



Winterset-Patterson January, 2020 United Methodist Messenger



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Vision Statement: *We seek to be a people who experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ and passionately desire to:*
 * Learn what Christ teaches
 * Live as Christ lives
 * Love as Christ loves
So that, the world can experience the Kingdom of God!

Mission Statement: The making of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Dear Winterset & Patterson UMC Friends,

Many of you have seen the latest the news media coverage concerning the United Methodist Church new proposal for separation between the progressive and traditional minded congregations. I know many of you have a lot of questions about all of this. The following article was taken from the IAUMC website about the “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through Separation”. This article is from the United Methodist News. I will try to keep you informed about any changes as they develop. Just keep in mind, Winterset and Patterson United Methodist Churches have a long tradition of serving our communities and we will continue to make disciples. For more information, keep tuned into the Iowa conference website: iaumc.org

God Bless you,

Pastor Mark

Diverse leaders’ group offers separation plan

By Sam Hodges Jan. 3, 2020 | UM News

A diverse, 16-member group of United Methodist bishops and other leaders has offered a proposal that would preserve The United Methodist Church while allowing traditionalist-minded congregations to form a new denomination. The separating group would get \$25 million in United Methodist funds and would keep its local church properties.

Details are in a nine-page “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation,” released Jan. 3 along with an FAQ and press release.

The proposal — reached with the help of famed mediator Kenneth Feinberg, who worked on the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund — requires approval by the 2020 General Conference. Drafting of legislation is still underway for the legislative assembly, which is the only body that speaks for the 13 million global denomination.

But given the broad, influential coalition involved — including bishops from around the global connection and advocacy group leaders often sharply at odds — the potential seems strong that the separation proposal can end or at least greatly reduce the denomination’s decades-long struggle over how accepting to be of homosexuality.

New York Conference Bishop Thomas Bickerton, part of the group, said the contentious 2019 special called General Conference in St. Louis underscored intensifying divisions and the need for amicable separation.

“It became clear that the line in the sand had turned into a canyon,” Bickerton said. “The impasse is such that we have come to the realization that we just can’t stay that way any longer.

“This protocol provides a pathway that acknowledges our differences, respects everyone in the process and graciously allows us to continue to live out the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, albeit in different expressions.”

Signatories to the Protocol

Bishop Christian Alsted (Nordic-Baltic Episcopal Area)

Rev. Thomas Berlin (representing UMCNext, Mainstream UMC, Uniting Methodists)

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton (New York Episcopal Area)

Rev. Keith Boyette (representing the Confessing Movement, Good News, Institute on Religion & Democracy, and the Wesleyan Covenant Association)

Bishop Kenneth Carter (Florida Episcopal Area)

Rev. Junius Dotson (representing UMCNext, Mainstream UMC, Uniting Methodists)

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling (Washington Episcopal Area)

Rev. Egmedio “Jun” Equila, Jr. (Philippines Central Conference)

Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey (Louisiana Episcopal Area)

Bishop Rodolfo “Rudy” Juan (Davao Episcopal Area, Philippines)

Janet Lawrence (representing Affirmation, Methodist Federation for Social Action, and Reconciling Ministries Network)

Rev. David Meredith (representing Affirmation, Methodist Federation for Social Action, and Reconciling Ministries Network, member of UM Queer Clergy Caucus)

Patricia Miller (representing the Confessing Movement, Good News, Institute on Religion & Democracy, and the Wesleyan Covenant Association)

Randall Miller (representing Affirmation, Methodist Federation for Social Action, and Reconciling Ministries Network)

Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer (Ohio West Episcopal Area)

Bishop John K. Yambasu (Sierra Leone Episcopal Area)

The plan looks toward a restructuring of the remaining global United Methodist Church into regions, with flexibility to adapt church policies, including on LGBTQ inclusion.

Meanwhile, traditionalists forming a new denomination could continue what they see as Bible-supported restrictions on same-sex marriage and ordination of gay persons as clergy.

The traditionalist Wesleyan Covenant Association already has taken steps toward forming a new denomination, such as drafting a book of policies and doctrines. Bickerton and the Rev. Keith Boyette, WCA president, said the negotiating team’s assumption is that the new church would emerge out of the WCA.

Boyette was part of the group developing the proposal. He said traditionalists have long felt that divisions in The United Methodist Church were irreparable, and that an amicable separation was the best way forward.

“I believe this is a fair and equitable solution that puts decades of conflict behind us and gives us a hopeful future,” he said.

