

THE PURPOSE

Reader I: The organized unit of United Methodist Women...

Reader II: Wait a minute! ORGANIZED??? Why do we have to be organized?

Reader I: Well, organization is important to – to – uh, I don't know! That is just what we say at the beginning of our purpose.

Reader II: Oh, I suppose if you want to accomplish something you really need to be organized. Go on.

Reader I: ...shall be a community of women...

Reader II: Community? You mean like a village or something?

Reader I: Not a village exactly – just a group of women working together. May I continue?

Reader II: Go on.

Reader I: ...whose purpose is to know God...

Reader II: Personally?

Reader I: Oh, for heaven's sake! Of course, personally. Let me finish.

Reader II: Don't get so testy! Go on.

Reader I: and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

Reader II: Freedom! What does that mean? And through Jesus Christ?

Reader I: It just means that we can live our lives as we want when we obey God's commands and follow his precepts, putting our trust in Jesus.

Reader II: OK. That makes sense. What else?

Reader I: To develop a creative, supportive fellowship...

Reader II: I suppose that means as long as everyone supports everyone else, we can all use our God-given talents to create whatever is needed in this community of women to accomplish our goals.

Reader I: Right. ...and to expand concepts of mission...

Reader II: Concepts of mission. Hmmm. Realizing what people really need?

Reader I: through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Reader II: Now, that should be obvious to everyone. The global ministries of the United Methodist Church is just about the most crucial program we have for really helping people. I'm glad you've made our PURPOSE so clear to us now.