Part B

The United Methodist Church is a worldwide connectional church. Why and in which ways is this relevant in your context?

Input and Perspectives:

Womens rights are part of our mission

History of Methodist and emphasis on education impact

Education, good water, good hospitals, proud to be a Methodist for what they have done.

We are not searching for common ground we are searching for higher ground. We are united by means of grace, scriptural basis, the quadrilateral, the social principles.

Everyone is in favor of a two tier Book of Discipline, availability of the Book of Discipline is important. Many are lacking in knowledge of Book of Discipline translation is not in all languages.

Build schools, churches.

We give assistance to children.

Evangelism is important yet we do it differently in different parts of the world and need permission to do so.

Our Wesleyan heritage

Our understandings of church draw us together, and do not separate us.

Social Principle of law, liberty, friendship, love of one another.

Church birthed on John Wesley, roots is Wesley.

Essentials unity, non essentials liberty, and all else charity.

Focus is on the Gospel of God

We can learn from the experiences of others, “Obeigado Senhor Aleluia.” Can sing God’s praises in many ways.

Importance of developing relationships with those around the world has transferred.

Helps those smaller churches feel like they are a part of something bigger.

Puts churches within American context into a broader context.

Imagine No Malaria is very important work, which made Methodists the head of the response to Ebola.

People are proud of church.
VIM teams connect and build relationships with missionaries wherever we go.

UMCOR is so important.

**We are in fellowship with others who understand the gospel in the same way.**

Feel connected wherever we go in the world, we never can get lost.

**Instant family whenever we see the cross and flame.**

During a hurricane, UMs came from all over the world to help immediately at our church, which was a relief center and rebuilt 40 houses.

We are not alone.

Some have gifts of giving, others have gifts of evangelism.

In light of our commitment to be a world-wide connectional church, what is most important for a truly worldwide General Book of Discipline that undergirds and empowers the mission of the entire United Methodist Church?

Response:

Very challenging to navigate between connection a list and remain relevant in conjectural setting.

The book is too big now, we are trying to put everyone in one box.

Wesleyan heritage needs to be in the book, theological task, Um History.

Local contextualization must be aligned with the laws in book.

Mission should be in, core beliefs.

**Delete US centric stuff.**

There may not be much else that fits globally.

**Full inclusion of women in leadership must be mandatory.**

The Discipline must be small enough to translate into all languages.

Must have less shall and more mays.

Include places where we all agree, quadrilateral, universal social principles.

**All of our conversation agrees with the two tier Discipline.**

Should be small enough not to choke us by our own rules.

Should empower people to do ministry where they are.

Should be focused on Christo centric understanding, shared claims about God’s grace.

Should include what helps us to fulfill mission of the church.
Articles of religion must be included unless change restrictive rules.