

Structure of The United Methodist Church

PRESENTED BY
EDDIE ERWIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Our MISSION is shared,

our structure helps us

do it together

Local Church

A CONGREGATION IN A COMMUNITY

**LED BY PASTOR(S), LAY LEADER,
CHURCH COUNCIL**

**RESPONSIBLE FOR WORSHIP,
DISCIPLESHIP, MISSION, AND
STEWARDSHIP**

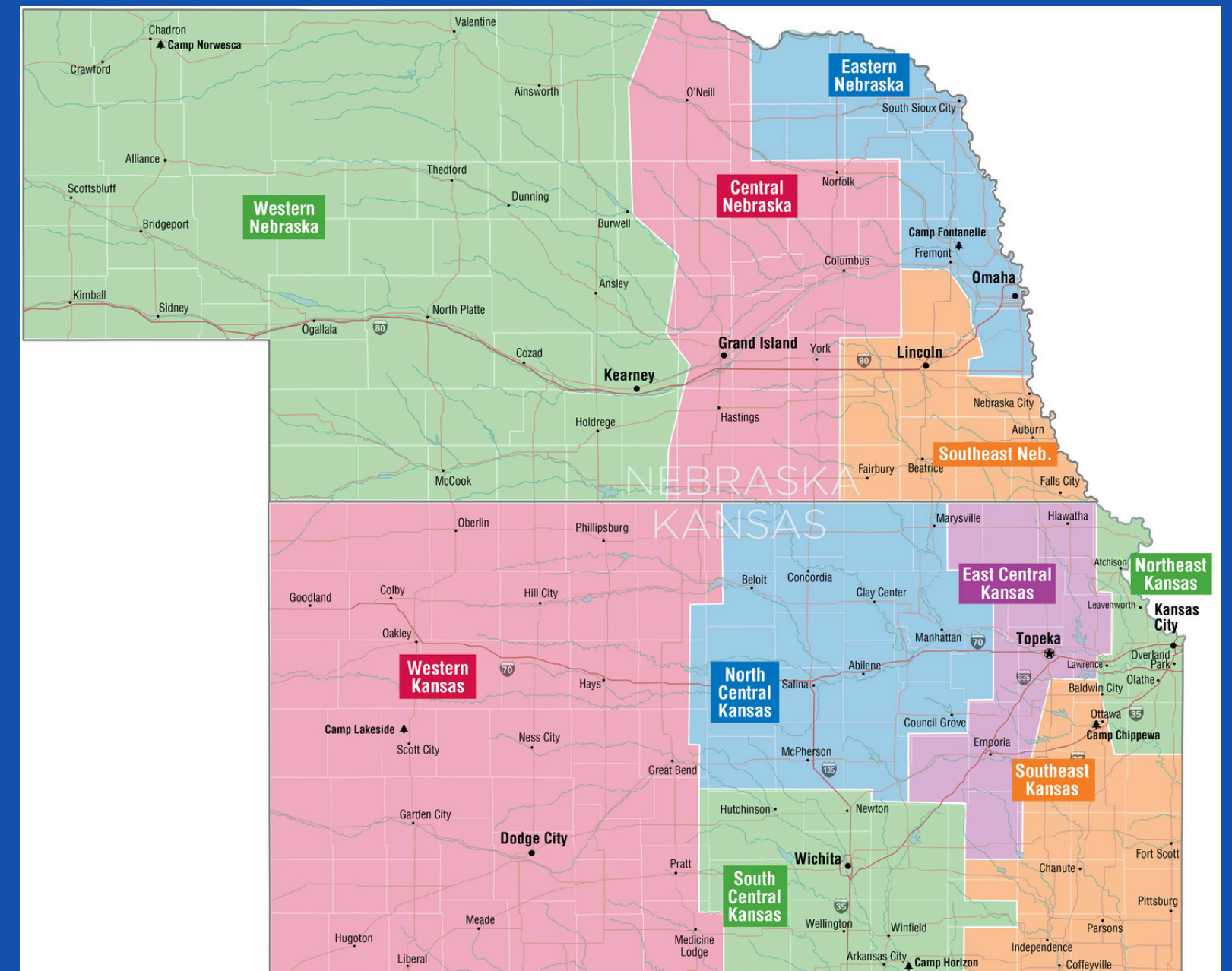


Districts

**A GROUP OF CHURCHES IN A
GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**LED BY A SUPERINTENDENT,
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM,
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

**RESPONSIBLE FOR COACHING
PASTORS & CHURCHES, CHARGE
CONFERENCES, AND LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**



Annual Conference

**A REGIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF
CLERGY & LAY MEMBERS**

**LED BY A BISHOP, CONFERENCE
STAFF & BOARDS**

**RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDINATION AND
CLERGY MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENT,
SETTING MISSION PRIORITIES, AND
INSTITUTIONS**



Jurisdiction/Central Conference

A GROUPING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

LED BY A JURISDICTIONAL/CENTRAL CONFERENCE OR MISSION COUNCIL BISHOP, CONFERENCE STAFF & BOARDS

RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTING BISHOPS, COORDINATING REGIONAL MINISTRIES, CONNECTING CONFERENCES



South Central

**LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE, SOUTHERN
METHODIST UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL
OF THEOLOGY**

**LED BY THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS &
MISSION COUNCIL**

**THE NEXT JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
WILL BE JULY 12-15, 2028, HOSTED BY
THE GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE.**



The General Church

**ONLY BODY THAT CAN SPEAK FOR
THE WHOLE DENOMINATION; SETS
DENOMINATIONAL POLICY**

**LED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE –
BOOK OF DISCIPLINE**

**HOW WE ORDER OUR LIFE TOGETHER
THROUGH DOCTRINE, POLITY, AND
PROCESSES**



General Boards & Agencies

13 AGENCIES PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT EQUIP LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND PROVIDE A CONNECTION

**DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES - YOUTH
2027 IN HORIZON TEXAS
CONFERENCES**

**GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES
& HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY**



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**GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION, FOR 50 YEARS
HAS BEEN INSPIRING, INFORMING, &
CONNECTING US IN MISSION**

**TRAINING, RESOURCES, INTERNATIONAL &
DOMESTIC PROJECTS**

**INSURANCE - MEDICAL, EVACUATION,
TRAVEL DISRUPTION, AND REPATRIATION**



South Central

Calendar

**SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION EVENT, CONFERENCE EVENT,
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EVENT, OR
UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION EVENT**

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