



Planet 50-50 by 2030  
Step It Up for Gender Equality

### Commission on the Status of Women

(CSW) was established in 1946. It is a global intergovernmental body and a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, it meets every March with a priority theme:

- **2017:** Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work.
- **2018:** Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.
- **2019:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.



**Each of the 9 geographical Areas of the Federation has identified specific SDGs on which to focus during the current session 2016-2021.**

Britain & Ireland	SDG	4, 5 & 10
South Africa	SDG	1, 2, 4, 5 & 13
West Africa	SDG	1, 3 & 4
Latin America	SDG	3, 5 & 10
South Asia	SDG	5, 6 & 10
East Asia	SDG	11, 16
South Pacific	SDG	13, 14 & 15
North America	SDG	3, 4 & 5
Europe Continental	SDG	1, 5 & 16

Each of the current Helen Kim Memorial Scholars (one or two per Area) has also made a commitment to address a Sustainable Development Goal, raising awareness locally and encouraging action.

**Every year a Federation Day Study resource is produced by an Area, on a different topic, as follows:**

- 2017 South Pacific Area SDG 13, 14 & 15  
Climate Change
- 2018 Europe Continental Area SDG 1 & 16  
Poverty & Peace Justice
- 2019 Britain and Ireland Area SDG 5  
Gender Equality focus on  
Female Genital Mutilation
- 2020 West Africa Area SDG 3  
Good Health & Well-being
- 2021 South Asia Area SDG 6  
Clean Water & Sanitation

The material for each year up to and including 2017 is on the World Federation Website <http://wfmucw.org/publications/day-study-program>



Please pray for:

## Our UN representatives:

in New York

**Dr Brenda Smith**

in Latin America

**Ivonne Pereira Diaz**



**World Vice-President, Matilda Johnson**



# The World Federation Prayer

(written by WFMW Executive Members, 1986-91)

Creator God, rooted in your loving care,  
Nurtured through your Son Jesus,  
Challenged by your Holy Spirit,  
We are in the world to bring peace with justice,  
Reconciliation in love, and hope for all people.  
May our lives extend as the branches of our  
Tree of Life,  
Bearing fruit of Unity and Love.  
We offer praise and thanksgiving  
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

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Church Women**

## Engaging with the SDGs

**(Sustainable Development Goals)**



Since the United Nations introduced the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women has continued to engage with the aims of the UN through raising awareness and encouraging action to meet these goals. Our representatives attend sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York each March as part of our status as consultative members of the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC). We are also represented in Latin America on CIEMAL.