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, ¶133 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!