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Dear Bishops:

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Your staff has prepared this short booklet to assist you as you lead the United Methodists in your episcopal area in ecumenical and interreligious relationship-building and partner ministries. It is designed to serve as an up-to-date supplement to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Handbook: A Resource for United Methodist Bishops and District Superintendents. Whereas that resource will be updated on a quadrennial basis, we hope to update this booklet annually.

If you have any updates or additions for your episcopal area, please send them to jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org. If you have further questions or needs please know we are here and ready to support you in your ministry. Also, please feel free to have this booklet translated as necessary.

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20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one…”
INTRODUCTION

The following section contains the names of other Christian faith communions with which The United Methodist Church has formal, ecumenical relationships approved by the General Conference. It is appropriate for bishops and annual conferences to engage these faith communions and to reach out to them in order to improve and nurture relationships with their judicatory leaders, pastors and laity. Your Ecumenical Officer would appreciate knowing about any particular relationships in which you or groups within your annual conference(s) are engaged, so your staff can be supportive and provide resourcing.

Map of United Methodist, Concordat and Affiliate Churches.
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CONCORDAT COVENENTAL CHURCHES

- The Methodist Church of Great Britain
- Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
- The Methodist Church of Mexico
- The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico

AFFILIATED AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

- Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina
- Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia
- Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica
- Evangelical Methodist Church of Panama
- Evangelical Methodist Church in the Philippines
- Korean Methodist Church
- Methodist Church in Brazil
- Methodist Church of Chile
- Methodist Church in Cuba
- Methodist Church of Hong Kong
- Methodist Church in India
- Methodist Church of Indonesia
- Methodist Church of Malaysia
- Methodist Church of Peru
- Methodist Church in the Republic of China
- Methodist Church in Singapore
- Methodist Church of the Union of Myanmar
- Methodist Church of Uruguay

AFFILIATED UNITED CHURCHES

- Church of Pakistan
- Dominican Evangelical Church
- Eglise Protestante Unie de Belgique
- Evangelical United Church of Ecuador
- United Church of Christ in the Philippines
- The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China
- The United Church of Canada
- The United Church in Japan (Kyodan)
FULL COMMUNION RELATIONSHIPS

- 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 Uniting Church of Sweden
- The Union American Methodist Episcopal Church
- The Moravian Church, Northern and Southern Provinces in the US

KNOWN ECUMENICAL PARTNER CHURCHES SPECIFIC TO EUROPEAN CENTRAL CONFERENCES
(These are formal ecumenical relationships Not Approved by the General Conference, but Approved by Central Conferences.)

- Churches with the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany/Kirchengenmeinschaff
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Norway
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- The World Council of Churches
- The World Methodist Council
- The Global Christian Forum
- Religions for Peace International
- The World Evangelical Fellowship
- The Wesleyan Holiness Connection
KNOWN ECUMENICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED ON REGIONAL LEVELS (These groups have been reported by Council of Bishops members for recording here.)

**European Councils of Churches, Continent-wide**
- European Methodist Council: [http://www.methodist.eu](http://www.methodist.eu)
- European Methodist Youth and Children Council: [http://www.methodistyouth.eu](http://www.methodistyouth.eu)
- Conference of European Churches: [http://www.ceceurope.org](http://www.ceceurope.org)
- Community of Protestant Churches in Europe: [http://www.leuenberg.eu](http://www.leuenberg.eu)

**Switzerland**
- Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches: [http://www.kirchenbund.ch/en](http://www.kirchenbund.ch/en)
- VFG – Free Churches Switzerland: [http://www.freikirchen.ch](http://www.freikirchen.ch)

**France**
- FPF Protestant Federation of France: [http://www.protestants.org](http://www.protestants.org)
- CNEF National Council of the Evangelical Churches in France: [http://www.lecnef.org](http://www.lecnef.org)

**Germany**
- The Association of Protestant Free Churches in Germany: Vereinigung Evangelischer Freikirchen [https://vef.de/home](https://vef.de/home)

**African Councils of Churches, Continent-wide**
- The All-Africa Conference of Churches – [www.aacc-ceta.org](http://www.aacc-ceta.org) – General Secretary Waiyaki Way

**Angola**
- Contact: Rev. Deolinda Dorcas Teca, General Secretary Email: deolindateca@yahoo.com.br
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**East Congo**
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Democratic Republic of Congo
- National Council of Churches in Democratic Republic of Congo –
  Contact: Bishop Gabriel Unda, National Moderator
  Email: undagabriel1@hotmail.fr
  Phone Number: +243998127204

Mozambique
- Mozambique National Council of Churches – Bishop Joaquina Nhanala (Vice President)

