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Organizations officially Sanctioned by the UMC

Delegates will receive General and/or Jurisdictional Conference related information from our Boards, Agencies, Affiliates, or organization with official relationship to the UMC. Our UMC has fifteen officially sanctioned ministry entities. They are:

General Boards of:

- Church and Society (GBCS)
- Discipleship (GBOD)
- Global Ministries (GBGM)
- Pension and Health Benefits (GBOPHB)
- Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM)
- General Commissions on:
 - Archives and History (GCAH)
 - Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (GCUIC)
 - Communication (UMCom)
 - Religion and Race (GCRR)
 - Status and Role of Women (GCSRW)
 - UM Men (UMM)
 - General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA)

Click on the link to learn more about the General Boards.

***** United Methodist Agencies:**

- UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- UM Publishing House (UMPH)
- UM Women (UMW)

Also note that each Board or Commission has a number of officially recognized Affiliate UM and/or Ecumenical Organizations. The listing of Affiliate/Ecumenical entities can be found at www.gc2012.umc.org page under the directory listings.

Click on the link to learn more about the Agencies.

***** Organizations with an official relationship (as proscribed by The Book of Discipline.)**

- The American Bible Society
- The Commission on Pan Methodist Corporation
- Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC)
- National Council of Churches
- World Council of Churches
- World Methodist Council

***** Organizations with interest in the UMC with no official status or connection:**

- Affirmation: <http://www.affirmation.org>
- BMCR , Black Methodists for Church Renewal: <http://www.bmcrumc.org>
- Aldersgate: <http://www.aldersgaterenewal.org>
- Concerned Methodist: <http://www.cmpage.org>
- CIEMAL: <http://www.ciemal.com>
- Confessing Movement: <http://confessingumc.org>
- Good News: <http://www.goodnewsnetwork.org>
- IRD, Institute on Religion and Democracy: <http://www.ird-renew.org>

MFSA, Methodist Federation for Social Justice: <http://www.mfsaweb.org>

Mission Society: <http://www.themissionsociety.org>

Native American Ministries: <http://www.nativeamerican-ministries.org>

Renew: <http://www.renewnetwork.org>

RMN, Reconciling Ministries Network: <http://www.rmnetwork.org>

Rural Fellowship: <http://www.umrf.org>

UMAction: <http://www.umaction.org>

This information has been gathered solely for the purpose of awareness. It is not an exhaustive list, nor is it provided to influence the delegates' prayer and discernment on issues or perspectives raised by any organization, group, or individual.

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***** Legislative Committee Purpose and Contact Information (click on the link to view)**

General Commission on Archives and History

Gathers, preserves, and disseminates materials on the history of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents. It maintains archives and a library in which the historical records are kept.

P.O. Box 127
Madison, NJ 07940
973-408-3189
973-408-3909 (fax)
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General Commission on Communication (United Methodist Communications)

Provides leadership for the denomination in the fields of communication, public relations, and promotion of the general funds and programs of the denomination. It is the official news gathering and distribution agency of the denomination. It provides resources and services to local churches and annual conferences in the field of communications.

P.O. Box 320
Nashville, TN 37202
615-742-5400
615-742-5423 (fax)
umcom@umcom.org

General Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns

Advocates for and works toward Christian unity in every aspect of the life of The United Methodist Church. It works to enable ecumenical and interreligious understanding and experience among all United Methodists.

475 Riverside Drive, Room 1300
New York, NY 10115
800-653-8936 (toll free)
212-749-3553
212-662-7045 (fax)
info@gccuic-umc.org

United Methodist Publishing House

The United Methodist Publishing House distributes all the official publications, records and forms of the denomination, publishes books through Abingdon Press, and operates Cokesbury retail and online stores, mail order service. It also publishes and distributes church school materials and resources throughout the denomination.

P.O. Box 801
Nashville, TN 37202-0801
615-749-6000
communications@umph.com

General Commission on Religion and Race

Focused on bringing about full and equal participation of the racial and ethnic constituencies in The United Methodist Church. The commission carries out its work through advocacy of the issues and by reviewing and monitoring the practices of the denomination.

100 Maryland Avenue, NE, Ste. 400
Washington, DC 20002
202-547-2271
202-547-0358 (fax)
news@gcorr.org

General Council on Finance and Administration

Administers the finances and operational needs of the denomination and serves as the general treasurer of the denomination.

PO Box 340029
Nashville, TN 37203-0029
866-367-4232 (toll free)
615-329-3393
615-329-3394 (fax)
gcf@gcfa.org

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Prepares and assists people to fulfill their ordained ministries and to provide general oversight for campus ministries and institutions of higher education.

PO Box 340007
Nashville, TN 37203-0007
615-340-7400

General Board of Discipleship

Provides leadership and resources in the areas of spiritual growth and development, devotional literature, curriculum resources, Christian education, evangelism, worship, stewardship, and ministry of the laity. The General Board of Discipleship oversees The Upper Room.

P.O. Box 340003
Nashville, TN 37203-0003
877-899-2780 (toll free)

General Commission on United Methodist Men

Involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church and to provide resources and support for programs of evangelism, stewardship and the needs of men.

P.O. Box 340006
Nashville, TN 37203-0006
615-340-7145
615-340-1770 (fax)
gcumm@gcumm.org

General Board of Global Ministries

Responsible to witness to Jesus Christ throughout the world, to recruit and send missionaries, to raise the awareness and support of persons in local churches for global mission, and to assist in the development of Christian churches and leadership.

475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10115
800-862-4246
info@gbgm-umc.org

General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

Supervises and administers the pension and benefits programs, plans, and funds of The United Methodist Church. It administers and disburses the retirement and benefit funds of the various annual conferences.

1901 Chestnut Avenue
Glenview, IL 60025-1604
847-869-4550
847-475-5061(fax)

General Board of Church and Society

Challenges United Methodists to work in areas of important social concern and develops resources to inform, motivate, and train United Methodists on issues of social justice in the society.

100 Maryland Ave., N.E.
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202-488-5600
202-488-5619 (fax)
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General Commission on Status and Role of Women

Challenges The United Methodist Church to a commitment to the full participation of women in the complete life and mission of the church. The commission serves as an advocate for and on behalf of women, seeks to eliminate inequities in relation to women in the church, and monitors the general agencies, institutions, and connectional structures to ensure inclusiveness of women.

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