



United Methodist Bishops Quiz

1. Who was the first Methodist bishop?

- ☐ Thomas Coke
- ☐ Francis Asbury
- ☐ Charles Wesley

2. Who was the first female African American bishop?

- ☐ Alma Matthews
- ☐ Barbara Harris
- ☐ Leontine Kelly

3. He shares a name with a famous musician. Who was the first African American bishop to lead the Council of Bishops?

- ☐ Bishop Dean Martin
- ☐ Bishop Prince Taylor
- ☐ Bishop Taylor Swift

4. Who was the first female bishop elected in a conference outside the U.S.?

- ☐ Rosemarie Wenner
- ☐ Elizabeth Windsor
- ☐ Joaquina Filipe Nhanala

5. Which Methodist bishop served as chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives?

- ☐ Henry Bidleman Bascom
- ☐ Robert Paine
- ☐ John Saybert

6. Which Methodist bishop was a well-known abolitionist and friend of Frederick Douglass?

- ☐ John Christian Keener
- ☐ Thomas Bowman
- ☐ Gilbert Haven

7. This bishop serves the Germany Central Conference and previously worked in the food technology industry.

- ☐ Angela Merkel
- ☐ Harald Rückert
- ☐ Boris Becker

8. Who is a founder and first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

- ☐ John Stewart
- ☐ Richard Allen
- ☐ James Varick

9. Who was the first Hispanic American to be elected bishop?

- ☐ Elias Galvan
- ☐ Minerva Carcaño
- ☐ Joel Martinez

10. True or false, John Wesley, a founder of Methodism, never joined the episcopacy.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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Answers: United Methodist Bishops Quiz

1. Who was the first Methodist bishop?

The correct answer is Thomas Coke. John Wesley sent Coke to America in 1784 as a general superintendent, a position considered on par with a bishop. Coke later chose to use the term bishop despite Wesley's objections.

2. Who was the first female African American bishop?

The correct answer is Leontine Kelly. Kelly was the first African American female to be elected bishop when she was voted in by the Western Jurisdiction in 1984.

3. He shares a name with a famous musician. Who was the first African American bishop to lead the Council of Bishops?

The correct answer is Prince Taylor. Taylor served as president of the Council of Bishops 1965-1966.

4. Who was the first female bishop elected in a conference outside the U.S.?

The correct answer is Rosemarie Wenner. She was elected bishop of the Germany Central Conference in 2005.

5. Which Methodist bishop served as chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives?

The correct answer is Henry Bidleman Bascom. Bascom was circuit rider and later elected bishop before being chosen as chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives.

6. Which Methodist bishop was a well-known abolitionist and friend of Frederick Douglass?

The correct answer is Bishop Gilbert Haven, who worked with Ulysses S. Grant, William Lloyd Garrison, and Frederick Douglass to end slavery.

7. This bishop serves the Germany Central Conference and previously worked in the food technology industry.

The correct answer is Bishop Harald Rückert, who was elected in 2017.

8. Who is a founder and first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

The correct answer is Richard Allen. After buying his own freedom from slavery, Richard Allen became a founder and bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

9. Who was the first Hispanic American to be elected bishop?

The correct answer is Elias Galvan. Galvan followed family ties into Methodist ministry and became the first Hispanic American elected bishop and first Hispanic president of the Council of Bishops.

10. True or false, John Wesley, a founder of Methodism, never joined the episcopacy.

The answer is true. Though John Wesley founded the denomination, he never became a bishop. The British Methodist Church does not have bishops. When Wesley named Thomas Coke the first U.S. general superintendent of the church, he assigned Coke the responsibility of ordaining bishops in the United States.