

Privacy Policy

The South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church (“The Conference”) operates several websites including umcsc.org and umcsc.net, Salkehatchie.org, scmyp.org. It is The Conference’s policy to respect your privacy regarding any information we may collect while operating our websites.

Website Visitors

Like most website operators, The Conference collects non-personally-identifying information of the sort that web browsers and servers typically make available, such as the browser type, language preference, referring site, and the date and time of each visitor request. The Conference’s purpose in collecting non-personally identifying information is to better understand how The Conference’s visitors use its website(s).

The Conference also collects potentially personally-identifying information like Internet Protocol (IP) addresses for logged in users and for users leaving comments on one of our sites. The Conference only discloses logged in user and commenter IP addresses under the same circumstances that it uses and discloses personally-identifying information as described below, except that site commenter IP addresses are visible and disclosed to the administrators of the site where the comment was left.

Gathering of Personally-Identifying Information

Certain visitors to The Conference’s websites choose to interact with The Conference in ways that require The Conference to gather personally-identifying information. The amount and type of information that The Conference gathers depends on the nature of the interaction. For example, we ask visitors who leave comments at umcsc.org to provide a name and email address. Those who engage in transactions with The Conference – by making an on-line donation, for example – are asked to provide additional information, including as necessary the personal and financial information required to process those transactions. In each case, The Conference collects such information only insofar as is necessary or appropriate to fulfill the purpose of the visitor’s interaction with The Conference. The Conference does not disclose personally-

identifying information other than as described below. And visitors can always refuse to supply personally-identifying information, with the caveat that it may prevent them from engaging in certain website-related activities.

Aggregated Statistics

The Conference may collect statistics about the behavior of visitors to its websites. For instance, The Conference may monitor the most popular sites on umcsc.net. The Conference may display this information publicly or provide it to others. However, The Conference does not disclose personally-identifying information other than as described below.

Protection of Certain Personally-Identifying Information

The Conference discloses potentially personally-identifying and personally-identifying information only to those of its employees, contractors and affiliated organizations that (i) need to know that information in order to process it on The Conference's behalf or to provide services available at The Conference's websites, and (ii) that have agreed not to disclose it to others. Some of those employees, contractors and affiliated organizations may be located outside of your home country; by using The Conference's websites, you consent to the transfer of such information to them. The Conference will not rent or sell potentially personally-identifying and personally-identifying information to anyone. Other than to its employees, contractors and affiliated organizations, as described above, The Conference discloses potentially personally-identifying and personally-identifying information only in response to a subpoena, court order or other governmental request, or when The Conference believes in good faith that disclosure is reasonably necessary to protect the property or rights of The Conference, third parties or the public at large. If you are a registered user of one or more of The Conference's website(s) and have supplied your email address, The Conference may occasionally send you an email to tell you about new events or just keep you up to date with what's going on with The Conference and our various ministries and initiatives. We primarily use our various sites to communicate this type of information, so we expect to keep this

type of email to a minimum. The Conference takes all measures reasonably necessary to protect against the unauthorized access, use, alteration or destruction of potentially personally-identifying and personally-identifying information.

Cookies

A cookie is a string of information that a website stores on a visitor's computer, and that the visitor's browser provides to the website each time the visitor returns. The Conference uses cookies to help The Conference identify and track visitors, their usage of The Conference website(s), and their website access preferences. The Conference visitors who do not wish to have cookies placed on their computers should set their browsers to refuse cookies before using The Conference's websites, with the drawback that certain features of The Conference's websites may not function properly without the aid of cookies.

Privacy Policy Changes

Although most changes are likely to be minor, The Conference may change its Privacy Policy from time to time, and in The Conference's sole discretion. The Conference encourages visitors to frequently check this page for any changes to its Privacy Policy. Your continued use of this site after any change in this Privacy Policy will constitute your acceptance of such change.