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EPISODE 16: Human Sexuality and the UMC

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The position statement of the United Methodist Church regarding human sexuality is that homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching.” As such, the United Methodist Church does not avow the ordination of “self-avowed, practicing homosexuals” nor does current polity allow for same-sex marriages to be officiated by United Methodist pastors. Some churches and pastors are in open rebellion against these policies and are both ordaining “self-avowed, practicing homosexuals” and performing same sex marriages. Others are calling for the policies to be enforced with disciplinary action. A special session of the United Methodist General Conference—the denomination’s governing board—has been called for February, 2019. The Conference hopes to find a way forward for the denomination while so many of its members disagree on human sexuality.

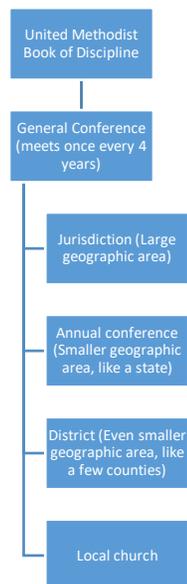
In this episode, we talked with Heather Hahn, reporter for United Methodist News Service.

<https://www.umnews.org/>

For a deeper dive into United Methodism as it exists today check out this helpful page from UMC.org:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/united-methodists-at-a-glance>

Quick view of United Methodist organization:



For a deeper view, this page is cool: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/organization-church-as-connection>

For the deep dive into everything happening leading up to and at the special General Conference in 2019: <https://www.umnews.org/en/category/general-conference>

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