

How does the WMS achieve its purpose?

One of the purposes of the WMS is to enlist the women of the church in active participation of Bible study and missions. This involves not only the studying of Bible studies and missions books at the meetings, but also more extensive personal Bible study.

Also, besides the ministry of giving to missions and the Southern Methodist College, our goal is to get our members involved in the work of missions in the local church area – through visitations, witnessing, acts of kindness and benevolence. Besides these ministries, there is the ministry of one to another, to be achieved through the development of interpersonal relationships, outings, times of fellowship and laughter.

What is a typical WMS meeting agenda?

- Song or Bible verse to get everyone's attention on the meeting.
- Prayer time focusing on one missionary family per meeting and prayer requests shared by the group.
- Devotion – a brief devotional for every month can be found in the Devotional Booklet provided to all societies.
- Minutes of the last meeting as a refresher for any business items that may need to be completed or discussed.
- Roll call to establish which members are present.
- Collection of love offering for the local treasury and/or collection of annual dues.
- Business session to discuss upcoming projects, future meetings, etc.
- Bible study – the WMC provides a list of recommended literature.



Permanent Verse:

John 20:21 KJV *“As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”*

Permanent Motto:

Women with a Mission

Permanent Hymn:

People Need the Lord

Permanent Color:

Shades of purple

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What is the WMS?

The Woman's Missionary Society of The Southern Methodist Church, or WMS, is an official auxiliary of The Southern Methodist Church. The local Woman's Missionary Society is a member of its corresponding District Woman's Missionary Society as well as its Conference Woman's Missionary Society. The Woman's Missionary Council (WMC) plans and directs the work of the WMS.

The name *Woman's* Missionary Society was purposely selected instead of *Women's* Missionary Society because it is personal for each individual woman. The local WMS is open to any woman who chooses to be a part of the ministry of the WMS.



What is the purpose of the WMS?

The purpose of the WMS is to teach, promote, and support missions, to include a threefold objective:

- The WMS teaches the duty and responsibility of taking the gospel to all nations.
- The WMS helps each woman find her place in God's plan of world evangelism.
- The WMS encourages and challenges each woman to actively share in the opportunities she has of reaching her family, church, community, and the world for Christ.

The logo of the WMS depicts the four areas of service: study, prayer, missions, and youth. The WMC provides recommendations and resources to assist local societies in these endeavors.

Why have a WMS?

There are several reasons to have a WMS in your local church:

- The Lord Jesus Christ commands us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20 and Psalms 96:3)
- A WMS gives the individual woman an opportunity to have a part in sharing the gospel at home and to the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 6:8)
- The study, services, and prayer of this society will enrich the individual woman's life. It will serve to give us a world vision, and enlarge our capacity to reach lost souls for Christ. (Luke 10:2 and Colossians 1:10)
- Local societies build upon the foundation of dedicated women who organized this work and faithfully serve in the WMS for the cause of missions. (I Thessalonians 1:3 and Psalms 61:5)