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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 the 2020 edition and 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…”

United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious training, UMEIT: Germany Participants 2019
COMPENDIUM OF RELATIONSHIPS

INTRODUCTION
The following lists contain 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.

CONCORDAT 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/ Equumeniakyrkan
- The Union American Methodist Episcopal Church
- The Moravian Church, Northern and Southern Provinces

KNOWN ECUMENICAL PARTNER CHURCHES SPECIFIC TO EUROPEAN 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/Kirchengemeinschaft
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Norway
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- Church World Service
- 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
- European Methodist Youth and Children: http://www.methodistyouth.eu
- Conference of European Churches: http://www.ceceurope.org
- Community of Protestant Churches in Europe: http://www.leuenberg.eu

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

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

**Germany**
- The National Council of Churches in Germany / Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen: www.oekumene-ack.de/aktuell/
- The Federation of Free Churches

**African Councils of Churches, Continent-wide**
- The All-Africa Conference of Churches – www.aacc-ceta.org – General Secretary Waiyaki Way

**Angola**
- Angolan Council of Christian Churches (CICA) / Concelho Angolano de Igrejas Cristans em Angola – cica@angonet.org – UM contact is Bishop Quipungo, General Secretary Rev. Deolinda Teca – deolindateca@yahoo.com.br
  Bairro do Cassenda, Zona 6, Rua 15,
  Casa n* 24
  Luanda – Angola

**Democratic Republic of Congo**
- East Congo - The Church of Christ in Congo – Rev. Kumbe Djamba Atomish – helenakumbe@outlook.fr
- National Council of Churches in Democratic Republic of Congo – contact is Bishop Gabriel Unda
Mozambique
- Mozambique National Council of Churches – Bishop Joaquina Nhanala (Vice President)

Sierra Leone
- Sierra Leone Council of Churches – Bishop John K. Yambasu (President)

Asia, Continent-wide

United States of America, Nation-wide
- National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA – Ex. Dir. Jim Winkler (UM)
  jim.winkler@nationalcouncilofchurches.us
- Christian Churches Together (CCT) – Ex. Director Carlos Malave – ctintheusa@gmail.com
- Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) – President Bishop Teresa Jefferson Snorton –
  cuicasst@gmail.com
- The Pan-Methodist Commission – Chair, Bishop Kenneth Monroe, AMEZ Church
- The National Workshop on Christian Unity – 2018 Chairs, David Simmons and Rocky Piro
- The National Association of Evangelicals – www.nae.net
- Ecumenical and Interfaith Leaders Network of the NCCC – Chair Steve Copley (Ex. Dirs of
  US councils, UM) – interfaithark@gmail.com
  P.O. Box 5773, Winston-Salem, NC 27013
- Religions for Peace, USA – Executive Director Donna Bollinger (UM)

Alabama
- Communities of Transformation
- Mobile Inner-City Mission
- Dumas Wesley Community Center
- Mary Ellen’s Hearth
- Milk and Honey Outreach Ministry
- The Ark
- Alabama Rural Ministry
- Greater Birmingham Ministries

Arizona
- Arizona Interfaith Power and Light – azipl.org or info@azipl.org
  Arizona Faith Network (formally Arizona Ecumenical Council) – azfaithnetwork.org or
  contactus@azfaithnetwork.org. President, Ms. Billie Fidlin, bfdlin@dscumc.org, 606-
  266-6956 x221
- Arizona Interfaith Movement – interfaithmovement.com or larry@azifm.org
- The Valley Interfaith Project – valleyinterfaithprojectaz.com
- Sun Devils Are Better Together – sundabt@gmail.com
Arkansas
- Interfaith Arkansas – www.interfaitharkansas.com

Colorado
- Colorado Council of Churches – www.cochurches.org

Florida
- Florida Council of Churches – Ex. Dir. Russell Meyer – rmeyer@floridachurches.org
- Pensacola UM Community Ministries
- Upper Sand Mountain Parish

Georgia
- Georgia Christian Council – Ex. Dir Leland Collins – gachristiancouncil@gmail.com

Illinois
- Illinois Conference of Churches – Ex. Dir. Laurie B. Vial –
  www.illinoisconferenceofchurches.org; 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

Louisiana

Minnesota
- Minnesota Council of Churches – Ex. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung
  122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 100, Minneapolis, MN  55404 – 612-870-3600

Mississippi
- Mississippi Religious Leaders Conference

Montana

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

New York
- New York State Council of Churches – Ex. Dir. Peter Cook – pcook@nysoc.org

