

Helen Kim
Memorial Scholars
2022-2026



World Federation
of Methodist and
Uniting Church Women

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship Leadership Development Training

World Federation has had an emphasis on the welfare of the 'Girl Child' for many years, and it has become one of World Federation's major justice issues.

This commitment to the welfare of girl children and young women has found new expression with the introduction of the Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship which offers Leadership Development Training for Young Women.

This Program is named in honour of Helen Kim, a young Korean woman who had a noble, Christ-inspired vision of a world sisterhood. She dreamt of a time when women would work together 'to promote peace and better conditions in the whole world'. It is also to inspire young women with visions of a world where there is hope for the hopeless; security for the insecure; sufficient for the impoverished; freedom for the oppressed; and a voice for the voiceless.

Criteria for participation in this Scholarship

Two young women from each of the World Federation Areas will be given the opportunity to attend the World Federation World Assembly. This will be preceded by a Leadership Development Training Program where they will:

- o acquire skills from an expert in this field;
- o participate in community building amongst young women from all Areas;
- o build relationships with members of the Executive Committee and World Federation's Representatives to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.



WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST AND UNITING CHURCH WOMEN

14th WORLD ASSEMBLY

9-14th August 2022 ONLINE

The theme for the 14th World Assembly, 2022, of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women Assembly is “GO AND BEAR FRUIT, FRUIT THAT WILL LAST” and is based on the verse in John 15:16 and is a call to spirituality, productivity and sustainability.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

John 15:16 (NIV)

For the past 3 quinquennia the Federation has worked very hard on the Sustainable Development Goals. This has given us great opportunity to work out the social justice component of our Wesleyan tradition. With this new theme there is opportunity to bring in a balance of Wesleyan holiness and social concern.

- o We will remember who we are.
- o We will develop our relationship with Christ.
- o Then we will be equipped to share Christ with others as we

proclaim his love through *spirituality, productivity and*

sustainability.

Hello!

Meet the Helen Kim Memorial Scholars

On the pages that follow, you will be able to find out a little bit about each of the new Helen Kim Memorial Scholars. We are all very excited about this new role and would love it if you would pray for us over the next four years.

- Pray for our **spiritual development** as we seek to deepen our own relationship with Christ
- Pray for us **personally**, for our families, friends, studies and jobs. May we produce the fruit of young women, loved by our Heavenly Father
- Pray for the **country we live in** and are representing- specifically for the women and children that we work with
- Pray for **guidance, wisdom and opportunities** as we show the fruits of the spirit to those around us
- Pray for the **churches we worship in**. For the support and encouragement of our ministers and church family
- Pray for those in **positions of leadership** in the World Federation: Sipiwe Chisvo (President) and the other World Officers, the Area and Unit presidents and Vice presidents
- Join with us in **giving thanks for** and praying for the Helen Kim Memorial Scholars Leadership Team: Alison Judd (president emeritus) Luíza Pereira (former HKMS), Rachel Allison (former HKMS), and our chaplain, Helene B. Granum-Aanestad (former HKMS).

Verena

EUROPE CONTINENTAL- GERMANY

Hi everyone! My name is Verena Glück, I am 26 years old and currently based in Stuttgart in the south of Germany. I am a member of the Evangelische Methodistische Kirche since 2016 but always have been part of the Methodist church in Esslingen. After school, I worked in a Methodist children's home in South Africa as a volunteer and fell in love with the country. In the meantime, I realized that I would like to study business administration, which I did afterwards (bachelor). Now I am a master's student of environmental-orientated (/green) logistics. Being an HKM Scholar, I am most excited about meeting many inspirational women from all over the world with different experiences and working towards achieving the UN development goals together with a huge network and God by our side. I love dancing all kinds of styles and singing too. The sun makes me smile and my favorite songs are Hypnotized by Frank Moody and Who I am by Casting Crowns. God Bless you!



Nyashadzashe

SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA AREA - ZIMBABWE

My name is Nyashadzashe Nemacha, Nyasha for short. I am a Helen Kim Scholar from the Southern and East Africa Area, born to a family of three children as the first and only girl.

