



**United Methodist Insurance Program**  
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June 13, 2022

Ms. Christine Dodson  
Treasurer and Business Manager  
North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church  
700 Waterfield Ridge Place  
Garner, North Carolina 27529-3365

Dear Christine,

Effective January 1, 2023, Sovereign Insurance Group (Sovereign) will become the exclusive broker for the United Methodist Insurance Program (UMIP). The change is the result of UMIC soliciting a due-diligence request for proposal from the incumbent broker and three other firms dedicated to providing insurance services to the church market and working with the leading church carriers. The United Methodist Insurance Company (UMIC) came to the decision to choose Sovereign after careful and prayerful consideration of the direction of the program and its future as a ministry of the United Methodist Church.

**This new agreement will not have any effect on any United Methodist entity currently represented by Sovereign.** Following this transition, UMIP will continue to work with the same commercial carriers as are currently in place to provide insurance for the churches and agencies participating in the UMIP. There should be no disruption in coverage for any policy issued through Suracy Faith as part of the UMIP. In the event of a cancellation of coverage **after December 31**, please contact the Sovereign Insurance Group at (800) 222-4478 or contact me at (615) 481-6621.

As of December 31, 2022, Suracy Faith will no longer have a contract with UMIC and will no longer serve as the exclusive agent for the UMIP.

Our goals in making this change are to:

1. Continue to provide services tailored to the needs of the United Methodist Connection and its historically affiliated churches and denominations
2. Expand the number of churches, agencies, and conferences insured through the UMIP,
3. Expand the development of loss prevention information and services,
4. Develop relationships with additional major church insurers, and,
5. Enhance the marketing of the program.

The new contact information for the program **effective January 1, 2023** will be:

1. Email [UMI@sovinsurance.com](mailto:UMI@sovinsurance.com)
2. Phone (800) 222-4478
3. Web (same) [www.uminsure.org](http://www.uminsure.org)

We will continue to publish *Church Protection Connection*. Some of the content and videos on our website and YouTube channel will have to be replaced but we will work with our new partner to develop replacement material and additional material as quickly as possible. If you have not already done so, please subscribe at [uminsure.org/subscribe](http://uminsure.org/subscribe), and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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We look forward to having an opportunity to work with you in the future and welcome any questions you may have regarding this change or UMIP in general.

Regards,

Jeff Koch  
President and CEO  
United Methodist Insurance Company, Inc.

Cc: Moses Kumar – General Secretary, General Council on Finance and Administration