Sierra Leone
- Council of Churches of Sierra Leone – http://www.ccslaction.org/

Asia, Continent-wide

United States of America, Nation-wide
- National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA – www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us
  Executive Director Jim Winkler (UM) jim.winkler@nationalcouncilofchurches.us
- Christian Churches Together (CCT) – www.christianchurchesthoughter.org
  Executive Director Carlos Malave – cthintheusa@gmail.com
- Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) – www.churchesuniting.org
  President Bishop Teresa Jefferson Snorton – cuicasst@gmail.com
  Chair: Bishop Jonathan Holston
- The National Workshop on Christian Unity – http://nwcu.org/
  Chair: Tura Foster Gillespie (UM) tura.foster.gillespie@gmail.com
- The National Association of Evangelicals – www.nae.net
  President: Rev. Walter Kim
  P.O. Box 5773, Winston-Salem, NC 27013

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- Arizona Interfaith Power and Light – azipl.org or info@azipl.org
  or contactus@azfaithnetwork.org
- Arizona Interfaith Movement – interfaithmovement.com or larry@azifm.org
- The Valley Interfaith Project – www.valleyinterfaithprojectaz.com
- Sun Devils Are Better Together – sundabt@gmail.com

Arkansas
- Interfaith Arkansas – www.interfaitharkansas.com
  Executive Director: Jason Smith smithj@obu.edu

California-Pacific Conference
• Lihue United Church- https://lihueunitedchurch.org/- (UMC-UCC fellowship)
  Pastor Alex Tychkin- www.luchurch@hawaii.rr.com
  Address: 4340 Nawiliwili Road, Lihue HI 96766    Phone: (808) 245-6253
• United University Church, PCUSA

Colorado
• Colorado Council of Churches www.cochurches.org

Florida
• Council of Churches- www.floridachurches.org
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• Pensacola UM Community Ministries
  Contact: Pastor Joe Mullen huskers78@cox.net    Phone: 850-554-9444

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• Georgia Christian Council gachristiancouncil@gmail.com
  Executive Director: Leland Collins

Illinois
• Illinois Conference of Churches – www.illinoisconferenceofchurches.org
  Executive Director Laurie B. Vial or laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org
• Council of Interreligious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago – www.crlmc.org
• Ecumenism Metro Chicago – ecumenismmetrochicago@gmail.com
• The Niagara Foundation – www.niagarafoundation.org

Kentucky
• Kentucky Council of Churches – www.kycouncilofchurches.org
  Executive Director Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillette II dgillett@kycouncilofchurches.org
• Center for Interfaith Relations- https://centerforinterfaithrelations.org
  Director: Ms. Sarah Reed

Louisiana
• Louisiana Interchurch Conference www.lainterchurch.org

Michigan
• Inter-Faith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit- https://www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com/
  Contact: Bob Bruttell, Convener & Vice-Chair of InterFaith Leadership Council
  Email: https://www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com/contact-us/
  Address: P.O. Box 252271, West Bloomfield, MI. 48325 Phone: (313) 338-9777

Minnesota
• Minnesota Council of Churches – https://www.mnchurches.org/
  Executive Director: Dr. Curtiss DeYoung 122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN  55404 – 612-870-3600 curtiss.deyoung@mnchurches.org
• Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light – www.mnipl.org
  Executive Director: Julia Nerbonne – julia@mnipl.org

Mississippi
• Mississippi Religious Leaders Conference https://www.msrlc.org/

Montana
• Montana Association of Christians – www.macmt.org

Nevada
• Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada - Interfaithsn.org or info@interfaithsn.org

New York
• New York State Council of Churches https://nyscoc.org/
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North Alabama
• Upper Sand Mountain Parish https://www.uppersandmountainparish.com/
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North Carolina (both conferences)
• North Carolina Council of Churches www.ncchurches.org
  Executive Director: Jennifer Copeland (UM) – Phone: 919-828-6501

Ohio (both conferences)
• Ohio Council of Churches – www.ohcouncilchs.org
  Executive Director: Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan Email: jsullivan@ohcouncilchs.org

Oklahoma
• Mission Alliance with the Methodist Church of Chile
• Covenant of Shared Ministry with the Conference Annual Oriental of the Iglesia Methodista de Mexico
• Covenant of Shared Ministry with the Methodist Church of Bolivia

Oregon
• Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) [https://emoregon.org/]
  Executive Director: Jan Musgrove Elfers  Email: jelfers@emoregon.org
  Address: 6245 SW Bancroft Street, B, Portland, OR 97239

Pennsylvania (all conferences)
• Pennsylvania Council of Churches [https://www.pachurches.org/]
  Executive Director: Rev. Dai Morgan  Phone: 717-545-4761  Email: pcc@pachurches.org
  900 S. Arlington Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109,
• Christian Associates of Southwestern PA [https://www.casp.org/]
  P.O. Box 5241, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
• Christians United in Beaver County [https://thecubc.com/]
  1098 3rd Street, Beaver, PA 15009
• Interchurch Ministries of Erie County [https://www.icmeriecounty.com/About.html]
  250 W. 7th Street, Erie, PA 16501

South Carolina
• South Carolina Christian Action Council, Inc. [https://www.sccouncil.net/]
  P.O. Box 3248, Columbia, SC  29230

