



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES
The United Methodist Church

Our Central Conference Work

- Building and expanding capacity to fulfill our collective mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- Identifying discipleship needs and challenges from each region and bringing together diverse voices and expertise from the grassroots in addressing these needs and challenges.
- Supporting key projects and initiatives in the areas of disciple-making, engaging communities, producing contextual resources, developing leaders, and addressing other discipleship needs and challenges by recruiting regional contractors who will drive the planning and implementation of these projects and initiatives in consultation and partnership with key leaders in each central conference.
- Imparting operational systems, practices, and processes with key leaders.
- Lifting up voices and best practices from the central conferences as an affirmation of our worldwide connection as The United Methodist Church.

Resources

Belong Series (available in English; soon to be available in Portuguese, French, & Swahili)

- The Meaning of Holy Communion in The United Methodist Church
- The Meaning of Baptism in The United Methodist Church
- Our Membership Vows

New Member/New Disciple Orientation

This resource is aimed to help churches move beyond mere new member classes to be intentional about growing new disciples. This customizable resource can aid church leaders in offering orientation that will touch on major United Methodist theology, church history, and spiritual formation practices.

YOU BELONG!



What is BELONG?

The **BELONG** series invites your church to awaken the beauty, power, and promise of **Baptism, Holy Communion, and Membership Vows**—not as dusty rituals, but as living, breathing means of grace that call us deeper into community with God and one another.

Whether you're Prioritizing intentional discipleship, welcoming new members, guiding the newly confirmed, teaching on the sacraments or leading a small group hungry for more, **BELONG** offers flexible, theologically rich, and beautifully designed tools that meet your church where it is.

What's Inside:

- **Foundations Guides** – Deep theological grounding for pastors, facilitators, and leaders
- **Explore Booklets** – Engaging, accessible content for groups and classes
- **Workbooks** – A place for reflection, journaling, and personal growth
- **Lesson Plans & Videos** – Easy-to-use tools for every setting
- **Unique Perspectives** – Voices from across the worldwide Church

Why It Works

BELONG lifts up the communal nature of grace. It's simple enough for seekers, rich enough for seasoned leaders, and spacious enough for those in between.

BELONG isn't just a curriculum. It's a guide for discipleship, a companion for life in the Spirit—grounded in the sacraments, shaped in community, and full of hope. Because grace is something we experience together. And it was never meant to be a solo journey. These aren't merely rites. They are means of deepening relationships. And they still have the power to shape us.

Explore the series at: UMCdiscipleship.org/YouBelong





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