North Alabama
- Reported no ecumenical council connections
North Carolina (both conferences)

Ohio (both conferences)
• Ohio Council of Churches

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 Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia

Oregon
• Ex. Dir. Jan Musgrove Elfers – jelfers@emoregon.org
• Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)
  6245 SW Bancroft Street, B, Portland, OR 97239

South Carolina
• South Carolina Christian Action Council, Inc., P.O. Box 3248, Columbia, SC 29230
• Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops

Texas
• Texas Impact (for legislative and issue concerns) – Bee Moorhead – www.texasimpact.org

Pennsylvania (all conferences)
• Pennsylvania Council of Churches
  900 S. Arlington Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109, 717-545-4761
• Christian Associates of Southwestern PA
  P.O. Box 5241, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
• Christians United in Beaver County
  1098 3rd Street, Beaver, PA 15009
• Interchurch Ministries of Erie County
  250 W. 7th Street, Erie, PA 16501

West Virginia
• West Virginia Council of Churches – Ex. Dir Jeff Allen (UM) – 304-344-3141
  2207 Washington Street East, Charleston, WV 25311

Wyoming
• Wyoming Interfaith Network – www.wyointerfaith.org
NOMINATIONS PROCESSES FOR REPRESENTATION ON ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS BODIES

INTRODUCTION
The Council of Bishops currently uses the following process for the discernment of all 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 Committee (LDC). This step must be completed at least one month prior to the preceding Council of Bishops meeting.
4. The LDC 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 and the Moravian Church in North America
• Joint commissions exist as continuous bodies mandated by the BOD to coordinate our full communion relationships with the ELCA and Moravian Church North America, to encourage joint planning for mission, and to facilitate consultation and common decision making between our two bodies.
• A 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 there are no other full communion joint commissions, though we should hope to constitute one after 2021 with The Episcopal Church.**
Multi-Lateral Relationships on Behalf of the General Church

Churches Uniting in Christ
Churches Uniting in Christ (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 also sit on the Coordinating Council.

The Pan-Methodist Commission
The Pan-Methodist Commission was designed to have nine representatives from each member denomination. That number is to be equally divided between Bishops, Clergy and Laity (3 each). Since that initial agreement, the Commission 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 included that person within our nine-member delegation. The selection of representatives for the delegation should occur after the denominations’ General Conference, and the new representatives serve for the quadrennium. Reappointment is at the discretion of the denomination. The UMC has traditionally asked the EO to appoint the delegation, with him or herself being one of the representatives. The ESO participates with voice but no vote as “Staff for The UMC.”
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.

Councils, Fellowships and Partnerships

Concordat Partner Churches: The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, The Methodist Church in Great Britain, The Methodist Church in Mexico and The Methodist Church in Puerto Rico

The United Methodist Church has four concordat relationships with churches who are such close partners, we share both voice and vote at each other’s conferences. Each of these concordat churches send delegates to every UM General Conference. These delegates vote on all matters of our General Conference. Concomitantly, The UMC sends two delegates to their conferences, and these delegates also hold voice and vote. Traditionally, the two delegates from the UMC have been a bishop and a lay person. They are selected by the Ecumenical Officer, and if possible, they serve for at least two years.

The Wesleyan Holiness Connection

The partnership of the Wesleyan Holiness Connection and The United Methodist Church goes back several years and is one way in which The UMC tries to partner with Evangelical sisters and brothers. The Ecumenical Officer selects one person to participate in their annual meetings, and if possible that person serves for a quadrennium. (The UMC is also committed to partner with the National Association of Evangelicals, and in 2019 made inquiry as to how to gain observer status. This decision will be made after the 2020 General Conference.)

Christian Churches Together in the USA

Christian Churches Together (CCT) has an Executive Committee made up of one representative from each of the five family groups (Historically Black Churches, Evangelical Churches, Mainline Protestant Churches, Orthodox Churches and the Roman Catholic Church). Those five persons, in conjunction with the Executive Director, invite persons to sit on the wider CCT Steering Committee. 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 assembly, 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 WCC Assembly delegates are chosen by the process outlined in the introduction to this
section. Churches directly appoint 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 appoints 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.) For The UMC nominations are by office and not
by individual persons.

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 and World Methodist Conference have two separate processes for discernment of representatives. To serve on the World Methodist Council two representatives from each U.S. annual conference are solicited one year before the conclusion of the quinquennium (2021 will start the next 5-year term). 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 WMC. The Council of Bishops may also provide the names of between 15 and 18 additional persons to be on the WM Council (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 nominees 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 the USA
The COB is responsible for naming representatives to the National Council of Churches. (Additionally, the NCC 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.

