

Annual Conference 2025

“Come, Follow Me”



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NORTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 12-14, 2025 | ATHENS



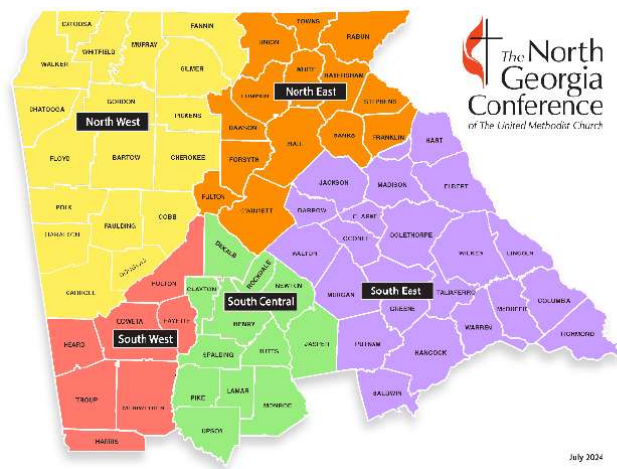


Constitutional Amendments

- **Regionalization** → currently 8 central conferences + US would become 9 regional conferences. Same structure and authority for existing central conferences, but the US would now also have this authority with regard to standard practices, regulations, hymnals, Book of Worship. All keep the same general Book of Discipline, same social principles, no changes to the first 5 sections of the BoD. All regional conferences still attend General Conference for global issues and direction.
- **Inclusiveness** → add gender and ability as characteristics that would not exclude membership in the UMC (“protections” of membership, no exclusions).
- **Racial Justice** → already in place. Stronger language to “commit” to confronting and eliminating racism, racial inequality, colonialism, white privilege, and white supremacy.
- **Clergy Voting** → clarifying educational requirements for licensed local pastors for election to General or Jurisdictional conferences.



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North Georgia Total of Miles = 21,993

- ***Northeast District** = 3,674 SQ miles
- ***Northwest District** = 6,292 SQ miles
- ***Southeast District** = 5,863 SQ miles
- ***Southwest District** = 3,163 SQ miles
- ***South Central District** = 3,001 SQ miles



South Georgia Total of Miles = 32,101

- ***Northeast District** = 4,527 SQ miles
- ***Northwest District** = 5,276 SQ miles
- ***Coastal District** = 5,145 SQ miles
- ***Southwest District** = 5,631 SQ miles
- ***South Central District** = 5,510 SQ miles
- ***North Central District** = 6,012 SQ miles

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	North Georgia UMC	South Georgia UMC
Churches – Average Worship Attendance (AWA)	411 (391 reported AWA)	157 (146 reported AWA)
AWA 500+	15	0
AWA 200-499	30	5
AWA 100-199	52	11
AWA 50-99	90	15
AWA 25-49	104	23
AWA 0-24	100	92
Clergy	1098	399
Full Time Appointments	378	50
Part Time Appointment	209	74
Retired Clergy	576	232
Laity	210,351	18,856

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	North Georgia UMC	South Georgia UMC
2026 Apportionments Budget	\$10,493,931 (5% under 2025)	\$2,148,650 (40% under 2025)
2026 All Funds Spending Budget	\$12,990,181	\$3,188,300
2024 Net Assets (preliminary, unaudited)	\$147.9M	\$57.9M
Unrestricted	\$3.7M	\$6.7M
Designated - Benefits	\$57.3M	\$29.1M
Other Unrestricted Designated	\$7.4M	\$3.4M
Designated Board of Trustees/District Funds	\$24.2M	\$7.6M
Board Designated Endowment Funds	\$51.9M	\$3.5M
Restricted	\$3.4M	\$7.6M
Apportionment Metrics		
Percentage of apportionments collected 2024	92.8%	81.77%
Contributions to total allocated	Top 25 churches contribute 42%	Top 10 churches contribute 48%
Average percentage of total local church expenses to apportionments	7.1%	15.1%

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Fall **2024**
Season of
Discernment

- Establish Georgia Episcopal Area
- Appoint Bishop Dease over both North and South Georgia Conferences
- Launch One Georgia Task Force

**2025 Season of
Collaboration**

- Present working group reports
- Both conferences vote to continue evaluation
- Continue unification study at working retreat and beyond

**2026 Season of
Alignment**

- Submit final reports
- Both conferences vote on recommendation
- IF approved, call special Southeast Jurisdictional conference to establish Georgia Annual Conference
- IF approved, call special Annual Conference to approve budget, leadership

**2027 New
Season**

- Finalize new legal corporation
- Operate under new conference structure
- Align conference appointments
- Hold first Georgia Annual Conference