I go to the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, where I have been an active member of the youth for more than ten years now. I am currently the Youth President of my church and the Treasurer of the district area. I serve on various committees at church: the Church council, Communications specializing in digital communication and the Praise and Worship team. I really love my church and cannot wait to work with the WFMUCW in my area.

I am currently studying for my Bachelor of Accountancy at the University of Johannesburg and the University of Zimbabwe, and I work as an audit intern at KPMG Zimbabwe. I love to do outdoor events: hiking, rifle range shooting, exercising, water skiing and many more. At home, I enjoy reading, baking, cooking, and gardening. My favourite food is pasta which I feel brings a certain level of elegance when one eats it. What I love the most about the place I live in is the peaceful scenery and the fact that I can wake up every morning and look out the window to see what the day has set for me.

My life quote is, "Have a smile of courage and hope." In every situation that one may face, always smile because you know there is a bigger person who is in control. I am a very ambitious young lady who believes that anything and everything is possible if you put God at the centre of it all. I am very excited to be an HKMS for the next 5 years and cannot wait to share what God has in store for me. I aim to change the world and leave God's footprint wherever I go. I will bear the fruits that make the world a better place.

Benita

SOUTH ASIA- INDIA

Hi everyone, I am Benita Jeyakumar from India, part of the South Asia Area of WFMUCW. I have completed Master of Business Administration in Finance and I'm currently working in Barclays Global Markets, Mumbai as a business analyst.



I have been involved in translating an English daily devotion magazine (Honey drops) to Hindi so that it reaches out and blesses several Hindi speaking people. Also, I am involved in taking monthly fellowship meetings for young girls. I am actively involved in my church youth fellowship as well. It is my earnest desire that I use all the talents God has given to fulfill the purpose He has for me.

What makes me smile? Watching nature and the beauty of God's creation 😊. What I love most about India? The diversity and richness in its culture - different languages, different people and different cuisines all in one country!



Martha

WEST AFRICA - LIBERIA

I am Martha Blogwedy Dobboh, a passionate and God-fearing Young Woman who hail from Liberia, West Africa World Federation Area. I am one of the first Liberian to benefit from the Helen Kim Scholarship Program. I hold a Master's of Art Degree in Child Development Studies from Haifa University, Haifa City, Israel. I am a teacher by profession and been in the teaching field for the past 7 years. Currently, I lecture Early Childhood Education courses at the University of Liberia (UL) and African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU). I am the acting Youth Coordinator for Refuge United Methodist Church in Liberia, the first Vice President for the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship, Liberia Annual Conference and the Young Women Coordinator for West Africa Central Conference. I work closely with the United Methodist Women in Liberia, where I serve as the Matron for the United Methodist Women Girls Hostess; a position which gives me the opportunity to directly supervise and mentor other young women who are doing their undergraduate studies while staying on the hostess. I am the Monitoring/ Evaluation Officer and member of the proposal writing committee for the Women and Young Women Joint Economic Empowerment Project of the Liberia Annual Conference; a project which aim to empower women and young women with livelihood skills and small businesses. I am a young woman of faith; believing that God can change any negative situation into positivity; an ideology which gives me the strength and energy to contribute to the writing of the Liberia Annual Conference United Methodist Women Devotional Guide for persons experiencing Violence, titled: "Breakfast with Jesus." The most exciting thing about my role as a Helen Kim Scholar is, it will help create more opportunities for me to make disciples for Jesus through different

means and will also help me have a deeper experience with the Lord, which will make more impacts in the lives of other Young People, the Church and Society at large. My best smiling moment is when i look at a photo of myself, admiring God's beautiful creation; my own image. African American Christian Movies are my best movies, my favourite song is "Goodness of God" by Jenn Johnson, my favourite food is an African Dish "Fufu and Pepper soup "and my favourite book is the Holy Bible. What I like most about Liberia is the beautiful beaches that surrounds the Country.

Yeukai

SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA AREA - ZIMBABWE

1. My work

I am a social worker by profession. I am currently working as a probation officer in the Department of Social Development under the Ministry of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare.

