

UNITED DELIVERANCE CHURCHES IN AMERICA

A Covenant Connection of Autonomous Churches

ONE LORD. ONE FAITH. ONE COVENANT.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

KINGDOM COLLABORATION

COMMUNITY IMPACT

To unite, equip, and strengthen Deliverance churches for Gospel impact across the nation.

CONNECTIONAL INFORMATION BOOKLET

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CONNECTIONAL PRINCIPLE

Independent in governance. Covenanted in relationship. Collaborative in mission. Strategic in development. Measurable in impact.

WELCOME TO THE CONNECTION

Grace and peace to every pastor, church leader, minister, evangelist, intercessor, and faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

United Deliverance Churches in America exists because we believe churches can remain locally autonomous while becoming spiritually stronger through covenant relationship. We do not seek to replace the calling, authority, identity, or mission of the local church. We seek to strengthen it.

United Deliverance Churches in America is a connection of Deliverance, Holiness, and Spirit-filled churches and ministry leaders who desire meaningful fellowship, practical resources, leadership development, ethical ministry standards, cooperative outreach, and a united witness for the Kingdom of God.

The work of the local church is sacred. Every congregation has a unique calling, a distinct history, and a divine assignment in its community. Yet churches often face challenges alone: leadership development, ministry training, governance, discipleship, pastoral care, community outreach, technology, administration, finance, and the need for trustworthy fellowship.

UDCA provides a place where churches can come together in covenant while continuing to govern their own local ministries. We believe that unity does not require uniformity, and connection does not require control.

We invite you to stand with us in covenant as we connect churches, develop leaders, equip ministries, serve communities, and advance the Gospel throughout America.

A WORD OF WELCOME

The strength of this Connection is not found in institutional control, but in churches choosing to walk together in faith, fellowship, integrity, service, and shared Kingdom purpose.

The Very Reverend Bishop-Designate Charles Paige

Presiding Bishop

United Deliverance Churches in America

OUR IDENTITY

More Than an Organization

United Deliverance Churches in America is a covenantal connection of independent and autonomous Christian congregations, ministries, clergy, and leaders.

We are united by faith in Jesus Christ, commitment to the authority of Scripture, belief in the work and power of the Holy Spirit, the call to holy living, the ministry of deliverance, and the mission of making disciples.

UDCA is not designed to control local churches. It is designed to help churches connect, grow, serve, and thrive together.

We believe autonomous churches are stronger when they are not isolated. We believe pastors are strengthened by relationships with trusted leaders. We believe churches become more effective when they can share ideas, resources, prayer, training, and ministry opportunities. We believe communities are changed when churches work together in love and unity.

Our Purpose

To unite, equip, and strengthen Deliverance churches for Gospel impact across the nation.

Our Vision

To establish a healthy, trusted, and effective national connection of autonomous Deliverance, Holiness, and Spirit-filled churches and ministry leaders who work together to advance the Kingdom of God.

Our Covenant Values

- Christ-centered faith
- Biblical authority
- Holy living
- Prayer and spiritual renewal
- Ethical Deliverance ministry
- Local church autonomy
- Mutual accountability
- Leadership development
- Church health and growth
- Community transformation
- Cooperative mission
- Financial integrity
- Respectful relationships
- Intergenerational leadership
- Kingdom collaboration

OUR CONNECTIONAL MODEL

**Independent in Governance. Covenanted in Relationship.
Collaborative in Mission. Strategic in Development. Measurable in Impact.**

United Deliverance Churches in America is connectional by covenant, not controlling by hierarchy.

Each affiliated church remains self-governing in its local ministry. Each pastor and congregation retains responsibility for its own worship, membership, staffing, finances, property, local ministry programs, and community assignment.

At the same time, each participating church is invited into a covenant relationship of prayer, fellowship, mutual encouragement, leadership development, accountability, shared resources, community service, and Gospel mission.

