



# COUNCIL of BISHOPS



## All active and retired bishops in The United Methodist Church

### What is a bishop?

- Bishops are elders who oversee the mission and ministry of an episcopal area.
- They provide spiritual leadership to the global denomination and episcopal area to which they are assigned.
- Bishops are elected by members of their jurisdictional or central conference.



### What does a bishop do?

- Provides day-to-day leadership
- Presides over annual conference sessions
- Appoints district superintendents and appoints ministers to local charges
- Serves four-year terms in episcopal areas

### What does the council do?

- Provides guidance in executing of the church's mission
- Teaches, equips and advocates for justice and unity
- Assigns bishops to general agencies and other ministerial bodies
- Strives toward relationships with churches of Methodist traditions and others

