

Staying Connected

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Here are some opportunities for inviting our members to stay connected. Please share the announcement and actions alerts.

Announcement

United Methodist Women Connects Members During COVID-19 Crisis With “For a Time Like This” Campaign

United Methodist Women’s “[For a Time Like This](#)” campaign helps women connect with their faith and one another in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic through [Facebook](#), other social media platforms, the [United Methodist Women website](#) and more.

Visit unitedmethodistwomen.org/blogs/for-a-time-like-this for prayers, devotionals, activities (including mask-making), news about the frontline service of national mission institutions and international ministries, resources, and ways to connect with other United Methodist Women members while we’re “sheltered in place” at home.

The campaign also includes [special editions of Faith Talks](#) podcasts on COVID-19-related topics such as coronavirus, faithfulness and online worship, grief, paid leave/sick days in the age of covid-19, and more.

Campaign Action Alerts

Mass Incarceration

People who are incarcerated in jails, prisons, immigration detention centers and juvenile justice facilities are at heightened risk from COVID-19. This is especially true for medically vulnerable people: the elderly, those who are immunocompromised, sick or pregnant. Contact your governor today to urge your state to reduce the number of incarcerated people through the swift release of individuals who pose no threat to public safety and yet are themselves at great medical risk if COVID-19 enters the prison system: <https://p2a.co/Jvxf2cE>.

We’ve had about 300 people take action, but we’d love to have more, so [please sign here](#) if you have not yet done so.



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Climate Justice

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which began on April 22, 1970, after a horrifying oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, triggered a national bipartisan response to the issue of environmental degradation. On that day in 1970, in a moment of rare political alignment, 20 million people across party lines engaged in public demonstrations in support of a healthy environment. Since then, thousands of Christians have honored Earth Day during weekend services and participation in community-wide celebrations. Fifty years later, as we continue to experience and witness the harmful effects of our reliance on fossil fuels, the concern that inspired the first Earth Day observance is still a priority issue before us today.

Here are three things you can do right now:

- First, use your unique voice as a United Methodist Women member and person of faith to [urge Congress to implement a moratorium on water and energy utility shut-offs and prioritize people-focused economic relief](#) in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. As United Methodist Women, we believe that we have an urgent responsibility to love the Earth and all its communities, and as we respond to this crisis, we have the opportunity to forge a just recovery that creates healthier, more equitable and more just communities that reflect God's kin-dom.
- Second, register for United Methodist Women's [Just Energy for All 101 three-part webinar series](#) taking place on April 23, May 7 and May 21. Join these webinars to learn more about what just energy centered on justice and equity means, why United Methodist Women is committed to advancing just energy for all and how your United Methodist Women unit, district or conference can be involved.
- Third, [visit our website](#) for five ways you can participate in Earth Day 2020 that connect with United Methodist Women's Just Energy for All campaign. We also encourage you to join our [climate justice e-mail list](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to receive updates on actions that you and your United Methodist Women unit, district or conference can take to advance climate justice at the local and national levels.