

<b><u>United Methodist Church</u></b>	<b><u>Global Methodist Church</u></b>
(Statements below are current in UMC Book of Discipline)	(Statements below correspond with Transitional Book of Discipline)
<b>CHURCH STRUCTURE</b>	<b>CHURCH STRUCTURE</b>
<p>General Church and Annual Conference and Connectional Funding -- tied to 4 years of expenses without a cap as a % of budget; can be 10-30%+</p> <p>Apportionment giving currently remains the same: \$169,000 year for Garber</p>	<p>General Church and Annual Conference</p> <p>The Annual Conference sets local percentage for local operations; connectional funding is capped at 10% of local operating income within first 5 years; apportionments estimated to be under 50% of Garber's current amount, maybe lower</p>
<b>Trust Clause</b>	<b>Trust Clause</b>
<p>Local church owns property, in trust, for the benefit of the entire denomination: therefore local church needs consent by conference leadership for any lease, mortgage, or renovation of church property</p>	<p>There will be no "trust clause" in GMC: local churches are empowered locally regarding the lease, mortgage, or renovation of property without needing any additional consent.</p>
<b>Local Church Organization</b>	<b>Local Church Organization</b>
<p>Charge/Church Conference; Nominations Committee; Staff Parish Committee; Finance Committee; Board of Trustees; others as desired</p>	<p>Charge/Church Conference; then a flexible structure for the following decided by local church: Nominations; Staff Parish Committee; Finance Committee; Board of Trustees; others as desired</p>
<b>Bishops</b>	<b>Bishops</b>
<p>Elected by jurisdictional or central conference for the duration of their life</p>	<p>Two candidates nominated by each local annual conference; term of office is 12 years maximum, not life.</p>
<b>District Superintendents</b>	<b>District Superintendents</b>
<p>Appointed by the Bishop, 6 year term, 12 year limit with 2 year extension possible; currently 8 in NC Conference</p>	<p>Bishops select one Presiding Elder from candidates selected by local district; Presiding Elder may simultaneously serve as either a local or retired pastor</p>
<b>Adaptability of Book of Discipline</b>	<b>Adaptability of Book of Discipline</b>
<p>Central conferences can adapt certain parts of the Discipline to fit their legal and cultural situation</p>	<p>Intentionally smaller bureaucratic superstructure. Not adaptable by a central conference, unless a particular provision states it may be adapted</p>
<b>Annual Conference Structure</b>	<b>Annual Conference Structure</b>
<p>Currently inclusive of 19 committees, boards, or commissions</p>	<p>Begins with six committees and boards; additional ones may be established by local annual conferences as desired.</p>
<b>Pastoral Assignments</b>	<b>Pastoral Assignments</b>
<p>Pastors appointed by the bishop, received by the church; privileges the denominational seminaries and seminaries of like mindedness.</p>	<p>Pastors appointed by the bishop confirming the local church's discernment of a candidate; privileges seminaries that ascribe to traditional biblical teachings.</p>
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<b>DOCTRINE</b>		<b>DOCTRINE</b>
<b>Holy Scripture</b>		<b>Holy Scripture</b>
Primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine; in practice it can be modified, discounted, or reinterpreted by other sources		Primary rule and authority of faith, morals, and service, against which all other authorities must be measured.
<b>Restrictive Rule</b>		<b>Restrictive Rule</b>
Protects Articles of Religion, Confession of Faith, General Rules, Episcopacy, right to trial and appeal, use of income from UMC Publishing House		Protects Articles of Religion, Confession of Faith, and entire doctrine section, requires 75% vote to edit or change.
<b>Doctrine of Jesus</b>		<b>Doctrine of Jesus</b>
Bishops and pastors may dissent without repercussion		Must be affirmed and practiced by local churches and pastors
<b>SOCIAL PRINCIPLES</b>		<b>SOCIAL PRINCIPLES</b>
Currently social principles are not church law but intended to be instructive and persuasive in prophetic spirit.		Social principles will require 75% majority, and will be binding on all clergy and congregations; GMC looks to have fewer, and more general, statements
		Social principles will serve as a consensus vision of faithful discipleship transcending culture.
<b>Marriage</b>		<b>Marriage</b>
Affirms marriage covenant expressed in love, support, and commitment, and shared by fidelity between a man and a woman (likely to be changed in post separation UMC)		To be defined as a legal and spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous relationship between one man and one woman.
<b>Human Sexuality</b>		<b>Human Sexuality</b>
God's gift to all persons; affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage (likely to be changed in a post separation UMC). Gender is biological male and female (likely to be changed in PSUMC).		God's gift to all persons; affirmed as it is exercised within the legal and spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and one woman. Gender is biological male and female.
<b>Abortion</b>		<b>Abortion</b>
Balance sanctity of unborn life with life and well-being of mother and child; rejects abortion as means of birth control or gender selection (likely to be changed in a post separation UMC)		Believing in the sacredness of all life, resists the practice of abortion except in the cases of tragic conflicts of life against life. Will not accept abortion as a means of birth control or gender selection. All support women facing unintended pregnancies without adequate care, counsel, or resources.
<b>Homosexuality</b>		<b>Homosexuality</b>
Affirms sacred worth of all, God's grace is available to all. The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching (likely to be changed in a post separation UMC)		No explicit reference to homosexuality needed based upon above statements: God's grace is available to all; rejects pornography and promiscuity; church will be a refuge for all.