Brooks Comparison

Ecclesiology

Feature	Global Methodist Church	United Methodist Church
Locus of Episcopal Elections	Unspecified	Jurisdictional or central conferences
Term of Service of Bishops	Term limits, but not yet specified.	Mixed. Life in the jurisdictions, specified terms in some central conferences, life in others, term followed by life in others.
Ownership of Real and Personal Property	Local churches and institutions unencumbered.	Local churches and institutions in trust for the denomination.
Membership of Clergy	Annual conference	Annual conference
Marriage of Same Sex Couples	Between one man and one woman.	As decided by the officiant
Ordination of LGBTQIA+ People	Not stated	As determined by the annual conference board of ordained ministry.
Appointment of LGBTQIA+ People	Not stated	As determined by the presiding bishop.
General Agencies	Empowered to establish, but the number and purpose of agencies are not specified as this time.	Fourteen general agencies under the oversight of the Council of Bishops.
Conferences	Charge/Church, District, Annual, Regional, General	Charge/Church, District, Annual, Jurisdictional and Central, General
Supreme Judicial Structure	Connectional Council on Appeals	Judicial Council
Foundational Law	Constitution not yet drafted	Constitution
Foundational Doctrine	Articles of Religion, Confession of Faith, General Rules, Wesley's Sermons, Wesley's NT Notes	Articles of Religion, Confession of Faith, General Rules, Wesley's Sermons, Wesley's NT Notes
Orders and Ordination	Two step process requiring ordination as a deacon prior to ordination as an elder, with the possibility of lifetime service as deacon. No minimum specified time between starting candidacy and ordination.	Two separate orders, deacon and elder. Minimum of one year as a certified candidate and a minimum of two years in provisional status prior to eligibility for election to full connection.