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## presentation for January 14

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The United Methodist Church

comprised of 133 Annual Conferences, each headed by a Resident Bishop

Each Annual Conference divided into districts, headed by a District Superintendent

Troy First UMC is in the Miami Valley District, which is in the West Ohio Conference. Our superintendent is Jocelyn Roper, our bishop is Gregory Palmer. The West Ohio Conference is made up of eight districts

Each local church sends clergy and lay delegates to the Annual Conference. Our delegates for this year are Bobby Phillips and Bob Schuller. Our Annual Conference is held at Lakeside Ohio, and meets the first full week of June

Every four years, each Annual Conference sends clergy and lay delegates to General Conference

General Conference is the principal decision making and policy setting body of the worldwide United Methodist Church. It is the body which can make changes/additions to our Book of Discipline, and meets every four years

### THE CURRENT UNITED METHODIST POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUALITY IS

We affirm that all persons are individual of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment... The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving, and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons. (paragraph 161F)

### ORDINATION:

The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church (paragraph 304.3)

### MARRIAGE:

Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches. (paragraph 341.6)

A special session of the General Conference has been called by the Council of Bishops, and will take place this Feb 23-26, to address the issue of homosexuality