



**The Council of Bishops of  
The United Methodist Church**

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USA

**United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training: Young Adult Network Application**

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*The Council of Bishops is leading our denomination into living more fully into Christian unity and into deepening our interreligious relationships. To that end their staff has created UMEIT: YAN (United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training: Young Adult Network). Young adults chosen to participate will be trained in current group leadership skills, the history and theology of the Ecumenical Movement, and the particular connections among The United Methodist Church, Christian unity and interreligious relationships.*

*This small cohort of young adults will be between the ages of 25 and 34, will represent the jurisdictions and central conferences of The United Methodist Church, and will be both lay and clergy. Those chosen must be able to read and speak English, commit to 2 years of training, be able to travel elsewhere in the world once a year, have access to a phone and the internet, and be willing to organize and lead a ministry project in their home context. Those chosen to participate in this special training agree to each of those requirements and agree for their name and image to be used in articles and advertisements of the UM bishops. Applications are due [jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org](mailto:jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org) no later than December 31, 2021.*

Given/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction or Central Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Congregation in which Membership/Charge Conference is Held:

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm you have each of the following by putting a check in the corresponding box:

\_\_\_\_\_ Access to a computer and internet for video conferences

\_\_\_\_\_ Ability to read and speak fluently in English

\_\_\_\_\_ Reached the age of at least 25 but not more than 34 as of 1-1-22

\_\_\_\_\_ Ability to travel outside your country for up to 1 week each year

\_\_\_\_\_ Ability to commit to this training for 2 years

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval from your local congregation, District Superintendent and Bishop

Please answer each of the following questions in English in 200 words or less:

1. When have you demonstrated leadership and facilitation skills?
2. Describe your strongest gifts for leadership?
3. Describe an ecumenical or interreligious ministry project in which you participated.
4. Why are Christian unity and interreligious relationships important to you?

5. What will you do with this specialized training after your time commitment is completed?

6. Why are you applying for this training and what do you hope to gain?

7. How will you get other young adults in your area to join your project?

\*Signature of bishop in support of your application:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature of person submitting this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To this application form add:

1. A letter of reference from either your District Superintendent or Bishop.
2. A letter of reference from someone attesting to your leadership skills.
3. A letter of reference from someone attesting to your ecumenical commitment.
4. A copy of your current passport.

Email all of the above to Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst at [jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org](mailto:jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org) by December 31, 2021.