

Methodism 101

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Mission and Ministry of the United Methodist Church

1. Mission Statement
 - To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Structure of the United Methodist Church

1. Annual Conference
 - a. Ministry of the Ordained
 - i. Episcopacy, Superintendents, Elders, and Deacons
 - ii. Itinerancy
 - b. Ministry of Laity
 - i. Local Pastors and Certified Lay Ministers
 - ii. Ministry of All Believers
2. Local Church
 - a. Membership
 - b. Organization
 - i. Charge Conference
 - ii. Church Council
 - iii. Administrative Committees
 - iv. Program Committees

Connectionalism

1. Jurisdictions & Central Conferences
2. General Conference
 - a. Council of Bishops
 - b. Judicial Council
 - c. General Boards and Agencies
 - i. General Board of Church and Society
 - ii. General Board of Discipleship
 - iii. General Board of Global Ministry
 - iv. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
 - v. General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

The Future of the United Methodist Church