

# Pulse



Pulse is a new publication from The Confessing Movement designed to keep you informed of the current state of our beloved church. Please continue to pray for renewal - particularly a renewed obedience to Scripture.

*Confessing Movement leaders have been in dialogue with other evangelicals, moderates, and progressives in an effort to come to some kind of agreement about the direction of The United Methodist Church. Many of you have written and called our office asking for a solution to the conflict within the church but there is, to date, no acceptable proposal. We will continue to work toward an option that would be faithful to Scripture. A proposal that in Jesus Christ would bring all together for the good of the UMC. We will encounter what will likely be the most difficult General Conference in 2016. Disobedience and demonstrations are already being planned to disrupt proceedings in committees and plenary sessions.*

## **Forum of Residential Bishops**

There will be a meeting Nov. 1- 6, 2015 at Lake Junaluska, NC referred to as the Forum of Residential Bishops. The meeting is exclusively for active bishops (retired bishops will not attend). Without the full Council in attendance, no action can be taken on its behalf. During this time please pray that bishops will talk candidly about the conflict tearing our church apart and come to a decision on how to address our problems so as to be united in Jesus Christ.

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*Pray for the Dialogue Team to find a way to bring faithfulness across the United Methodist church. We know that God will prevail. May we be used by Him.*

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## **Judicial Council Meeting**

The Judicial Council will meet on Oct. 26 and 27, 2015. One unique item for review is the constitutionality of choosing by lot the Delegates to General and Central Conferences.

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**Sept—Oct 2015**

## CONFESSING MOVEMENT REJECTS LOCAL OPTION PROPOSAL

An anonymous United Methodist bishop offered a proposal to be considered by General Conference for addressing the conflict in the UMC. This proposal would remove from Paragraph 161F the statement that "The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." In its place would be a statement that sincere Christians disagree on this issue. Furthermore, the proposal would offer a way that local churches could host same-gender weddings. As a trade-off for these concessions, the proposal would offer a way that a congregation could exit from the United Methodist denomination and keep their property.

The Board of Directors of The Confessing Movement considered this proposal and rejected it. Holy Scripture is quite clear on the practice of homosexuality and the definition of marriage (Matthew 19:4-6). The Confessing Movement will not compromise scriptural integrity as a means to resolve the blatant disobedience in the church. We agree with the Book of Discipline when it states that the Holy Bible "is the true rule and guide for faith and practice."

*Elections for Judicial Council and  
The University Senate will be held at the  
General Conference 2016. These are vital  
elections for the future of the UMC.*

*"The University Senate is an elected body of professionals in higher education created by the General Conference to determine which schools, colleges, universities, and theological schools meet the criteria for listing as institutions who meet The United Methodist Church standards and are approved schools. (§ 1414 UMC Book of Discipline)*

*The Judicial Council is the highest judicial body or "court" of The United Methodist Church. It functions in the church as the Supreme Court does in the United States. Its nine members made up of clergy and laity are elected by the General Conference. The Judicial Council determines the constitutionality and appropriate acts or proposed acts of the General, Jurisdictional, Central, and Annual Conferences. It also makes rulings and decisions made by Bishops, Boards & Agencies.*

*Please join us and other  
United Methodists in  
praying and fasting for  
the UMC and the 2016  
General Conference.*



**ALL** United Methodist bishops have vowed to uphold church doctrine. Now they must speak out publically against the ongoing disagreement in our beloved denomination. They have the ability to hold clergy and one another accountable for the open disobedience that is running rampant throughout the church which will likely only get worse as General Conference nears.

Please take the time to encourage your bishop to be engaged and to take an active role in speaking out on behalf of The United Methodist Church Doctrine.



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