What UDCA Does Not Control

- Local church property, assets, deeds, or buildings
- Church bank accounts or financial decisions
- Pastoral appointments, elections, or removal
- Local church membership and discipline
- Worship style or local ministry programming
- Church staff or internal personnel decisions
- Local church budgets
- Local church governing documents, unless assistance is requested
- Local church identity, name, history, or community mission

What UDCA Provides

- Spiritual fellowship and pastoral connection
- National and regional relationships
- Prayer support and intercession
- Leadership development and mentoring
- Church governance and administrative resources
- Ministry training and practical workshops
- Ethical standards for Deliverance ministry
- Youth, young-adult, women's, and men's ministry development
- Worship, sacred arts, and music support
- Media, communications, and digital-ministry assistance
- Cooperative community outreach opportunities
- Missions and evangelism support
- A national voice and greater church visibility

- Opportunities to serve in departments, collaboratives, commissions, and leadership roles

Our Commitment to Autonomy

Every affiliated church or ministry retains its local governance, property, finances, pastoral leadership, membership authority, worship practices, and local ministry strategy.

UDCA does not acquire, control, encumber, or dispose of the property of an affiliated church. UDCA does not appoint or remove local pastors, control local membership, or obligate a church financially without the church's written consent.

We believe covenant relationship strengthens - not diminishes - the local church.

WHY CHURCHES CONNECT WITH UDCA

Stronger Together

Independent churches often carry a powerful calling but face leadership, administrative, financial, training, and ministry challenges alone.

UDCA provides a covenant relationship where churches can remain autonomous while receiving the strength of connection.

Participating Churches May Receive

- Pastoral prayer, care, and peer fellowship
- Access to a national network of Deliverance, Holiness, and Spirit-filled leaders
- Leadership cohorts and mentoring relationships
- Ministry training and practical educational opportunities
- Church governance, nonprofit, and administrative resources
- Financial-stewardship guidance and best-practice tools
- Ministry safeguarding policies and ethical standards
- Communications, media, branding, and digital-ministry support
- Youth, young-adult, women's, and men's ministry opportunities
- Worship, sacred arts, protocol, and music resources
- Cooperative evangelism, missions, and community-outreach opportunities
- Participation in regional gatherings and Holy Convocation
- A national directory and greater ministry visibility
- Opportunities for service on councils, commissions, collaboratives, and regional teams
- A trusted connection for encouragement during seasons of growth, crisis, transition, and ministry challenge

No church loses its identity by connecting in covenant. Instead, churches gain relationships, encouragement, knowledge, resources, and a broader platform for Kingdom service.

UDCA gives independent churches an opportunity to stand together without surrendering their local calling.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Servant Leaders of the Connection

UDCA is led by servant leaders who provide spiritual direction, administrative care, financial stewardship, legal accountability, and national coordination.

Leadership in UDCA is not about position alone. It is about prayer, service, integrity, wisdom, humility, accountability, and a commitment to strengthen local churches.

The Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop serves as the chief servant and spiritual leader of the Connection.

- Spiritual vision for the national Connection
- Pastoral leadership and encouragement
- Doctrinal guardianship
- National representation
- Leadership development
- Relationship-building among churches and ministry leaders
- Guidance to the Executive Council and Covenant Council
- Oversight of national initiatives, gatherings, and strategic priorities

The General Secretary

The General Secretary maintains the official records and administrative life of the Connection.

- Recording meeting minutes
- Maintaining affiliate church and ministry records
- Managing official correspondence
- Preserving resolutions, policies, and governance documents
- Coordinating the annual calendar
- Maintaining organizational archives
- Supporting affiliation and credential documentation
- Assisting with communication between national, regional, state, and local leaders

The General Treasurer

The General Treasurer provides faithful oversight of financial receipts, disbursements, and financial accountability.

- Receiving and recording funds
- Maintaining appropriate financial records
- Processing approved disbursements
- Supporting annual financial reporting
- Ensuring proper handling of donations and designated gifts

- Coordinating with the Chief Financial Officer
- Supporting good internal controls and transparency

The Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer supports the long-term financial health of UDCA.

