

Your Church is Connected:

It's Who We Are



Your United Methodist Church is *connected* to every other UM Church.



Your Church is where
discipleship formation occurs.

(Book of Discipline ¶201)



Your UMC is part of
an *Annual Conference*.



Annual Conference is the *basic body* of the United Methodist Church.

(Book of Discipline ¶11, ¶33 Article II)



District Superintendents oversee and bridge the Annual Conference and the local church.

(Book of Discipline ¶419)



Your church (charge)
sends at least your
pastor and your
lay delegate to
Annual Conference.



Your church (charge)
sends *apportionments*
(a portion of your
church's giving) to your
Annual Conference.



Your Annual Conference (via the bishop, cabinet, and Board of Ordained Ministry) approves and sends *appointed pastors*.



Annual Conferences
send some
apportionment dollars
for mission, often in
support of local churches.

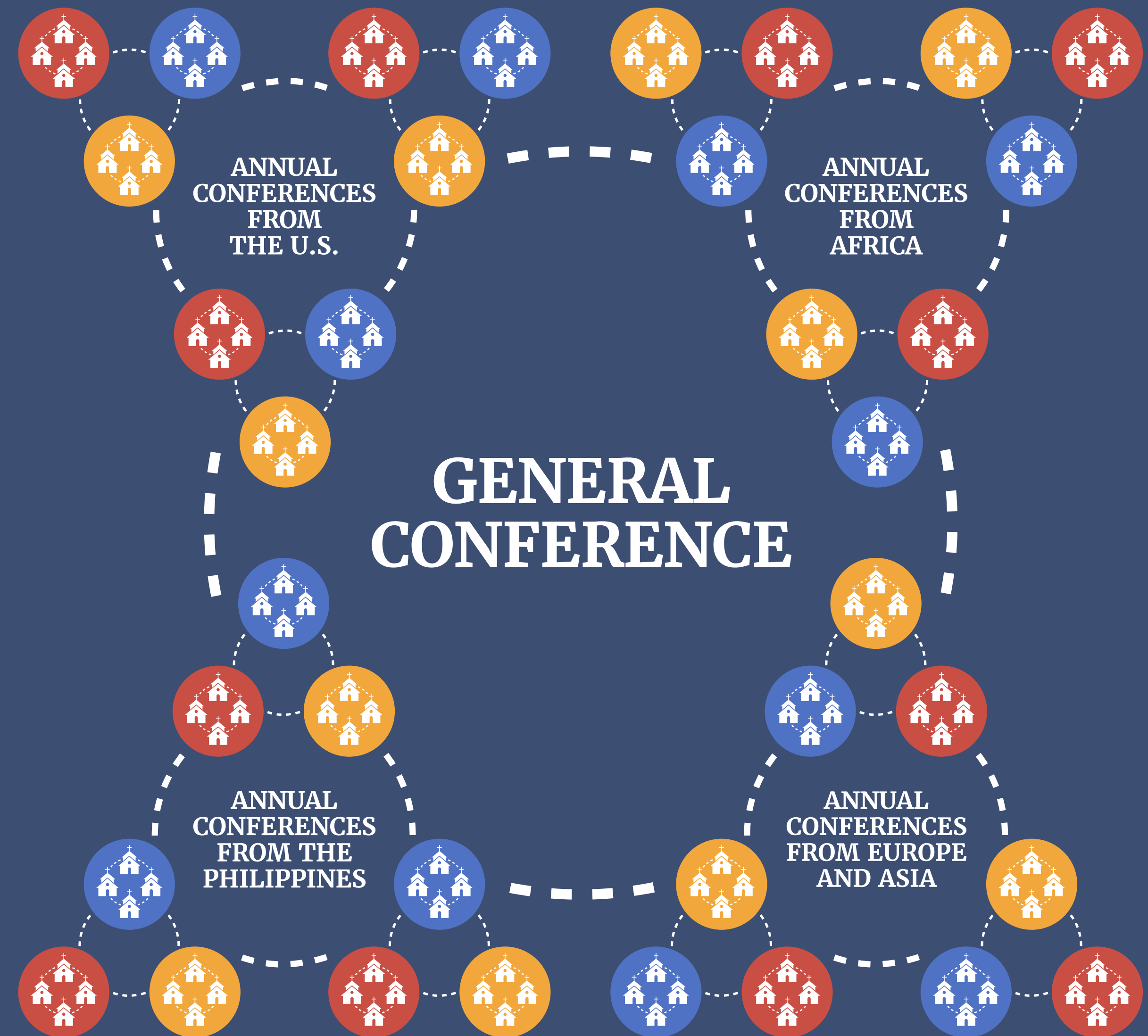


Your Annual Conference is part of a regional body—a *jurisdiction* (US) or *Central Conference* (outside US).

