

The Mothers' Union was established in 1876. Its purpose was to encourage parents in caring for their children, not just physically and mentally but also spiritually. From the outset it recognised that strong relationships and the role of family, however defined, are crucial in building healthy communities.

Their **Vision** is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal they actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling.

Their **Mission** is to show their Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. This can be done through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children.

More than four million members of Mothers' Union in 83 countries subscribe to the same **Values**; the moral and ethical codes that are central to the ways in which they operate. Firstly, they are firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration. Secondly, their governance, leadership, and programmes are driven by and undertaken through members within their own communities worldwide. Thirdly, they work with people of all faiths and none.

## Their **Aims and Objectives** are:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Their **Members** are not all mothers, or even all women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. Mothers' Union provides, for all members, a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

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