I hold 2 degrees that is a bachelor in social work and post graduate one in Monitoring and Evaluation.

2. My involvement with the church

I am local preacher with the Methodist church in Zimbabwe. I am the youth president for Methodist church in Zimbabwe. My involvement includes working with young people and families as well representing young people in local and international platforms. Also I have been a leader since my tertiary education. I am also privileged to be involved in the church as a, Helen Kim scholar.

3. What's more exciting about the role. It helps me network with various people

4. What makes me smile? A song by Sia call powerful. It reminds me of the potential I have as a, woman and reminds me what I am capable of.

5. What I love most in place I stay. A beautiful garden known as Dodhill were there is flowers and trees. More so it is more of a restaurant.





Yu En

EAST ASIA - TAIWAN

I am Yu En Liang from the New Taipei city and grew up in a small but lovely town near mountains. I graduated with a master degree in Agronomy from NCHU and I am currently an intern teacher of Farm Management. I served in choir and worship group in my church, and was involved in conferences for youth leadership and women leadership, particularly under Methodist churches. I am exciting about being one of the Helen Kim Memorial Scholars, and looking forward to share what I've learned from the programs to my church members. I am a person who laughs a lot, I enjoy to hang out with friends, music and delicious food. I love the sparkling when having intercultural communication, and I always had a good time with it.

Janice

SOUTH PACIFIC - NEW ZEALAND

Kia ora and Talofa Lava from Auckland New Zealand. My name is Janice Auva'a-Walters and I am the youngest child of Rev. Faletagoa'i and Malaeniu Auva'a. I married my husband Tarrick Walters in 2020. I am very humbled and grateful to be the Helen Kim Scholar for the South Pacific Area from the New Zealand Unit. I am excited to learn from sisters around the world and to understand more of the work that is done so that we may continue to grow and bring more sisters to Christ through our actions and relationships.



I'm currently a member of Fitzroy Samoan Methodist Church which is a congregation within the Samoan Synod under the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

I am a certified Lay Preacher and member of our Women's Fellowship in New Plymouth and the Samoan Synod. I am also a member of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship (NZMWF) Executive team

as the Missions Convenor. I have previously been a youth leader locally and nationally for our Synod and have enjoyed helping our youth come to know Christ on a relationship level.

One thing that makes me smile is spending time with family. I am always joyful and happy when surrounded with loved ones. My all time favourite food is fried rice and one thing I love most about where I live is the diversity and the culture of Kiwi People, everyone is very friendly and happy, it's something I treasure about New Zealand.

I look forward to what the next 4 years brings and I pray that I may continue to be used as God's servant in this world for his Kingdom.



Naisha

LATIN AMERICA- PERU

I am Naisha Madaley Zorrilla Pastor, I was born in March 25th, 1993. I live in Chancay that is 2 hours away from Lima, Peru's capital. I have 2 older brothers, I am the youngest of the family and my parents say that I was born to unite them, make them strong and. Help them to remain in God's paths.

When I was a little girl I had to live difficult processes related to my health, today I can testify wonders, my parents understand that my life belongs to God and that is the reason why they accept with gratitude and joy the calling that he is doing to me. God has called me to serve him when I was 15 years old and I serve him passionately.

I serve as a Sunday School teacher for many years and I accompany Youth in all that I can contribute to them in the development of youth ministry as a lay member.

I am a psychologist by profession a little more than a year ago I finished my degree and I am currently starting a job for the state of my country, in a health center (Hospital), for professional practices I have worked in prisons, where I had many experiences of approaching men and women, sharing God's love with them, accompanying them in the process and integration into society.

I am excited and enthusiastic about working with women, my mother inspires and motivates me with her example, the ministry with women in the current context is very important, empower them, accompany them and work together to achieve great community development purposes, I am very happy to be part of the Helen Kim Memorial Program, I know that God will use everything for His Glory, we are instruments in His hands.

I usually smile with my family on the adventures of our travels, with friends, and when I can express myself through painting, I like to give colour to things and put details to everything around me, makes me happy to work my creativity.

