

## Discernment Insert #3

**Please find all previous Discernment Inserts and other informational material in the rear of the sanctuary on the table and in the Narthex near the “Coffee Bar.”**

Ten Reasons Why to Join the Global Methodist Church go to:

<https://wesleyancovenant.org/2022/07/06/ten-reasons-why-ill-join-the-global-methodist-church/>

Many churches have started the process of disaffiliating from the UMC. As churches leave the UMC, its landscape is expected by all to continue to be changed by the remaining leadership.

**What Are Your Thoughts?** An email address has been created for you to ask questions and to share your thoughts. You, the author of your email, will be kept confidential. You may authorize us to use your identity if you wish. Your question and the response may be used in future communications of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Please submit your question(s) to: [discernment@jcumcoh.org](mailto:discernment@jcumcoh.org)

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For more information, please visit [www.jcumc.org](http://www.jcumc.org) and click on About Us, then select UMC Process.

### GMC is Launched

In October 2016, the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA), a United Methodist Church (UMC) caucus group, was formed because of a growing theological and administrative divide in the UMC. As discussions over the differing beliefs continued, it was evident that a path forward as a single, united church would not be possible. As a result of these growing differences, WCA, Confessing Movement, Good News, UM Action, and others, formed a new expression of Methodism...the Global Methodist Church (GMC) which was launched on May 1, 2022.

### What is the Global Methodist Church?

The GMC is a church committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. The Global Methodist Church is committed to being filled with warm-hearted, Jesus-loving, and Holy Spirit-inspired people. They are grounded in Scripture and the life-giving confessions of the Christian faith found in the Apostles' Creed (<https://www.ccel.org/creeds/apostles creed.html>) and Nicene Creed (<https://www.ccel.org/creeds/nicene creed.html>).

### What are the Core Beliefs of the GMC?

The core beliefs are: That the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – has created all things; that Jesus Christ, through the power of his cross and Resurrection, is the Lord and Savior of all the world; and that the Holy Spirit empowers the people of his church to worship and praise God and to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world in word and deed. *(For a full accounting of the church's core beliefs, see its Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, on the GMC's website ([www.globalmethodist.org](http://www.globalmethodist.org)), pages 4-19.)*

Over the next few Sundays, the Discernment Communication bulletin insert will feature a “comparison chart” between the current UMC and the GMC. Please feel free to contact members of the Disaffiliation Committee with any questions you may have.

For more information on the Global Methodist Church mission, go to <https://globalmethodist.org/about/>.

# UMC Current Governance

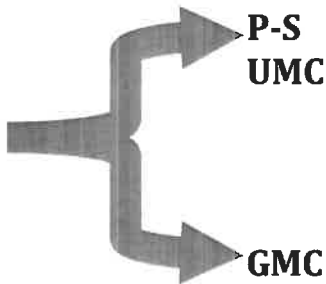
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## Post-Separation UMC and Global Methodist Church

### UMC Accountability

#### Current UMC

General Conference in theory, but in practice in each annual conference.



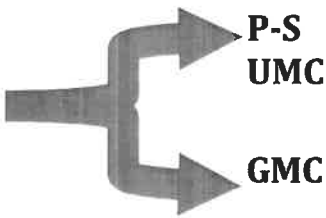
There is a push currently to move accountability to Annual Conference (regional), where each conference decides what is right for them.

**GMC** General Conference.

### Bishops

#### Current UMC

Elected by Jurisdictional Conference for life.



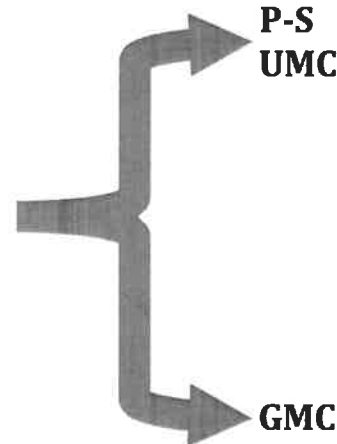
Same as current UMC.

Will have term limits and are accountable to laity and clergy.

### Pastor Appointment Process

#### Current UMC

Bishop appoints after consultation with SPR.



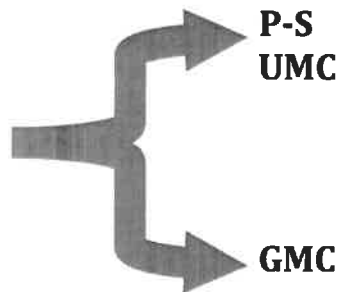
Ordained clergy guaranteed an appointment by the bishop, and the local church guaranteed a pastor of the bishop's choosing - with consultation.

Collaborative appointment system where church lay leaders have a bigger voice in the appointment. No guaranteed appointments for clergy. Bishop must sign off on the selection made. Minority candidates must be considered.

### Clergy Accountability

#### Current UMC

Comprehensive system, but currently accountability has been enforced arbitrarily.



Same as current UMC.

Similar to the UMC, with stricter timelines and less discretion in dismissing complaints; Laity would be voting members of committee.