

Churches in full communion with The United Methodist Church

Bodies established after a dialogue resulted in a relationship of full communion:

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America- UMC Coordinating Committee
- Moravian Church in North America (Northern and Southern Synods) – UMC Coordinating Committee
- The Pan-Methodist Commission

Full Communion Partners

Official denomination-wide full communion partners are those who have completed dialogues approved by the Council of Bishops and ratified by the General Conference. The United Methodist Church has several full communion partners. We understand a formal full communion relationship as one that exists between two or more Christian churches that:

1. Recognize each other as constituent members of the one, holy catholic and apostolic church, the Body of Christ, as described in the Holy Scriptures, and confessed in the church's historic creeds.
2. Recognize the authenticity of each other's sacraments and welcome one another to partake in the Eucharist in each other's worship.
3. Affirm the authenticity of each church's Christian ministry; and
4. Recognize the validity each other's offices of ministry.

At the denominational level The United Methodist Church is in full communion relationship with several churches including:

- The African Methodist Episcopal Church
- The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- The African Union Methodist Protestant Church
- The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- The Moravian Church (Northern and Southern Provinces)
- The Union American Methodist Episcopal Churches
- The Uniting Church in Sweden

There are also full communion relationships on annual and central conference levels. The relationships among the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe is one example of these.