

Quick facts

- Established 1998
- 169 administrative and support staff
- 355 teaching part-time and full-time staff
- 25 diploma, undergraduate and graduate programs
- 7 colleges
- Approximately 5000 students
- 54% Female Enrollment
- 46% Male Enrollment



Affiliating Universities/Organizations

- Association of Liberian Universities
- Association of African University
- African Association of Methodist Institutions of Higher Education
- African Association of United Methodist Theological Institutions
- The International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities

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History of the United Methodist University

The United Methodist University (UMU) is privately owned by the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and is a faith based Christian co-educational institution of higher learning. The University was established in 1998 and officially began its operations in January, 2000 during the Liberian civil war.

The idea to conceive a University began in the early 1970s growing out of the concern that Liberia had only two (2) institutions of higher learning, namely, the Cuttington University College, an Episcopal University; and the University of Liberia, owned the Government of Liberia. These two institutions could not adequately serve and/or meet the education and manpower needs of the Country.

As the result, the Church, commissioned a body to develop plans for the establishment of an institution of higher learning. The initial work commenced in 1975, and by 1979, the Church approved plans for the establishment of the College of West Africa Junior College.

In 1980, the College of West Africa Junior College began operational with programs being offered in business and secretarial science. Students that matriculated to the Junior College graduated with Associates of Arts Degrees in Accounting and Secretarial Science. The Junior College operated until the Liberian Civil war began in 1990.

Prior, in 1986, the Church, desirous of having a full fledge degree granting higher education institution, commissioned an 18-member committee chaired by the late Dr. C. Wesley Armstrong. The Armstrong Commission was tasked with the responsibility of conducting a feasibility study for the upgrade of the College of West Africa Junior College Programs to the level of a full university.

Although the dream for establishing the United Methodist University was delayed, the Church remained resolute in providing higher education opportunities to Liberian and Africans in general. As the civil war subsided, it became increasingly apparent, that Cuttington University and the University of Liberia could not meet the increasing demand from students seeking higher education.

In 1997, a 22-member technical team headed by Rev. J. Twaplayfano Dohr, was commissioned to take a comprehensive review of the work for the establishment

the United Methodist University was chartered by the National Legislature on October 9, 1999 as full fledge University.

Since the inception of the United Methodist University, efforts have been made to partner with the Africa University in Zimbabwe. A tripartite consultation conference was held in April, 2000 in Monrovia, Liberia, with the United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Africa University of Zimbabwe, and the United Methodist University to forge a collaborative working relationship. It was agreed in principle, that the UMU could serve as the West Africa Satellite Campus of Africa University.

Vision

The vision/goal of the University is to prepare a new generation of men and women schooled on the African continent to build nations that are spiritually, socially, economically, and politically independent and self-sustaining.

Mission

The mission of the University is to provide quality education within a Pan African context through which persons can acquire general professional knowledge and skills within the framework of Christian values and ethics.

Colleges and Programs

The United Methodist University currently has seven (7) colleges that enrolled about 5000 students on four (4) campuses across Liberia.

College of Management and Administration

The College of Management and Administration has the largest population of students, and offers Bachelor Degrees in the following areas: Management, Public Administration, Economics, Accounting, and Procurement and Supply Chain Management.

College of Theology

The Gbarnga School of Theology or the College of Theology is located in both Gbarnga City, Bong County, and Monrovia; and is the longest serving component of the

The College of Theology offers both Bachelor and Master Degrees. The Bachelor Degree programs include: Theology, Religious Education and Sacred Theology. Master Degree is offer in Divinity.

Winifred J. Harley College of Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences is located in both the City of Ganta, Nimba County and Monrovia. The College began as a professional nursing school in the early 1950s offering two year practical nursing training at the Ganta Methodist Mission. The school evolved into the College of Health Sciences with the establishment of the University. The College offers Diploma, Associates and Bachelor Degrees. Associates and Bachelor Degrees are offer in Nursing and Midwifery. Diploma is being offered in Dental Healthcare.

College of Liberal and Fine Arts

The College of Liberal and Fine Arts has the second largest population of students. Located in Monrovia, the College offers Bachelor Degrees in the following areas: Sociology, Social Work, Political Science and Mass Communications.

Joseph Jenkins Roberts College of Education

The Joseph Jenkins Roberts College of Education, bears the name of the first Liberian President, an United Methodist, who was born in Virginia, USA, and migrated to Liberia when slaves were set free. The College currently offers Bachelor Degrees in one of the following areas: Secondary Education, Primary Education and Early Childhood & Development. All students have concentration areas in one of the four content areas (Mathematics, Science, English, History or Social Studies).

College of Agriculture

The College of Agriculture is located in southeastern Liberia in Gbazon Town, Sinoe County. The College has a land space of 500 acres or 202.345 hectares to engage in agriculture related activities. The College presently offers Associate Degrees in General and Practical Agriculture.

College of Science and Technology

The College of Science and Technology is growing in students' population and currently offers degree programs in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Computer Technology.