



Why do you want to know about the Wisconsin Council of Churches?

We're an **ECUMENICAL organization** (ecumenical comes from a word root that means *the whole inhabited world*) active in your circles, helping us all remember that **we are not in this alone**.

We **hold relationships** (we have a big network), **support leaders** (ministry is hard), and **watch out for the work of the Holy Spirit** every day. **God is not done with the church yet!**

If you want to **connect** with people who are about the **YES work** of the Gospel, strive to **build community**, and are all about **being creative and courageous in ministry**, check us out.

You can read wordier details below. Find us online @wichurches or wichurches.org.

ABOUT US

The Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) is a **network of Christian churches and faith-based organizations** committed to working together across our many differences. Exercising holy imagination, we help one another make **courageous choices** that lead toward peacemaking, social and economic justice for Wisconsin's most vulnerable residents, the vitality of the church, and the well-being of our neighbors. The Council connects 21 Christian traditions, which have within them approximately 2,000 congregations and over one million church members. For seventy-five years in Wisconsin we have been praying and working together for the unity and renewal of the church and the healing and reconciliation of the world.

WHO MAKES UP THE WCC?

VOTING MEMBERS | African Methodist Episcopal Church • American Baptist Churches • Armenian Oriental Orthodox Church • Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) • Christian Methodist Episcopal Church • Church of God in Christ • Church of the Brethren • Coptic Church • Ecumenical Catholic Communion • Episcopal Church • Evangelical Lutheran Church in America • Greek Orthodox Church • Life Center Madison • Mennonite Church • Metropolitan Community Church • Moravian Church • Orthodox Church in America • Presbyterian Church (USA) • Reformed Church in America • United Church of Christ • United Methodist Church

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | Benedictine Women of Madison • Church Women United • Collaboration Project • Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee • Interfaith Peace Working Group • JustDane • Race & Faith • The Leadership Conference of Women Religious
OBSERVERS | Roman Catholic Church: Archdiocese of Milwaukee • Diocese of Green Bay • Diocese of La Crosse

Regional bodies of churches and faith-based organizations active in Wisconsin can become members. Participation in most Council programs is open to all. To inquire about membership, call 608.837.3108 or message via wichurches.org

Advocacy ministry informs, educates, equips and mobilizes people to reflect on and address justice issues at the community, state, and national level from a grounding in faith.



Awaken Dane is a cohort-based program funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. and is focused on building a thriving church in Dane County. The learnings from Awaken Dane will be shared with the church throughout Wisconsin. Pastors lead a congregational team through a 2-year program that involves becoming a people of relationship rather than outcomes • listening without agenda • attending to the stories of people in the neighborhood, and • discerning what the Spirit might be saying to us.

The **Community Health Program** provides faith-based resources to address the COVID pandemic from a perspective of community-wide healing. We organize vaccination clinics and testing sites, provide guidance and useful information related to COVID and vaccination, identify and reduce barriers to vaccination and recommend COVID safety protocols.



The **Community Investment Program** facilitates socially responsible investing by members of the WCC's network, making it possible for individuals, churches and judicatories to contribute financially to the work of building more just communities through local investing.

Education to Action | study-action guides, workshops, consulting, coaching, and guest speakers help churches and groups address critical issues from a faith-based perspective, including hunger • gun violence • interfaith relations • immigration • racial disparities in WI • land acknowledgments • the intersection of clergy & congregational wellness with peace & justice ministry

Racial Justice Coalitions | Faithful Action for a Healthy Wisconsin addresses public health and racial inequity collaboratively with interfaith and secular partners. Taking a Faithful Stand for Racial Equity empowers and mobilizes people to take action for racial equity in their local communities.

Refugee Response ministry takes an ecumenical approach to crisis response, finding solutions to systemic gaps, and offering churches opportunities with ecumenical and interfaith partners to support Afghan refugee resettlement in Wisconsin.



The **Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign (WIVVEC)** is a nonpartisan initiative educating and mobilizing communities of many faiths in the democratic process. WIVVEC is a joint project of the WI Council of Churches and Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice.