

Meeting with Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops

Recently, the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops met privately with representatives of major United Methodist Traditionalists groups and a key Centrist in an effort to work for significant changes in the United Methodist Church. The primary purpose of the meeting was to develop stronger personal relationships, so we might work to avoid another contentious General Conference like the Special Called General Conference Session in St. Louis in 2019. The major common agreement between the groups was that we cannot continue with our current state of the church beyond General Conference 2020.

Bishop Minerva Carcaño , Bishop Grant Hagiya, Bishop Robert Hoshibata, Bishop Karen Oliveto, and Bishop Elaine Stanvoski , Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunnam, Rev. Dr. Kent Millard, The Honorable Patricia Miller, Mark Tooley.

From the Peninsula-Delaware Conference:

“Historically Black Church Disaffiliation Petition Rationale—No authentic communion/ community of faith can believe that same sex relationships and preference is incompatible with Scripture and at the same time continue as though Racism, White Privilege and White Supremacy are, in fact, compatible with Scripture.”



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*Confessing Jesus Christ as
Son, Savior and Lord!*

**May you and your family be richly
blessed as
we celebrate
the birth of
the Christ
Child!**



**During this time of conflict in
our beloved church, the Confessing
Movement continues to faithfully
uphold the authority of
Scripture and teach and proclaim
our theological doctrine
that was the purpose that birthed
the Confessing Movement within
The United Methodist Church in
1995.**

December 2019

Are Africans in Favor of the U.S. Becoming a Regional Conference?

It has been reported that the Central Conference Bishops “wholeheartedly support” a proposal for a U.S. regional conference. We have reason to believe the African bishops did not object to the Connectional Table’s proposal because they understood the plan to be narrowly applied to certain pension and legal matters, not to matters of ordination standards. The African church would choose not to be part of the denomination if the standards on sexuality changed, even if only in the U.S. The Confessing Movement and other Renewal Groups do not support making the U.S. a regional conference.

The CM is engaged in key conversations with centrists, progressives, Central Conferences and U.S. bishops regarding amicable separation which is the preferred way forward. Our alternative is to pass the filed petitions to complete the traditional plan.

WESTERN JURISDICTION FRESH SUMMIT

November 14-16, 2019 the Western Jurisdiction of the UMC held the *Fresh United Methodism Summit* in Los Angeles. The jurisdictional website describes the event as affirming LGBTQ+ Support and states that “Leaders See it as a ‘Movement Moment’ to Help Discern its Future in the Church.” During the meeting a survey was conducted asking the participants “Where does your

heart lead you to stand on the future of the United Methodist Church?”

- 37% said it is time to divide into separate affiliations under an umbrella UMC Communion.
- 31% said the UMC brand is too damaged. We need a new church with a new identity.
- 18% said to keep the UMC together even if the Book of Discipline is not completely as I want it.
- 12% said “they” should just leave.
- 2% said the UMC together supporting the Traditional Plan and the BOD

On November 6, 2019, prior to the Fresh Summit gathering, the Western Jurisdiction bishops released the

Safe Harbor Declaration

announcing their intentions to be a “*safe harbor for clergy under our care who may be at risk under the new provisions, prohibitions, and punishments.*” In other words, clergy who violate the Discipline by conducting same-sex weddings can change their credentials to the WJ with no fear of the required disciplinary action.

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THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION HAS SLASHED THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021-2024

With the turmoil in the UMC contributions will not sustain the current spending level. Some of the cuts include:

- Fixed charges -9.3%
- General Board of Church and Society -20.6%
- General Board of Discipleship -15.5%
- General Board of Global Ministries -20.4%
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry -20.4%.

The total proposed decreased budget funds for 2021-2024 is 21.3% OR \$66,228,059. The General Church’s current unrestricted funds balance is about \$120 million.

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