- Developing annual budgets
- Preparing financial reports
- Monitoring financial sustainability
- Advising on reserves, stewardship, and risk management
- Supporting compliance and financial policies
- Helping departments and commissions plan responsible ministry budgets
- Promoting financial transparency

General Counsel

The General Counsel provides legal and governance guidance to the Connection.

- Advising on incorporation and nonprofit matters
- Reviewing bylaws, policies, and governing documents
- Supporting contract and insurance review
- Advising on intellectual-property and branding matters
- Assisting with governance questions
- Supporting risk management and legal compliance
- Helping churches access appropriate legal resources when needed

Executive Council

The Executive Council helps guide the work of UDCA between national convocations.

- Supporting the Presiding Bishop
- Implementing the vision and strategic priorities of UDCA
- Reviewing ministry reports
- Coordinating national initiatives
- Supporting departments, centers, collaboratives, and commissions
- Ensuring communication across the Connection
- Preparing matters for the Covenant Council and national gatherings

Board of Presbyters / Covenant Council

The Board of Presbyters, also known as the Covenant Council, is composed of senior ministers representing states, territories, regions, and ministry areas.

- Spiritual counsel
- Doctrinal wisdom
- Prayerful accountability
- Leadership support
- Regional representation
- Guidance on major Connection initiatives
- Input regarding policy, growth, mission, and strategic direction

REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Leadership That Serves and Strengthens

UDCA serves churches through accessible regional, state, and district leadership.

Regional and local leaders are called to serve, strengthen, coordinate, encourage, and connect. They are not appointed to replace the authority of the local church.

Executive Bishops

Executive Bishops provide regional leadership in the Northeast, South, Midwest, and West.

- Supporting affiliate churches and leaders in their region
- Coordinating regional gatherings
- Strengthening fellowship among pastors and ministries
- Assisting State Bishops and District Elders
- Encouraging participation in national initiatives
- Promoting leadership development and church health
- Reporting regional needs and opportunities to national leadership

State Bishops

State Bishops provide connectional care within an individual state or jurisdiction.

- Maintaining relationships with participating churches
- Coordinating state fellowship gatherings
- Supporting pastoral care and leadership development
- Encouraging outreach and community engagement
- Helping identify emerging leaders
- Maintaining communication with the regional bishop
- Helping keep church information current in the UDCA database

District Elders

District Elders serve local clusters of churches within a state or metropolitan area.

- Supporting pastors through prayer and encouragement
- Facilitating local fellowship
- Helping connect churches with UDCA resources
- Identifying local ministry opportunities
- Supporting new affiliates
- Encouraging participation in regional and national activities
- Communicating local needs to State Bishops and Executive Bishops

Regional and State Coordinators

Coordinators provide administrative support to regional, state, and district leaders.

- Maintaining church and leader contact records
- Organizing meetings and communication
- Distributing resources and announcements
- Supporting event planning
- Tracking participation
- Assisting with reports and follow-up
- Supporting regional and state outreach efforts

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Building Stronger Churches and Stronger Leaders

The Church Development Centers equip local churches with practical tools, training, relationships, and resources.

Church Connection Network

The Church Connection Network builds meaningful relationships among affiliate churches, pastors, ministry leaders, and partners.

- Church affiliation and onboarding
- Church and ministry database management
- National and regional church directory development
- Pastor and leader relationship-building
- New-church introductions
- Church-locator support
- Affiliate communication and retention
- Regional connection opportunities

Church and Leadership Development Center

The Church and Leadership Development Center develops pastors, ministers, officers, emerging leaders, and ministry teams.

- Leadership cohorts
- Pastoral mentoring
- Emerging-leader development
- Officer and ministry-team training
- Succession planning
- Leadership retreats
- Church administration education
- Preaching, teaching, and discipleship development
- Leadership resources for new and growing churches

Church Health and Growth Center

The Church Health and Growth Center supports sustainable, healthy, and effective local ministry.

