

WHERE IS JESUS?

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The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church says “Our struggles for human dignity and social reform have been a response to God’s demand for love, mercy, and justice in the light of the Kingdom. We proclaim no *personal gospel* that fails to express itself in relevant social concerns; we proclaim no *social gospel* that does not include the personal transformation of sinners.”

The Women’s Division of The United Methodist Church, the oversight organization for United Methodist Women, is clearly in violation of this primary component of our Social Principles. How is that? It is clear to see when one examines what the Women’s Division offers in their programs, resources, mission giving, and policies.

They offer water and food to the poor—
without a drop of Living Water or a crumb of the Bread of Life.

They preach countless sermons on the collective sin of humanity—
without a word about personal responsibility for individual sin.

They advocate a flurry of partisan political causes—
without a speck of balance or alternative viewpoints.

They provide a roadmap of many highways leading to communion with God—
without a direction for the long and narrow path through Jesus Christ.

They promote a gospel of radical feminism that carries empty promises of self-empowerment—
without a hint of the gospel of radical forgiveness that brings complete wholeness in Christ.

They paint a picture of utopian world transformation based on socialist principles—
without a stroke about personal redemption based on mercy and grace.

They lead a flock of broken and hurting women—
without a nudge towards the one true Shepherd.

They aim to make a difference on the international stage—
without a consideration for whom they speak in behalf.

They offer the world a mission mandate—
without a hand from the great I AM.

Women are hurting. The world is hurting. Offer them a relationship with the Living God—
Offer them Christ.