



Finda Quiwa
Liberia



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Finda Quiwa's work as a Regional Missionary with United Women in Faith began in 2008 when she created a pan-African youth network serving United Methodist youth and young women throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. Regional Missionaries are selected and supported by United Women in Faith women and placed in collaboration with the church's General Board of Global Ministries. A Sierra Leonean from the Eastern Region, Finda is based in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Currently, Finda's work centers on the women and youth of Liberia where she works with local women leaders as a vital part of the Liberian country team. There, she heads leadership trainings, empowers women economically, and helps build skills for sustainability. "I've charged myself to take up the challenge of helping people," Finda says. "Leadership development identifies potential leaders who are capable of navigating through challenges... Leadership development programs have proven to be substantial in improving organizations... Women leaders make informed decisions and enhance positive engagement." Finda also serves as a liaison with regional and ecumenical partners. As such, she builds alliances and collaborates with local organizations developing trainings and supports for women, children, and youth.

As the first African to serve with the General Board of Global Ministries' Global Justice Volunteers (GJV) program, Finda was placed in Hong Kong working with migrant women workers from the Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Finda saw firsthand the injustices of sexism, racism, and other inhuman treatment. "I returned home with the conviction and commitment to do my best in making sure women and children get a better place in Africa." In addition, she served as the coordinator for the GJV Africa Pilot Program along with working with youth and young adult programs in Africa with The United Methodist Church.

At Fourah Bay College at the University of Sierra Leone, Finda earned her Bachelor of Social Sciences and Law degrees, majoring in Accounting and Finance. She received certification in management and administration from the Graduate School of Management in London at the Ghana campus. Finda has also completed studies in design, management, and evaluation of community-based HIV/AIDS programs through Global Health Action. She has attended numerous seminars in Europe, Africa, and the United States addressing issues of equity and justice. She has been a leader for the global Training for Transformation seminars for United Women in Faith.

Finda is a member of Bishop Baughman Memorial United Methodist Church, Sierra Leone Annual Conference, West Africa Central Conference. She is married to Mr. Aiah Quiwa with whom she shares many children, both biological and adopted. According to Finda, doing God's work is what she always longs for and is always willing to do. She seeks to fulfill God's mission with God's people.