Texas
• Texas Impact (for legislative and issue concerns) [www.texasimpact.org]
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Virginia
• Virginia Council of Churches- [https://vacouncilofchurches.org/]
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  Address: 1214 West Graham Road, Richmond, VA 23220  Phone: 804-321-23300
• Virginia Interfaith Center- [https://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org/]
  Executive Director: Kim Bobo office@virginiainterfaithcenter.org
• LARCUM- [https://virginialarcum.org/]  Contact: info@virginialarcum.org
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  Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer:  Dr. Janice Underwood, Ph.D

West Virginia
• West Virginia Council of Churches – [https://wvcc.org/]
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  2207 Washington Street East, Charleston, WV  25311  Phone: 304-344-3141

Wisconsin
• Wisconsin Council of Churches- [https://www.wichurches.org/]
Executive Director-Rev. Kerri Parker

- Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee- https://www.interfaithconference.org/
  Executive Director: Pardeep Singh Kaleka, Contact: Rev. Deborah Thompson (UM)
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**Wyoming**

- Wyoming Interfaith Network www.wyointerfaith.org

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Nominations Processes for Representation on Ecumenical and Interreligious Bodies

INTRODUCTION
The Council of Bishops currently uses the following process for the discernment of most ecumenical and interreligious representatives:

1. Suggestions are collected by the Ecumenical Staff Officers (ESO’s), taking into consideration diversity, balance, gifts and prior service.
2. Those suggestions are given to the Ecumenical Officer (EO), Executive Secretary, and Chair of the Leadership Team on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relationships (LTEIR).
3. LTEIR assesses those suggestions, makes additions or changes, then sends them to the Leadership Discernment Team (LDT). This step must be completed at least one month prior to the preceding Council of Bishops meeting.
4. The LDT makes the final nominations every November and May, as needed, and presents them to the full Council of Bishops (COB) for final approval.
5. Those names are given back to the Ecumenical Staff Officers for notification to both the representatives and the organizations.

BI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL CHURCH

General Church Bi-Lateral Dialogues
Individuals are nominated by the Ecumenical Officer, COB Staff, and other solicited parties deemed appropriate by LDC.

- All committees should have a bishop selected to serve as the co-chair of the committee with a bishop/adjudicatory from our ecumenical partner in the dialogue.
- The size and membership of a bi-lateral dialogue committee may vary according to the scope of its mandate. Typically, however, a committee will include four representatives of The UMC to attend together with the episcopal co-chair and COB staff person assigned to the committee.
  - Persons should be selected with an eye to inclusivity and diversity.
  - At least one participant on the committee should be serving in the role of a practitioner and not in a primarily academic appointment.

Theological Dialogues in Rounds

- Some dialogues are focused on specific topics or areas of concern and occur in rounds of 4-6 years, such as our dialogue with the USCCB.
- The topic for consideration and timeframe for the dialogue will be negotiated by the Ecumenical Officer and COB Staff with our ecumenical partner and submitted to the COB for approval.
- The selection of representatives for such committees will need to take account of the specific mandate for the upcoming round of dialogue.
- The nomination and selection process will ideally begin a year in advance of the first meeting for the new round of dialogue.
• If vacancies arise in the middle of a given round of dialogue, LDC will name a replacement, again with nominations using the normal, agreed-upon, process.

**Full-Communion Dialogues**
- Some dialogues are established with the explicit goal of producing a full communion proposal.
- When the COB approves a new full communion dialogue, LDC will need to select members for the new dialogue committee. Nominations will also be submitted to LDC for these committees as noted above.
- Typically, members of these committees serve until the work is completed and received by the denominations. However, the COB should set an expected time frame in which they expect the work to come to completion and may wish to set an explicit term to committee membership in the event that negotiations in the dialogue take longer than expected (i.e. membership may be limited to 6 years or two quadrennia).
- LDC will be asked to fill vacancies in existing full-communion dialogues as they arise.

**Full-Communion Joint Commission with the ELCA**
- The joint commission exists as a continuous body mandated by the BOD to coordinate our full communion relationship with the ELCA, to encourage joint planning for mission, and to facilitate consultation and common decision making between our two bodies.
- The joint is commission is to be made up of the Ecumenical Officer (or selected proxy), one ordained representative and one lay representative.
- Vacancies on the joint commission are to be filled as needed.
- Individuals are nominated by COB staff, the Ecumenical Officer and other solicited parties deemed appropriate by LDC.
- There is currently no term length set for membership on this body.

