



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
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.bmcumc.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.gcah.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/
GYPCLA	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.lyncolalition.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)

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

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.umdisabledministers.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/>