

Members

African Methodist Episcopal
Third Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Mid Atlantic One Area

Alliance of Baptists
Ohio Community

Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ)

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Second District

Christian Science
Committee on Publication for Ohio

Church of the Brethren
Northern Ohio District
Southern Ohio District

Community Churches
Ohio Fellowship

Episcopal Church in the USA
Diocese of Ohio
Diocese of Southern Ohio

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northeastern Ohio Synod
Northwestern Ohio Synod
Southern Ohio Synod

Greek Orthodox Church
Detroit Metropolis
Pittsburgh Metropolis

Moravian Church in America

Ohio Baptist General Convention

Presbyterian Church (USA)
Synod of the Covenant

Religious Society of Friends
Wilmington Yearly Meeting

Roman Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Diocese of Columbus
Diocese of Steubenville
Diocese of Toledo
Diocese of Youngstown

United Church of Christ
Ohio Conference

United Methodist Church
East Ohio Conference
West Ohio Conference

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The Rev. Dr. William F. Schnell, President
Ohio Fellowship of Community Churches

The Rev. Dr. Bill Edwards, Vice-President
Christian Church in Ohio, (Disciples of Christ)

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Church of the Brethren, Southern Ohio District

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Our Mission:

The mission of the Ohio Council of Churches is to make visible the unity of Christ's church, provide a Christian voice on public issues, and engage in worship, education and service.

“...so that they may be one, as we are one...” John 17:22b

Learning from our Diversity

Orthodox, Protestant, historic African American, and Peace churches come together learning about church agreements and their impact, about one another's polity and traditions, and dialogue with each other. The ecumenical table expands with two Observers, six Related Organizations and two Affiliated Bodies. Christian unity and common mission give direction as we “try to understand others as we hope to be understood.”



Formed in 1919, the Ohio Council of Churches is a Christian community of 18 denominations. We represent the largest and most diverse group of Christians in Ohio, with over 6,000 congregations and 3 million members.

Witnessing to our Faith



The Ohio Council of Churches has voice and presence at the Ohio General Assembly through the office of Public Policy. A network of individuals and organizations committed to social justice and public policy issues connects concerned Ohioans. A monthly *Legislative Brief* informs constituents of current legislation and concerns.

Become involved:

- Pray for us
- Make a financial gift
- Remember the Council in your will
- Volunteer to serve on a Commission
- Participate in Pentecost/Advent mailings.

Celebrating our Oneness

► We sponsor an annual educational event, the *Ohio Ministries Convocation*.



- We create *Policy Statements* which guide our ministries and work.
- We develop and sponsor *events* with others.
- *Two Commissions* work on behalf of the Council—Faith & Order, and Justice & Advocacy.
 - We partner with others to abolish the death penalty, in disaster response through Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, on immigration concerns, on environmental stewardship through Ohio Interfaith Power and Light, and in peace efforts through the establishment of a Peace Chair and Program at the Mershon Center, OSU.

