

# The Methodist Collegiate Church An Overview

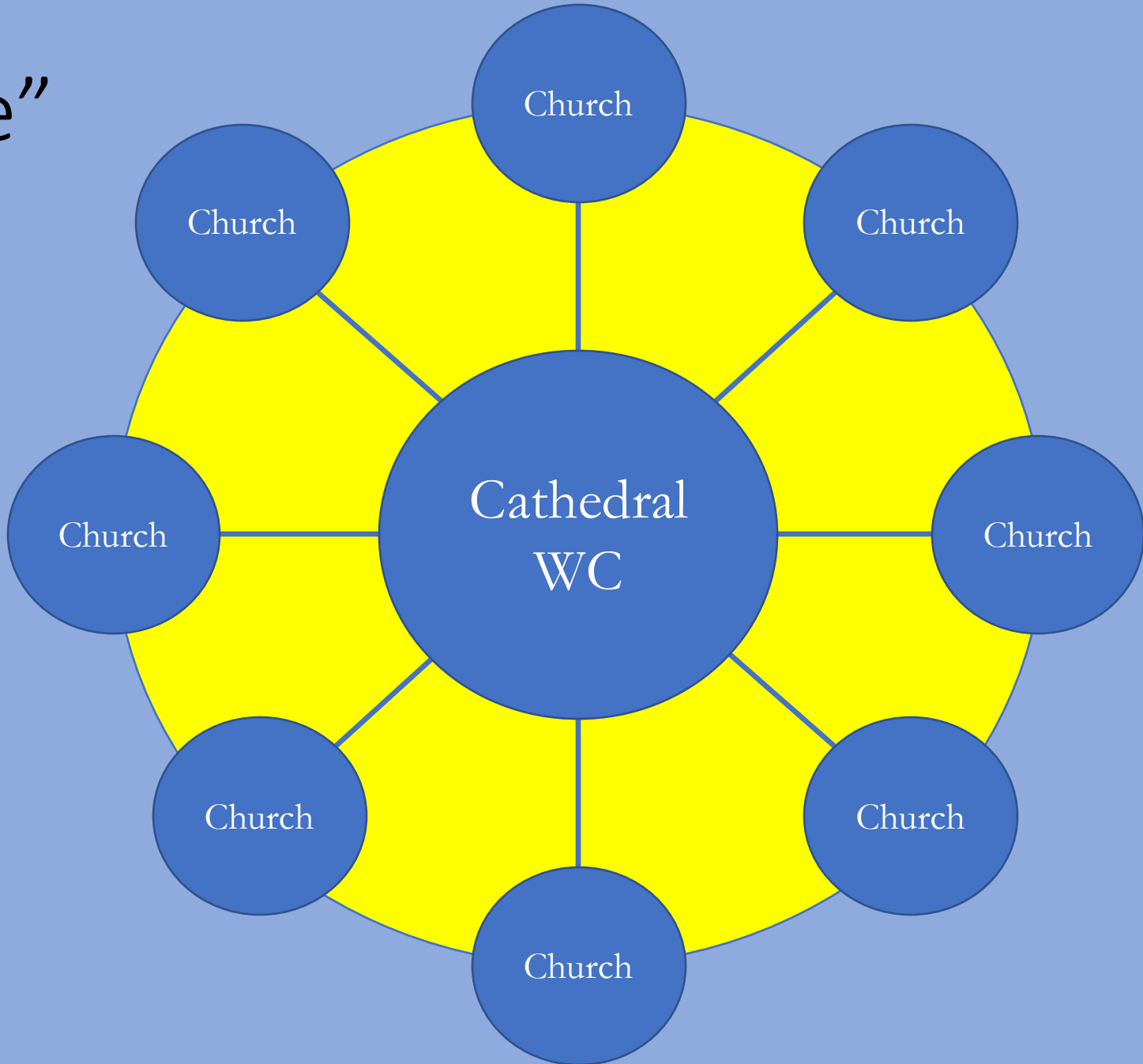
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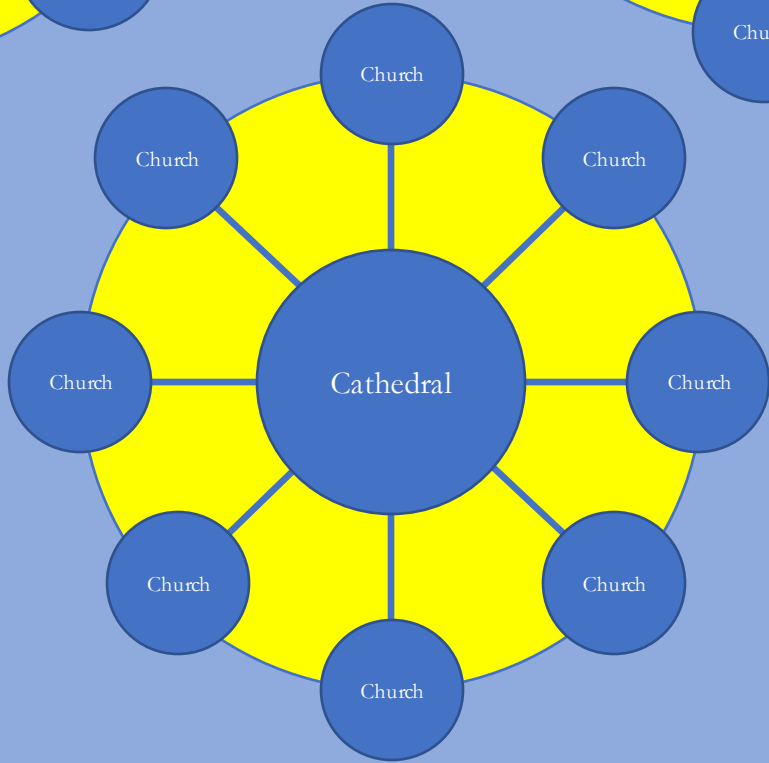
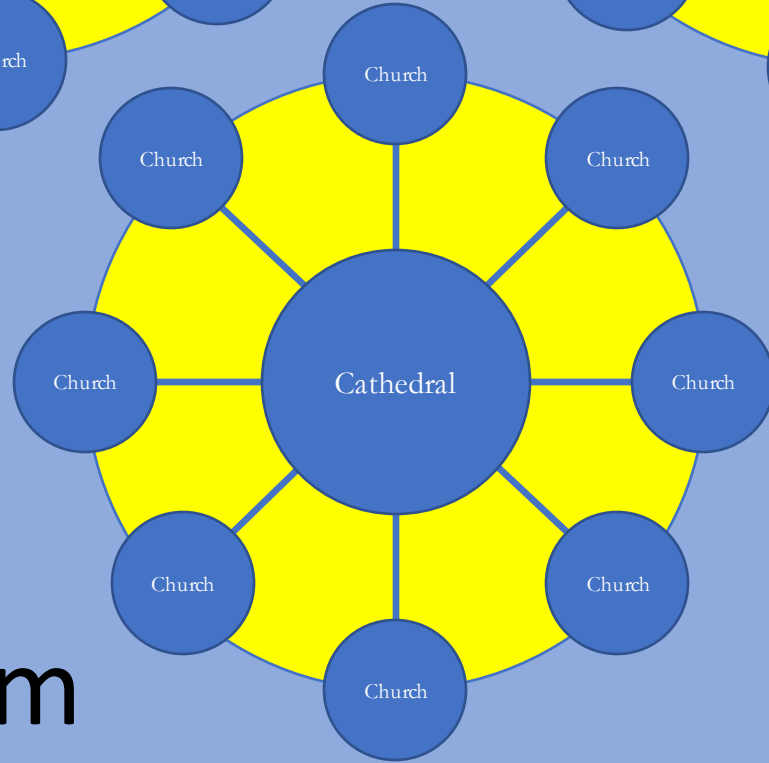
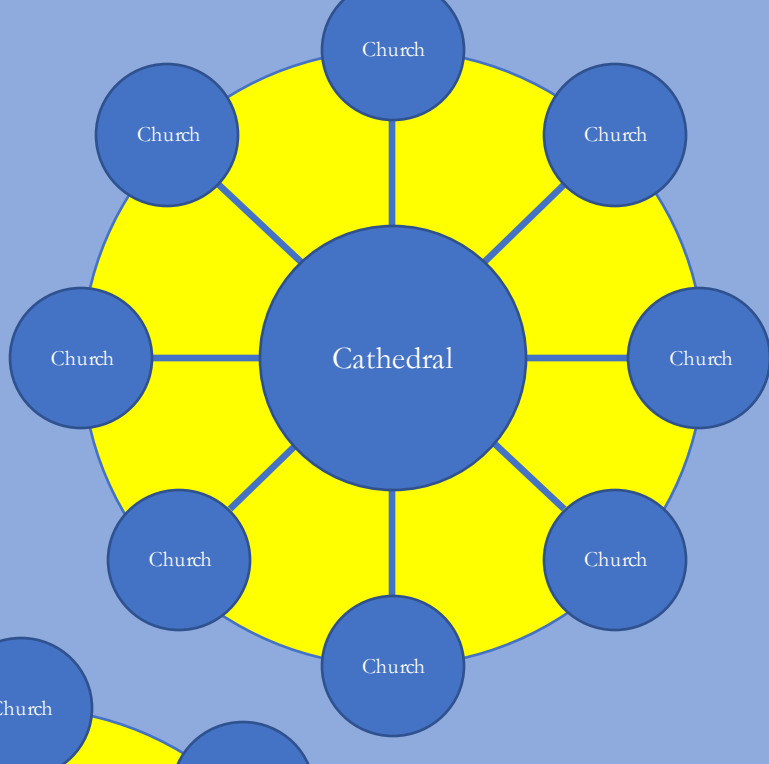