**Presently we are working toward full communion with The Episcopal Church and hope to establish it within the next quadrennium.**

**Concordat Covenantal Churches**
The Methodist Church in Great Britain, The Methodist Church in Mexico, The Methodist Church in Puerto Rico and The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas are each in a concordat partnership with The United Methodist Church. The concordats allow for voting delegates at each other’s denomination-wide conferences and encourage mutual, joint ministries. The Methodist Church in Great Britain sends four delegates to each UM General Conference. The other three concordat partners send two delegates. These delegates have both voice and vote. Concomitantly, The UMC sends two delegates to each of our four concordat partners’ denomination-wide conferences when they occur. These delegates also have voice and vote. Traditionally, the two delegates from The UMC have been a bishop and an active lay person. At some point the COB may want to have conversations about the additional European delegates to the Methodist Church in Great Britain Conference and how The UMC might create a more unified delegation. Additionally, they may want to set an informal policy that allows the delegates from The UMC to serve for a full quadrennium for continuity’s sake.
MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL CHURCH

Churches Uniting in Christ
Churches Uniting in Christ 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. CUIC leaves the process of who sits on their Coordinating Council to each of the member faith communions, so the process outlined in the Introduction is followed. 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. Additionally, persons from any denomination may be named to serve as Chairs of Task Forces. Those persons are named by CUIC (with approval by the EO) and sit on the Coordinating Council. Currently, The UMC has one person chairing a Task Force (Vince Gonzalez serving as the Racial/Social Justice Task Force Chair).

The Pan-Methodist Commission
The Pan-Methodist Commission was designed to have nine representatives 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). Since that initial agreement, it has been decided to add a young adult to each delegation. Some have added that young adult within the existing laity or clergy group. Some have added a young adult as a proxy. The UMC has added that person as a tenth representative. The selection of representatives should occur after the denomination's General Conference and the representatives serve for the quadrennium. Reappointment is at the discretion of the denomination. The UMC has traditionally sent the EO and ESO as advisors to these gatherings, with voice but no vote. In the next round of nominations, however, the COB may want to name them as official voting delegates in order to be in compliance with the bylaws.
Christian Churches Together in the USA

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, Historically Protestant Churches, Orthodox Churches and the Roman Catholic Church) in the USA. It has an Executive Committee made up of one representative from each of the family groups.

Currently, an ESO sits on the Steering Committee on behalf of the COB. There is no term limit for this representation, and it is at the approval of the COB. Additionally, CCT currently holds an annual forum, which focuses on an issue common to the members and is selected by the Executive Committee. Prior to the assembly the Steering Committee sets the number of delegates for every member communion. Traditionally, that number has been seven people. Those delegates are chosen by the EO according to interest around the issue and representation of the denomination.

The World Council of Churches

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is a global fellowship of approximately 345 member communions representing over 500 million Protestant and Orthodox Christians. The WCC Assembly delegates are chosen by the process outlined in the introduction to this section. Churches directly appoints 85% of Assembly delegates based on a distribution of seats determined by the WCC Central Committee. An assembly invitation says how many delegates each church is asked to name. The Central Committee appoint the other 15% of assembly delegates based on nominations from the member churches, in order to balance the composition of the assembly.

Following an Assembly, churches are asked to nominate persons to serve on “committees, commissions and advisory bodies”. Member church representatives on Advisory Bodies and Reference Groups are proposed by WCC staff, in consultation with churches, and appointed by the General Secretary, who normally consults with the Executive Committee. (This includes groups like the Human Sexuality Reference Group, Gender Advisory Group, Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace Reference Group, International Reference Groups (IRGs) for ecumenical initiatives such as EHAIA, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Ecumenical Water Network, Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples Network, EDAN and EAPPI.)

The formation of Networks (such as Ecumenical Officers, Round Tables, etc.) develop dynamically based in response to needs, reflecting churches interests, capacities, structures, level of engagement, etc. Invitations to these are based on vocation and interest.
The WCC Central Committee is composed of the president or presidents of the World Council of Churches and not more than 150 members, who are elected by the assembly from among the delegates the member churches have elected to the assembly. The central committee has the power to elect its moderator, vice-moderator(s), executive committee and other committees, commissions or consultative bodies from among the members of the central committee.

The WCC Constitution defines how member church representatives are elected to all bodies and groups within the WCC, including: the Central Committee, Leadership of the Central Committee, and the Executive Committee; as well as to all Committees, Commissions and Consultative Bodies. Currently, Commissions include: Faith and Order, Mission and Evangelism (CWME), International Affairs (CCIA), Education (EEF) and ECHOS (youth). Consultative bodies currently include: the Joint Working Group with the Roman Catholic Church and the Joint Consultative Group with Pentecostals. Committees currently include only the Permanent Committee on Consensus and Collaboration.

**The World Methodist Council and Conference**

The World Methodist Council is a fellowship of over 80 Methodist/Wesleyan/United Churches who share a connection to the theology and history of John Wesley. They hold a global conference approximately every years to promote fellowship, collaboration and mutual learning. The nominations are requested from the bishop of that particular episcopal area. The UMC Central Conferences name their own representatives with their own processes, as they hold separate membership in the World Methodist Council (WMC). The Council of Bishops may also provide the names of between 15 and 18 additional persons to be on the WMC (total not to exceed 132). The WMC accepts these nominations and contacts the individuals directly to confirm they wish to serve. From this pool of people, a smaller group of people are asked by the WMC to serve on the Steering Committee.