What I like most about the place where I live is to have the blessing of seeing and feeling the sea and nature very close.

Yvonne

WEST AFRICA - LIBERIA

I am Yvonne Marpain Domah. Born January 8, 1998 in Ganta city, Nimba county, Liberia.

My parents are Kennedy Domah and Eva Sendolo Domah. I am the first child of six children two half-sisters from my father. Both my parents have four children together two girls and twin boys.



I am a student at Starz university reading Management and sociology. I was raised by my Uncle and his wife because my parents did not have money to take care of all of us.

I have mostly been involved with children, women and young people. I am a member of the Refuge United Methodist church where I have served as coordinator for the children ministry since I was 15 years old to present. I was elected youth president which by the grace of God I was able to work with the youth fellowship for two years. I am a young woman who loves children so much. I have been running a study class for children for some time now. This teaching is just an extra teacher that we do by going to the house of children after school to help explain their lessons to them. I Used to do the teaching for free

because I was helped by people when I didn't have the opportunity to go to school. I couldn't continue it because of my schedule.

I established an organization called Refuge in 2020 and this organization was named after my church. The reason for the organization is to help children provide school fees, food, and other basic needs. Even though it's not yet big but in my little financial power, I have been able to help two girls with school fees for about two years now. I have also been able to talk with some good kind hearted people to take the initiative to help some of the children which means I have seven children under my program. Mr. Gonqioi Dahn Mrs Josephine Tougbey Herbert has been a big support of this project. My dream is to make it bigger so that 1 girl mainly will be helped with education. This program also helps children have a stage performance doing Christmas season monthly Christmas Eve by doing a choreography dance, bible verses, and also perfect drama and the birthday of Jesus and also the life of Jesus doing Easter.

I have been working with the conference United Methodist women about three years now as a volunteer. I buy and sell clothes and fashion stuff on my WhatsApp business and on my Facebook page. It's my dream and prayer that when I start working for money, I will be able to help this organization grow bigger so that children will have better life. The reason I came up with this program is because I want to help stop child poverty.

I love reading and my favorite books are: the holy Bible because it helps keep me on the right path, I also like automatic habits by James Clear, and Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert Kiyosaki .

I like all food, I don't drink alcohol. My favourite colour is blue. I don't like my environment really but hoping to relocate one day because of the noise.

Thank you for working with us and not giving up on us. I feel blessed to be part of HKM.



Madeleine

BRITIAN AND IRELAND - ENGLAND

My name is Madeleine Reed and I was born in England, raised in its lush green West Country. I'm the only Christian in my family, so I witness primarily through my lifestyle rather than through words. Perhaps ironically, I am a writer and published my book in 2021.

I worship at a small, rural Methodist Church where I serve as Safeguarding Officer and, as the only young person present, handle the technology.

My Minister recommended the Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship to me, as she could see my potential for leadership long before I could. I have, since being accepted, made good friends in my local World Federation unit, Methodist Women in Britain. I was thrilled to be welcomed into the WFMUCW family and meet so many amazing women. While I was waiting to find out if I had been chosen for the HKMS, I was filled with fear and trepidation, but as soon as I received the good news, all my fear dissipated and God blessed me with a deep sense of peace and of being on the right path. More than anything, I'm excited now to learn from the experience and wisdom of all the wonderful women I will meet over the next four years.

Something that makes me smile is poetry. I write some myself, but nothing brings me more joy than finding my own heart in someone else's words and seeing new meanings and new life spring out of old texts – my adoration of poetry is what drove me to fall in love with the Bible.

Sharon

EUROPE CONTINENTAL - GERMANY

Guten Tag (hello in German) :)

My name is Sharon Schuler. I am 27 years old and one of the Helen Kim Memorial Scholars for Europe Continental. Together with my fiancé Daniel I live in a small town next to Frankfurt in Germany. The past six years I studied Law at the university of Mainz and finished with the 1st state examination in law. In 2021 after university, I worked in elderly care while figuring things out, until I made a decision to head in a new direction.



I noticed that my heart and my passion lies within helping people and making a difference in the lives of those in need, disadvantaged young woman in particular. This past year with this “identity crisis” and the question where God wants me hasn’t been easy for me, but as my mental health slowly increases, I am starting to feel hopeful again. Thus, resulting in my deep wish to help other young people through mental health struggles, teaching about the importance of self-care and not giving up. Therefore, I will be studying a new subject. I am now studying psychology in Frankfurt.

I am a member of my local Methodist church in my hometown Bad Soden (Neuenhain), where I engage in our church services as a singer of our worship band, and I am organizing and developing our youth church for teenagers as well.

Besides that, I find great joy and peace in nature, music, reading, photography and art. I love reading fantasy and history books to escape in other worlds from time to time. The seasonality, which we experience in Germany, also excites me. I can’t wait for nature to change again as fall arrives and we slowly transition into my favourite season winter. Hopefully we will still get some snow. Due to climate change we experience warmer, longer summers with droughts and warmer winters with less snow. I am motivated to educate about these issues and implement ideas in my community what we can do to protect our environment and work towards the SDG climate action.

I still don't know where God's will may lead me the next five years but I try to stay open minded and find courage in him as he makes me brave. In one of my favourite worship songs it says: "you make me brave and no fear can hinder now the promises you made!"



Heidi

BRITIAN AND IRELAND - IRELAND

My name is Heidi Hogan and I live in the beautiful emerald isle, Ireland. I was born in Zimbabwe but moved to Ireland when I was 8 years old with my family. I am a fund accountant and am currently working towards becoming a fully qualified chartered accountant. I have just two exams left to go so all prayers are very much appreciated.

I have been involved in my local Methodist church with the youth for many years and have enjoyed watching them all grow in their lives and grow in their faiths. I am a member of the executive committee for the Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) and represent my district in the Irish Unit for the WFMUCW.

The thing that I am most excited about in being a HKMS is getting to see how God is moving in the lives of these other young women that I will be journeying alongside with over the next 4 years. As well as getting to know them better and hopefully to meet in person!

I am an avid reader so find it impossible to choose a favourite book but am more than happy to discuss what I'm reading or have read. I adore musicals and you will always find me humming or singing while I'm busy doing things around the house. I have three dogs, a Jack Russell and two Pekingeses who never fail to make me smile with their crazy antics.

Deborah

EAST ASIA- MALAYSIA

HELLO! My name is Deborah Grace Louis from Malaysia, a country in Southeast Asia. I am currently working as an English teacher after completing my degree education in Linguistics. My involvement in the church has always been part of my life. I serve in the worship team as a musician and worship leader. These roles excite me because I've been serving since young and it has shaped me for who I am today. What makes me smile would be good food and family time. Since I'm away from my hometown for work, I loved the new experiences which has pushed me to work hard.



Orletta

NORTH AMERICA/MCCA - GUYANA

*John 4:24 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
- "God is spirit, and those who worship him must
worship in spirit and truth."*

A scripture that has been my guide since I was the age of eleven (11) and still to date gives me the courage to do all things for God's glory. I am Orletta John, a Graduate Teacher, and presently an aspiring Lawyer and third-year Social Work student at the University of Guyana (Berbice Campus). Born on the 30th January 1994, second daughter to Rodwell Samuel John and Merle Elizabeth John, I've been serving the Lord since in my mother's womb. I grew up in the closely knitted community of Cumberland Village, East Canje, Berbice along with my elder sister, Omodele Elizabeth John-Barker.

Being a confirmed member of the Methodist Church, and now fully Accredited Local Preacher, Youth Leader, Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Dance Minister, and servant in other aspects when called upon; my love for God blooms every day. As such, I continue to



serve in my church as an Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Officer to the Girls' Brigade Guyana - Berbice Chapter 2022 to present, Youth Work Committee Secretary of Methodist Church Guyana District 2021 to present, and President of the Rotaract Club of New Amsterdam (Humanitarian Organisation) 2022-2023.

