

# FACTS

about the

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Methodism is a child of the Church of England.  
Its chief founders were John and Charles Wesley.  
It started in England in 1739, in America in 1766.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784.

The slavery question brought about the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1845.

The Methodist Episcopal Church maintains that  
God loves all men but hates sin;  
all who repent and believe in Christ are saved;  
believers may receive an inward assurance that they are children of God;  
— men can and should love God with all their heart and their neighbors as themselves.

The Methodist Episcopal Church stands for  
world wide personal and social evangelism;  
thorough and scientific religious education;  
the Christianizing of every day life;  
temperance and other social reforms;  
industrial betterment, Christian race relations, world peace;  
co-operation with all other branches of the Church of Christ.



## World Wide Service

The Methodist Episcopal Church is at work in 39 different countries; has a church membership of nearly 5 million; is served by 33,000 ministers and local preachers; owns 27,000 church buildings, estimated value including parsonages, over 500 million dollars; has a church school enrollment of more than 4 million.

## Social Ministries in the United States

Hospitals .....	73
Homes for the Aged .....	44
Homes for Children .....	43
Deaconess Homes .....	46
Homes for Business Girls and Young Men .....	27
Total .....	<u>233</u>

## Educational Institutions

Colleges, universities, etc.....	104
Students, about .....	100,000

## Government

The Methodist Episcopal Church is a world-wide brotherhood with a system of careful supervision through bishops, district superintendents, ministers and local officials.

The work of the church is democratically directed through a system of conferences-----  
the General Conference meeting every four years,  
129 Annual Conferences meeting once a year,  
local Quarterly Conferences meeting several times a year.

There is lay and ministerial representation in all of these conferences.

## Chicago Methodism

- 1828—First Methodist sermon in Chicago preached by The Reverend Jesse Walker.
- 1831—June 16, First Methodist Church organized. This was the first Church Society in Chicago.
- 1834—First Methodist church building erected, cost \$580.
- 1923—The Chicago Temple (church and office building, corner of Washington and Clark Streets) is the Mother Church of Chicago Methodism; has contributed about \$1,000,000 toward the erection of Methodist churches in Chicago; cost, about three and a half million dollars; height, 560 feet above the sidewalk.

## Chicago Churches

In Chicago and Cook County there are: churches, 176, members, 63,502.

Bilingual work is carried on among the following groups:

Bohemian	Mexican
German	Norwegian-Danish
Italian	Polish
Korean	Swedish

Union work among Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos.

## Methodist Institutions, Chicago and Vicinity

Six Educational institutions, including

Northwestern University,	Garrett Biblical Institute,
Chicago Training School	

Wesley Memorial Hospital	Two Settlements
Five Homes for Young Women	Agard Rest Home
Two Old Peoples' Homes	Good Will Industry
Four Institutional Churches	Lake Bluff Orphanage
St. Paul's Wesley Foundation	



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