

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

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



Jurisdictional Conferences

- 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
- 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



Local Churches

Socastee United Methodist Church