I currently work as a Graduate Teacher attached to the New Amsterdam Secondary School (NASS) and Dance assistant and Public Relations Officer for the ANBAL (A New Beginning Another Level) Praise and Worship Dance School. In addition, I am in several projects and platforms that address women's issues. The Miss Exquisitely Conscious Pageant spearheaded by Ms. Rhonda Jonas (A Senior Teacher attached to the NASS) afforded me the opportunity of working with young women on issues such as Social issues - Human trafficking, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse; Mental health issues such as Bipolar disorder, Depression; Self-Care and Caring for the environment among others.

If we labour without God, then our labour will surely be in vain. As such being intentional in our pursuit to win souls should never be taken lightly. It is with hope and conviction, this program helps me to garner the necessary skills and tools to address my chosen Sustainable Development Goal - GOAL 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION through the implementation of Women and Young Girls Empowerment Work closely leaning toward, spirituality, empowerment and mentorship. Such a proposed venture would allow the newly acquired skills to be used to their full potential. One should note that this process has already begun with the first initiative during the pandemic named Theatre-In-The-Streets being implemented. It involved young girls in my community (Cumberland Village) being taught Theatre Skills, basic mathematics and English, and softer skills of effective communication, mannerisms and etiquette, and deportment.

By now, you may have a hint of all the things that set my soul on fire - God, helping people grow from strength to strength, working with youths and children, everything and all things centered around the Arts and Theatre, Social Witness and Advocacy - just to name a few. In addition, no doubt my family and close friends put a smile on my face. Something we all can never get enough of - genuine love and care and the growth - we see among those that are dear to us; the same growth we long to see in others.

Shin Thant Naing

SOUTH ASIA- MYANMAR

I am Shin Thant Naing and I am from Myanmar, known as 'the Golden Land' in surrounding countries. I am one of the Helen Kim Memorial Scholars from the South Asia Area.



I am currently working as a language instructor and teacher trainer at Grace Samaritan Learning Center and am also a volunteer organizer for community development projects under a religious organization. Moreover, I am serving as the secretary of Methodist Youth Fellowship (Lower Myanmar) and as a correspondent for Methodist Women Fellowship (Unit 1) in Myanmar.

For me, I really love to learn new things from the people I meet in different fields and contribute to those who are needy as much as I can. I feel blessed and joyful every time I can make someone feel comfortable and special. I enjoy singing, playing guitar, and socializing in my spare time.

I am so excited to be a part of HKMS during these 5 years. And, I am looking forward to learn and to have fellowship with beautiful young women around the world.



Aubrey

NORTH AMERICA- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hello everyone, my name is Aubrey McCombs, and I am a Sophomore, Finance major from Detroit, Michigan. Currently I attend Howard University in DC and I exercise my major everyday as I stay on campus. I am a part of the Christian Methodist Episcopal denomination, and my church home is at Central CME.

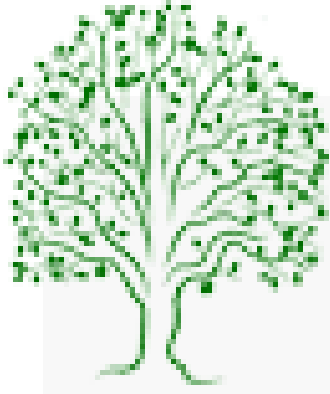
There I have participated in the Usher board, Christian Youth Fellowship, and the Liturgical Dancers. I am also looking for a new permanent church home at school. I am most excited to grow my connection with God and to learn more from ladies around the globe. My favourite songs at the moment are "The Perfect Pair" and "Hills and Valleys." Lastly, what I love most about living in DC is being able to be with my friends and enjoy my time as a college student!

Julia

LATIN AMERICA- BRAZIL

I'm a law student. At my local church, I act as a youth leader and coordinate a project that works on the menstrual dignity of women in situations of social vulnerability. This project has my heart because through it I demonstrate God's love for the lives of each of these women, that he loves them and cares about them in the smallest details. One thing I love about Rio de Janeiro is the wonderful landscapes and the sun that always appears to wish me good morning.





World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

Our Prayer

Written by World Federation of Methodist Women (WFMW)
Executive Members (1986-1991)

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 fruits of Unity and Love

We offer praise and thanksgiving

Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.