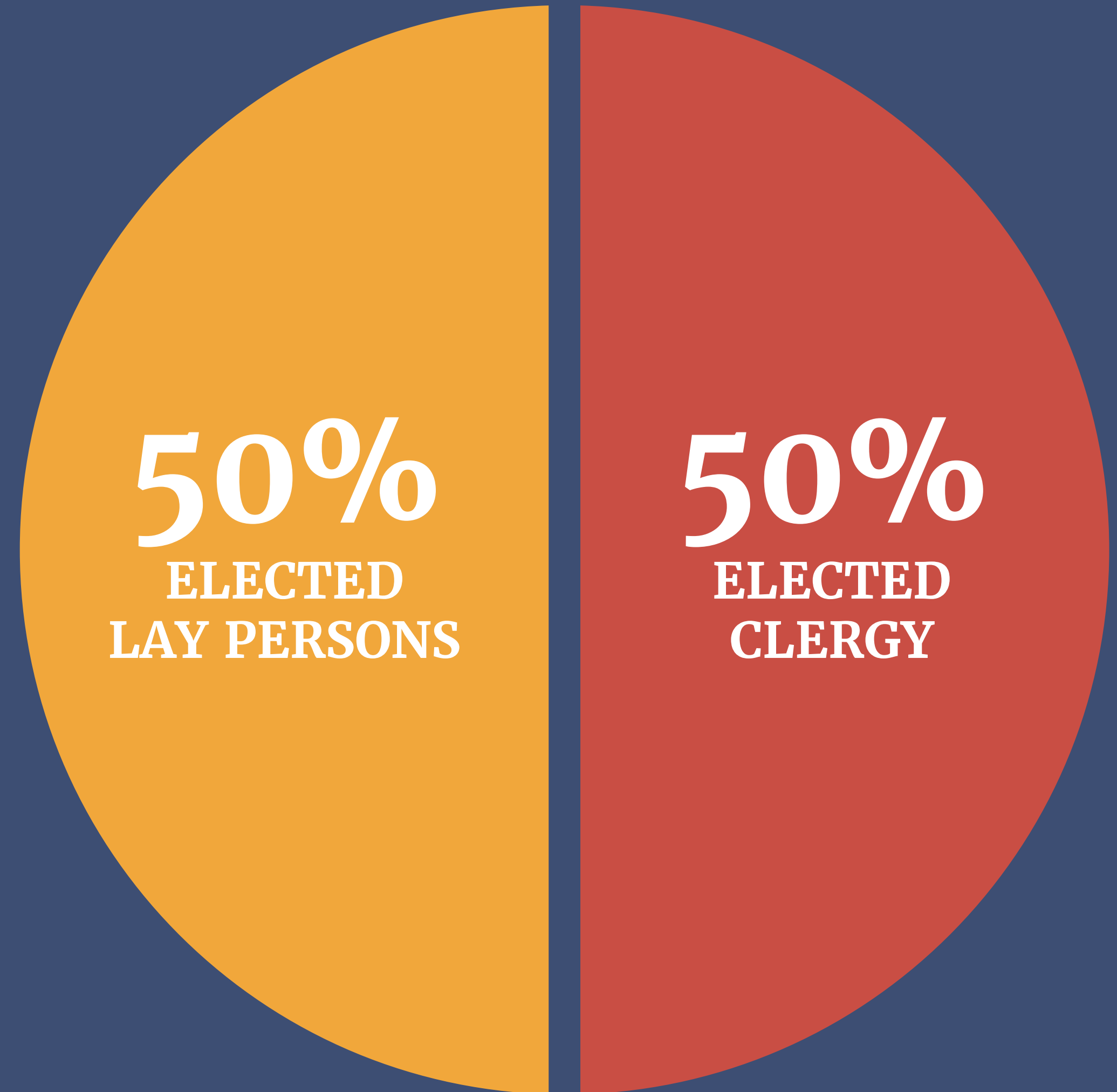
(Book of Discipline ¶40 Article IV)



