



The Church in Zimbabwe



Methodist Church *Zimbabwe Fellowship* UK

UNITING ZIMBABWEAN METHODISTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



Location



Continent



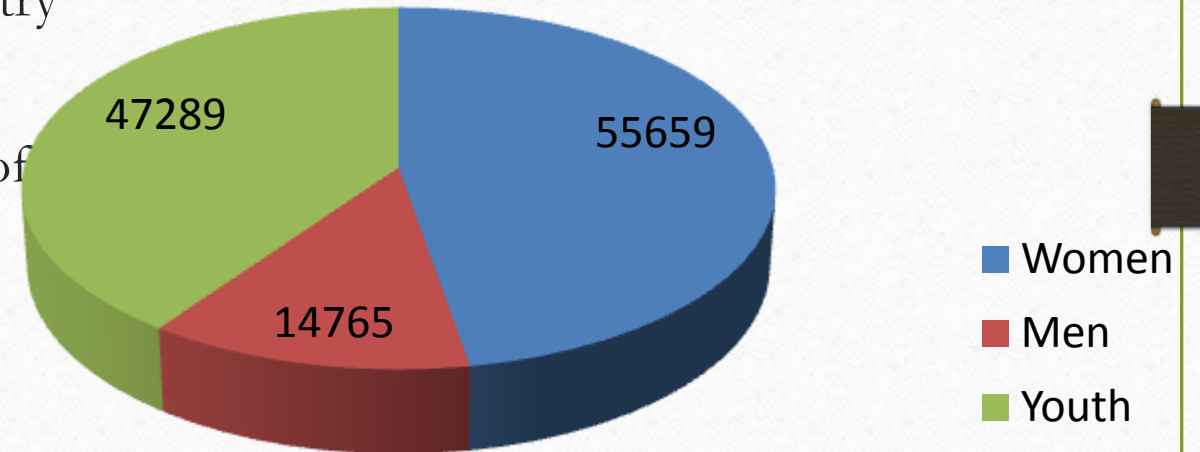
Country



Neighbours

Strengths

- Zimbabwe is predominantly a Christian country
- Church attendance is very high
- Methodist membership is about 117,713 (as of 2010)
 - Women 55659
 - Men 14765
 - Youth 47289
- Ministers 243 (190 fulltime, 28 in Training, 24 Retired and local)
 - Full time ratio of 1 Minister to about 665 members
 - We have got 1700 societies and there are 45 female ministers



8 Districts (average membership of 14,250)

1. Harare East
2. Harare West
3. Bulawayo
4. Hwange
5. Gweru
6. Masvingo
7. Marondera
8. Kadoma



Organisations

- Structure
- Women – Ruwadzano / Manyano
- Men
- Youth (they have own conference)
- Fellowships



Women ministry

- Role of women in ministry
- Joys in ministry
- Challenges
- Social responsibility initiatives run by women
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Social Responsibility

- Schools/Education
- Skills Training Centres
- Health Centres
- Humanitarian Aid



Introduction

- After gaining Autonomy from the Methodist Church in Britain in October 1977
- The church has made success in developing the Schools to top class centres of education
- Waddilove High School was ranked 40 in Africa in the 2013 schools' competition.
- Moleli and Sandringham High School have constantly in the top ten
- High Schools in Zimbabwe

Schools

- There are 10 High Schools
- 12 primary schools
- Plans well underway for a university



Skills Training Centres

- Ndlela Centre,
- Bulawayo Methodist College (Makokoba)



Health Centres



- The Church runs five clinics that are serving different communities in Zimbabwe



Operating Accounting Principles

- ❖ The Methodist Church has always spoken out against political victimisation and economic injustice, before and after independence, often at the grave risk to life for its members
- ❖ The forthcoming general elections hold out hope for reform but will more likely bring violence to ordinary Zimbabweans

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