

## WHY CONSIDER THE CMC?

The Congregational Methodist Church desires each local congregation to be a healthy, relevant beacon of light in their communities. We assist in this through encouragement and support with denominational leadership and a connectional spirit among like-minded churches; all the while respecting each church's autonomy by not placing any direct authority on its church or minister. Our collective goal is the building of the Kingdom of God - and each local congregation knows how to best accomplish this for their own fellowship and the community in which they serve!

### Here is a summary of what makes up the Congregational Methodist denomination:

- ✓ ESTABLISHED IN 1852
- ✓ FULLY WESLEYAN THEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE
- ✓ SCRIPTURALLY FAITHFUL
- ✓ EACH CHURCH OWNS THEIR PROPERTY (NO TRUST CLAUSE)
- ✓ EACH CHURCH CALLS THEIR OWN PASTOR (WITH ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED)
- ✓ CONSERVATIVE & EVANGELICAL
- ✓ WIDE RANGE OF CHURCH SIZES - FROM 15 IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE TO MORE THAN 8,000
- ✓ WORSHIP STYLES FROM TRADITIONAL TO CONTEMPORARY (OR BLENDED)
- ✓ LOCATIONS FROM TEXAS TO FLORIDA & NORTH TO MA, NJ, VA, SC, KY, IN, OH, WI, AND IA
- ✓ AROUND 200 CHURCHES STRONG (PLUS 20 IN MEXICO)
- ✓ FINANCIALLY SECURE AND ACCOUNTABLE
- ✓ HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO ALL CHURCH MINISTERS/EMPLOYEES
- ✓ NO HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE (ELECTED POSITIONS)
- ✓ PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIVISION DIRECTORS SUPPORT COLLECTIVE CHURCH EFFORTS
  - ✓ DENOMINATION SUPPORT STAFF AT HEADQUARTERS LOCATION
  - ✓ REGIONAL YOUTH (AND SOME ADULT) CAMPS
  - ✓ IN-HOUSE SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE (AS DESIRED BY CHURCH)
  - ✓ FINANCIAL SUPPORT (TITHE) IS DETERMINED BY EACH CHURCH
- ✓ STRONG MISSIONS DIVISION WITH MISSIONARIES IN MANY COUNTRIES
  - ✓ MULTIPLE NON-PROFIT SUPPORT BY THE CMC
- ✓ BOOK OF DISCIPLINE (CENTERED AROUND DOCTRINE AND SCRIPTURAL FAITHFULNESS)
  - ✓ STRONG WOMEN'S GROUPS INCLUDING DENOMINATION-WIDE STRUCTURE
- ✓ LOCAL MEN'S GROUPS AND DISASTER RESPONSE/CHURCH CONSTRUCTION TEAMS
- ✓ REGIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND GENERAL CONFERENCE STRUCTURE
- ✓ CHURCH DELEGATES TO CONFERENCES ASSIGNED BY LOCAL CHURCH