

United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) is the only official organization for women within the United Methodist Church Founded in 1869, the organization now has nearly half a million members. UWF offers women of all faiths opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development, transformative education and service and advocacy.

United Women in Faith for the wellbeing of women, children, and youth. Our current national advocacy priorities are climate justice and racial justice. We support our work with a scriptural basis and United Methodist social teaching.

United Women in Faith's Texas Legislative Event provides annual training and information on important statewide public policy issues and pending legislation to educate and equip women to do justice by putting their faith, hope, and love into action to fulfill the purpose of United Women in Faith.

Texas Legislative Event is a cooperative program organized and conducted annually by the conference organizations of all five Conferences of Texas United Women in Faith and Texas Impact.

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2023**

SUPPORT Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act SUPPORT 12-month postpartum Medicaid eligibility SUPPORT women's access to and choice in all aspects of reproductive health care SUPPORT strategies to encourage voter participation SUPPORT science-based climate change mitigation, response, and adaptation SUPPORT including more public voices at the Public Utility Commission

OPPOSE school vouchers or any other use of public funds to support private education

OPPOSE new requirements or restrictions on voters or election administrators

OPPOSE state funding for border militarization or anti-immigrant law enforcements

OPPOSE policies that constrain new renewable energy development

OPPOSE policies that give preference to a particular religious belief

OPPOSE policies that lead to persecution on the basis of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or faith