

Questions:	United Methodist Church	Global Methodist Church	Free Methodist Church	Association of Independent Methodists www.aim2020.com	Wesleyan	Congregational Methodist www.cm-church.org
How do you select a pastor?	Appointed by bishop after consultation	Appointed by bishop after extended consultation	Appointed after extended consultation	Call/candidate	Call/candidate process, approved by DS	Candidate
Ordain women?	Yes	Yes	Yes	unclear	Yes	unclear
Marriage?	Traditional	Traditional	Traditional	Traditional	Traditional	traditional
Divorce?	varies	varies	varies		discouraged	
LGBTQ affirming (marriage/ordination)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Infant baptism?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/emphasis on believer's baptism	yes
Baptism by sprinkling/pouring/immersion	Yes	Yes	Yes		yes	yes
Open communion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Bible inspired & infallible	yes		Yes	inerrant	Yes	infallible/inerrant
Original sin	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	yes
Salvation	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	yes
Entire sanctification	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	yes
Eschatology	No required view	no required view	No required view	no required view	No required view	premillennial/pretrib rapture
Abortion	"reluctant" to approve except in extreme cases	resist acceptance except in extreme cases	opposed		opposed, except in extreme cases	
worship styles	varies	varies	varies	varies	varies	
alcohol/drugs	abstain	Abstain	prohibit	abstain	Abstain	
teach tithing	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Contemporary political issues	more discussion	more discussion	more discussion		less discussion	
Church polity	connectional	connectional	Modified episcopal	congregational	connectional/congregational hybrid	congregational
Trust clause? Who owns property?	denomination/conference	congregational	denomination (normally)	congregation	congregational OR denomination, dependent upon district conference	congregation
Apportionments?	tithe =10%		6.50%	10% voluntary	by percentage (unknown)	tithe/voluntary
Part of Christian Holiness Partnership / Global Wesleyan Alliance			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total number of churches US/GLOBAL	30543/12,869	?	708 (+123 church plants)	36 (per website)	1557/4798	187 (in 1985)

Other

founded in 1965 over
disagreements of doctrine
and governance

founded in 1852 out of a
desire to blend Methodist
doctrine with
congregational polity.

Evangelical Methodist Church	Bible Methodist Connection of Churches	Southern Methodist Church www.thesmc.org
		Candidate / hire, either for a pre-selected tenure by church or open-ended. Must be voted on to be retained
	Call	
Yes	Unclear	No
Traditional	Traditional	Traditional
varies	varies	No divorced persons allowed
No	No	No
Yes	No	
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes	Yes
Premillennial	No required view	
opposed	opposed	
varies	conservative/traditional music style	
prohibit	prohibit	
Yes	yes	yes
less discussion	less discussion	
connectional/congregational	Loose connectional w congregational structure (pastor as CEO)	congregational
congregation or trust	congregation	congregation
unclear	unclear	
Yes	No	
83	84	

Discourage use of TV, no jewelry, no cutting of women's hair, plain style of dress

"A layman's organization for the preservation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was formed and culminated in a convocation in Columbia, South Carolina, on January 14, 1940..."