

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

Year	The Girls' Brigade	The Girls' Guildry	The Girls' Life Brigade
			
1893	<p><i>The Girls' Brigade formed at Sandymount, Ireland – Miss Margaret Lyttle. Its aim “the extension of Christ’s Kingdom among girls”.</i></p>		
1900		<p><i>The Girls' Guildry formed in Scotland; aimed at helping girls to become mature Christian women</i></p>	
1902			<p><i>The Girls' Life Brigade formed in England. Motto: “to save life”. Aim: “to help and encourage girls to become responsible, self-reliant, useful Christian women”/</i></p>
1909	<p><i>Adopted motto “Onward and Upward”</i></p>		
1923		<p><i>HRH Duchess of York (later to become Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother) became the Patron to The Girls' Guildry First overseas company formed in Jamaica – Mrs Olive Miller (nee Wright)</i></p>	
1925			<p><i>Companies formed in South Africa at Capetown and in Latvia at Riga (closed 1935)</i></p>
1927			<p><i>Companies formed in Singapore (Elsie Lynne) and in Australia at Wyalkatchem</i></p>
1928			<p><i>Work began in New Zealand at Dunedin</i></p>
1930			<p><i>First International Rally at the Royal Albert Hall</i></p>
1931			<p><i>Work began in Canada</i></p>
1934			<p><i>Work began in American Samoa</i></p>
1936			<p><i>HRH The Duchess of Gloucester became Patron to The Girls' Life Brigade.</i></p>
1938			<p><i>Work began in Malaysia at Penang (Elsie Lynne)</i></p>

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1939	<i>Companies formed in Northern Ireland</i>		
1942			<i>Work began in Nigeria</i>
1943			<i>Work began in Bermuda</i>
1946		<i>Work began in Cayman Islands – (Mrs Olive Miller)</i>	<i>Work began in Niue, Nauru and Tokelau Islands.</i>
1949	<i>Work began in England</i>		<i>Work began in Solomon Islands</i>
1950		<i>Companies opened in Zambia</i>	<i>Work began in Zambia</i>
1951			<i>Work began in Zimbabwe and Samoa</i>
1952			<i>Work began in Hong Kong</i>
1953	<i>Work began in Falkland Island (closed 1989)</i>		
1954			<i>Hilda Rae appointed as Overseas Secretary</i>
1955			<i>Work began in Ghana at Accra</i>
1956			<i>Work began in Sierra Leone and British Guinea</i>
1957			<i>Queen's Badge inaugurated</i>
1958	<i>Work began in Canada</i>	<i>Work began in Bahamas (Miss Cynthia Love)</i>	
1959			<i>Work began in Papua New Guinea</i>
1960		<i>Work began in Zimbabwe</i>	<i>Work began in Tuvalu (formerly Ellice Islands)</i>
1961			<i>Work began in Gilbert Islands</i>
1962			<i>Work began in Vanuatu and Uganda</i>
1963			<i>Work began in Rwanda and Windward Islands</i>

1964

Historic Decision by three Organisations to amalgamate

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1964			<i>Pacific Fellowship formed in Suva-Fiji Work began in Burundi</i>
1966			<i>Headquarters opened at Parsons Green</i>