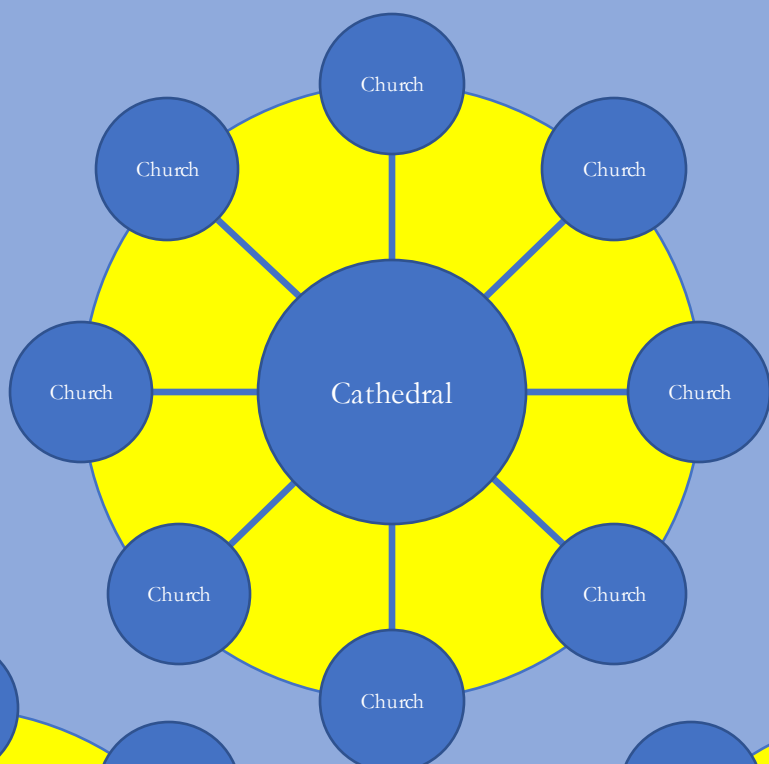
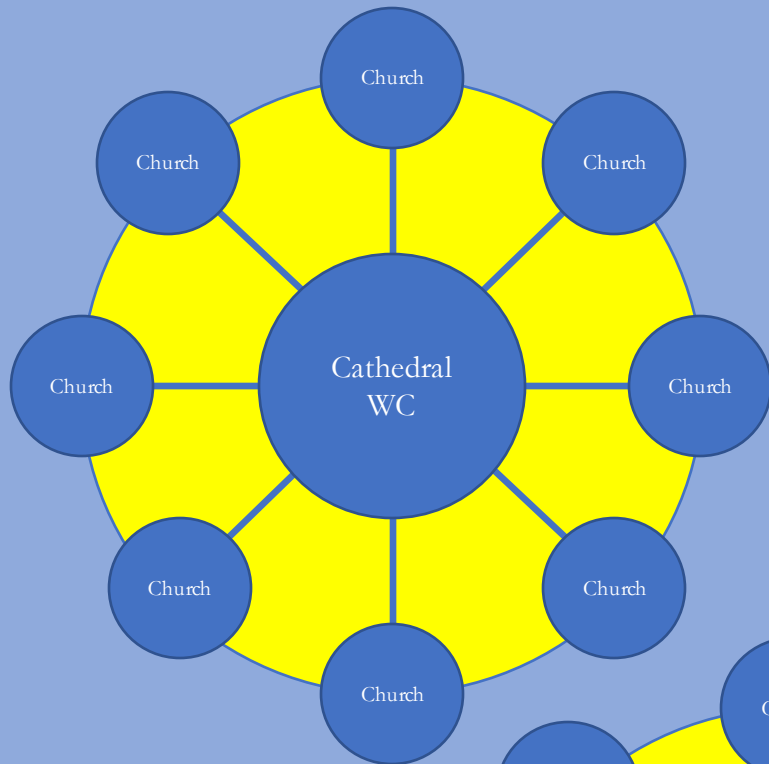
Practically every word of this presentation is subject to change. There are ongoing discussions with many churches about their dreams and wishes for the Methodist Collegiate Church. Churches must complete the disaffiliation process before they can apply to become part of the MCC, so time will pass and many discussions will take place before the structure and Discipline can take their official initial form.

