



Cross 101
United Methodist Church

January
2020

Time with the Board
General Conference Update

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Cross Winds Timeline

**Feb
to
April**

- **Special General Conference**
- **Board & staff debriefed on GC result**
- **Time with the Board**
- **Annual Conference clergy session**

May

- **CW Survey Created**

June

- **220 CW Members responded to survey**
- **Annual Conference**

August

**September to
December**

- **Courageous Conversation forums held**
- **Board Reviewed Survey and CC forums comments**
- **CW Statement in Response to General Conference**
- **Proposals / Petitions Submitted to General Conference**

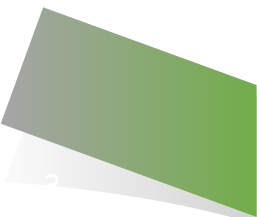
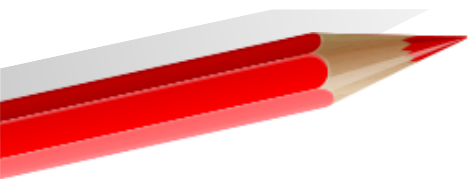
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Cross Winds Response



As we stated in September:

*Cross Winds is committed to seeking to follow Christ by being a fully inclusive, diverse, grace-filled, compassionate church **welcoming all!***





What is next?

- General Conference is in May 2020 Minneapolis
- Annual Conference is in June 2020
- Note: The Board will continue to monitor the information and share with the congregation



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- A 16-member group of diverse United Methodist leaders from across the globe have met multiple times with a mediator and have created a proposal called:
 - *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation*
 - The CW Board is supportive of this proposal as a way forward



General Conference

- Every proposal/petition will be assigned to and acted on by a legislative committee
- Legislative committee will send a proposal(s) to the full plenary session
- More than likely a minority report (Another idea) will also be submitted to the full plenary session
- A majority or minority proposal may be passed, amendments from the floor may be incorporated in the final proposal, the possibility of nothing being approved are all possibilities
- Legal opinion created by the Judicial Council (Supreme Court of the UMC)



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Thank You!

Questions?

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