1967			Work began in Kenya Pacific Fellowship Council met in Fiji
1968	 <p>Inaugural meeting of Brigade International Council in London on 20 June attended by 19 Countries. Miss Joan Chenhalls, MBE elected as first President. International Award instituted.</p>		
1970	Work commenced in Brunei		
1971	Work commenced in Haiti		
1972	Pacific Fellowship Council met in New Zealand		
1973	Brigade International Conference and Fonomarae held in New Zealand. Mrs Margaret O'Rourke elected as second President. Ghana, Grand Cayman and Samoa accepted as full members. Atlantic and Pacific Committees formed. Work began in Uganda and Cook Islands.		
1974	Work commenced in USA, Belize and Aruba		
1975	Pacific Fellowship Council met in Fiji		
1976	Work commenced in India and Bangladesh		
1977	Mrs Margaret O'Rourke died – The Margaret O'Rourke Scholarship established. Pacific Fellowship Council met in New Zealand		
1978	Brigade International Conference held in Grand Cayman. Mrs Tay Poh Luan elected as third President		
1979	Pacific Fellowship Fonomarae in Perth, Australia. Pacific Fellowship Conference in New Zealand.		
1980	International Fonomarae in Scotland. Work began in Brazil.		
1983	Brigade International Conference held in Singapore. Mrs Elizabeth Nicoll, OBE, MA elected as fourth president. Cook Islands accepted as full member. First Caribbean Conference held in Jamaica.		
1984	Asia-Pacific Committee Office set up in Auckland, New Zealand.		
1985	Pacific Fellowship Conference held in New Zealand.		
1986	Second Caribbean Conference in Trinidad & Tobago.		
1988	Brigade International Conference held in Cook Islands. Miss Betty Allen AM elected as fifth President. Niue, Bahamas/Turks/Caicos accepted as full members. International Office moved to Aylsham, Norfolk.		
1989	Third Caribbean Conference in Bahamas		
1990	Work commenced in Botswana, Romania and Swaziland. Reformed in USA		
1991	Zambia accepted as full member. Ireland and Northern Ireland became two separate members.		
1992	First All Africa Conference in Zambia. Fourth Caribbean Conference in Cayman Islands. Kenya, Hong Kong, St Kitts and Trinidad and Tobago accepted as full members. Work began in Tonga.		
1993	Brigade International Conference in Dublin, Ireland. Centenary Celebrations World-wide. Bermuda accepted as full member. Mrs Iva Good (Cayman Islands) elected as sixth International President.		

1994	<i>Fifth Caribbean Conference in Antigua.</i>
1995	<i>Second All Africa Conference in Kenya. British Virgin Islands accepted as full member. Work began in Ramallah and in Thailand.</i>
1996	<i>Sixth Caribbean Conference held in Bermuda.</i>
1997	<i>Third All Africa Conference in Zimbabwe.</i>
1998	<i>7th International Conference of Girls' Brigade held in Brisbane, Australia. Girls' Brigade International restructured. Atlantic and Pacific Committees ceased to exist. International Fellowships began – 5 Fellowships - Africa, Asia, Caribbean & Americas, Europe and Pacific. Mrs Jill Clarke (New Zealand) elected as seventh International President. (39 Full member countries, including Swaziland, Thailand, Anguilla)</i>
1999	<i>International President's Committee met in Johannesburg, South Africa.</i>
2000	<i>International President's Committee met in Glasgow, Scotland</i>
2001	<i>International President's Committee met in Boston, USA. The International Office moved to Glasgow, Scotland (June 2001). Tanzania, Malawi, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu accepted as members.</i>
2002	<i>8th International Conference of Girls' Brigade held in Bangkok, Thailand. Miss Hee Piang Chin (Singapore) elected as eighth International President. Romania accepted as member. Mrs Jill Clarke, CNZM – appointed International Vice Patron.</i>
2003	<i>International President's Committee met in Singapore.</i>
2004	<i>International President's Committee met at IHQ in Glasgow. International Fonomarae held in Glasgow, Scotland.</i>
2005	<i>International President's Committee met in Livingstone, Zambia.</i>
2006	<i>9th International Conference of Girls' Brigade held in Coleraine, Northern Ireland. Mrs Ruth Chikasa (Zambia) elected as ninth International President. Canada and Philippines accepted as full members. Miss Sheena MacFarlane, OBE – appointed International Vice Patron.</i>
2007	<i>International President's Committee met in Auckland, New Zealand. Mrs Masiofo Fetui Mata'afa, International Vice Patron died November 2007.</i>
2008	<i>Mrs Elizabeth Nicoll, OBE, MA – Past International President and International Vice Patron died 5 July 2008. The International President's Committee met in Boston, USA.</i>
2009	<i>The International President's Committee met in Uxbridge, England.</i>
2010	<i>The International President's Committee met in Singapore</i> <i>10th International Conference of Girls' Brigade held in Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo, Malaysia. Articles of Association amended. Mrs Ruth Chikasa Zambia) – ninth International President re-elected for a second four year term of Office.</i>