- Church-health assessments
- Discipleship systems
- Membership care
- Governance support
- Stewardship and finance resources
- Worship-planning support

- Ministry organization
- Digital-ministry support
- Volunteer development
- Community-engagement planning
- Strategic church-growth consultation

Next Generation Center

The Next Generation Center equips churches to disciple and develop children, youth, young adults, and emerging leaders.

- Children's ministry support
- Youth ministry development
- Young-adult leadership
- Safe-ministry standards
- Internships and leadership pathways
- Scholarship support
- Campus and community outreach
- Mentoring initiatives
- Intergenerational ministry
- Next-generation worship and media development

KINGDOM COLLABORATIVES

Serving Together Through Shared Gifts and Purpose

UDCA Collaboratives bring leaders, ministries, and churches together around common gifts, shared challenges, and Kingdom opportunities.

Women in Ministry Collaborative

The Women in Ministry Collaborative strengthens women who serve as pastors, ministers, evangelists, missionaries, intercessors, teachers, administrators, and community leaders.

- Fellowship and mutual encouragement
- Leadership development
- Mentoring and coaching
- Prayer gatherings
- Ministry training
- Women's conferences and retreats
- Support for emerging women leaders
- Community and family initiatives

Men's Leadership Collaborative

The Men's Leadership Collaborative strengthens men in discipleship, servant leadership, fatherhood, mentorship, and community service.

- Men's discipleship
- Leadership development
- Fathers' initiatives
- Mentoring young men
- Marriage and family enrichment
- Community engagement
- Workforce and economic empowerment
- Prayer and accountability

Music, Worship, and Sacred Arts Collaborative

The Music, Worship, and Sacred Arts Collaborative supports worship leaders, musicians, choirs, praise teams, dancers, sound teams, and sacred-art ministries.

- Worship leadership development
- Choir and praise-team support
- Musician training
- Worship resources
- Liturgical and ceremonial protocol
- Sacred music preservation

- Hymnal development
- Media and sound support
- Regional worship gatherings

Marketplace and Entrepreneurship Collaborative

The Marketplace and Entrepreneurship Collaborative supports economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, workforce development, and financial literacy.

- Entrepreneurship education
- Small-business support
- Workforce readiness
- Financial literacy
- Career development
- Business networking
- Church-based economic-development initiatives
- Community resource partnerships

Communications and Media Collaborative

The Communications and Media Collaborative strengthens the public witness and digital effectiveness of churches and ministries.

- Church websites
- Social-media strategy
- Branding and graphic design
- Livestreaming and online worship
- Public relations
- Newsletters and email communication
- Photography and videography
- Digital storytelling
- Media training for pastors and ministry leaders

IMPACT COMMISSIONS

Serving Communities and Advancing the Kingdom

UDCA Impact Commissions mobilize churches to address spiritual, social, educational, health, economic, and community needs.

Each commission should establish annual goals, develop partnerships, track measurable results, and report its impact to the Connection.

Community Transformation Commission

- Food distribution
- Clothing and household support
- Neighborhood cleanups
- Community resource fairs
- Housing and referral support
- Senior services
- Family support
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Community-needs assessments

Evangelism and Missions Commission

- Evangelism training
- Revival support
- Community outreach
- Mission projects
- Church-plant encouragement
- Evangelistic teams
- Prison and reentry ministry
- Street ministry
- Home missions
- National and international mission partnerships

Justice, Advocacy, and Civic Engagement Commission

- Community education
- Clergy advocacy
- Reentry support
- Violence-prevention partnerships
- Community safety initiatives
- Family and youth advocacy
- Civic-information initiatives consistent with nonprofit requirements

- Fairness, dignity, and compassionate community response

Health and Wellness Commission

- Clergy wellness
- Health fairs
- Mental-health awareness
- Addiction and recovery referrals
- Grief support
- Family wellness
- Partnerships with qualified health professionals
- Nutrition and exercise initiatives
- Health-information resources

