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Introduction

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on April 5, 1819 in New York and became an official agency through the General Conference action in 1820. The purpose of the organization was to enable the several annual conferences to more effectively spread the Gospel and to aid them in their benevolent and charitable work in both domestic and foreign missions. The society administered its work through a Board of Managers and its Corresponding Secretaries, subject to the General Missionary Committee, which met annually to make appropriations and to establish policy. The board had its headquarters in New York City.

In 1900 the constitutional goals of the society were revised by General Conference to reflect the world-wide scope of its growth and expansion. It reads:

Its objects are charitable and religious, designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of education and Christianity, and to promote and support missionary schools and Christian missions throughout the United States and its territories, and also in foreign countries, under such rules and regulations as the General Conference of the Methodist Church may from time to time prescribe.

By official action of the General Conference in 1904, the Missionary Society was reorganized into two new boards: the Board of Foreign Missions and the Board of Home Missions Church extension. This was accomplished by 1906.

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