The World Methodist Conference is an open event and nominations are not required to attend. Traditionally, bishops in the US and in many central conferences select persons to send on their behalf.
The National Council of Churches in Christ in the USA

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCCC in the USA) is a fellowship of member churches that strives to develop working relationships, provide opportunities for joint ministry, and offers a collective voice for social justice in the USA. The COB is responsible for naming representatives to the NCCC in the USA. (Additionally, the NCCC in the USA may return to The UMC with requests or suggestions for representatives to serve in other capacities within the life of the Council such as: at-large members of the Governing Board, members of committees of the corporation, or on task forces or special committees create by the Governing Board.) A Representative to the Governing Board - Each Member shall designate from among its governing board or executive staff a specific individual (traditionally the EO) who shall be authorized to represent, cast the vote of, express the consent, dissent or views of, such Member with respect to any matters that may come before the Membership from time to time, and to otherwise act on behalf of such Member at all Membership meetings. The term is for two years and may be renewed. In addition to its Governing Board Member, each Member may designate a Proxy, who, in the absence of such Member’s Governing Board Member at any meeting of the Governing Board, shall have the right to function in all respects as such Member’s Governing Board Member thereat (In the last few years an ESO has also been invited to this table with voice but no vote).

A Representative to the World Council of Churches Relations Committee - Each WCC member church in the US is entitled to send one representative to the WCCR. In addition, membership may also include US church representatives active in World Council of Churches leadership roles: Central Committee officers and members, WCC Executive Committee members, Commission and committee chairs and members, ECHOS members, ecumenical officers, and others who are active in the WCC.

Representatives to the four NCC in the USA Convening Tables - There are four Convening Tables, the purpose of which is to facilitate collaboration among member communions and partners in four core areas of work: Theological Dialogue and Matter of Faith and Order, Interreligious Relations and Collaboration on Topics of Mutual Concern, Christian Education, Ecumenical Faith Formation and Leadership Development, and Joint Action and Advocacy on Issues of Justice and Peace. Each of the Convening Tables shall be chaired by Member communion representatives selected through consultation with Convening Table members and approved by the Governing Board for a term of four years. There shall be no limit to the number of people at the Convening Tables from Member communions and other sending bodies. Participants may be appointed by respective communions without Governing Board approval and shall serve a term of four years, which term is renewable for an additional term of four years. These persons are selected by the COB using the process outlined in the Introduction.
National Workshop on Christian Unity Planning Committee
The National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU) organizes a major ecumenical and interreligious training every year at a different location in the USA. Because of the intensive work this requires, the NWCU has a continually operating Planning Committee. Each network represented in the NWCU (CADEO – the Roman Catholic network, EDEIO – the Episcopal network, LEIRN – the Lutheran network, UMEIT: USA – the Methodist network and EPEDA – the evangelical network) names two persons to serve on this committee. Traditionally, one of those persons for The UMC has been the ESO responsible for multi-lateral dialogues. Additionally, that EO appoints one other person from a local congregation, who serves on the NWCU Planning Committee and serves as the Chair of the UMEIT: USA network.

National Ecumenical Officers Association (National Workshop on Christian Unity)
The EO names the person to serve on the National Ecumenical Officer’s Associate (NEOA). It is usually the ESO who focuses on multi-lateral dialogue, as this group exists to give oversight to the National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU). There is no time limit for service, as it is connected with the ESO job description. Responsibilities include oversight, organization and funding of the NWCU.

Religions for Peace
Religions for Peace (RFP) exists to bring together leaders from religious communities in order to promote peace. They are comprised of an international organizations and several country-based organizations. Central Conferences with RFP organizations can choose to financially support them, or the international organization, as well. RFP US member houses of worship are invited to send a representative to the US gatherings. This person has traditionally been selected by the EO, but when the new quadrennium begins, we may want to follow the process outlined in the Introduction.

BI-LATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL DIALOGUES IN THE CENTRAL CONFERENCES
It is at the discretion of each Central Conference to enter into bi-lateral and multi-lateral dialogues in their context. These efforts should be reported to the Ecumenical Officer, so the COB staff may provide support, and so those efforts may be recorded here.
PERIODIC GLOBAL GATHERINGS

The World Council of Churches Assembly
Please see the above explanation.

The World Methodist Conference
Please see the above explanation.

The Global Christian Forum
The Global Christian Forum (GCF) is a global ecumenical venture that focuses on relationship-building, faith sharing and understanding among a diverse group of global Christians. Participation in GCF gatherings is limited in number and by invitation.

When meetings are global in nature, GCF staff first invites nominations from global church or other Christian bodies (e.g. Christian World Communions, WCC, WEA, Pentecostal World Fellowship), then from regional (continental) bodies, then from national bodies. The GCF looks at the nominations received, then adds to the list in an attempt to see who is missing and to bring some balance to the 250-person total. When the gathering is regional or continental, the process is similar though nominations are sought first from the regional or continental bodies. If the consultation is national, it is the national bodies themselves who determine the invitation list. For membership in the GCF Committee, the GCF invites some global bodies and some other international bodies to appoint the representatives they themselves choose. The UMC would use the process outlined in the Introduction for this.