Education and Scholarship Commission

- Scholarships
- Tutoring
- Literacy initiatives
- Student mentoring
- School partnerships
- College and career preparation
- Ministry education
- Technology and digital-literacy support
- Leadership-development opportunities

Economic Empowerment and Workforce Commission

- Financial literacy
- Job-readiness training
- Resume and interview preparation
- Workforce referrals
- Entrepreneurship support
- Small-business partnerships
- Career mentoring
- Community resource connections
- Cooperative purchasing and economic-development initiatives

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRIES

Spiritual Life Is the Foundation

Prayer, the Word of God, worship, evangelism, discipleship, and the power of the Holy Spirit are the foundation of every UDCA department, collaborative, commission, and gathering.

National Prayer and Intercession Ministry

The National Prayer and Intercession Ministry coordinates prayer across the Connection.

- National prayer calls
- Regional intercessor teams
- Prayer for pastors and leaders
- Prayer support during crisis
- Consecration seasons
- Fasting initiatives
- Prayer guides and devotionals
- Intercession for churches, communities, and nations

Evangelism and Deliverance Ministry

The Evangelism and Deliverance Ministry equips churches for Christ-centered evangelism, prayer ministry, revival, discipleship, and ethical Deliverance ministry.

- Evangelism training
- Revival and outreach support
- Altar-worker preparation
- Prayer-team development
- Deliverance-ministry training
- Ethical ministry standards
- Pastoral follow-up after ministry
- Referral practices where professional care is needed
- Testimony and discipleship support

Biblical Formation and Doctrine Ministry

The Biblical Formation and Doctrine Ministry strengthens churches through Scripture, discipleship, Christian education, and doctrinal instruction.

- Bible study resources
- Sunday-school support
- Discipleship pathways
- Christian education
- Doctrinal teaching
- New-believer development

- Leadership reading lists
- Teacher training
- Theological education opportunities

THE UDCA RESOURCE CENTER

Resources That Strengthen Churches

UDCA equips churches and ministry leaders with practical tools that support local ministry.

Available and Developing Resources

- Sample constitutions and bylaws
- Church-governance policies
- Incorporation and nonprofit-administration guidance
- Financial-stewardship resources
- Internal-control and transparency tools
- Affiliation applications and ministry forms
- Leadership-development curriculum
- Church-health assessment tools
- Ministry safeguarding policies
- Deliverance-ministry guidelines
- Church communications templates
- Flyer, newsletter, letter, and social-media templates
- Digital-ministry resources
- Event-planning guides
- Worship and sacred-arts resources
- Protocol and ceremonial templates
- The UDCA Connectional Book
- National hymnal and sacred-music resources
- Church database and directory support
- Pastoral-care and crisis-response resources

The UDCA Connectional Book

The UDCA Connectional Book will provide worship, liturgical, ceremonial, protocol, and ministry templates to serve churches and leaders throughout the Connection.

Potential Contents

- Worship-service outlines
- Communion and baptism resources
- Dedication services
- Ordination and consecration services
- Funeral and memorial resources
- Installation services
- Ministry licensing and credential templates
- Covenant and affiliation services

- Church anniversary resources
- Leadership and protocol guidance

SAFE, ETHICAL, AND CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY

Ministry That Reflects the Character of Christ

UDCA believes Deliverance ministry must always reflect the character of Jesus Christ: dignity, compassion, wisdom, order, confidentiality, prayer, biblical truth, and pastoral care.

Deliverance ministry should never be used to humiliate, exploit, manipulate, pressure, or control another person.

