General Conference

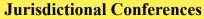
(Legislative Authority)

- Highest legislative body in the UMC
- Meets once every four years to revise/create church law, adopt resolutions, and pass plans and budgets
- 8 Clergy Delegates & 8 Lay Delegates

STRUCTURE

The UMC does not have a central headquarters or a single executive leader. Duties are divided among bodies that include:

General Conference Council of Bishops Judicial Council



- are a collection of Annual Conferences found in the US.
- SUMC is a member of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference
- Members- 8 lay delegates & 8 clergy delegates

Annual Conferences comprised of local churches, ministries, laity, and clergy within

- geographical areas.
- held yearly

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• number of delegates are based on members-SUMC has 3 delegates and 1 clergy

Districts

- Local districts and charges assigned to them, not by specific geographic lines.
- SUMC is a member of the Marion District