The Oxford Institute
The Oxford Institute is a long-standing conference wherein formal, theological papers and ideas about the history and theology of John Wesley and global Methodism are presented and discussed. Participation in the Oxford Institute is by invitation. Their Committee generally requests names of 6 bishops from The UMC. Each college of bishops nominates one bishop and reports that person’s name to the EO and Executive Secretary, who provide them to the Leadership Discernment Team. From that point on, the normal process is followed. Additional United Methodists, who would like to offer presentations, apply directly to the Oxford Institute acceptance committee.

The WCC Conference on Mission and Evangelism
Periodically the WCC will offer a Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME). The United Methodist Church is invited to bring a pre-determined number of delegates to this conference (usually about 7 people). Selection of those delegates is suggested by the EO in conjunction with the General Secretary of Global Ministries. Those recommendations go on through the normal process.

The WCC Global Ecumenical Theological Institute
Usually at the same time and in the same place as the CWME a theological training program called the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) is offered by the WCC. Participation in GETI is by application directly to the appropriate committee in the WCC. Traditionally, the COB covers the costs for 1 or 2 young adults to attend, if they are selected by GETI to participate.
Parliament of the World’s Religions
The Parliament of the World’s Religions (PWR) is a gathering of all religious leaders from around the world that takes place every few years in a different location globally. The UMC usually sends a delegation consisting of the EO, the ESO’s and up to 6 scholarship recipients. The scholarships go to students and first-time attenders. Applications are posted, persons apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections.

The WCC Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland
The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute at Bossey offers a graduate-level certification program in ecumenical study and praxis every fall. The UMC is committed to sending a representative every year. Applications are posted, seminary students apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections for a $10,000 USD scholarship from the COB. The scholarship recipient must then apply directly to Bossey and be accepted into the graduate school.

The Global Ecumenical Theological Institute
The World Council of Churches Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) is a several-day training for young adults from around the world that takes place parallel to the WCC Conference on World Mission and Evangelism. The Council of Bishops strives to support one or two young adults to attend GETI each time it takes place. Applications are posted, young adults apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections of recipients. The scholarship recipients must then apply directly to GETI and be accepted into that program.
ORGANIZATIONS, EVENTS AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS
SPECIFIC TO THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

OCUIR Steering Committee
The Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (OCUIR) is an advisory committee to the Council of Bishops. Members to this group are nominated by jurisdictions and central conferences on a quadrennial basis. The Leadership Discernment Team makes the final selection of 8 people. Additionally, the Chair and the Secretary of the Leadership Team on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relationships are members, as are two members from full communion partners. The full communion partners are recommended by the ESO and the EO, and are vetted through the normal process.

LTEIR
The Leadership Team on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relationships (LTEIR) is the team of bishops appointed to take the lead in visioning and oversight of the bishops ecumenical and interreligious ministries. LTEIR consists of bishops selected by the COB Leadership Discernment Committee (LDC). The LTEIR appointed bishops for the 2021-2024 Quadrennium are listed on page 36.

UMEIT: Young Adult Network
United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (UMEIT) comes in several different forms. UMEIT: Young Adult Network (UMEIT: YAN) is a 2 – 3-year training ministry for up to 12 young adults from around the Connection. Applications are posted, young adults apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections. The next UMEIT: YAN will likely begin in 2021. Bishops are encouraged to share this opportunity with young adults in their episcopal area(s) and recommend they apply.

UMEIT: Ecumenical and Interreligious Plunge
UMEIT: Ecumenical and Interreligious Plunge (UMEIT: Plunge) is a 2-year pilgrimage training ministry for up to 20 young adults. All interested bishops nominate a young adult and offer $4,000 to cover their expenses for the first year’s pilgrimage, up to 10 young adults. The young adults pay their own way the second year. The next UMEIT: Plunge will begin in 2021, and bishops are encouraged to select and support a young adult from their episcopal area(s). That information is sent to the ESO working on Leadership Development.
UMEIT: Global
UMEIT: Global is a formation event initiated by a bishop anywhere across the global connection and is tailored to the needs of the participants in that bishop’s episcopal area. Its goal is to help United Methodists around the world be more informed and passionate about ecumenism and interreligious engagement. To date it has been held in: the Philippines, Norway, Russia and Angola and Germany. In 2021, UMEIT: Global will be held in Puerto Rico.

UMEIT: Online
UMEIT: Online- The course is online for participants to become trained as ecumenical and interreligious leaders in the UMC. The course will be online, so participants can take it at their own speed and in their own time. Upon completion a certificate from the Council of Bishops will be earned. This course work is available on the bishops’ website: www.unitedmethodistbishops.org under the “Resources” and “Ecumenical” tabs.

UMEIT: USA
UMEIT: USA is a formation event that takes place annually somewhere in the USA in conjunction with the National Workshop on Christian Unity. Any Methodist is welcome, and those leading ecumenical/interreligious ministries in annual conferences are encouraged to attend. The COB offers up to 6 scholarships every year for seminary students and/or first-time attenders. Applications are posted, persons apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections.

