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**The United Methodist Church General Conference • May 5-15, 2020**  
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **United Methodists Hold Prayer Vigils for Denomination**

Charlottesville, VA, January 27, 2020 - United Methodists across central Virginia will be holding prayer vigils for their church as delegates prepare for the 2020 United Methodist General Conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 5-15. The conference, composed of 862 delegates from around the world, is the highest legislative body of the denomination and will be facing the real possibility of a split in the church over human sexuality issues.

Currently, the church does not allow practicing homosexuals to be ordained or same-sex marriages to be performed in its local churches or by its pastors. A decades-long debate in the church over such issues has reached the point where an amicable separation is now being seriously considered.

The Charlottesville District of The United Methodist Church is inviting its members and friends to pray for the work of these delegates by participating in one or more prayer vigils organized by local church laity and clergy across the district. The prayer vigil dates, times, and locations are as follows:

Sat., Feb. 1, 7pm	Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper
Sat., March 7, 7pm	Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper
Sat., April 4, 7pm	Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper
Sat., May 2, 7pm	Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper
Sun., May 3, 2pm	Aldersgate UMC, 1500 E. Rio Rd., Charlottesville
Sun., May 3, 2pm	Nelson UMC, 5239 Thomas Nelson Hwy., Arrington
Sun., May 3, 2pm	Louisa UMC, 100 E. Main St., Louisa
Sat., May 9, 7pm	Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper
Sat., May 16, 7pm	Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper

For more information about these prayer vigils or the issues facing The United Methodist Church, contact the Charlottesville District Office at (434) 977-4254.

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