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 NCCC 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 National 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 and Pentecostal 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 National Planning Committee and serves as the Chair of the UMEIT: USA network. This person serves for a quadrennium.

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 oversite, organization and funding of the NWCU.

Religions for Peace
Religions for Peace (RFP) has an international organization and a several country-based organizations. Funds are solicited from the general UMC for the US organization only. 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.
**Periodic Global Gatherings**

**The World Council of Churches Assembly**
Please see the above explanation. The next assembly is scheduled for September 8-16, 2021.

**The World Methodist Conference**
Please see the above explanation. The next conference is scheduled for August 18-23, 2021.

**The Global Christian Forum**
Participation in Global Christian Forum (GCF) gatherings is limited in number and by invitation. The Forum attempts to maintain a balance of half of the participants (church leaders) from the “older” churches (Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Anglican) and half from the “younger” churches (Evangelical, Pentecostal/Charismatic, and Independent). When meetings are global in nature, GCF staff first invites nominations from global church or other Christian bodies (e.g. Christian World Communion, 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**
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 World Conference on Mission and Evangelism**
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 to the Leadership Discernment Team.

**The WCC Global Ecumenical Theological Institute**
Participation in the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) is by application directly to the appropriate committee in the WCC. This takes place paralleled to the World Missionary Conference and is intended to be a training on global ecumenism for young adults and those
new to the Ecumenical Movement. Traditionally, the COB covers the costs for 1 or 2 young adults to attend, if they are selected by GETI to participate.

**The Parliament of the World’s Religions**
Anyone is welcome to attend the Parliament of the World’s Religions (PWR). Traditionally, The UMC sends a delegation of people made up of: the EO, the ESO’s, and several people given scholarships by the COB. Others are welcome to join the delegation and pay their own way. It would be very helpful for the COB to develop a system through which the office can receive information on all delegates attending from all annual conferences, so a gathering of UM’s can be coordinated at the PWR event.

**Organizations, Events and Financial Commitments**

**Specific to the Council of Bishops**

**OCUIR Steering Committee**
Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (OCUIR) Steering Committee members are nominated by jurisdictions and central conferences. Those names are collected and go through the normal nomination process. 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) consists of bishops selected by the Leadership Discernment Committee. Bishops may request the LDC to appoint them to serve on specific teams, however final decisions on who will serve on particular teams is the responsibility of the LDC. Their mission is to provide vision and oversight for the ecumenical and interreligious ministries of the Council of Bishops.

**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-year training ministry for about 10 young adults from around the Connection. Applications are posted, young adults apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections. The most recent UMEIT: YAN
began in the fall of 2018. Bishops are encouraged to share this opportunity with young adults in their episcopal area(s) and recommend they apply for the next cohort, which will begin in 2021.

**UMEIT: Ecumenical and Interreligious Plunge**
UMEIT: Ecumenical and Interreligious Plunge (UMEIT: Plunge) is a 2-year pilgrimage training ministry for 6-12 young adults. All interested bishops nominate a young adult every other year and offer $4,000 to cover their expenses for the first year’s pilgrimage. The young adults pay their own way the second year. The next UMEIT: Plunge will begin in July 2020, 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.

**The WCC Ecumenical Institute at Bossey**
The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute at Bossey offers a graduate-level certification program every fall, and The UMC is committed to sending one person to participate every year. Applications are posted, seminary students apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections for a $10,000 scholarship from the COB. The scholarship recipient must then apply directly to Bossey and be accepted into the graduate school. The selected student for 2020 is Ericka Jallah of the Liberia Annual Conference.

**UMEIT: USA**
UMEIT: USA takes place annually. 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. Young people who live near the annual location and minority students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. The next UMEIT: USA will be held in Houston, Texas, March 23-27, 2020.

**Parliament of the World’s Religions**
The Parliament of the World’s Religions (PWR) gathers every 5-7 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.

**Global Ecumenical Theological Institute**
The Council of Bishops will support up to 2 young adults to attend GETI each time it takes place, parallel to the World Missionary Conference. The EO and ESO will make a selection from among young adults involved in the UMEIT ministries.
Local Initiative Grants
The Council of Bishops offers 3 grants annually to groups within annual or central conferences who are planning ministry projects to promote Christian unity and/or interreligious relationship-building. Applications are posted, groups apply, and the EO and ESO make the final selections. Those selected for 2020 include ministries within the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, the South Carolina Annual Conference and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

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 by the COB.