UMEIT: Zoom
UMEIT: Zoom is a new, online training especially designed for annual conference leaders of ecumenical and interreligious ministries. Since our Book of Discipline requires every annual conference to have a group who helps their bishop lead her/his conference in ecumenical and Interreligious ministries, UMEIT: Zoom has been designed to help train the leaders of those groups, however anyone interested in learning more is welcome to participate in this English-language zoom gathering. In order to register for UMEIT: Zoom you must request the link from Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst at jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org or Ms. Summer Papajeski at spapajeski@umc-cob.org

Local Initiative Grants
Up to three Local Initiative Grants of $1,000 US each are awarded by the Council of Bishops annually. Any UM group planning local ministry projects to promote Christian unity and/or interreligious relationship-building are welcome to apply. Applications are posted, groups apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections. Half the grant is awarded immediately upon selection, and the other half is awarded upon receipt of a report after the completion of the project.

The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (ICF) exists to support the ecumenical and interreligious ministries of the UMC. For specific requirements for the ICF please see the separate booklet published
THE COMMITTEE ON FAITH AND ORDER

The Committee on Faith and Order exists to resource our bishops in their teaching role, and to lead and coordinate theological studies commissioned by the General Conference. The process for nominations to the Committee on Faith and Order of The UMC is mandated by the 2016 BOD in pa. 447 as follows:

¶447. Membership—The Committee on Faith and Order (CFO) shall be organized each quadrennium and shall be composed of sixteen persons.

1. Nominations to the CFO shall be made by the CFO Executive Committee, in consultation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships, and sent to the Council of Bishops and to the entire Committee on Faith and Order for their review.

2. Four bishops shall serve as members one of whom shall be the ecumenical officer of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church and three other bishops as assigned by the Council of Bishops. At least one of the bishops shall be from central conferences.

3. New members of the committee shall be elected by the Council of Bishops at its spring meeting in the year of the General Conference each quadrennium. Election shall be for a term of eight (8) years, and no person shall serve as a member of the Committee on Faith and Order for more than sixteen (16) years in succession. The classes of membership shall be established so that the terms of service of 50% of the membership expire when their successors are seated at the organizational meeting of the Committee following each General Conference.

4. The composition of the committee, and all sub-committees and teams, shall attend to lay and clergy status, racial/ethnic and gender diversity, and regional representation. It shall model effective representation of the theological diversity of The United Methodist Church. The Council of Bishops shall exercise oversight in the nomination and election of members with regard to inclusiveness, diversity, and representation. Vacancies occurring during any quadrennium shall be filled by the CFO Executive Committee in consultation with the Council of Bishops.

5. The committee may, in consultation and collaboration with the Council of Bishops, carry out any mandated study internally or may create such sub-committees and teams using members from within the committee and others beyond the committee as may be required by the volume and complexity of work.

6. Membership on the board of directors of any other general agency, or serving as a staff member of a general agency, does not make one ineligible to serve as a member of this committee, ¶¶ 710.5 and 715.6 to the contrary notwithstanding, and the limitations specified in ¶710.4 for membership on general agencies shall not apply to anyone as a result of membership on this committee.

Additional notes on this process:

- The committee is currently made up of 16 members, including the four episcopal members.
- An effort has been made to ensure that the committee has at least one non-episcopal member from each region of the Central Conferences (Africa, Europe, Philippines).
- The CFO Executive Committee will begin the nominations process for new members a year in advance of the Spring COB meeting immediately preceding a General Conference (i.e. Spring of 2019 for those to be elected by the COB in the Spring of 2020).
- The CFO Executive Committee will likely discuss its slate of nominees with the whole CFO membership before forwarding it on to the COB.
- The nominations will be sent to the COB for review and recommendation through the LDC.
BI-LATERAL DIALOGUES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH-UNITED METHODIST Dialogue Committee

ROMAN CATHOLIC-UNITED METHODIST Dialogue Committee
ROUND 8
FULL COMMUNION COORDINATING COMMITTEES

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH in AMERICA-UNITED METHODIST COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MORAVIAN CHURCH in NORTH AMERICA-UNITED METHODIST COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Ecumenical and Interreligious Representatives on Behalf of the Council of Bishops for the 2020-2024 Quadrennium

INTRODUCTION
The following are the persons who are serving as representatives of The United Methodist Church on behalf of the Council of Bishops. Going forward, these persons will all be nominated and appointed by the process outlined in the Introduction of the Nominations section. These persons also include bishops and their staff serving in various capacities.

