

THE UMC HAS BEEN DISRUPTED IN MANY WAYS:

General Conference - postponed

- Cannot vote on Protocol until 2021
- ### Judicial Council - Spring 2020 meeting canceled
- There are a number of issues that need to be dealt with by the JC before GC2021.

Jurisdictional Conferences - postponed

- Normally the election of new bishops would follow GC, however, with the prospect of a new denomination there are questions as to whether or not bishops should be elected until it is determined who will stay in the UMC and who will go to a new denomination.

Annual Conferences

- ♦ Many Annual Conferences have been postponed and/or are set to be virtual.

Council of Bishops:

- ♦ The COB has proposed creating a diverse task force of bishops to evaluate the “financial sustainability for episcopal leadership” in the face of an uncertain future for the UMC. They must take into account the reduction in contributions during this global health crisis as well as the reduction on contributions to the UMC that would follow should some leave to start a new Methodist denomination. GCFA has already reduced the quadrennial budget by a significant amount.

Confessing Movement President Dr. Maxie Dunnam has written a 12 page paper, “Too Late For a New Denomination?,” outlining what he believes should be included in a “new expression of a world Methodist/Wesleyan evangelical movement.” Read his article at: www.confessingumc.org



Pulse

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

The deadly Coronavirus has changed how people around the world live and worship. Health and safety for our families, communities, country and world remain our most fervent prayer.



During this time we will continue to prepare for General Conference 2021 in hopes of a resolution to the decades of conflict in our church. The Confessing Movement continues in our commitment to Scriptural authority, theological integrity, passage of the Protocol, and establishing a new Methodist denomination.



The Confessing Movement is actively engaged in work with Renewal and Reform leaders as well as other key leaders within the denomination to develop strategies for establishing a new Methodist denomination following the passage of the Protocol.

May 2020

Reimagining the Passion of a Global Wesleyan Movement

28 traditionalist United Methodist leaders from around the world met in Atlanta March 2 - 4 including CM President Maxie Dunnam and Executive Director Pat Miller. The goal was to seek consensus about the doctrine, polity and mission of a new denomination should the Protocol pass at GC. It was agreed that “we will be committed to the Christian faith as expressed for 2,000 years, the four-fold movement of grace, compassion, and a passionate desire for people to experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.” Following are some of the important points of agreement from our joint statement:

The Church’s Culture and Mission

- Being so in love with Jesus that we boldly share his love with all people because we can do nothing else
- Welcoming and embracing all who respond to God’s love into the Body of Christ
- Led by Spirit-filled worship that brings people into the presence of God
- Deeply committed to prayer and dependence upon the Holy Spirit
- Passionate about planting new churches, revitalizing existing churches, and apostolic ministry
- Becoming a nimble and less bureaucratic institution, continuously led by the Holy Spirit

- More movement than institution
- Embodying our global nature in every aspect of doctrine, relationships, structure, and church culture

Essential Doctrinal Beliefs

- The primacy of Scripture, leading to a biblical worldview
- Embodying our global nature in every aspect of doctrine, relationships, structure, and church culture
- Christology that boldly proclaims the deity of Christ and his salvific work as Lord and Savior
- The historic creeds (especially the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed) are reliable summaries of the Christian faith
- Molded by, proclaiming, and exhibiting the Wesleyan four-fold movement of grace: prevenient, convincing, justifying, and sanctifying
- The traditional understanding of Christian marriage as a covenant between a man and a woman as God’s intended setting for human sexual expression
- The accountability of clergy and bishops to the doctrine, mission, and discipline of the Church
- Adherence to the Wesleyan doctrinal standards: Articles of Religion, Confession of Faith, Standards Sermons, and Notes on the New Testament

Organization

- Embodying our global nature in every aspect of doctrine, relationships, structure, and church culture

- Global connectional polity
- A General Conference that cares for:
 - ◊ Accountability to Doctrinal Standards, Social Witness, and shared life and order of the Church
 - ◊ Coordinating global mission
 - ◊ Standards for clergy qualifications, education, and credentialing
 - ◊ Providing ultimate accountability for bishops
 - ◊ Determining the number and shape of regional structures
- Regional bodies that care for:
 - ◊ Applying, not adapting, the *Discipline* of the Church
 - ◊ Electing and deploying bishops
 - ◊ Providing the first step in episcopal accountability
- Superintendency characterized by:
 - ◊ Bishops elected for one 12-year term, rather than lifetime service
 - ◊ A global Council of Bishops consisting only of active bishops

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