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Administrative Assistant
 Summer Office Hours
 Mon. 8:30 to 9:30 am,
 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.
 Tues. through Fri.
 9:00 am to Noon



The Commission on a Way Forward

I. BACKGROUND

The Council of Bishops has called a **Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri**. The purpose will be to act on a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of **the Commission on a Way Forward**. The 32-member Commission was appointed to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

II. THE COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

The Commission presented its final report to the Council of Bishops at the COB meeting in Chicago April 29-May 4.

A. Guiding Values of the Commission on the Way Forward

Council President Bishop Bruce Ough noted that the process of seeking a way forward was grounded in three major values:

1. The commission sought to maximize the presence of the UMC in the world. We did this through a renewed attention to our public mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, especially with emphasis on reaching those who are not yet a part of our churches.
2. We have focused on contextuality in a global church, and our continuing call to learn from each other and listen to each other. We have made every effort to include all forms of contextual differences as much as possible.
3. Continuing to work with traditional, contextual and progressive values that are present in two models, one that is more aligned with a contextual church with the removed language about human sexuality, a second which differentiates between these values as different branches of one church. In these two models we have sought to balance as much as possible the different theological understandings on these issues.

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Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Emmetsburg Care Center: Peter Fog

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Janice Kaupa, Barbara Friedl, Don Paulson, Marlys and Ken Garness



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on the following dates in June and July:

June 1, 6 through 15, 27. July 16 through 20.

Beginning June 18 and continuing through September 6, Stacy will work summer hours of 9:00 a.m. to Noon Tuesday through Friday. On Mondays, June 4 through July 9, Stacy will be in the office 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. After July 9, Monday hours will be 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, June 14** from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring a project of your own to work on or ideas for Bazaar 2018! If you have not been to crafters and stitchers in the past, come check us out! Coffee and treats provided. Call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 with questions.

Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, June 10, Bruce and Mary Stauffer will serve cake during fellowship in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Faith Rocks

A Rock Party was held Monday, April 16th. There were seventeen individuals painting rocks. It is such a delight to see and hear all the talking and laughter. There was a large variety of painted rocks. We had a light supper and everyone enjoyed visiting and meeting new people who came. You should be seeing the rocks around town soon. Don't forget, it is a great time walking around Waseca looking for rocks. You can go as a couple, take your child or grandchild. When you find a rock be sure and take a picture and put it on the Facebook site. You can also go on the site and see what others have found and what their message was. (Waseca MN Faith Rocks)

Better than that, you can come to the next Rock Party which will be held **Monday, June 11th**. We get together at 4:00 and have something to eat at 5:30. We generally clean up about 7:00. You can come and spend as much time as you wish.



Fellowship Events



Umbrella Display - On April 22nd an 'Umbrella Display' was our fellowship event. There were fifty-seven umbrellas which were hanging from the ceiling, on the tables and on the floor. The congregation (preschool to seniors) brought their umbrellas and it was a very colorful and interesting display. It was 'Practically Perfect in Every Way.'



Homemade greeting card display was our May fellowship event. It was held on the 13th of May. People who made greeting cards or who had received homemade greeting cards brought them to church. It was interesting to see the many different types of greeting cards. This definitely was Faith's biggest and best homemade greeting card display!

Buttons for June— a lady has an interesting collection of buttons and will be bringing part of her collection on June 17th which is Fathers Day. We heard she has some military buttons which will be shown in honor of our men and women who have served and those who presently serve in the military. Put that date on your calendar!

Summer Fun Word Search

- BARBECUE
- BATHINGSUIT
- BEACH BOAT
- CAR TRIP
- CHALK
- FAMILY
- FIREFLIES
- FIREWORKS
- FRIENDS
- FUN
- GAMES
- ICE CREAM
- LEMONADE
- PARTY
- PICNIC
- POOL
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSHINE
- SWIM
- TOWEL
- VACATION
- VOLLEYBALL
- ZOO



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B. The Three Models

The Commission shared three models with the Council of Bishops and the COB, by a significant majority, endorsed and will recommend **The One Church Model** to the Special General Conference to be held in St. Louis in February of 2019. Here is the summary of the models presented to the bishops:

1. The Traditional Model affirms the current Book of Discipline language and places a high value on accountability. The status quo would be maintained and there would be a higher degree of accountability for pastors, churches and conferences that would perform gay marriages or ordain LGBTQ clergy. The details of this plan are still being written. *[to be presented but not considered because this plan does not align with the three major values of The Commission of The Way Forward]*

2. The One Church Model [endorsed by the Council of Bishops]

The One Church Model gives churches the room they need to maximize the presence of United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible. The One Church Model provides a generous unity that gives conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.

There would be no prohibition against churches and pastors hosting and performing gay marriages or conferences that wish to ordain LGBTQ persons. No one would be compelled to act contrary to conscience. i.e. Pastors will not be compelled to perform gay marriages if doing so violates their conscience. This plan would give space for both traditional and progressive perspectives. The Book of Discipline would have prohibitions against performing same sex weddings or ordination of LGBTQ individuals removed.

