

Global/Free Methodist/Methodist Collegiate Comparison

Denomination	Doctrine	Discipline	Female Clergy	Trust Clause	Structure	Bishops	Clergy Appt.	Apportionments	Size
<b>Global Methodist</b>	Wesleyan, adds Nicene and Apostles Creed	Has Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline on Website	At all levels	No	Has General Conference, broken into Annual Conferences	Elected for a term (TBD at Convening GC) likely 12 years	Appointed by bishops/DS, more congregational input, congregation SPR/PPR will have candidates to choose from. No guarantee appointments	4 percent of operating income, with a 6.5 percent cap	projected 2,400 to 4,000 churches, 240,000 to 400,000 member in US by 2024
<b>Free Methodist</b>	Wesleyan	Latest Book of Discipline 2019, next General Conference in 2023 will approve any changes	At all levels	Congregations Transferring in will not have Trust Clause. New property and building will be held in trust	Has General Conference broken into Annual Conferences	Elected to 4 -year term, re-electable can serve 12 years	Appointed by Ministerial Appointments Committee chaired by bishop No guarantee appointments	a tithe 10% real time income not including capital and missional giving	77,000 members in US 1,050 churches (2015 numbers)
<b>Methodist Collegiate Church</b>	Wesleyan, adds Nicene, Apostles Creed and Definition of Chalcedon	Has a transitional book of Doctrine and Disciplines on Website	At all levels	No	"Global Church called Collegium made of Colleges consisting of a larger Cathedral Church with no more than 12 churches relating to the Cathedral Church	No bishop but each college will have an ordained Elder as its Dean. With an overall Dean elected every 4 years.	Pastoral appointments shall be made only upon the request of a local church/ ministry and/or clergyperson. No guarantee appointments	TBD	New organization still gathering
<b>Where we came from</b>	Wesleyan "Our Theological Task"	Book of Discipline last modified 2019	At all levels	Yes	Has General Conference, broken into Annual Conferences	Bishops for life (in US (selected by Jurisdictional/ Central / conferences paid by General Church	Ordained elders guaranteed appointment, and local church guaranteed a pastor of the bishop's choosing - with consultation	Yes	as of 2020 - 6,268,310 members and 30,543 churches in US - international in scope

Denomination	History
<b>Global Methodist</b>	Founded in 2022 General Conference set for 2024
<b>Free Methodist</b>	Founded in 1860, issues were abolishing slavery and eliminating pew rentals.
<b>Methodist Collegiate Church</b>	New organization set to have convening conference in September 2023
<b>Where we came from</b>	merger in 1968 formed the UMC between the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church