



The Cross and Flame

The design for our denominational emblem was conceived shortly after the 1968 union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The dual flames represent the two denominations coming together through the power of the Holy Spirit, standing along side the cross of Christ.

Many people connect the flames with Pentecost, when witnesses saw “tongues of fire.” For others, the flame is a reminder of John Wesley’s 1738 experience at Aldersgate Street, where his heart was “strangely warmed.”

Only official United Methodist agencies and churches may use the insignia. Caucuses and other unofficial groups may not use the symbol, even if all members are United Methodists. The emblem may not be altered in any way.

The General Council on Finance and Administration must approve any commercial use of the emblem.