Methodist Church, union of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, North and South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. Georgia Harkness begins teaching at Garrett Biblical Institute. Helen Kim becomes president of Ewha University in Korea. Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church organized.	1939	Hitler signs an order authorizing involu
First meeting of the Central Jurisdiction.	1940	Benjamin Davis becomes the first Afri
Puerto Rico Provisional Conference organized. Latin American Provisional Conference organized.	1941	Pearl Harbor attacked and the United S
Church of the United Brethren in Christ begins Hispanic work in Tampa.	1942	World War II continues.
California Oriental Provisional Conference organized.	1945	United Nations organized.
<b>EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH ORGANIZED</b>		
<i>COLD WAR</i>		
Merger of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the United Methodist Church and the	1946	The Philippines, a United States protec

Women's Society of World Service organized in the new Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The Methodist Church launches Advance for Christ and His Church which is seen as a continuation of The Crusade for Christ.

1948

Bell Labs invents the transistor.  
NATO formed.

Oriental Provisional Conference organized.

1950

Korean War.

*Hymnario Metodista* is published.

Paula Mojzes appointed as the first district superintendent in the Methodist Church.

1955

Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott.  
Supreme Court orders desegregation.  
AFL and CIO merge to form one labor

Full clergy rights for women in the Methodist Church (Maude Keister Jensen is the first ordinant).  
General Conference adopts legislation that allows churches within the African-American Central Jurisdiction to transfer out to geographical non-African-American jurisdictions.

1956

Suez Canal crisis.

*El Interprete* debuts.

Sally Alford Crenshaw ordained by the East Tennessee Annual Conference. Crenshaw is the first African-American woman to be so honored.

1958

Explorer 1 launched.

Alaska Methodist University opens.

1959

Alaska and Hawaii statehood.

Central Jurisdiction forms a committee to study ways of eliminating the jurisdiction.

1960

John F. Kennedy elected.

Cuban missionaries recalled, native pastors follow.

1961

First manned space flight.  
Relations with Cuba are severed.  
Freedom riders.  
Space program to the moon begins.

VIETNAM WAR

Methodist Church of Ceylon becomes autonomous.

1963

Kennedy assassinated.

Beginning of end for the Central Jurisdiction.

Lim Swee Beng, first national appointed district superintendent of the Malacca District, Malaysia Chinese Conference.

1964

24th Amendment - Elimination of Poll  
Civil Rights Act.

Evangelicals launch Good News Movement.

1966

National Organization for Women found  
Texas Valley farm workers strike.

Margaret Henrichsen - First woman district superintendent in the United States.

Noemi Diaz is the first Hispanic woman ordained by an annual conference. New York Annual Conference does the honors.

Last session of the Central Jurisdiction held in Nashville.

1967

Long Hot Summer.

#### THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ORGANIZED

Union of Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church. General Commission on Archives and History, General Commission on Religion and Race and General Council on Ministries created.

Black Methodists for Church Renewal formed.

1968

Democratic Convention riots in Chicago

Methodist churches in Cuba, Malaysia-Singapore, Pakistan, Chile, and Argentina become autonomous.

1969

Moon landing.

United Methodist Women formed.

MARCHA formed.

1971

26th Amendment - Right to Vote for 18

First full General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women created.

End of Central Jurisdiction Conferences.

Wilbur Wong Yan Choy becomes the first Asian-American bishop.

United Methodist Women founded.

1972

Richard Nixon re-elected.  
Watergate scandal.

A committee of four Hispanic pastors coordinates work in Florida.	1973	Vietnam cease-fire. War Powers Act.
National Federation of Asian American United Methodists formed.	1974	Nixon resigns. Gerald Ford inaugurated.
Ethnic Minority Local Church emphasis begins. Mai Gray becomes the first African-American president of Women's Division.	1976	United States Bi-Centennial.
Marjorie Matthews - First woman elected bishop.	1980	Ronald Reagan elected.
General Commission on Archives and History opens permanent headquarters at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. First Hispanic church founded in Milwaukee.	1982	Equal Rights Admendment defeated.
Bi-Centennial of The United Methodist Church. Leontine T. C. Kelly becomes first African- American woman to be elected bishop. Elias G. Galvan becomes first Hispanic to be elected bishop.	1984	Continental U.S. relays news feeds for
<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> is published. Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and the Other Arts formed. National Fellowship of Filipino American United Methodists formed.	1989	Exxon Valdez oil tanker runs aground
Fifty women serve The United Methodist Church as district superintendents. First issue of Korean language magazine, <i>United Methodist Family</i> , is published.	1990	End of Cold War.
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The United Methodist Church <i>Book of Worship</i> is published. Africa University in Zimbabwe opens for classes. Hae-Jong Kim, is elected the first Korean descent bishop in the United Methodist Church.	1992	William Jefferson Clinton elected.
Victor L. Bonilla becomes Puerto Rico's first autonomous bishop.	1993	Internet expands with World Wide Web
General Commission on United Methodist Men formed.	1996	William Clinton re-elected.
General Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio.	2000	George W. Bush elected.
	2001	Terrorists attack the United States. The Start of the War on Terrorism by the U
Autonomous Protestant Methodist Church of Cote d' Ivoire gains United Methodist status. General Conference creates the Connectional Table to replace the General Council on Ministries effective on January 1, 2005.	2004	San Francisco begins issuing marriage Ronald Reagan dies. George W. Bush re-elected.
United Methodist Women becomes a general agency of the denomination. It replaces the former General Board of Global Ministries' Women's Division.	2012	Barak Obama re-elected. United States Supreme Court upholds
General Board of Discipleship becomes Discipleship Ministries.	2013	Boston Marathon bombing. Cornell University scientists grow a liv The Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obama
	2014	The Affordable Care Act, goes into aff social welfare state in decades. Rise of ISIS in the Middle East.
A number of gay ministers publically declare their sexuality prior to General Conference. General Conference held in Portland, Oregon. Ordination of gay clergy inflame General Conference delegates causing deep divisions. General Conference empowers Council of Bishops to call a special General Conference to study and present findings on the homosexuality ordination issue.	2016	Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occu Protests erupt across the country over Chicago Cubs win World Series after a Donald Trump elected president.
http: The Council of Bishops sets up the Commission on a Way Forward to prepare for special		

conferene.

The Western Jurisdiction later elects Reverend Karen Oliveto, pastor of San Francisco's Glide Memorial UMC and an openly married gay woman on the 17th ballot.

Immediately the South Central Jurisdiction files a declaratory petition to the Judicial Council to invalidate Oliveto's election.

Judicial Council rules against Oliveto and upholds *Book of Discipline* ban on openly gay ministers from serving in the denomination. The decision fails to bring together both sides of the issue. Oliveto, however, remains in good standing until an administrative or judicial process is complete.

2017 Inauguration of Donald Trump.

Council of Bishops call for special General Conference to meet in 2019.