

Discernment Communication (#3)

UMC Current Governance

vs

Post-Separation UMC and Global Methodist Church Comparison Chart

UMC Accountability

General Conference in theory, but in practice each annual conference.

Current UMC

P-S UMC

There is a push currently move accountability to Annual Conference (regional), where each conference decides what is right for them.

GMC

General Conference

Bishops

Elected by Jurisdictional Conference for life.

Current UMC

P-S UMC

Same as current UMC.

GMC

Will have term limits and are accountable to laity and clergy

Pastor Appointment Process

Bishop appoints after consultation with SPR.

Current UMC

P-S UMC

Ordained clergy guaranteed an appointment by the bishop, and the local church guaranteed a pastor of the bishop's choosing -- with consultation.

GMC

Collaborative appointment system where church lay leaders have a bigger voice in the appointment. No guaranteed appointments for clergy. Bishop must sign off on the selection made. Minority candidates must be considered.

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Clergy Accountability

Comprehensive system, but currently accountability has been enforced arbitrarily.

Current UMC

P-S UMC

Same as current UMC.

GMC

Similar to the UMC, with stricter timelines and less discretion in dismissing complaints; Laity would be voting members of committee.

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