Ministry Principles

- Prayer ministry should be conducted with informed consent.
- Deliverance ministry should operate under accountable pastoral oversight.
- Every person should be treated with dignity and respect.
- Private information should be kept confidential, except where safety or law requires reporting.
- No one should be coerced, threatened, humiliated, or financially pressured.
- Ministry teams should receive appropriate training and supervision.
- Children, youth, and vulnerable adults must receive special protection and appropriate boundaries.
- Churches should maintain appropriate safeguarding policies.
- Ministry leaders should know when to seek help from qualified medical, emergency, legal, protective, or mental-health professionals.
- Prayer ministry should be followed by discipleship, pastoral care, and healthy Christian community.
- Churches should avoid making claims that discourage appropriate medical or mental-health care.
- Pastors and leaders should model integrity, accountability, humility, and compassion.

A Ministry of Healing and Hope

Deliverance ministry should point people to Jesus Christ, strengthen faith, encourage repentance and discipleship, and support the ongoing work of the local church.

The goal is not spectacle. The goal is spiritual restoration, biblical growth, and a healthy life in Christ.

YOUR PATHWAY TO CONNECTION

A Simple Path to Participation

UDCA invites churches and ministry leaders to connect at the level that is right for them.

Step 1: Connect

Receive information, join a prayer call, participate in a listening conversation, and begin a relationship with United Deliverance Churches in America.

Step 2: Attend

Attend a regional gathering, leadership orientation, ministry training, prayer gathering, virtual meeting, or Holy Convocation.

Step 3: Affiliate

Complete the covenant affiliation process while retaining the autonomy of your local church or ministry.

- Affirming the core statement of faith
- Agreeing to the covenant of mutual respect
- Supporting safe and ethical ministry standards
- Maintaining accurate church contact information
- Participating in the national and regional fellowship as able
- Supporting the mission of UDCA through prayer, service, and voluntary giving

Step 4: Serve

Serve in a department, collaborative, commission, ministry team, regional initiative, or national event.

Step 5: Lead

Qualified leaders may serve as:

- Regional conveners
- State Bishops
- District Elders
- Department directors
- Collaborative chairs
- Commission members
- Prayer leaders
- Ministry trainers
- Covenant Council representatives
- Event coordinators

- Church-health and leadership mentors

OUR COVENANT OF AUTONOMY

Local Autonomy with National Connection

United Deliverance Churches in America believes every local church should be respected as a sacred stewardship under the leadership of its pastor, congregation, and governing structure.

Participation in UDCA does not require a church to surrender its identity, property, finances, pastoral authority, membership authority, or local mission.

Our Covenant Commitment

Each participating church or ministry remains self-governing in matters of:

- Local doctrine beyond agreed core essentials
- Worship practices
- Membership
- Employment and staffing
- Property and assets
- Finances and budgeting
- Pastoral appointment and succession
- Church discipline
- Local community ministry
- Organizational identity
- Daily operation and administration

UDCA shall not acquire, encumber, control, or dispose of a participating church's property.

UDCA shall not appoint or remove a pastor, control church membership, direct local church finances, or obligate a church financially without the church's written consent.

The purpose of covenant is not control. The purpose of covenant is spiritual unity, mutual support, accountability, shared mission, and Kingdom advancement.

JOIN THE CONNECTION

The Call of This Hour Is Not Isolation. It Is Covenant.

United Deliverance Churches in America invites independent Deliverance, Holiness, and Spirit-filled churches and ministries to stand together for prayer, leadership development, ethical ministry, community transformation, and Gospel impact.

Your church can remain autonomous and still be connected.

Your ministry can maintain its calling and still receive the strength of covenant relationship.

Your leaders can serve locally while participating in a national movement of prayer, training, fellowship, service, and mission.

We Invite You to Connect

- Affiliate your church or ministry
- Attend a regional gathering
- Join a national prayer call
- Participate in leadership development
- Serve in a Collaborative or Impact Commission
- Attend the Holy Convocation
- Request a conversation with UDCA leadership
- Connect your ministry to the national directory
- Help strengthen churches and advance the Kingdom

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Connection without control. Fellowship without isolation. Shared mission without surrendering local identity.

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Use the UDCA website to request information, begin an affiliation conversation, learn about upcoming gatherings, and connect with national leadership.

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