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# THE METHODIST EXHIBIT

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## *The Ages and Races of Man*

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John Wesley, founder of Methodism, said that every man needs the fellowship of a church because every man needs a criticism of his own religious interpretations and ideas. You will not find all saints in The Methodist Church or in any church. Sometimes the Church is timid when it ought to speak out bravely. Sometimes there is no life in it and nobody gets excited. But it is the Church that offers us the opportunity of worship every Sunday and we need that as much as we need bread. The Church gives us the privilege to give and to serve here and around the world. It is the body of Christ, the extension of the Incarnation, the dwelling place of wonder. The Christian Church keeps us sane by helping us to understand the moral and spiritual implications of our life.

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is a reverie on the quotation from the Bible, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)



The pictures were selected for their affirmation of God's love in the world. They are arranged according to the ages of man, beginning with the vulnerability of infants, through the spiritedness of youth, the realization of love, the fulfillment of parenthood, the assertion of matured powers, to the vulnerability of age.



There are no spoken words. The music—a chromatic fugue by Bach—supports the theme. The pictures of the Ages and Races of Man are projected on three separate, circular screens simultaneously, along with phrases of the Bible verse. The arches and colorful background suggest a sanctuary.

Below the screens a second series of pictures illustrates the world-wide outreach of The Methodist Church—how the people called Methodists manifest God's love in the world. This love for God and man takes the form of houses of worship, a ministry of healing, and care for the young and the aged, education from nursery schools through graduate schools, refugee relief and rehabilitation, evangelism and the proclamation of the gospel by every means possible—a concern for the total physical, educational and spiritual needs of all men everywhere.

The world maps remind us again of the world God loves. The continents and the surrounding islands are shown only in outline, but everyone who looks will know that these land masses are teeming with people. Many who look will already have a maturing concern for *all* the people of the world. Others will experience an awakening concern for the spiritual and physical welfare of men, women and children. For everyone, it is hoped, there will be a new sense of God's love in the world and a feeling of urgency to serve both God and their fellowmen.



# THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church is a fellowship of people at work in the world in the name of Jesus Christ. They serve in forty-eight countries on six continents.

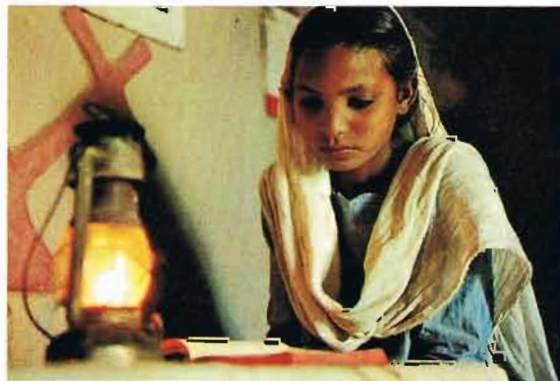
Shortly after George Washington became the first president of the United States, The Methodist Church was organized. Its preachers, laymen, and their elected bishops were sent throughout the world to witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all men and to gather people into societies.

Methodists have always taken seriously the advice of John Wesley to regard the world as their parish. Their Church is not an exclusive one, but is rather a fellowship of people who seek God's way through Christ. Their churches are built to serve people where they live and work; their schools must be equipped to do the best work; their educational programs, missions, settlement houses, hospitals and homes must demonstrate God's way of love. Their ministers must be men of learning and virtue. The Methodists must constantly be seeking a more perfect way, and their fellowship must be warm and inclusive.

Economic, political, social, and technological revolutions do not block the work of The Methodist Church. The demands of science and the space age are exciting challenges to Methodists. They believe that God loves the world and that He is at work in the world today.

Yes, Methodism is a church; it is a people who love because they themselves are loved. It is well organized, but its head is Jesus Christ. More than anything else Methodists believe that religion must be experienced. They study, they pray, they serve.

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The Church is the  
“Body of Christ”  
serving the needs  
of the individual  
and the world.