# Primary Characteristics

- Spirit-filled, biblically focused, devoted to the path of Jesus
- Methodist to the core
- Committed to evangelism and service
  - The Great Commission
  - The Greatest Commandment
  - A Romans 12 Church
- Ready to set conflict aside

# A "College"

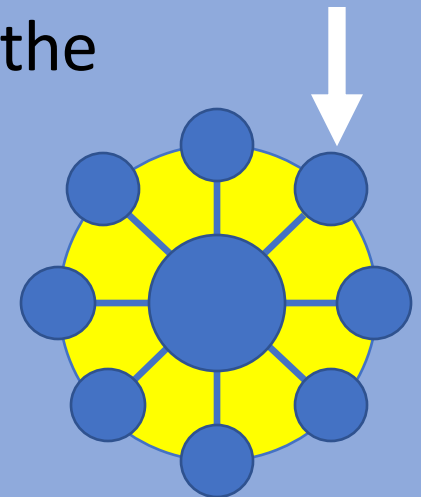




The Collegium

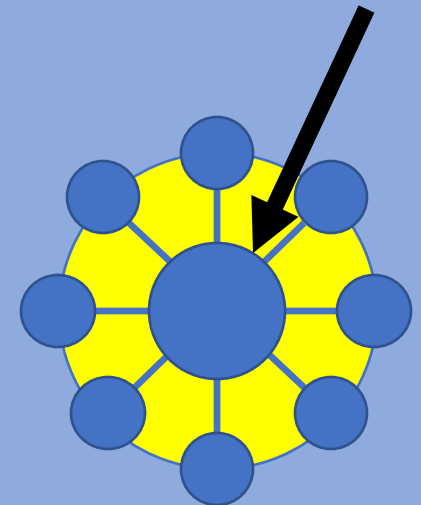
# Role of the Local Church

- Minister to the community through evangelism, service, worship and Christian education
- Responsibility for administration of the church – church is financially independent
- Responsible for local Supplemental Book of Discipline
- Responsible for approval of ordained and licensed leaders of the church
- Voting members of the College and Collegium



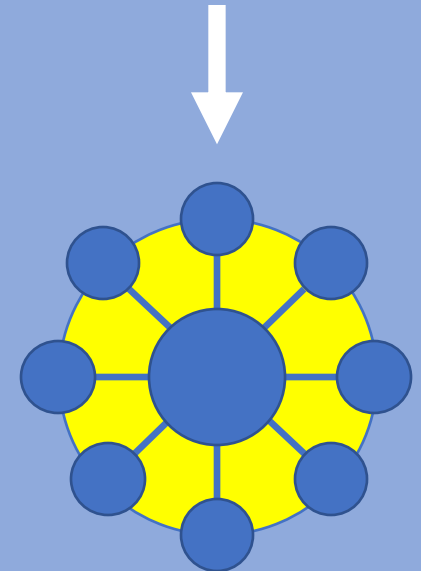
# Role of the Cathedral Church

- Church resources like sermon library, graphics
- Training and encouragement
- Administrative support & coordination



