

Affiliation with the Global Methodist Church (GMC)

Potential pros	Potential Cons
Name change - out from under the negative press associated with UMC and the ongoing struggle - aside from opinions on the sexuality issue itself, the perception of how this has been handled is not good.	New name - still contains "Methodist" which may bear a stigma. Would need to familiarize our community with who we are.
Sunday services and sacraments would see no changes to current practices	
Provides a connectional system with an increasing local network	Number of local churches not yet known as many more churches are continuing to discern placement and new church plants being considered
Current proposed doctrines and disciplines most like the current UMC BOD compared to other options considered.	BOD is "transitional" pending potential changes, amendments, and ratification at first GMC General Conference schedule in 2024 - should significant unacceptable changes be made, church could feel the need to find a new affiliation
Lower overall apportionments. Budget set to work within established caps, rather than creating a budget and then determining apportionment percentages. Current: 1% for general and 1% for local - max 1.5% general and 5% local	Exact apportionment percentage for GMC subject to vote at 2024 GC
Leaner administration/bureaucracy (a prime reason apportionments can be lower)	
No trust clause - no other affiliation offers full ownership of property and the right to sell or make changes without conference oversight.	
District superintendents are simultaneously active pastors in churches, rather than set apart in a cabinet post.	
Bishops have term limits - no longer for life - and are elected at General Conference, not regionalized gatherings	
Accountability measures to be enforced for violation of BOD for members, churches, and all levels of clergy.	
Local church has more voice in the appointment process.	Clergy pool size hard to predict but expected to be able to fulfill demand as growth is ongoing.
Clergy vetted for consistent theology across the denomination. (Enforcement referenced above will be key to maintaining this)	