3. Multi-Branch: One Church Model

This model is grounded in a unified core that includes shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops, while also creating different branches that have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization and justice. The five U.S. jurisdictions would be replaced by three connectional conferences, each covering the whole country, based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry (i.e. progressive, contextual, traditional branches). Annual conferences would decide which connectional conference to affiliate with; only local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference would vote to join another conference. Removes current language from the Book of Discipline that does not allow pastors to perform gay marriages or ordain openly gay clergy.

- The Jurisdictional Conferences would be eliminated.
- Each Annual Conference would be allowed to vote on which of the three Connectional Conferences of the UMC they would want to be a part of, the Traditional, the Centrist or the Progressive.
- Each church could select which Annual Conference they wish to be aligned with.
- General Agencies would be eliminated.
- Each Connectional Conference would have their own Book of Discipline and Judicial Court. This plan would take a very long time to implement and result in two separate denominations.

Each sketch represents values that are within the COB and across the church. Each sketch includes gracious way of exit for those who feel called to exit from the denomination.

All Proposals Must Be Approved By The Judicial Council Of The U.M.C. Before They Are Submitted To the 2019 General Conference.

Any questions please call Pastor Victor: Cell 507-213-3005

Please, note this is the current understanding of these issues and the final report is still in progress and the final recommendations may have differences from this report.

Faith United UMW Unit Meeting May 21, 2018

Shirley Hansen opened the meeting with a devotion and an opening prayer. Everyone read the UMW Purpose. Linda Griffin read the Secretary's Report. Sandy Voshell gave the Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$3,110.36. The \$ 2,425 UMW District Pledge was paid in full. The Prayer and Self Denial money was \$176.

Karen Ferch introduced to everyone an ice breaker- Getting To Know You Bingo.

Old Business: The final report for the Spring Luncheon was \$941.40.

New Business: The 2019 budget was discussed and voted on for approval. The vote was unanimous.

Guest Night: Barbara Friedl has procured a speaker- Heidi Becker from Austin, Minnesota to talk about her life and Warrior Wagons. The payment for this will be \$150. She stated that half of this will go to Warrior Wagons. Heidi suggested August 23 at 7 pm.

Roberta Walker has made UMW pew insets. She showed them to us. She asked for money ink cartridges as well as Karen Ferch for UMW projects.

Emma Norton- Do we want to collect paper supplies this year or give money? Yes.

Sherry S. gave a report on the Spring Gathering in The New Ulm, Mn United Methodist Church. 83 women attended. The Justice focus is Maternal and Child Health. There was good music, good food, and a wonderful skit and an excellent speaker. Sherry S. went to the UMW Assembly in Columbus, Ohio in May, 2018. She gave a nice report.

16 ladies were present at our UMW Meeting on May 21, 2018.

Thank you to Ruth Circle for the Delicious cakes, coffee, and water and snacks.

Dates to Remember:

June 12 Spring Prairie United Methodist Women Day Apart will be held at the Springfield, Mn United Methodist Church from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

June 17 Father's Day

July 13 -15 Mission U Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, Minnesota

July 28 Mission U TOO Detroit Lakes UMC

August 4 Mission U Too at Rosemount UMC

August 20 Next UMC meeting Elizabeth Circle will be our hostess.

Secretary,

Linda Griffin

Walk to Emmaus - A Journey With Christ

*It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

A Simple Definition of Equip is to make ready. We as followers of Jesus need to be made ready to better serve Him. Here are two great opportunities for being better equipped to serve Jesus:

Walk To Emmaus – A Journey with Christ

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them...Luke 24:15

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Who should go to an Emmaus weekend? Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination whose aim is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

What happens on this 3-day weekend? You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

Future Walk Details

Fall 2018 Men's Walk October 25-28

Fall 2018 Women's Walk November 1-4

Unidos en Cristo (UEC)

Unidos en Cristo (UEC) is a structured, three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new and more active awareness of living in God's grace. Cursillo (kur-see-yo) is the Spanish word for "short course". Cursillo began in the 1940s in Majorca, Spain in the Roman Catholic church.

It has since spread throughout the entire world to many denominations and is known by many different names; i.e., Walk to Emmaus, Unidos en Cristo (UEC), Via de Cristo among others. Cursillo weekends are structured to *strengthen* and *renew* the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new and more active awareness of living in God's grace. It is for people at every stage of their journey with Christ. It is for married couples and for single men and women. It is for anyone wishing to deepen their relationship with Christ and those around them.

UEC is based on Christian theology, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on the organization but on the local church. The objective is to inspire, challenge and equip (This ties into Faith UMC's stated mission nicely.) individuals for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities. Local sponsorship is available for the July weekends which means no cost to you to attend. Contact Edy Barber for an application.

Future UEC Details

Men's Weekend July 19-22

Women's Weekend July 26-29

Members of Faith United Methodist Church in Waseca who have participated in one of these weekends and would welcome your questions and discussion:

Duane & Linda Griffin, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Victor and Patrice Waters, Elaine Westrum, Edy Barber.

Pastor Victor and Edy Barber



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, June 20**, at 12:00 p.m. at Yellow Mushroom. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, June 12**, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in the Lakeview Room. All are welcome to attend.