# Role of the College

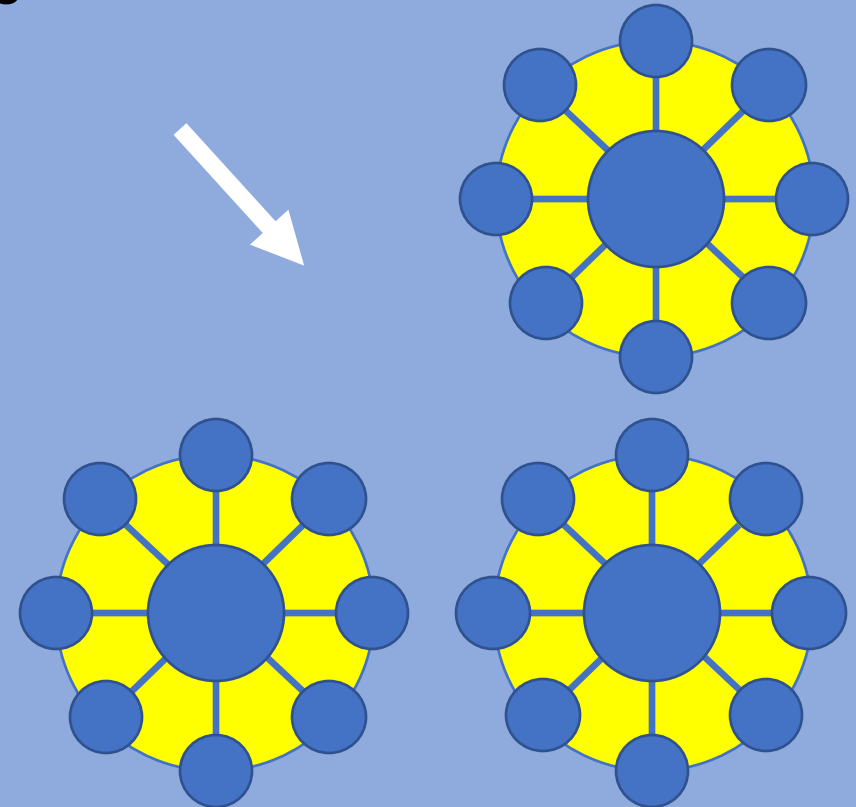
- Cooperation in local and regional service and mission
- Sharing educational and spiritual formation programs and resources
- Partnership in discipleship development
- Access to international mission and pilgrimage
- Coordination of ordination and licensing of leaders





# Role of the Collegium

- Commission on Ministry for Ordination and Licensing
- Commission on Education for training materials
- Maintenance of Collegium Book of Discipline
- Convening of decision-making assembly



# Leadership Roles in the MCC Structure

- Each church has a Senior Pastor or “Canon”
- Each College has a “Dean” who mentors, guides and leads the college. The Dean of the College ordains and licenses leaders.
- The Collegium has a “Dean” who mentors, guides and leads the Deans of the College. The Dean of the Collegium ordains the Deans of the Colleges and is empowered to ordain and license leaders in the colleges.

# Leadership Roles

	<u>The Great Commission</u>	<u>The Greatest Commandment</u>
Fellowship of the Ordained	The Society of Elders	The Society of Deacons
Fellowship of the Licensed	The Society of Local Pastors	The Society of Lay Leaders

# Leadership Roles

- No itineration or guaranteed appointments
- All ordained and licensed people have sacramental authority in their context
- Flexible educational requirements for leaders
- Clarified and condensed ordination and licensing processes
- Recognition and licensing of lay leaders

# Collegium Transitional Book of Discipline

- Contains excerpts from the United Methodist BOD and the Global Methodist Transitional BOD
- Includes the entire section on History of the Church
- Includes historic doctrines
  - Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church
  - The Doctrinal Standards
  - The Apostles Creed
  - The Nicene Creed
  - The Definition of Chalcedon

# Collegium Transitional Book of Discipline

- Wesley's General Rules
  - Do No Harm
  - Do Good
  - Attend upon the ordinances of God
- The Quadrilateral
- The Sacraments of Baptism and Communion

# Collegium Transitional Book of Discipline

- Social Witness (or “Social Principles”)
  - One page long
  - Simple, concise and not full of details
  - Echoes the Greatest Commandment
- Supplemental Book of Discipline
  - Rules and interpretations from the local church for the local church
  - Subject to review and comment of the College and Collegium

# Costs

- To be determined
- Will ultimately include a proportionate cost of the staffing and operation of the Collegium
- The Collegium will be required to produce annual audited financial statements for review by the Churches and Colleges
- The Collegium will be required to operate under a budget approved by the Colleges
- The Churches are financially independent



# Benefits

- Accountability
- Connectionalism
- Training and certification of leaders
- Sharing of resources and opportunities
- Focus on moving forward and having an impact

# Timeline

- December 2022 - White's Chapel completes State of Texas portion of Disaffiliation
- June 2023 – Central Texas Conference approves White's Chapel disaffiliation
- August 2023 – White's Chapel Disaffiliation complete
- September 2023 - Formation of Methodist Collegiate Church

# Reminder

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