Also negotiating and signing onto the agreement was Jan Lawrence, executive director of Reconciling Ministries Network, which has long sought to remove restrictions against LGBTQ participation in the denomination.

“As a United Methodist who is LGBTQ, my priority at the table was to make sure we addressed the full participation of LGBTQ people in the life of the church, making sure the answer was not ‘ask us again in 2024,’” she said. “The language needs to be removed now. I am pleased that there is opportunity here for that to happen in 2020.”

The new proposal would allow other United Methodist churches to form their own denominations, while foreseeing ecumenical agreements and cooperation on some fronts.

Representatives of traditionalist, centrist and progressive advocacy groups joined with a handful of bishops from the U.S., Africa, Europe and the Philippines to reach the agreement. They promised to support it and no other.

“We humbly offer to the delegates of the 2020 General Conference the work which we have accomplished in the hopes that it will help heal the harms and conflicts within the body of Christ and free us to be more effective witnesses to God’s Kingdom,” said Bishop John Yambasu of Sierra Leone, who last summer began the private talks that led to the proposal.

The group had the help of Feinberg, who oversaw the victims’ compensation funds after 9/11 and the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster.

Feinberg donated his time, as did other lawyers who helped the group.

“(Feinberg) has a deep interest in religion and the preservation of the public witness of religion, and this is what intrigued him and enabled him to say ‘yes’ to us,” Bickerton said. “We are extremely indebted.”

Feinberg called it “an honor and a privilege” to be part of the negotiations.

“As a result of weeks of intense, voluntary mediation in Washington — ably assisted by Richard Godfrey and Wendy Bloom of the distinguished Kirkland & Ellis law firm — and with the intense, direct and ongoing participation of all church representatives, a comprehensive resolution of all issues and principles has been achieved,” he said in a statement.

A clear catalyst for the negotiations was the 2019 General Conference, which saw passage of the Traditional Plan reinforcing restrictions on same-sex weddings and ordination of LGBTQ persons — but also igniting passionate, ongoing resistance in the U.S. by full inclusion supporters.

The tougher enforcement provided by the Traditional Plan went into effect Jan. 1, but the new proposal calls for holding “in abeyance” any administrative or judicial processes related to same-sex weddings or ordination of gay clergy.

“You cannot stop someone from filing a complaint. Neither can you stop someone from requesting a trial,” Bickerton said. “You can hold a complaint in abeyance. That’s our request.”

Key elements of the group’s proposal include:

- The General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church would provide \$25 million, over four years, “to the traditionalist Methodist denomination established pursuant to this protocol.” The new denomination would give up further claims to United Methodist assets, including those of general boards and agencies.
- GCFA would escrow \$2 million to help other potential new denominations.
- To support communities historically marginalized by racism, GCFA would allocate \$39 million over eight years to strengthen Asian, Black, Hispanic-Latino, Native American and Pacific Islander ministries, as well as Africa University. Of that total, \$13 million would come from funds the separating traditionalist denomination chose to forgo.
- After the 2020 General Conference, set for May 5-15 in Minneapolis, there would be a special General Conference for the remaining denomination. “The protocol also references a plan which calls for a special general conference of the post-separation United Methodist Church. The purpose of the Special Session would be to create regional conferences, remove the current prohibitions against LGBTQ persons, and to repeal the Traditional Plan,” said a press release from the negotiating group.
- A (non-U.S.) central conference would be able to choose with a two-thirds vote to affiliate with a new Methodist denomination. The vote deadline would be December 31, 2021, and if no vote is taken the conference remains in The United Methodist Church.
- An annual conference, whether in a central conference or U.S. jurisdictional conference, also could vote to affiliate with a new Methodist denomination. A vote of 20 percent or more at an annual conference session would be needed to have the disaffiliation vote, and a disaffiliation vote would have to pass by 57 percent. The disaffiliation vote deadline is July 1, 2021.
- The leadership body of a local church considering disaffiliation could determine a threshold of a simple majority or two-thirds for the vote on whether to separate. Decisions about disaffiliation must be made by December 31, 2024.
- A local church affiliating with another Methodist denomination “pursuant to the protocol” would keep its assets and liabilities.
- The pension plans of The United Methodist Church would remain in place for all current clergy and lay employees, even if they affiliate with another Methodist denomination under the protocol.

Details of Proposal

The document "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation" shares the proposal of a diverse group of United Methodist bishops and other leaders. [Click here](#). The group also released a Frequently Asked Questions document. [Click here](#).

Though the petition deadline for the 2020 General Conference is months past, church rules allow for special annual conference sessions to consider submitting additional petitions. Bickerton noted that some such sessions are already planned for the weeks ahead.

