

Denominational Comparison Chart

**Global Methodist Church
Independent
Wesleyan Methodist Church**

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Global Methodist Church</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Wesleyan Church</u>
<u>Denomination Identity</u>	LOGO WILL BE A CROSS WITH THREE INTERSECTING CIRCLES TO REPRESENT GOD IN THREE PERSONS - THE TRINITY. THEIR MISSION IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WHO WORSHIP PASSIONATELY, LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESS BOLDLY.	TRINITY ON THE HILL - TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN. (DESIGN NEW LOGO NOT USING THE FLAME OR UMC.)	
<u>Theology</u>	Rev. Walter Fenton, Elder, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, as its secretary. 540-898-4960, wfenton@wesleyabcovenant.org The Transitional Book of Discipline for GMC. THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH IS COMMITTED TO MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WHO WORSHIP PASSIONATELY, LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESS BOLDLY. IT IS GROUNDED IN SCRIPTURE AND THE LIFE-GIVING CONFESSIONS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH FOUND IN THE APOSTLES' AND NICENE CREEDS.	Theology Grounded in Scripture, Apostle's Creed, and Traditional Methodist Beliefs Should TOTH decides to disaffiliate and remain an independent church, our theology will remain the same - a church dedicated to "Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known." Our beliefs are based on the foundational documents of the Apostle and Nicene Creeds. We believe in the Wesleyan expression of Christianity and the Articles of Faith as contained in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church—2016. We believe in the unchanging eternal Word of God as written in the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, and as such our core beliefs are: We believe in One living true God. We believe the Godhead has three persons of one substance, power and eternity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and are in need of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We believe as Christians we are to share the good news of the saving	Tony Casey, Assistant General Secretary, Fishers, Indiana, 864/752-8926 (Cell) 317/774-7909 Office The Wesleyan Church BOD 2016 Conservative, Believe in the Authority of Scripture. Believe in the virgin birth, resurrection of Jesus. Affirm all that is written in the Apostles Creed.
<u>Trust Clause</u>	THE GMC DOES NOT HAVE A TRUST CLAUSE. ALL LOCAL CHURCHES WILL OWN THEIR PROPERTY AND ASSETS IN PERPETUITY. Page 97, article 901 and 902 BOD.	No Trust Clause – TOTH Retains Ownership of All Property and Assets	Yes, BOD, page 314, Article 4610

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<u>Organization Structure</u>	THE GMC WILL HAVE BISHOPS WHO WILL SERVE FOR DEFINED TERM LIMITS. THE GMC WILL HAVE A GENERAL CONFERENCE WHICH WILL MEET EVERY 2 YEARS WHILE THE CHURCH IS ORGANIZING AND EVERY 6 YEARS THEREAFTER. ANNUAL CONFERENCES WILL MEET EACH YEAR AND HAVE DISTRICTS WITH A PRESIDING ELDER.	No Bishops or Superintendents Church Determines Clergy Appointments and Tenure – Led by Church Council	(1) General Superintendent Elected every 4 years at General Conference (24) Dist Superintendents, 4 year tenure elected at the District conference which meets yearly. General District Board could recommend a extended call which would meet at the District Conference. Rare for the Superintendent to go back to full-time pastor; however, they do have bi-vocation appointments.(Pastor & District Superintendents)
<u>Female Clergy</u>	WOMEN, LIKE MEN, ARE CALLED TO SERVE IN THE GMC AT ALL LEVELS.	Yes, Trinity believes women, like men, are called to serve at all levels.	WOMEN, LIKE MEN, ARE CALLED TO SERVE IN THE WESLEYAN CHURCH AT ALL LEVELS.
<u>Postion on Homsexual or transgender participation as Clergy</u>	THE GMC WILL NOT ORDAIN OPENLY NON-CELIBATE HOMOSEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER BISHOPS AND CLERGY.	No we will not hire non-celibate homesexxual or transgender clergy.	Prohibited
<u>Clergy Performing Same Sex Marriage</u>	BISHOPS AND CLERGY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM SAME SEX MARRIAGE.	Marriage is defined as a Holy union between one man and one woman. Clergy will not be allowed to perform same sex marriage	Prohibited

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<u>Sanctity of Life</u> <u>Abortion Defined</u>	THE GMC BELIEVES THAT LIFE IS A HOLY GIFT OF GOD WHOSE BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS ARE SET BY GOD, AND THAT IT IS THE PARTICULAR DUTY OF BELIEVERS TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE POWERLESS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, INCLUDING THE UNBORN. WE BELIEVE HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION AND ABORTION ENDS A HUMAN LIFE.	Does Not Support Abortion, Affirms Sanctity of Life	Stand Against
<u>Support Services</u> <u>Compensation/Benefits</u>	WILL BE COMPARABLE TO CURRENT COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.	TOTH Responsible for Clergy Pension and Benefits	Church sets Pastor and staff salaries. Church administers healthcare benefits.
<u>Compensation/Benefits Staff</u>	THE GMC WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE PENSIONS ADMINISTERED BY WESPATH.	Administered same as we do now.	Wesleyan Pension Foundation administers the pension program for clergy. Church sets the Pastors salary +12% toward pension
<u>Missions</u>	In the process of developing.	Same mission partners as we have now.	International - Global Partners and World Hope plus each church has they own local mission partners. https://www.wesleyan.org/ministries
<u>Apportionments</u>	GMC WILL HAVE APPORTIONMENTS BUT WILL BE ABOUT HALF OF WHAT IS PAID BY A UMC CONGREGATION CURRENTLY. CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS ARE UP TO EACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUT ENCOURAGED TO BE LEAN.	No Apportionments	Yes, average approximately 10%

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<u>Appointment of Clergy</u>	<p>UNDER THE GMC, TENURE IS OPEN-ENDED. THE BISHOP'S CONSENT IS REQUIRED TO DECLARE A PULPIT OPEN. THE GMC WILL HAVE A COLLABORATIVE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM WHERE THE CHURCH LAY LEADERS WILL 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.</p>	<p>Church Determines Clergy Appointments and Tenure – Led by Church Council</p>	<p>Pastor, not promised an appointment. District Superintendent will share resumes with church. Church will interview candidate and Church votes on Pastor selection.</p>
<u>Materials and Literature</u>	<p>In the process of developing.</p>	<p>Will need to develop.</p>	<p>https://resources.wesleyan.org/</p>

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<u>Ordination</u>	IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ORDINATION AND THE SACRAMENTS, THERE MAY BE A RETURN TO THE PRE-1992 UNDERSTANDING THAT ELDERS ARE FIRST ORDAINED AS DEACONS. LOCAL PASTORS WILL FIRST BE ORDAINED AS DEACONS. WHEN THEY HAVE COMPLETED COURSE OF STUDY, THEY MAY PURSUE ELDER'S ORDERS. THERE WILL BE PERMANENT DEACONS AND DEACONS ON THEIR WAY TO BECOMING ELDERS. DEACONS HAVE SACRAMENTAL AUTHORITY.	Trinity will hire ordained Clergy	BOD page 264-267, Article 3067-3091 A licensed minister of The Wesleyan Church who has an abiding conviction of God's call to be a minister may be ordained by meeting the following requirements in order: Membership with the leadership qualifications in a local Wesleyan church within the district granting ordination.Satisfactory service for two years subsequent to completion of the pre-ordination study course, except for those who have been under appointment and supervision during the years spent completing said course of study. At least one year must have been in The Wesleyan Church within the district in which ordination is to take place except as hereinafter provided. Certificate from the Ministerial Study Course Agency showing completion of the pre-ordination course of study or of its equivalent. Election by the district conference to ordained