

**A Resolution on
What's Next in the
Central Texas Annual Conference
2019**

Whereas: On May 20-22, 2019 a group of lay and clergy members of the Central Texas Conference participated in a meeting in Kansas City, KS at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection called, UMC Next. We gathered with 600 centrist and progressive United Methodists to dialogue about how we might move forward following the passage of the Traditional Plan by the 2019 General Conference.

And Whereas: As a result of the group's work, a statement and four primary commitments were clearly and consensually agreed upon by the group:

“We believe these commitments are essential to a hope-filled future for the global Methodist movement as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:”

1. We long to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience, and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.
2. We commit to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all forms and toward all people and build a church which affirms the full participation of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.
3. We reject the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and will resist its implementation.
4. We will work to eliminate discriminatory language and the restrictions and penalties in the Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons. We affirm the sacred worth of LGBTQ persons, celebrate their gifts, and commit to being in ministry together.

And Whereas: We believe that we must all continue to pray for the future of our denomination and the ongoing fruitfulness of every local congregation,

Therefore, be it resolved: That we as members of the Central Texas Annual Conference commit ourselves to continuing to listen to one another, to be in dialogue with one another, to pray for one another, and above all, to love one another as Christ loves each and all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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