The Lafayette Council of United Church Women had its inception over 10 years ago in the minds of a few women who wanted the women of Lafayette to join in carrying on World Day or Prayer. This is observed the first Friday in Lent and was set aside as a day of prayer by Protestant churches throughout the world in the late 1800's. From this grew the idea of a Lafayette Council of Church Women, Mrs. H. H. Cantrelle, Mrs. Cecil Hawkins and Mrs. Drayton Lewis were instrumental in forming this organization with Mrs. Cantrelle serving as the first president.

The group's service project is supplying food for the Salvation Army pantry shelf. It has continued through the years with the Lafayette Temple Sisterhood of Jewish women, joining the Protestant groups in carrying out this project, with each church taking care of the pantry shelf for one month annually.

After a great deal of study and discussion the group decided to affiliate with the United Church Women, a department of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. The council now consists of the following Lafayette church groups:

- First Christian
- First Lutheran
- First Presbyterian
- Good Hope Baptist
- Grace Presbyterian
- Malusieu Methodist
- First Methodist
- Trinity Methodist CME
- Salvation Army

The board is made up of the president or her representative, the minister's wife and two delegates. The group meets quarterly to discuss reports for special days, the church calendar and to transact other business.

A fellowship luncheon is held each May in one of the member churches. On the first Friday of November World Community Day is observed, which is a worship service and dedication of special gifts to some part of the world through church world service. In 1951, the church women of Lafayette made school bags and gave school supplies to be sent to children of Latin America. This year they sent 92 pounds of sewing materials, sarongs and blouses to women in Indonesia, many of whom have had no new garments since World War II.

For the past three years the women have organized a six-week study on one of the subjects recommended by the educational department of the National Council of Churches. The study for 1962 was "The Churches' Ministry to People of Special Need."

A large part of the council's annual budget in Lafayette goes to support the migrant ministry in Hammond. This consists of day school, medical care and other activities helpful to people who come there each March and April to pick strawberries.

The council officers for 1963 are Mrs. J. A. Standridge, president; Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks, vice-president; Mrs. D. R. Sheppard, secretary; Mrs. F. S. Broussard, treasurer; Miss Marion Marcola, chairman, Christian World Missions; Miss Norma Suber, chairman, Christian social relations; Miss Marjorie Carmouche, chairman, Christian World relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. Watkins, chairman, public relations; Mrs. W. M. 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