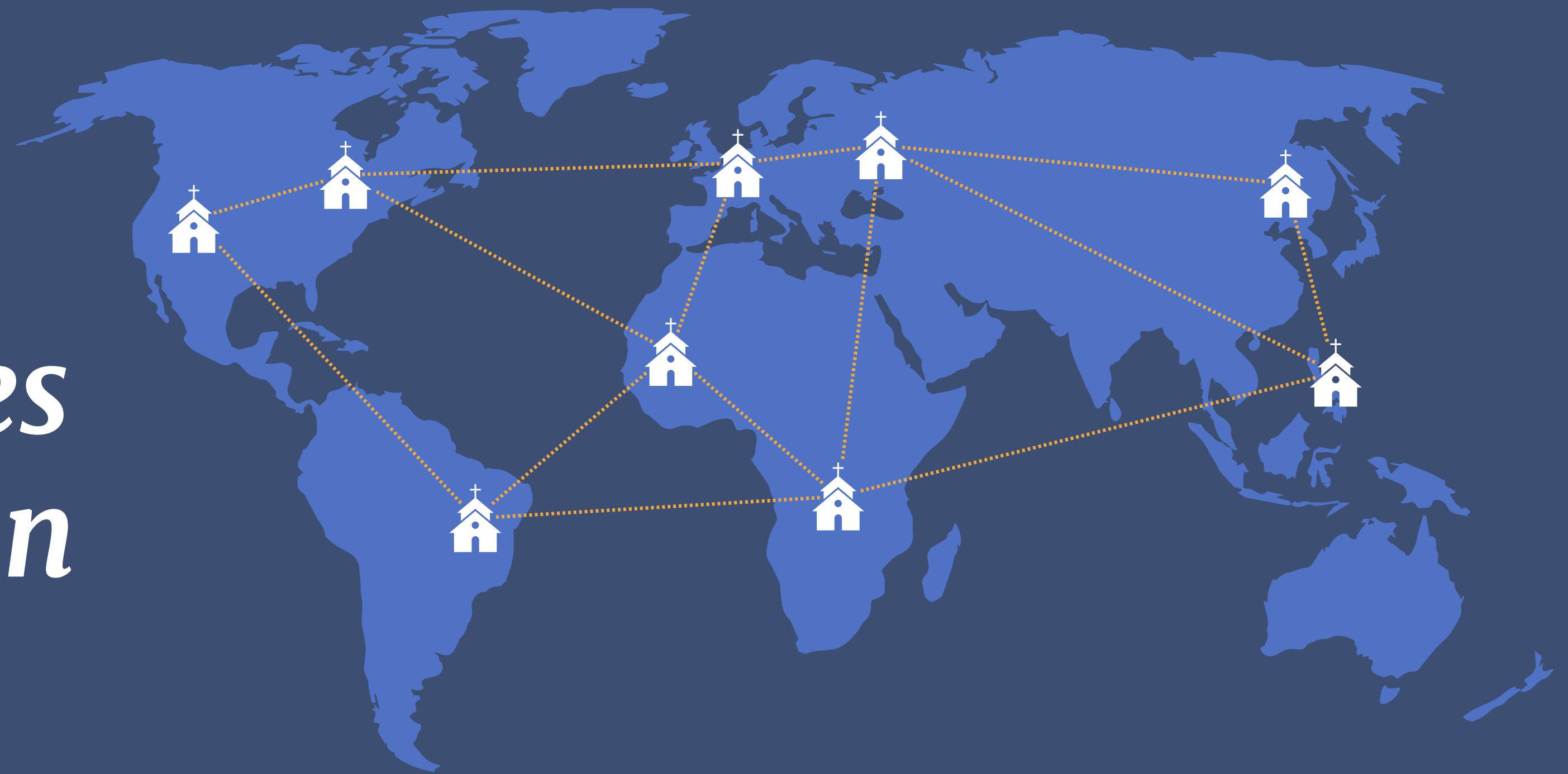
Your Annual
Conference is part
of *General Conference*.



Like your Annual Conference, General Conference has *an equal number of lay persons and clergy*. These delegate are elected from members within each Annual Conference.



Apportionment
funds are sent to
strengthen ministries
across the connection
of the UMC.



Sharing in ministry with
one another, being in
ministry together to the
world; this is what we *do*!
This is who we *are*!

