NEXT GENERATION UMC

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A TRANSFORMED CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
Continued—but deeply reformed—global United Methodist Church governed by greater regional autonomy

No dissolution. Yet, a way for churches called to new expressions to part with blessing

Legislation is constitutional — would pass Judicial Council review, if requested

 Doesn’t require constitutional amendments*
Next Generation UMC Key Areas

- Repeals the Traditional Plan
- Opens Opportunities to form new expressions of Methodism
- Reforms and revitalizes The United Methodist Church
- Ensures no one is excluded from the ministry of The United Methodist Church
NEXT GENERATION UMC PROPOSAL

☐ Amend ¶140
☐ Define the barriers we long to remove
By the power of Christ’s redeeming and sanctifying love, we commit ourselves to grow in love and understanding until all the walls that divide us are finally cast down.
Separation with local church property is made possible
NEXT GENERATION UMC PROPOSAL

☐ Churches who want to be independent
☐ New Denominational Expressions of Methodism where departing churches can gather
☐ With 2/3 affirmative vote
"The United Methodist Church must adapt to create a vital, global polity. This requires the thoughtful development of a new constitution by a Commission on the 21st Century Church and the focused attention of a special session of the General Conference in the autumn of 2023."
NEXT GENERATION UMC PROPOSAL

2023 Special Session of General Conference
Next Generation UMC Supports

- The Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation
- The Connectional Table’s proposal for the United States as a Regional Conference
NEXT GENERATION UMC SUPPORTS

The Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters’ work on a Global Book of Discipline that has adaptable portions in different regions of the world.
Next Generation UMC Timeline

May 2020 – General Conference

☐ Moratorium on charges, complaints, and trials
☐ Remove all discriminatory language related to LGBTQ persons
☐ Pass disaffiliation legislation
☐ Pass grant allocation formula (developed before or during GC)
☐ Pass CT Regional Conference legislation
☐ Create Commission on the 21st Century Church
**Next Generation UMC Timeline**

**May 2023 – Called General Conference**

- Adaptable Book of Disciplines
- Report of the Commission on the 21st Century Church
- Covenant or Concordat Agreements
- [Remove ALL discriminatory language related to LGBTQ persons—if not accomplished in 2020]
Next Generation UMC Goal

Let's Get To “Yes”