BI-LATERAL DIALOGUES
Ongoing dialogues working toward closer unity and full communion

Episcopal Church-UMC Dialogue Committee:
- Bishop Gregory Palmer
- Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau
- Rev. Dr. Bob Williams
- Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey
- Rev. Dr. James Howell
- Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

Roman Catholic Church-UMC Dialogue Committee (Round 8, 2014-2020):
- Bishop Peggy Johnson
- Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau
- Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes
- Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric
- Rev. Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker
- Dr. Ryan Danker

FULL COMMUNION COORDINATING COMMITTEES
Bodies established after a dialogue results in a relationship of full communion

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-UMC Coordinating Committee:
- Bishop Tracy Smith Malone
- Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau
- Rev. Dr. Edward Philipps
- Ms. Marie Ström

Moravian Church in North America (Northern and Southern Synods) – UMC Coordinating Committee
- Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi
- Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau
- Ms. Cindy Thompson
- Rev. Dr. Deborah Appler
MULTI-LATERAL AND CONCILIAR ASSEMBLIES

WCC Central Committee:
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, Vice Moderator
• Ms. Cynthia Kent

WCC Commission of the Churches on International Affairs:
• Currently no UM is serving here

WCC Commission on World Mission and Evangelism:
• Mr. Roland Fernandes

WCC Executive Committee:
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, Vice Moderator

WCC Ecumenical Disability Advocacy network Reference Group:
• Rev. Kathy Nadine Reeves

WCC Commission on Education and Ecumenical Formation:
• Currently no UM is serving here

WCC International Reference Group for the Ecumenical HIV/AIDS in Advocacy:
• Ms. Luisa-Esperanca Quilambo (from Africa)

WCC Gender Advisory Group:
• Ms. Harriett Olson

WCC Permanent Committee on Consensus and Collaboration:
• Bishop Sally Dyck

WCC Commission on Faith and Order:
• Currently no UM is serving here

WCC Round Table Invitees:
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson
• Roland Ferandes
• Ms. Harriett Olson
• Ms. Carol Van Gorp
• Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst
• Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau
World Evangelical Fellowship:
• Currently no UM is serving here

National Association of Evangelicals:
• Currently no UM is serving here

Wesleyan Holiness Connection:
• Dr. Ben Hartley/Dr. Ryan Danker

World Methodist Council Steering Committee:
• Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, Geneva Secretary
• Bishop Deborah Wallace-Padgett
• Rev. Steve Hickle, Men’s Coordinator
• Mr. Kirby Hickey, Treasurer
• Rev. Kim Reisner, World Evangelical Association
• Dr. Amos Nascimento
• Rev. Oyvind Hellesen
• Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst

Religions for Peace USA:
• Rev. Dr. Youngsook Kang
• Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst

Religions for Peace International:
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Global Christian Forum:
• Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, Representative on behalf of the WMC.

*Each year it is held, we are sent the number of people we are invited to send as delegates. The list should be leaders (bishops, etc.) but should reflect the topics.*

Churches Uniting In Christ (CUIC):
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst
• Rev. Megan Dean Tobola

*Additional people invited according to interest of annual topic and location.*

Christian Churches Together (CCT):
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst

*Additional people invited according to interest of annual topic and location.*
Pan-Methodist Commission:
- Bishop Sally Dyck
- Bishop Minerva Carcaño
- Bishop Jonathan Holston, Chair
- Dr. Pamela Lightsey
- Mrs. Dee Hicks
- Rev. Victoria Sizemore Baldwin
- Mr. Byrd Bonner
- Rev. Dr. Marvin Moss
- Mrs. Mariellyn Grace, young adult
- Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst, staff, no vote

National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU):
- Ms. Tura Foster Gillespie
- Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst

Office of Christian Unity Interreligious Relationships (OCUIR):
- Bishop Sally Dyck
- Bishop Eduard Khegay
- Bishop Patrick Streiff
- Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst
- Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau
- Mr. Byrd Bonner
- Rev. Lisa Balboa Lewis – CME
- Rev. Charles Brower
- Rev. Amanda Liggett – ELCA
- Mrs. Lisa Hunt
- Rev. Mercy Rivera Antipolo
- Rev. Dr. Joon Sik-Park
- Mrs. Cindy Thompson
- Mr. Guy Nyafe Gutangiza
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA:

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BISHOPS INVOLVED IN REPRESENTATIVE ECUMENICAL MINISTRY
on behalf of the COB

LTEIR:
• Bishop Kenneth Carter
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• Bishop Gaspar Domingos
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Bishop Jonathan Holston
• Bishop Eduard Khegay-LTEIR Chair
• Bishop Daniel Lunge
• Bishop Sharon Rader
• Bishop Robert Schnase
• Bishop James E. Swanson Sr.
• Bishop Rosemarie Wenner

WCC:
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

NCC:
• Bishop Sally Dyck
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

COB Task Force on Immigration and Refugees:
• Bishop Minerva Carcaño

Other Ecumenical and Interreligious Bodies:
• Bishop Harald Rückert – Co-Chair of the European Methodist Council
• Bishop Eduard Khegay – European Methodist Youth and Children’s Council
• Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda – Church of Christ in Congo – “Egliese du Christ au Congo”
Heads of Communion and Ecumenical Officers in Faith Communions

The following list is of persons named by their faith communion as official Heads of Communion for ecumenical purposes. The list is current to our knowledge as of April 2020. The information is incomplete and will be continually changing. In particular, it does not include many heads of communion across the global connection. Please send any updated information you learn to the Ecumenical Officer, and it will be added into our next edition.

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- Vatican Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue:
  www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/interelg/index.htm
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