

ANNIE ARMSTRONG (1850-1938)



Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action, and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

Contributions

- Developed a heart for missions as a young woman while attending missionary meetings with her mother
- Became a Christian at 19 years old
- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Traveled across America encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give, and act
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

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