



Baltimore-Washington Conference

The United Methodist Church

Discipleship Council

Agency Chair

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Purpose of Agency:

The Discipleship Council:

1. functions, as necessary, on behalf of the Annual Conference in between sessions;
 2. ensures that Conference resources align to our vision, mission, and critical issues;
 3. discerns, develops, reviews, and evaluates the strategic direction of the Conference toward its vision and goals; and
 4. coordinates and consults with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration regarding the annual budget.
- (as stated in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference Rules)

Current Goals

1. Support a successful beta test of the Church Mission and Vitality Reflection process so local faith communities can assess and plan to improve their vitality and mission of forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
2. Make any necessary recommendations on the strategic direction of the Conference in alignment with its vision and goals.
3. Continue to monitor and support the NEJ Call To Action Racial Justice goals.
Serving on the board involves reading needed materials ahead of time, discerning needed modifications or new approaches to strategies, ministries, or initiatives to further the vision and mission of the Annual Conference, and providing feedback as requested in meetings. Some members may be asked to serve on the Ministry Relationship Oversight Committee to consider potential ministry partnerships. The chair and vice chair also serve on the Connectional Table.

Meeting Dates

We meet at least quarterly. With the first meeting being in person in the Fall, and subsequent meetings via Zoom in February, April, and May.

- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 in-person 6:30 dinner, 7-8:30 meeting
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 6:00-7:30 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026, from 6:00-7:30 pm (Zoom)
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 from 6:00-7:30 pm (Zoom)

Communication

We use Basecamp to communicate. Members create their own preferences on whether the system emails them updates real time or weekly.

Gifts, Graces, Capabilities, Skills or Interests

A wide variety of gifts, skills, and interests are needed on the Discipleship Council. We need mature, committed disciples who can think strategically about how annual conference ministries and initiatives impact local church ministry.