

Greetings!

With Christmas carols and snow in the air, I invite you to turn your minds to 2020 for a moment. After the General Conference of the United Methodist Church met in February of this year and reinforced and re-committed to continue to discriminate against GLBTQI+ folks in the polity and practices of the Church, Broadway said, clearly, “We resist.”

In May of 2020, the General Conference will reconvene in its regular 4-year cycle. What the General Conference will do going forward is up in the air.

Whatever the General Conference decides, Broadway will have decisions to make about our relationship within the United Methodist Church going forward.

In lieu of that, Broadway will meet on the second Sunday of the month in one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the first four months of 2020. Worship will be followed by a lunch and conversation to discern Broadway’s way forward.

On Sunday, January 12th, worship will be in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Following the worship service, there will be a lunch. Following the lunch, there will be a facilitated conversation on the future of the United Methodist Church. We will work to keep the conversation time to around an hour.

The first session will focus on the history of the United Methodist Church and how we have arrived at this point.

In February, we will talk about who we are as Broadway and getting clarity about our principles (as enunciated, for example, in our Mission, which we affirm whenever we gather for worship).

In March, we will talk about what different options are being proposed at the General Conference.

In April, we will meet on the 3rd Sunday (because the 2nd Sunday is Easter), and the discussion will be on what Broadway will do going forward.

Over these four months, we encourage you to talk with one another. Our plan is to do several surveys (most available online) across these four months to help gather where our hearts and minds are as a congregation. We look forward to seeing you!