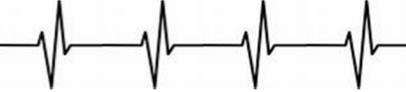


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Confessing Jesus Christ as Son, Savior and Lord!

It is with pain and sadness that The Confessing Movement has witnessed the deliberate attempt to unravel the foundations of The United Methodist Church. Unfortunately, a small number of LGBTQ-rights activists has influenced some of our conferences, bishops, and leadership to bring planned disobedience to the *Doctrine and the Discipline* of The United Methodist Church in an attempt to render the church inoperable under its present General Conference. Several Annual Conferences have voted “non-compliance” with the *Book of Discipline* and an openly homosexual woman in a same-sex “marriage” has been elected to serve as a bishop of The United Methodist Church. We have called on the Council of Bishops to take immediate action and stand firm on the Scriptures, the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church and their consecration vows.

Openly Married Lesbian Elected a UMC Bishop

Defying the *Book of Discipline*, The Western Jurisdiction elected and consecrated the Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto, senior pastor of Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco, as a bishop in The United Methodist Church. She was one of three openly gay episcopal candidates during the 2016 Jurisdictional Conferences. This blatant breach of unity with the connection has changed the landscape of our denomination dramatically and, therefore, The Confessing Movement and other renewal groups have called for immediate action by the Council of Bishops to appoint the members of the Commission on a Way Forward. It is expected that the Commission will be named by August 31 and the first meeting will be held in October of this year.

Rev. Cynthia Meyers agreed to provisions set forth by the Great Plains Annual Conference as part of the process of finding a just resolution regarding the Judicial Complaint filed against her after she announced during a sermon that she is a lesbian in a committed relationship with another woman. Rev. Meyers will go on involuntary leave Sept. 1, retaining her credentials up to 90 days following the close of General Conference 2020. Depending on the recommendations by the bishops’ Commission on a Way Forward and the subsequent voting of GC 2020 she will either be reappointed, take advantage of any provisions made by GC 2020 or complete the trial process.

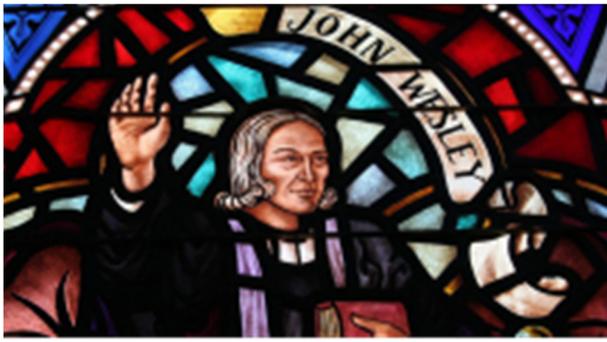
A Lawless Act –The Statement of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (PNWAC)

“The PNWAC will not conform or comply with provisions of the Discipline which discriminate against LGBTQIA+ persons, including marriage (161.B), the incompatibility clause (161.F), ordination and appointments (304.3), homosexual unions (341.6), AC funding ban (613.19), GCFA funding ban (806.9), chargeable offenses pertaining to being “a self avowed practicing homosexual” or to officiating at weddings for couples regardless of the sex of the partners (2702.1b,d).*

The PNWAC and its members will not participate in or conduct judicial procedures related to the Discipline’s prohibitions against LGBTQIA+ persons.”*

Other Annual Conferences that passed similar statements include the Desert Southwest, New England, Oregon-Idaho, California-Nevada, and the California-Pacific Annual Conferences.

August 2016



A new organization called the WESELYAN COVENANT ASSOCIATION

will hold an organizational meeting on October 7 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in Chicago, IL. The cost to attend is \$79. All are welcome. You can register and find lodging information at www.wesleyancovenant.org.

The stated purpose of the WCA is to create a new kind of Methodist connection, to engage in ministry and mission together from an orthodox Wesleyan perspective. We intend to:

- Lead like-minded and like-hearted United Methodists, who affirm our doctrinal standards and Wesleyan theology, through a period of grave uncertainty.
- Be part of a new, emerging unity of various global streams of Wesleyan Christianity, as the Holy Spirit leads.
- Create a network of leaders, congregations and related bodies that share a common vision of ministry and mission, to partner together in supporting, equipping and holding one another accountable.

Engage together in hands-on ministry in establishing new congregations and revitalizing existing ones in strategic locations.

A CRITICAL DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL COULD RESHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE UMC

The South Central Jurisdiction approved the following motion.

"Bishop, I [Dixie Brewster] move that the South Central Jurisdictional Conference request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on the following matter:

"Is the nomination, election, consecration, and/or assignment as a bishop of The United Methodist Church of a person who claims to be a "self-avowed practicing homosexual" or is a spouse in a same-sex marriage lawful under The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

Specifically,

"What is the application, meaning and effect of ¶ 304.3, ¶ 310.2d, ¶ 341.6, and ¶ 2702.1 (a), (b), and (d) in regard to the nomination, election, consecration and/or assignment as bishop of a person who claims to be a "self-avowed practicing homosexual" or is a spouse in a same-sex marriage or civil union?"

Further —

- "Does a public record that a nominee for the episcopacy is a spouse in a same-sex marriage disqualify that person from nomination, election, consecration and/or assignment as a bishop in The United Methodist Church?"

- "If a jurisdictional conference nominates, elects, consecrates, and/or assigns a person who, by virtue of being legally married or in a civil union under civil law to a same-sex partner, would be subject to a chargeable offense, is the action of the jurisdictional conference null and void?"
- "Is it lawful for one or more of the bishops of a jurisdiction to consecrate a person as bishop when the bishop-elect is known by public record to be a spouse in a same-sex marriage or civil union?"
- "When a bishop, district superintendent, district committee on ordained ministry, Board of Ordained Ministry, or clergy session becomes aware or is made aware that a clergy person is a spouse in a same sex marriage or civil union of public record, does such information in effect and in fact amount to a self-avowal of the practice of homosexuality as set forth in ¶ 304.3, related footnotes and related Judicial Council Decisions?"

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