

# Congregational Excellence and Strategic Partnerships

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## Congregational Resources

### United Methodist Polity and Governance

- United Methodist Book of Discipline – the Mission of the Church:  
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/section-1-the-churches>

### Discovering Your Why (Understanding your purpose): Video Resource

- *Know Your Why* by Michael Jr.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZe5y2D60YU>

### Articles on Leadership, Mission and Vision

- Create Your Church's Vision and Mission Statement:  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/gifted-for-leadership/2015/march/create-your-churchs-vision-statement.html?start=1>
- The Power of Core Values:  
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/power-core-values/>
- Six Ways to Jumpstart Leadership Formation:  
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/6-ways-jumpstart-leadership/>
- Four Questions for Congregations:  
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/four-questions-for-congregations/>
- Unclutter Your Church, by Dottie E. Frank:  
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/unclutter-your-church/>
- Seven of John Wesley's Practices that Can Change the Church Today:  
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/seven-of-john-wesleys-practices-can-change-hearts-today/>
- Vision and Mission Statement:  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/gifted-for-leadership/2015/march/create-your-churchs-vision-statement.html?start=1>
- Leadership Training Resources, Lewis Center for Church Leadership:  
<https://www.churchleadership.com/>

### **Congregational Community Engagement and Social Justice Advocacy**

- Identifying Your Local Government Leaders, Grants and Opportunities:  
<https://www.usa.gov/>
- United Methodist General Board of Church and Society:  
<https://umc-gbcs.org/>
- Quality Data on Religion Statistics:  
The Association of Religion Data Archives - <http://www.thearda.com/> or  
The Pew Research Center - <http://www.pewresearch.org/>
- Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships:  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ofbnp>
- Wesley Theological Seminary, Institute for Community Engagement:  
<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/about-us/overview-2/>

### **Campus Ministries**

- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry:  
<http://www.gbhem.org/>

### **Renewing our Congregations and Clergy**

- UMC Discipleship Leadership Resources:  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources>

### **Vital Worship Grants**

- UMC Discipleship Grants and Scholarships:  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/about/grants-and-scholarships>

## **Growing Together**

### **2017 Reading Program from the United Methodist Women**

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/umw/pdfs/RPC\\_2017\\_M5283\\_Pr7\\_final+web.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/umw/pdfs/RPC_2017_M5283_Pr7_final+web.pdf)

### **Ministry Multiplication Assessment**

[http://www.dakotasumc.org/media/files/Church\\_planting/MULTIPLICATION\\_VALUES\\_ASSESSMENT-1.pdf](http://www.dakotasumc.org/media/files/Church_planting/MULTIPLICATION_VALUES_ASSESSMENT-1.pdf)

### **Peace with Justice Grants**

<http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/advocacy/peace-with-justice/>

Peace with Justice is a way United Methodists reflect the of *shalom* of the Bible. It calls the church to “strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations” throughout the world. The Peace with Justice program aims to make God’s *shalom* visible and active in people’s lives.

### **Heal the Sick**

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/heal-the-sick/>

The Heal the Sick program seeks to equip faith community members and leaders to support congregations’ development of health ministries and link such ministries with hospitals, community organizations, public health institutions, and health care providers.

The goal of the program is to prepare leaders to advance holistic health and well-being of individuals, communities, and congregations, especially those who are underserved. Key components of the program include promoting faith communities’ health ministries, providing educational opportunities, catalyzing network creation and supporting existing networks, and facilitating collaboration with community partners.

### **Youth Resources**

Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) – Pam Bowen, Staff Coordinator

<http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/young-peoples-ministries/youth-ministries/conference-council-on-youth-ministries-ccym/>

### **Young Adult Resources**

Young Adult Council – Cheryl Cook, Staff Coordinator

<http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/young-peoples-ministries/young-adult-council/>

### **Volunteers in Mission**

VIM Training – Pam Bowen, Staff Coordinator

<http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/volunteers-in-mission/>

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