The Committee on Faith and Order

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.
ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS FOR THE 2016-2020 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 and Commissions

ELCA-UM Joint Commission:
• Bishop Tracy Smith Malone
• Kyle Tau
• Edward Philipps
• Marie Ström

EC-UM Dialogue (presumably have completed their work):
• Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
• Kyle Tau
• Bob Williams
• Pamela Lightsey
• James Howell
• Additional member to be added

RC-UM Dialogue:
• Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
• Kyle Tau
• Colleen Windham-Hughes
• Edgardo Colon-Emeric
• Karen Westerfield Tucker
• Ryan Danker
Multi-Lateral and Conciliar Assemblies

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

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

WCC Commission on World Mission and Evangelism:
• Thomas Kemper

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

WCC Ecumenical Disability Advocacy network Reference Group:
• 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:
• Lusia-Esperanca Quilambo

WCC Gender Advisory Group:
• Harriett Olson

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

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

WCC Round Table Invitees:
• Bishop B. Michael Watson
• Bishop Mary Ann Swenson
• Thomas Kemper
• Harriett Olson
• Carol Van Gorp
• Jean Hawxhurst
• Kyle Tau
WCC Pilgrimage of Peace and Justice
- Susan Henry Crowe

World Evangelical Fellowship:
- Currently no UM is serving here

National Association of Evangelicals:
- Currently no UM is serving here (See page 16)

Wesleyan Holiness Connection:
- Ben Hartley/Ryan Danker

World Methodist Council Steering Committee:
- Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, Geneva Secretary
- Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett
- Steve Hickle, Men’s Coordinator
- Kirby Hickey, Treasurer
- Kim Reisner, World Evangelical Association
- Amos Nascimento
- Øyvind Hellesen
- Jean Hawxhurst

Religions for Peace USA:
- Youngsook Kang
- Jean Hawxhurst

Religions for Peace International:
- Currently no UM is serving here

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

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- Bishop B. Michael Watson
- Jean Hawxhurst
- Megan Dean
  
  Additional people invited according to interest of annual topic and location.

CCT:
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- Jean Hawxhurst
  
  Additional people invited according to interest of annual topic and location.
Pan-Methodist Commission:
- Bishop B. Michael Watson
- Bishop Minerva Carcano
- Bishop L. Jonathan Holston
- Pamela Lightsey
- Dee Hicks
- Victoria Sizemore Baldwin
- Byrd Bonner
- Marvin Moss
- Mariellyn Dunham Grace
- Jean Hawxhurst, staff, no vote

NWCU:
- Tura Foster Gillespie
- Jean Hawxhurst (NEOA)

UMEIT:USA:
- Tura Foster Gillespie, Chair

OCUIR:
- Bishop B. Michael Watson
- Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar
- Bishop Eduard Khegay
- Bishop Patrick Streiff (1)
- Jean Hawxhurst
- Kyle Tau
- Byrd Bonner (2)
- Lisa Balboa Lewis – CME
- Charles Brower (3)
- Amanda Liggett – ELCA
- Lisa Hunt (4)
- Mercy Rivera Antipolo (5)
- Joon Sik-Park (6)
- Cindy Thompson (7)
- Guy Nyafe Gutangiza (8)
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Staff ........................................................................................................... Joseph Crockett
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Membership and Ecclesial Relations ...................................................... Charles Wood
Local and Regional Ecumenism .............................................................. Steve Copley
Christian Education ............................................................................... Cristian De La Rosa
Christian Education .............................................................................. Charles Brockwell
Christian Education ............................................................................... Matt Bridges
Christian Education ............................................................................... [One more person can be named]
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Interreligious Relations ........................................................................ Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan
Interreligious Relations ........................................................................ Samuel Purushotham
Interreligious Relations ........................................................................ Neil Gaiser
Action and Advocacy ............................................................................. Julie O’Neal
Action and Advocacy .............................................................................. Paul Perez
Action and Advocacy .............................................................................. LaNella Smith
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Faith and Order ....................................................................................... Tanya Linn Bennett
Faith and Order ....................................................................................... Adam Ployd
Faith and Order ....................................................................................... Kirsten Oh
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WCC:
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- Bishop B. Michael Watson
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COB Task Force on Immigration and Refugees:
- Bishop Minerva Carcaño

