

Proposed Governance Structure of The United Methodist Church



Judicial Leadership

- **JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

NOTES

Realigning the Church

- This diagram aligns boards and agencies for more effective collaboration and to concentrate the flow of resources to grow more vital congregations.
- Red text shows recommended disciplinary changes.

The Annual Conference

- Primary body of The United Methodist Church.
- Connects the General Church and the local church.

Vital congregations

- Embody the heart of the denomination and are the primary focus of the mission of The United Methodist Church to transform the world.
- Vital congregations grow over time, engage in ministry in the community and make disciples to transform the world.



Spiritual & Temporal Leadership

- **COUNCIL OF BISHOPS**
(Central & Jurisdictional Conferences Elect Bishops)
- **Ecumenical & Interreligious Advisory Team**
- **ANNUAL CONFERENCES**
- **CONGREGATIONS**



Legislative Leadership

- **GENERAL CONFERENCE**
 - **General Council for Strategy and Oversight**
 - **Advisory Committee on Ministries with Young People**
 - **Center for Connectional Mission & Ministry Board**
 - **Missional Engagement (Global Health)**
 - **Justice & Reconciliation (Ministry with the Poor)**
 - **Leadership Excellence (Developing Leaders)**
 - **Congregational Vitality (New Places for New People)**
 - **Finance & Administration**
 - **Communications**
 - **Archives & History**
 - **Internal Audit**
- **Publishing House Board**
- **Pension & Health Board**
- **United Methodist Women Board**
- **United Methodist Men Board**

General Council for Strategy and Oversight – A diverse & representative 45 member Council that serves the General Conference by electing board members for the Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry (CCMM) and ensuring the Board is carrying out the directives of the General Conference. Nominations for the CCMM board may come from all parts of the UMC connection including the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and the Council of Bishops. The Council shall meet at least once a year to review the work and ministry of the Center and collaboration with other councils/agencies and provide assessments and input to ensure the mission, values and goals of The United Methodist Church are being fulfilled.

Advisory Committee on Ministry with Young People – A diverse committee of youth, young adults and workers with young people to provide input and to promote ministries by and with young people.

Council of Bishops – Provides spiritual and temporal leadership for the church, promotes shared planning and alignment of all agencies with the work of increasing vital congregations, and oversees the ecumenical and inter faith ministry of the church. The President of the Council is also the Chair of the General Council of Strategy and Oversight.

Connectional Mission and Ministry Board – A diverse 15 member competency-based board to oversee general funds supported mission and ministry chaired by a layperson.

Offices of Shared Services – Ministries to serve the church and provide support across the four program areas (ex. Finance & Administration, Communications, Archives and Audit).

Office of Leadership Excellence – (Developing Leaders) Essential functions* of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry including Ordained Ministry, Higher Ed & Campus Ministry, Chaplains, Cultural Competency, Performance Boundaries & Ethics, Boards of Ministry, Laity, Young People.

Office of Congregational Vitality – (New Places for New People & Revitalization) Essential functions of the General Board of Discipleship including Ministries with Young People, Laity, Clergy, The Upper Room, Evangelism, Stewardship, Christian Education, Worship, Spiritual Formation, Missional Outreach, Community Engagement, and Multicultural Ministries.

Office of Missional Engagement – (Global Health) Essential functions of the General Board of Global Ministries working with all ages, clergy and laity, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Missionaries, Volunteers in Mission, The Advance.

Office of Justice and Reconciliation – (Ministry with the Poor) Essential functions of General Board of Church and Society, General Commission on Religion and Race and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women working with all ages, clergy and laity, Social Holiness, Witness, and Advocacy.

**these lists provide starting places for describing work that will be multi-disciplinary and integrated across all of the offices. The lists are not intended to be all encompassing.*