

What makes you proud to #BeUMC?

#BeUMC honors the core values that connect the people of The United Methodist Church (The UMC). No matter the challenges we face, God is with us, and we continue to have opportunities to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

This grassroots campaign, built upon powerful stories of congregations and people living their faith, celebrates what draws us to The UMC and what we aspire to be. Learn more at [UMC.org/BeUMC](https://www.UMC.org/BeUMC).

FIND INSPIRATION

“There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, CEB

Each of us lives out our faith in unique ways. The full story of The UMC reflects all of our interwoven experiences.

Begin composing your story by considering our common roots. The below statements declare what unites us as United Methodists and what we are working towards, together. These elements will help you answer the question, “Why am I United Methodist?” Find inspiration here, but always tell *your* story, *your* way!

FOUNDATION: LIVING THE GOSPEL

The UMC is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.

DISCIPLE MAKING

First and foremost, we are dedicated to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in the tradition of John Wesley.

We are disciple-making, faithful, deeply rooted, grounded in Scripture, Christ-centered people of God.

BELONGING & INCLUSION

All belong and will be loved in The UMC. All will be heard, respected and engaged. All will be free to develop their personal relationship with God and to serve fully in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

We are diverse, justice-seeking, resilient, welcoming people of God.

INFLUENCE, CONNECTION & IMPACT

With more than 12 million members across the globe, we are a powerful connection, living and sharing the grace of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are committed to work for global health, education, creation care, child welfare, disaster recovery and countless other efforts.

We are missional, connected, world-changing, generous people of God.

EXPERIENCE OF GOD THROUGH THE UMC

We embrace a Church where we experience our triune God in personal and community relationships, transforming our own lives, the lives around us, and the entire world.

We are committed, Jesus-seeking, Spirit-filled, grace-filled, praying people of God.



Share your story on social media

The hope is that as many United Methodists as possible will share their personal experiences, values, hopes and heritage — illustrations of why they continue to **#BeUMC**.

Your story is important. Tell it by creating a post on your preferred social media platform and including the **#BeUMC** hashtag. Consider sharing:

- A video of your mission team serving your community
- Photos of your church's hospitality to your neighbors
- A written testimony of how God is transforming you

View recent posts at [UMC.org/BeUMC](https://www.UMC.org/BeUMC).



Are you a church leader?

Encourage participation in the **#BeUMC** campaign in your conference and local church with the help of the Leader Toolkit! Get started at [ResourceUMC.org/BeUMC](https://www.ResourceUMC.org/BeUMC).