The General Conference Committee on Reference also can allow late petitions.

The group behind the new proposal has asked the Council of Bishops to request that the Judicial Council consider the constitutionality of the still-being-developed legislation before the opening session of the 2020 General Conference.

The group also wants the Council of Bishops to seek a report from GCFA on the financial impacts of the proposal.

The FAQ accompanying the protocol directly addresses post-separation realities:

“The United Methodist Church will be smaller. The church will need to quickly assess the impact of churches leaving and adjust infrastructure and spending accordingly. The long-term solution lies in the broad reform that is needed.”

Various plans for dramatically restructuring or breaking up The United Methodist Church are already headed to the 2020 General Conference, and a range of behind-the-scenes talks about the denomination’s future have been underway.

Yambasu organized a meeting in Chicago on July 19, 2019, that brought central conference bishops together with five representatives each from the traditionalist, centrist and progressive camps.

A smaller group met Aug. 16-17 at Floris United Methodist Church, in Herndon, Virginia, to start the mediated negotiations that led to this new proposal. The group would expand, mostly with bishops, as the process continued.

Kenneth Feinberg. Photo by Samuel Wantman, Wikimedia Commons, 2007.

Key sessions with Feinberg occurred Oct. 17-18, Nov. 11-12 and Dec. 16-17 in Washington.

Council of Bishops President Kenneth Carter was among the far-flung episcopal leaders who joined in discussions and signed the agreement. So did Yambasu from Africa, Bishop Rudy Juan from the Davao Area in the Philippines and Bishop Christian Alsted from the Nordic-Baltic Area in Europe.

Boyette and Patricia Miller represented the coalition of traditionalist groups that includes the WCA, Good News, the Institute on Religion & Democracy and the Confessing Movement. Lawrence, Randall Miller and the Rev. David Meredith were there for Reconciling Ministries Network, Methodist Federation for Social Action and Affirmation, and Meredith is listed in the protocol as a member of the UM Queer Clergy Caucus.

The group noted in its FAQ that participants represented themselves and could not speak "for all of any group." After details were announced, both MFSA and the UM Queer Clergy Caucus stated that their groups were not officially represented in the discussions.

The Rev. Tom Berlin and the Rev. Junius Dotson represented UMCNext, Mainstream UMC and Uniting Methodists.

Those in the room consulted with “outer circle” advisers, as well as financial experts.

“The process was a journey,” said Dotson, top executive of Discipleship Ministries. “It was filled with anxious moments. It was filled with moments of hope. I definitely felt the weight of these discussions.”

All of those signing the protocol agreed to support the development and implementation of enacting legislation.

“The fact that we were able to come together from across the world, from across theological spectrums and define an opportunity to collaborate for the sake of the church we all love is a monumental thing,” Bickerton said.

He added: “My hope would be that the delegates to the General Conference would be able to employ that same spirit as they undertake their work in Minneapolis.”

A live-stream panel discussion with members of the Mediation Team will be held on Monday, Jan. 13. Additional details will be provided in the days ahead.

Hodges is a Dallas-based writer for United Methodist News. Kathy L. Gilbert contributed. Contact them at 615-742-5470 or newsdesk@umcom.org. To read more United Methodist news, subscribe to the free Daily or Weekly Digests.

Giving and Attendance
December giving and attendance report

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Winterset Attendance</u>	<u>Patterson Attendance</u>	<u>Winterset Offerings</u>
12/1/2019	72	17	
12/8/2019	61	16	
12/15/2019	84	15	
12/22/2019	80	22	
12/24/2019	105	35	
12/29/2019	63	11	

Profit & Loss
January through
December 2019

Total Income:
\$160,505.97

-Total Expenses:
\$155,480.69

\$5,025.28



5:00-6:00 pm—Join us each Wednesday for supper. 6:00-7:00pm Worship Service. We will meet at the church rain or heat or pleasant weather so you know where the meal will be each week. The Menu will vary each week. However, bring a salad or something to share, if able. **During the winter months, if the school cancels due to the weather there will not be any evening activities such as Wednesday night supper. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause some of you.**



The Food Bank of Iowa is a private, charitable, not-for-profit organization committed to our mission of alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. The First United Methodist Church of Winterset is partnering with the Food Bank to provide a monthly food assistance program. The Food Bank delivers fresh produce, protein and non-perishables and we distribute the food. The Food Pantry will be held in the church lobby & fellowship hall on the **fourth Monday of each month from 4:30-6:30 pm. This is open to anyone so please let others know.** You do not have to be a Madison County resident. Please enter the east door of the church and sign in with your name, household size, zip code/county and self-declare your income eligibility. You do not have to bring or show any income papers. Please bring boxes to put your food in to carry home. **The next Food Pantry is Monday, January 27th.**



We are starting fellowship/card games on Saturday nights starting January 11th. This will run through the end of March. We would like to invite any and all who would like to participate. Please contact Nancy Ruby at 515-462-2727 or Lori Shell at 515-739-0220 for details on how to join in on the fun activities.



