

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Charter for Racial Justice Membership Guidelines

Racial Justice is one of many social action issues that United Methodist Women focus on to improve and empower the lives of all people.

To Live the Charter for Racial Justice is to combat racism and advocate for racial justice; to become involved in and aware of racial/ethnic diverse peoples; to build relationships that give equal voice, rights and opportunity for an abundant life for all

Local units are encouraged to live the Charter for Racial Justice in an effort to eliminate all forms of racism in the ministry of the church and in their community.

Units who are already members of the Racial Charter organizations are to complete one of the following activities to demonstrate the unit's effort to support the Charter for Racial Justice and return the report form to their District Social Action Coordinator by **August 15th**. first year units are to complete of the suggested activities and return the report form top their District Social Coordinator by **August 15th**. District coordinators will send the original report forms to the Conference Coordinator by September 1st along with a list of those units. Reported units will receive a Certificate of Recognition at their District Fall Meeting and will be recognized in their United Methodist Women Annual Meeting Program Book.

1. Invite someone from a different racial/ethnic background to present a program related to discrimination in your community.
2. Present a program featuring a book from the United Methodist Women Reading Program related to a racial/ethnic justice theme.
3. Develop a Koinonia Group focusing on Christian Fellowship with women from different cultures and racial/ethnic backgrounds.
4. Cooperate with a minority church in a community outreach program such as a day care center. Mother's Day Out, Meals on Wheels, Vacation Bible School, etc.
5. Present a program using current news items related to racism.
6. Provide at least \$60 toward a scholarship for a racial/ethnic person to attend Arkansas Conference Mission u.
7. Arrange for a joint worship service with a church of a different racial/ethnic background.
8. Arrange for your church to participate in an inter-church sports and recreation program.
9. Develop a program from the United Methodist Program Book that relates the intent and spirit of the Charter for Racial Justice.
10. Have a program from the United Methodist Program Book related to a racial/ethnic justice issue.
11. Present a program related to the Charter for Racial Justice policies. Four suggested programs are:
 - a. "Love Thy Neighbor-Walking in my Shoes"-by Charlene White and Laurete Wright
 - b. "What Acts of Faithfulness Do You Choose?"- by Elmira Nazombe
 - c. "Listen! Listen! Listen! – by Judy Nutter
 - d. "Charter for Racial Justice Worship" – from National Office of United Methodist Women
12. Contact and urge your congressmen to pass laws that do not limit the rights of immigrants, racial/ethnic minorities and the poor to public education, social services and jobs.
13. Distribute a copy of the Charter of Racial Justice to every United Methodist Women member in your unit and to members of your local church.
14. Use the "Justice for Trayvon Action Kit" to promote reform of the Criminal Justice System. Action Kit found at www.showingupforracialjustice.org.