



Baltimore-Washington Conference

The United Methodist Church

Ethnic Local Church Opportunities and Concerns Convener

Purpose of Agency

The *Ethnic Local Church Opportunities and Concerns Convener* serve to strengthen and support ethnic local churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Rooted in our call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, this ministry provides resources, connection, and collaboration in leadership development, worship, stewardship, small groups, and spiritual formation. Helping congregations build disciple-making systems that reach both the church and the wider community.

Current Goals

- Foster connection and collaboration among racial-ethnic ministries across the Conference.
- Provide resources and information on grants, training, and learning opportunities for local church leaders.
- Support ministries through partnership with the Cross-Racial Cross-Cultural (CRCC).
- Host an annual gathering for education, fellowship, prayer, and advocacy.
- Encourage cross-cultural engagement and participation in Conference-wide initiatives such as *A Diverse Church by Design*, *CCORR*, *BMCR*, *The Plan*, *CONAM*, and the *Korean Caucus*.

Typical meeting dates: place (Zoom or in-person), time, and number of meetings per year.

- **Format:** Zoom or in-person, as determined by the Convener.
- **Frequency:** Typically, 2–3 meetings per year, including one annual gathering.
- **Time:** Scheduled based on member availability.

What does serving on the board involve? What responsibilities and activities will members carry out?

Board members will:

- Participate in meetings and discussions that advance the work of racial-ethnic ministries.
- Assist in planning and facilitating the annual gathering.
- Share information, resources, and opportunities within their ministry networks.
- Pray for and engage in ministry that strengthens the presence and witness of ethnic local churches throughout the Conference.



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How will you communicate with members? Basecamp or e-mail / Arena?

Primary communication will take place via **Basecamp** and **email** for coordination, updates, and sharing of resources.

Anything else potential agency members need to know?

The work of this agency is relational and connectional. Members collaborate with diverse leaders, clergy, and laity to strengthen ministry across cultural and racial lines, embodying the values of the Beloved Community.

Ideal gifts and graces, capabilities, skills, or interests potential applicants should possess?

- Commitment to the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church.
- Understanding and appreciation of cultural and racial diversity within the Church.
- Collaborative and relational leadership skills.
- Experience in local church ministry, community engagement, or connectional ministry.
- A spirit of humility, prayer, and openness to God's guidance in cross-cultural ministry