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- Bishop Harald Rückert – Co-Chair of the European Methodist Council
- Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey – Leader in the Louisiana Council of Churches
- Bishop Eduard Khegay – European Methodist Youth and Children’s Council
- Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda – Church of Christ in Congo – “Egliese du Christ au Congo”
- Bishop John K. Yambasu – President of the Sierra Leone Council of Churches
- Bishops Rosemarie Wenner and Bishop Debbie Wallace-Padgett – World Methodist Council Steering Committee
- Bishop Rudy Juan – Vice Chairperson, National Council of Churches in The Philippines
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Christian Churches Together in Kansas, 2018

Bishops plant a tree in Wittenburg in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. May 2015
The Episcopal – United Methodist Dialogue Committee

United Methodist Church – Roman Catholic Dialogue, 6th session, round 8
HELPFUL LINKS

- World Council of Churches: www.oikoumene.org
- World Methodist Council: www.worldmethodistcouncil.org
- Religions for Peace: www.rfp.org
- Parliament of the World’s Religions: www.parliamentofreligions.org
- Islamic Society of North America: www.isna.net
- Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity: www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrsuni/index.htm
- National Council of Churches in the USA: www.nccusa.org
- Christian Conference of Asia: www.cca.org.hk
- The All-Africa Conference of Churches: www.aacc-ceta.org
- Conference of European Churches: www.ceceurope.org
- Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers: www.cadeio.org
- Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers: www.episcopalchurch.org/eir.htm
- Ecumenical Agencies in the USA: www.ecumenism.net/agencies/usa
- Religions for Peace USA: www.rfpusa.org
- United Religions Initiative: www.uri.org
- The Pluralism Project, Harvard University: www.pluralism.org
- The Ecumenical Institute at Chateau de Bossey: www.oikoumene.org/index.php?id=bossey
- Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies Jerusalem: www.come.to/tantur
- Institute for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue: www.experiencefestival.com/inter-religious_organisations_-_institute_for_interreligious-intercultural_dialogue_iiid_at_temple_university
ACRONYMS DEFINED

AACC = All Africa Conference of Churches
AAR/SBL = American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature
AB = Alliance of Baptists
ABC = American Baptist Churches USA
AME = African Methodist Episcopal Church
AMEZ = African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
AUMP = African Union Methodist Protestant Church
BMCR = Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.
CADEO = Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and interreligious Officers
CCA = Christian Conference of Asia
CCC = Caribbean Conference of Churches
CC(DoC) = Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
CCT = Christian Churches Together in the USA
CEC = Conference of European Churches
CFO = Committee on Faith and Order
CLAI = Latin American Council of Churches
CME = Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
CoB = Church of the Brethren
COB = Council of Bishops
CPM = Cooperative Parish Ministries
COC = Coptic Orthodox Church in North America
CUIC = Churches Uniting in Christ
CWS = Church World Service
DoACA = Dioceses of the Armenian Church of America
EDEIO = Episcopal Diocese Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers
ELCA = Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
EO = Ecumenical Officer (bishop)
EPEDA = Evangelical and Pentecostal Ecumenism and Dialogue Association
ESO = Ecumenical Staff Officer
FGC = Friends General Conference
FUM = Friends United Meeting
FP = Friendship Press (NCCC in the USA)
GOA = Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
HOC = Head of Communion
ICCC = International
ICF = Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
LEIRN = Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Representatives Network
LTEIR = Leadership Team on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
MARCHA = Methodistas Asociados Representando la Causa de los Hispano-Americanos
MCSA = Methodist Church, South Africa
MECC = Middle East Council of Churches
MOSC = Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
MOR = Moravian Church in America
MTC = Mar Thoma Syrian Church of India
NAEIS = National Association of Ecumenical and Interfaith Staff
NBCA = National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.
NBCUSA = National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
NCC/NCCC/NCCCUSA = National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
NMBCA = National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
NWCU = National Workshop on Christian Unity
OCA = Orthodox Church in America
OCUIR = Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships (advisory group)
PNCC = Polish National Catholic Church of America
PCUSA = Presbyterian Church (USA)
PMC = Pan-Methodist Commission
PNBC = Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
RCA = Reformed Church in America
RfP = Religions for Peace
SOC = Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America
ScCh = The Swedenborgian Church
SOCoA = Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
TEC = The Episcopal Church
TUMC = The United Methodist Church
UAME = Union American Methodist Episcopal Church
UOC = Ukrainian Orthodox Church
UCC = United Church of Christ
UMEIT = United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training
USCCB = United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
WCC = World Council of Churches
WMC = World Methodist Council
WSCF = World Student Christian Federation
# ECUMENICAL CALENDAR 2020

- The UMC General Conference
- The AME General Conference
- The AMEZ General Conference
- The PCUSA General Assembly

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<td>MEOR Forum</td>
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<td>CCT Annual Convocation</td>
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