



Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

History:

The first Methodist missionaries arrived in Tonga in 1822 and by the middle of the 19th century the whole population was Christianized. There was a split in the church in 1885 which was partially resolved in 1924. Tonga was a conference within the Methodist Church of Australasia until 1977 when the Uniting Church in Australia was formed, and the Free Wesleyan Church gained its autonomy

Activities:

Education and evangelism are strong features of the work of the church. While the government is responsible for most primary education, the church has six primary schools and at the secondary level caters to the needs of 60% of the students in three middle schools, five senior secondary and three district schools.. In addition the church has three agricultural schools and a theological college.



The Free Wesleyan Church in Tonga currently has over 38,000 members.

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