

# **Making A Way**

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## **Way Forward Committee:**

### GOAL:

Appointed by COS to provide members information that will bring more clarity to all sides of the issue of possible Separation from the UMC. Additionally, the committee will provide a more comprehensive evaluation of the cost of separation and alternative strategies going forward.

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*Subcommittee of Way Forward Committee*

## GOALS:

1. Explore various options in the event that separation becomes a reality.
  2. Provide information to inform the church members about denominational options.
  3. Forward one option as a recommendation to COS.
  4. Lead a church meeting to discuss options.
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## **Key concerns and Issues related to denominational options:**

1. Our option must believe the Bible is the infallible word of God.
2. Maintain our current beliefs and theology.
3. Which option gives us the best opportunity to keep our present church family together?
4. What path best allows us to remain in our current ministries?
5. What path best allows us to remain who we are?
6. Can we keep title to all our church property?
7. How will we find pastors to serve?
8. Denominational giving differences. (Apportionments)
9. How leadership is determined? (Bishop / DS)
10. What path least impacts changes on our day-to-day operations.

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# **A Comparison of Wesleyan Denominations**

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# Making a Way Committee Recommendation



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<b><u>Denominational Giving</u></b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
United Methodist Church	Yes	7-15% of church budget
Global Methodist Church	Yes	3 % of previous years income. Set by Gen Conf, capped at 6.5%
Free Methodist	Yes	10-13% of previous year income
Wesleyan Church	Yes	11%
Church of the Nazarene	Yes	Approx 15% includes pastor retirement payment
Congregational Methodist	Yes	Decided by local church
Independent	No	N/A

<u><i>Bishops</i></u>	Y/N	Terms
United Methodist Church	Yes	Elected for life
Global Methodist Church	Yes	TBD by first General Conf. Expected to be 2, 6-year terms
Free Methodist	Yes	Elected up to 12 years
Wesleyan Church	Yes	1 General Superintendent (GS) elected every 4 years
Church of the Nazarene	Yes	Called Gen. Superintendent
Congregational Methodist	Yes	President – minimal authority
Independent	No	N/A

<u><i>Trust Clause</i></u>	Y/N	Ownership
United Methodist Church	Yes	Conference owns, in trust
Global Methodist Church	No	Owned 100% by local church
Free Methodist	Yes	Trust clause for any new property purchased
Wesleyan Church	Yes	Conference owns, in trust
Church of the Nazarene	Yes	Conference owned, in trust
Congregational Methodist	No	
Independent		N/A

<b><u>Clergy Deployment</u></b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Terms</b>
United Methodist Church	Appt Bishop	Year by year appt
Global Methodist Church	Appt Bishop	Indefinite – Pastor and church agreement
Free Methodist	Appt GS	Indefinite
Wesleyan Church	Call System	Four year term
Church of the Nazarene	Call System	At least 5 year term
Congregational Methodist	Call System	Indefinite
Independent	Call System	Indefinite

<u><i>Denominational Size</i></u>		<b>Data</b>
United Methodist Church		Approx 11.7 million globally
Global Methodist Church		Thousands of churches in the US and 5 Continents & <b>growing</b>
Free Methodist		Approx 70,000 members U.S.
Wesleyan Church		Approx 141,000 members U.S.
Church of the Nazarene		Approx 627,000 members U.S.
Congregational Methodist		Approx 15,000 members U.S.
Independent		N/A



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## FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

The Global Methodist Church will welcome all people regardless of their background in order that they might experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ. The GMC believes “human sexuality is a gift of God to be affirmed as it is exercised in the spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and woman”. As God’s people, “we welcome all to experience the redemptive grace of Jesus and are committed to being a safe place of refuge, hospitality, and healing for any who may have experienced brokenness.” The church is “called to be faithful to the example of Jesus’ ministry to all persons” so that all might experience God’s salvation and work toward holiness.

Will the Global Methodist Church ordain those professing to be active gay or lesbian pastoral candidates? Will clergy be allowed to perform same-sex marriages?

Those not living by the standard in The Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines will not be ordained as clergy in the GMC. Additionally, GMC clergy are not permitted to perform same-sex marriages.



What about Peeps and Magi programs?

They will continue to operate just as they do today. A new church name will be created. All of the state agencies and everyone we conduct business with will be legally and properly notified of the new church name. The transition will be seamless.

What about the Salkehatchie program?

Salkehatchie is its own entity and does not receive apportionments from the UMC. Our church will still be able to host and support Foothills Salkehatchie.

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**The following two statements are  
unanimously agreed upon from both....**

- The Way Forward Committee and***
- Making a Way Committee***

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1. We believe the U.S. United Methodist Church is past the point of further debating whether we should change the wording in the Book of Discipline to allow same sex marriages and ordaining LGBTQ+ professing pastors. With so many conservative churches having already left the denomination and many others on a path to leave soon, there is every reason to believe they have the votes to make significant changes. These changes will clearly alter the values and theology we have historically protected.

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2. We believe that for our PUMC family to remain together, have ownership of our property, continue serving our local ministries and mission to know Christ and make Christ known, we will have to **separate** from the United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church. This is our best opportunity to remain who we are. We believe we are prepared to make that move with no disruption among our general membership and day-to-day activities.

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