

Our Legislation

2020 General Conference



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

The United Methodist Church

Our Strategic Priorities

1. An intentional disciple-making process in every church;
2. Engagement with people currently outside the church;
3. Cultivating local (contextual) resources around the globe.



Our Legislative Priority

- Simplify the language to better serve a changing church



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- The 20 pieces of legislation assists the agency in the adaptive challenge of being “*brokers of knowledge and conveners of strategic conversations*”.
- Each piece of legislation are language updates to allow us greater flexibility.



Structural Redesign Drivers

- Simplify design.
- Live within the current realities of shrinking financial resources.
- Keep our focus on the main thing: Helping church leaders make disciples.



Division on Ministries with Young People (DMYP)

- One piece of legislation allows for greater flexibility to serve young people and renames it The Young People's Connectional Network.
- The current size of the DMYP (50+) would be reduced to 18 in the YPCN, the current size of the DMYP Executive Table.



Division on Ministries with Young People (DMYP)

- Global representation and diversity of representatives of the YPCN would be maintained through an updated selection process.



Division on Ministries with Young People (DMYP)

- Global Convocation (every 4 years) would continue, with a focus on leadership development, discipleship, and networking.
 - The legislation removes the requirement for a legislative body as a part of this event.
 - The legislation does not prohibit legislation from the Global Convocation, but it no longer requires it.



Final Thought

Discipleship Ministries is actively moving into a future that results in a more flexible organization attuned to the needs of a changing denomination.

