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The people of The United Methodist Church®



United Methodist agencies provide resources and services that equip local congregations and provide a connection for ministry throughout the world. These organizations (councils, boards, commissions, committees, divisions, or other units) can be found at all levels of the connection.

Agencies and Committees

Archives and History ensures that we all understand our past to build a more equitable future. It lives into the "ministry of memory" by collecting, preserving, resourcing, and teaching.

Church and Society challenges United Methodists to work in areas of important social concern and develops resources to inform, motivate, and train United Methodists on issues of social justice in society. This agency also supports the Social Principles of The UMC.

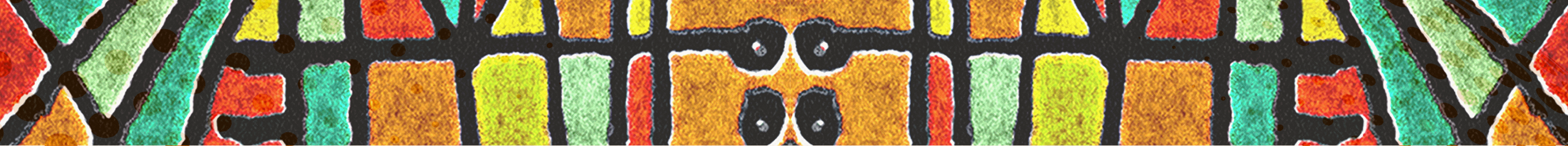
Higher Education & Ministry supports annual conferences and theological institutions in preparing leaders for Christian ministry. It also promotes equitable access to higher education and connects the church and the academy through partnerships with United Methodist-affiliated schools, colleges, and universities in the United States and around the world.

United Methodist Men involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church and provides resources and support for programs of evangelism, stewardship, and the needs of men.

Global Ministries connects the church in worldwide mission through mission engagement and the sending of missionaries. Global Ministries also works to alleviate human suffering through its global health work and the relief and development work of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which is a part of Global Ministries.

Discipleship Ministries challenges and supports local churches and conference leaders for their task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Discipleship Ministries consists of The Upper Room (self-funded) and World Service Ministries (your apportionment dollars at work). The Upper Room is an international and ecumenical ministry that invites disciples to create daily life with God, developing resources that encourage daily spiritual practices and calling Christians to a life of prayer. The World Service side of Discipleship Ministries offers resources to strengthen worship, intentional discipleship, congregational vitality, church planting, & community engagement.

Finance and Administration manages the finances and operational needs of the denomination and serves as the general treasurer of the denomination.



Religion and Race fosters the full and equal participation of racial, ethnic, and tribal communities across The United Methodist Church and around the world. Through advocacy, accountability, and education, we champion diversity, equity, and inclusion at every level of the denomination. We equip leaders with intercultural competency, promote policies and practices rooted in justice and belonging, and create space for authentic conversations that lead to meaningful transformation.

The Status and Role of Women advocates for, and on behalf of, lay and clergy women by seeking to eliminate inequities and sexual misconduct within the church, providing training and resources, and monitoring the general agencies, institutions, and connectional structures to challenge the church to the full and equitable inclusion of women.

United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) is the official laywomen's organization for The United Methodist Church and the largest denominational faith and mission organization for women. Their mission is connecting and nurturing women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, education, to impact local and global communities. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

Wespath's mission is to care for those who serve by providing UMC values-aligned investment and benefit programs and services. Wespath administers the Central Conference Pensions program, which provides financial support and consulting services for United Methodist pension plans throughout Africa. For more information: wespath.org/about-wespath/ccp

United Methodist Communications - As the denomination's communications and marketing agency, United Methodist Communications (UMCom) engages people with the story of God's work in the world through The United Methodist Church. Using Christ-centered communications, UMCom seeks to increase awareness and visibility of the denomination in communities and nations around the globe, while providing services, tools, and resources for communications ministry. Within Africa, UMCom partners with conferences for communications training, infrastructure, and outreach. Discover more about the agency at Resourceumc.org/Communications

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