



UMC Alphabet Soup 2019

The United Methodist Church has its own lingo.
All of the abbreviations and names can be overwhelming.
This isn't an exhaustive list. But we hope you will find it helpful. Don't try
to memorize these—just use it as reference guide!

| Abbreviation | Organization, Board or Agency | Website |
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| Affirmation | UMs for LGBTQ Concerns | http://www.umaffirm.org/site/ |
| ADCA | Advanced Daily Christian Advocate (Pre-GC Reading) | |
| AI | Africa Initiative (African Group led by Jerry Kulah) | |
| ARM | Aldersgate Renewal Ministries (Charismatic Fellowship) | http://aldersgaterenewal.org |
| A & W Plan | Proposal by Arnold & Watson (see CUP) | |
| BMCR | Black Methodists for Church Renewal | http://www.bmcrumc.org |
| BOOM | aka: BOM or BoOM Board of Ordained Ministries | |
| COB | Council of Bishops (Jurisdiction = College of Bishops) | |
| CM | Confessing Movement (Evangelical Renewal Group) | http://www.confessingumc.org |
| CRSP | Clergy Retirement Security Program (Pension) | |
| CT | Connectional Table | http://www.umc.org/topics/the-connectional-table-home |
| CCP | Connectional Conferences Plan (COWF in ADCA) https://www.umnews.org/en/news/commentary-taking-a-fresh-look-at-the-connectional-conference-plan | |
| CUP | Covenantal Unity Plan (Forerunner of TP/MTP) | http://covenantalunity.org |
| FFUMC | Fossil Free UMC (Divestment from Fossil Fuels) | http://www.fossilfreeumc.org |
| CUIC | Churches Uniting in Christ (Ecumenical) | http://churchesunitinginchrist.org |
| COWF | Commission on a Way Forward | |
| CPMC | Council on Pan Methodist Cooperation | |
| DCA | Daily Christian Advocate (handouts at GC) | |
| DCOM | District Committee on Ministry | |
| DM | Discipleship Ministries (new name for GBOD) | |
| DMYP | Division on Ministries with Young People | |
| GE | Gracious or Graceful Exit—negotiated settlement for leaving One of a number of petitions in ADCA Also proposal out of West Ohio AC | https://um-gracious-exit.com |
| GBCS | General Board of Church and Society | http://umc-gbcs.org |

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| GBOD | General Board of Discipleship (old name for DM) | http://www.umcdiscipleship.org |
| GBGM | General Board of Global Ministries | http://www.umcmmission.org |
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| GBHEM | General Board of Higher Education & Ministries | http://www.gbhem.org |
| GBOPHB | General Board of Pension & Health Benefits | http://www.gbophb.org |
| GCAH | General Commission on Archives and History | http://www.gcach.org |
| GCFA | General Council on Finance & Administration | http://www.umc.org/gcfa |
| GCUMM | General Commission on United Methodist Men | http://www.gcumm.org |
| GCUMW | United Methodist Women (aka Women's Division) | http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org |
| GCRR | General Commission on Religion and Race | http://www.gcumm.org |
| GCOSROW | General Commission on the Status And Role of Women | http://www.gcsrw.org |
| GCUIC | General Com on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns | http://unbouncepages.com/ocuir-home/ |
| GYPCA | Global Young People's Convocation and Legislative Assembly | |
| GETS | Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary | https://www.garrett.edu |
| GN | Good News (Evangelical Renewal Group/Magazine) | http://goodnewsmag.org |
| IRD | Institute for Religion & Democracy Ecumenical Renewal & Advocacy Group based in Washington DC. UM Action is UMC sub-group. | https://theird.org |
| ILI | International Leadership Institute (Evangelical Missions) | http://www.iliteamusa.org/leadership-team/4551549213 |
| JC | Judicial Council (Our Supreme Court) | http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/judicial-council |
| LW | Lifewatch (Pro-Life aka TUMAS) | http://www.lifewatch.org |
| LYNC | Love Your Neighbor Coalition (aka "The Coalition") Group of Progressive Caucuses including MFSA, Fossil Free UMC, Love Prevails, RMN, PINCUM, UM Assoc. of ministers with disabilities, BMCR, Affirmation, & MARCHA | http://www.lynccoalition.org |
| Mainstream UMC | Advocacy Group supporting OCP | http://centerofgrace.center/mainstream-umc/ |
| MARCHA | Hispanic American Caucus | http://www.marchaumc.org |
| MIND | Methodists In New Directions (LGBTQI group from New York) | http://www.mindny.org |
| MFSA | Methodist Federation for Social Action (Progressive Caucus) | http://mfsaweb.org |
| MSFUMC | Mission Society for United Methodists (Evangelical Missions) | https://www.themissionsociety.org |
| MTSO | Methodist Theological School of Ohio (UM Seminary) | http://www.mtso.edu |
| MTP | Modified Traditional Plan (Dunnam in 2019 ADCA) Also modified due to JC 1018-1. | |
| NAUMS | National Association of UM Scouters (Under UMM) | (only has Facebook Group) |