BRING LOVE MINISTRY PRESENTS:

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Free will benefit concert with proceeds supporting local foster and adoptive families through Bring Love Ministry

Family Fun, Door Prizes, Gospel, Bluegrass, Country, Hillbilly, Guitars, Fiddles, Banjos, Harmonicas, and Comedy Mayham.

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Liz and I are so appreciative of everything you and your church has done for Bring Love! Your church has been so generous and supportive of foster families. Thank you!

Below are the details about the Benefit Concert we have coming up in February. The Barrett family is one of our opening acts for this event, as well as some other local artists and praise bands.

Also, during the service, we have a special Foster-Friendly Church award for your church. We would be honored by your congregation's attendance so we can recognize and thank them at the concert.

Thank you!

Holli Floden
Bring Love Chief Operating Officer



SEWING ANGELS

Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Contact Lou Scholtens, 462-1566, for additional information



A message from your Music Director

There is always an open invitation for new members to join the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm. Open to ages 14 and up. If you would like to join please contact the music director Robin Clarke at 917-459-5889 or just show up.

“Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

~Psalm 95:2b



Patterson news

On November 23rd we had our 2nd Kids Party We had 14 kids attending and 14 adults as well. It was a fun time for all with everyone making crafts and enjoying the Hot Dogs, Beef Burgers, Chips and Jello cups for lunch.

Our December Brunch was on December 1st and it was a great way to kick off the Holiday Season. Everyone enjoyed the Church Service and the fellowship that followed.

December 19th was our monthly Family Night Potluck Supper. We had decided to make it a Soup Supper and what a Variety we had and of course you had to try more than just one kind and then of course top it off with some fabulous desserts. We did our preparation work for the December kids party as we visited and enjoyed everyone's company.

Then on Saturday December 21st was a very successful Kids Christmas Party with 25 in attendance. Our Crafts were really enjoyed with all and it made Memories for the 2019 Christmas Holiday for everyone. We had some beautiful Wooden Crosses that were made by one of our members that were great to decorate with different things that made them very personal to the person making it for themselves. Also a pinecone reindeer, Manger, Angel, and other Christmas related ornaments. We enjoyed Burgers, Chips, and Chocolate and Vanilla Pudding. Following our lunch Pastor Mark read a Christmas Story to everyone titled “The Littlest Angel”. The kids were very intent during the story. As they left for the day we gave them a little bag of goodies to take with them.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday at 8:00 PM. We will also be serving some refreshments following the service.

Next months dates to remember are January 5th our After Church Brunch and January 16th Family Night Potluck Supper. We would love for everyone to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship at the church.

We hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

JOIN US FOR CHURCH IN 2020!

Have a safe and Happy New Year of 2020! May your year be filled with many blessing!



CHURCH FAMILY

Patterson United Methodist Church



Worship Service– 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

After church Sunday Brunch– 1st Sunday of the Month

ly Night Potluck-3rd Thursday of the Mont @ 6:30pm

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Winterset First United Methodist Church



Please Come join us each Sunday for service.

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m

Worship Service Starts 10:30 a.m.

Free Wednesday Night Suppers at 5:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in January:

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| Don Kinney 1/2 | Graham Barrett 1/20 | Michelle Crouse 1/27 |
| Mary Louise DeVault 1/3 | Dick McCauley 1/21 | Paige Tucker 1/27 |
| Jennifer Schiefelbein 1/6 | Kelli Benshoof 1/21 | |
| Gary Christensen 1/9 | Hudsyn Forsyth 1/22 | |
| Jane Wight 1/11 | Sydney Lowe 1/23 | |
| Angela Olson 1/17 | Jaelynn Forsyth 1/24 | |
| Debra Kaldenberg 1/19 | Lacey Forsyth 1/25 | |

The United Methodist Women will not meet in January. The Next meeting will be held February 10th.





JANUARY

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The newsletter deadline will be the 25th of each month to ensure that the newsletter can get out in a timely manner. If I do not have something by the 25th, it will not be placed into the newsletter for the month. The newsletter will be out the first week of each month going forward. Thank you!