



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.



**General Conference 2019
Briefing
With Martha Stokes
January 8, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
Tuesday Evening
Harmony UMC - Driscoll Hall**

Harmony, Agape, Bethany, Mt. Zion, and Round Hill United Methodist Churches have invited Martha Stokes, the VAUMC General Conference delegation leader, to meet with laity from our congregations. Martha will be available to help participants understand the Called General Conference process as well as the plans being presented by the Way Forward Commission in this General Conference Briefing. As we pray for the future of the United Methodist Church, let us gather to hear Martha as she shares insights, concerns, and responds to questions.

<http://www.novaumc.org/a-way-forward/>
<https://vimeo.com/293610770> (Bishop Lewis' Video)



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

We are One in Christ
UMCprays.org • A UMC Prayer Community

UNITED METHODISTS ARE INVITED TO:

Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be unadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.

Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23 through February 26, 2019.

Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that will be posted on the UMCPrays.org website through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

Emmanuel
GOD WITH US