

United Methodist Participation in Councils and Other Networks

The United Methodist Church officially participates in several councils and relationship-building organizations. Every time a meeting is held those United Methodists in attendance are representative of all United Methodists across the connection. Among the organizations in which The United Methodist Church participates are the following:

Churches Uniting in Christ www.churchesuniting.org/about-us

Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) is a multi-lateral dialogue among several Protestant Churches in the USA, who covenant together to work toward racial justice and hope eventually to achieve full communion. There are three representatives from each faith communion who sit on the Coordinating Council: the Delegate (who is usually the ESO), the Advisor (who is usually the EO), and a Young Adult Representative. CUIC sponsors a bi-annual gathering of Christians who study together a topic. The Council of Bishops sends an official delegation to this event.

Participating full member denominations of Churches Uniting in Christ include:

- [African Methodist Episcopal Church](#)
- [African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church](#)
- [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#)
- [Christian Methodist Episcopal Church](#)
- [Episcopal Church \(United States\)](#)
- [International Council of Community Churches](#)
- [Moravian Church in North America](#)
- [Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)
- [United Church of Christ](#)
- [United Methodist Church](#)

Former partners in mission and dialogue

- [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

Pan-Methodist Commission www.worldmethodistcouncil.org/the-pan-methodist-commission

The Pan-Methodist Commission is a multi-lateral full communion relationship among six Methodist denominations. It meets together to work on that relationship and its shared ministry once a year. It was designed to have nine representatives from each from each of its six member communions (The African Methodist Episcopal Church, The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, The African Union Methodist Protestant Church, The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church The Union American Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church). That number is to be equally divided between Bishops, Clergy and Laity (3 each).

Christian Churches Together in the USA www.christianchurchestogether.org

Christian Churches Together in the USA (CCT) is an ecumenical venture that focuses on relationship-building, faith sharing and understanding among its five family groups (Historically Black Churches, Evangelical and Pentecostal Churches, Mainline Protestant Churches, Orthodox Churches and the Roman Catholic Church) in the USA. It has an Executive Committee made up of representatives from each of the family groups. Additionally, CCT currently holds an annual

forum, which focuses on an issue common to the members and is selected by the Executive Committee. The Council of Bishops sends an official delegation to this forum.

The World Council of Churches www.oikoumene.org

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is a global fellowship of approximately 352 member communions representing over 500 million Protestant and Orthodox Christians. The predecessor denominations of the United Methodist Church (The Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church) were founding members and The UMC continues to actively participating today through its various educational, advocacy and theological ministry programs. The WCC holds a worldwide assembly approximately every seven years, and the Council of Bishops sends an official delegation to this forum. Bishop Sally Dyck and Rev. Ann currently serve on the Central Committee.

The World Methodist Council and Conference <https://worldmethodistcouncil.org/>

The World Methodist Council WMC is a fellowship of over 80 Methodist/Wesleyan/United Churches who share a connection to the theology and history of John Wesley. Governed by a diverse Steering Committee, the WMC engages in global dialogues, ecumenical formation, evangelism and networking. The Methodist Ecumenical Office in Rome, an office in Geneva, an office in North Carolina and the Old Rectory in London are all connected with the WMC, as are World Evangelism, Wesley Men and the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Bishop Rosemarie Wenner currently serves as the Geneva Office Secretary, and Rev. Matthew Laferty currently serves as the Methodist Ecumenical Office in Rome Executive Director. Bishop Debbie Wallace-Padgett, Mr. Amos Nascimento and Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst currently serve on the Steering Committee.

These organizations are committed to leading efforts to advance effective multireligious cooperation for peace on global, regional, national and local levels while ensuring that the religious communities organized on these same levels assume and exercise appropriate leadership and ownership of these efforts. There are other expressions of interreligious engagement through our United Methodist boards and agencies.