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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

What will this action accomplish?

Since the Traditional Plan passed at the 2019 General Conference serves as a rejection of compromise and a theologically diverse denomination, only structural separation will allow all Annual Conferences and Local Churches to effectively Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. By restructuring spheres of authority and accountability, The United Methodist Church will be better adaptable to our mission context and preserve our global unity.

Why is it important?

Because enormous cultural and theological gaps remain in our global church, and the Council of Bishops, The Commission on a Way Forward, and the 2019 General Conference were unable to find a satisfactory resolution to the impasse in the United Methodist Church around affirming LGBTQ clergy and celebrating same-gender weddings in our churches, it is time to restructure the UMC.

How will it be carried out? By whom?

The Conference Secretary shall issue this petition text to:

1. Council of Bishops secretary
2. General Conference General Secretary

How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?

Staff time to mail the document