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| NCCC | National Council of Churches in Christ (GCUIC relates) |
| NCJ | North Central Jurisdiction |

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| NEJ | North Eastern Jurisdiction | |
| NPLHM | National Plan for Latino/Hispanic Ministries | http://nphlm.org/en/ |
| OCP | One Church Plan (Local Option in COWF Report) | https://onechurchplan.org |
| PINCUM | Pacific Islanders National Caucus of UM | http://www.pincum.org |
| QCC | Queer Clergy Caucus (Simple Plan in ADCA) | |
| n/a | Renew (Women's ministry w/ Renewal & Reform Coalition) | http://renewnetwork.org |
| n/a | Revive (Iowa Evangelical Fellowship) | http://www.reviveumc.org |
| RF | Rural Fellowship (Advocacy & Support for rural churches) | http://www.umruraladvocate.org |
| Renew | Evangelical Women's Organization | |
| RMN | Reconciling Ministries Network (LGBTQI Caucus) | http://www.rmnetwork.org/newrmn/ |
| RRC | Renewal & Reform Coalition (Group of Evangelical Caucuses Including CM, GN, IRD, TransCong, Renew & Lifewatch) | |
| LP | Love Prevails LGBTQI Caucus headed by Amy DeLong Slogan is "disclose(t), divest, disrupt" | http://loveprevailsumc.com |
| RCRC | Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice | |
| SCJ | South Central Jurisdiction | |
| SEJ | Southeastern Jurisdiction | |
| SCCCM | Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters | www.umc.org |
| SP | Simple Plan (Queer Clergy Caucus in ADCA) | |
| TP | Traditional Plan (COWF report in ADCA needs revised due to Judicial Council Decision 1018-1) | https://www.umqcc.org/a-simple-plan/ |
| TransCong | Transforming Congregations (Evangelical Sexuality Issues) | http://www.transcong.org |
| TUMAS | Task Force of UMs on Abortion & Sexuality aka Lifewatch | http://www.lifewatch.org |
| n/a | Third Way (CT proposal on homosexuality) | can find on CT website above |
| Uniting Methodists | Advocacy Group Supporting OCP | https://unitingmethodists.com |
| UMAction | Evangelical Caucus—UM agency of IRD. works largely with Church & Society issues | https://theird.org/united-methodist/ |
| UMCM | United Methodist Centrist Movement (moderate progressive caucus) | http://umcm.today |
| UMCOR | United Methodist Committee on Relief | http://www.umcor.org |
| UMPH | United Methodist Publishing House | http://www.umph.org |

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| UMPIP | United Methodist Personal Investment Plan | |
| USenate | University Senate | http://www.gbhem.org/education/university-senate |
| UMCom | General Commission on Communication | http://www.umcom.org |
| n/a | UM Association of Ministers with Disabilities | http://www.umdiseabledministers.org |
| UMKR | UM Kairos Response (Divest from Israel Caucus) | https://www.kairosresponse.org |
| VIM | Volunteers in Mission | |
| WESPATH | Manages UMC Pensions—has proposals in ADCA | https://www.wespath.org |
| WCA | Wesleyan Covenant Association | https://wesleyancovenant.org |
| WCC | World Council of Churches (Ecumenical) | http://www.oikoumene.org/en |
| WMC | World Methodist Council (Ecumenical)) | http://worldmethodistcouncil.org |
| WMJM | Western Methodist Justice Movement (Progressive Caucus) | http://wmjm.org/web/ |
| WOEF | West Ohio Evangelical Fellowship | (Only FB Group) |

Best location for information is a website from Chris Ritter at peopleneedjesus.net

A Way Forward: A Comprehensive Compendium (Compiled by Chris Ritter)
<https://peopleneedjesus.net/2018/02/15/the-way-forward-an-annotated-bibliography/>