



SUMM Fellowship Meeting MINUTES 21 February 2018

1. **Welcome/Concerns/Joys/Prayers** – Pres Jim and VP David, and Chaplain John.

2. **Fellowship Meeting & Program** -

Meal = Brunswick Stew, corn bread, and desserts by Bill Smith.

Our Guest Speaker was Pastor Scott Dodson, who explained the Methodist process of “A Way Forward” and the likely three models, followed by open, frank, and important questions, answers, and discussion.

⇒ 3. **Peanut Ministry** – Raw on hand to do 3 or 4 cookings. Finished on hand 40 cases. Next cooking 26 Feb. Special order for 12 Bragg cases. We need a co-chair of this ministry. Is this YOU?

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – current account balance \$9,925.82. The Board approved 2018 Donation Budget was approved by the Fellowship 17 January 2018. Board agreed to additional 2017 donations of \$6,000 of the excess earnings from 2017. Disbursements to date = \$500 Scouts; \$500 Broad Street Clinic; \$500 Teen CBS; \$500 FCA; \$1,000 Methodist Home for Children; \$1,000 The Refuge.

⇒ - As always, every/any man in the Church is invited and welcome to attend and participate in any/all Board or Fellowship meetings, discussions, and considerations.

⇒ 5. **Men’s Visitation Program** – Merle has offered to send DVD’s of the services to those VIP’s who would like them. Teams are to let Merle know Names and Addresses of VIP’s who want this. SUMM is seeking someone to oversee this VIP Visitation Ministry. Is God calling⇒ YOU?

⇒ 6. **Men’s Bible Study** – class started 19 Oct 2017 Thursday mornings 7:30-8:30 and continues. Our facilitators Bill Smith and John Lee want all to know that all men are invited and may attend any or all sessions...no reservations needed...come as you choose.

7. **New & Old Business** –

A. Men’s 2018 Church-wide **Christmas Banquet** proposed for 7 Dec in the Assembly Hall.

- Board unanimously recommends to the Fellowship that this year SUMM provide all the meals at no cost (like we do for the free Easter Breakfast), limiting attendance to 125, the comfortable capacity of the Assembly Hall. Sign up/reservation sheet will again be in the office, with first come, first served for 125. The Board proposes that we limit each family to no more than 4 individuals to be fair to all.

- As this expenditure exceeds the By Laws \$1000 limit of the Board’s discretion, we need the Fellowship approval/disapproval; therefore, by month’s end, please register your vote and/or comments to Secretary Frank at 910-326-7997, or send email to:

⇒ peanuts@SwansboroUMC.org. Also, please comment on the family limit proposal.

Silence is consent.

⇒ **B. Men's 2018 Schedule** of Board and Fellowship Meetings and proposed Peanut Cook dates presented and approved by the Fellowship 17 January. Recommendations made for special SUMM events like boat trips, baseball game attendance, bowling, a special Thanksgiving meal on 21 November, etc.. Send us your input.

C. Board approved \$50 for **Easter bunny** candy for Day Care 29 March, 10:00-11:00am. Sanders Hall will take pictures of kids, as parents approve.

⇒ **Easter Breakfast** 1 April 6:30 am – need men to set up, cook, clean, re-set chairs. Pres Jim will be calling men, and men who are willing to help should call Jim!

D. Pres Jim met with Missions and agreed for UMM to help on special projects.
- For example - UMM getting with UMW for joint projects or activities, like movie nights, dinners, holiday celebrations, day trips, boat dinner cruises, baseball games, etc. etc.

⇒ - The 15 Apr Yard Sale is another example where men are needed. Those with a pickup truck or trailer who are willing to help, need to contact Chuck Edgerton for details on Time/place/dates.

⇒ - Another event we might like to get planned is a St. Patrick's Day dinner with corned beef and cabbage and maybe some fun activities to complete the evening. Possible \$5 fee just to cover expense of food? Would like to get started on this ASAP for advertising, planning, etc. Please send your input on this to Secretary Frank.

E. Charitable Work Project – All Board approved work on widow C.P.'s Hubert house. Husband was an Iraq veteran killed in action. Door, roof, walls materials and labor estimate of \$2400. Pastor Scott so far has approved \$500 from his PDF. We will ask for more. Final costs will be borne by SUMM Love Gifts. Victor Gamble lead worker.

F. SUMM Flyer – revised to list VIP Visitations, Sea Scouts, and new times for Peanut Cooking.

See attached inserts below.

Closing Prayer – Chaplain John Lee

⇒ This arrow directs your attention to specific areas where YOU and YOUR ACTION are needed. 😊



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Lord Jesus Christ
IN OUR **COMMUNITIES** THROUGH
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AVAILABLE TO ALL.



Dear United Methodist Men!

We can't thank you enough for our surprise donation of \$500.00 to our Teen CBS ministry!

We are taking our youth on retreat to the Refuge at the end of March - so many of our teens want to go - but they were financially unable - until now!!

Thanks to you and your generosity - we can all go! You guys are wonderful. Thanks again,
Joanne & the TCBs crew!

The prayer focus this week is for school safety and protection.

Please distribute to your groups, thank you!

*Blessings,
Crystal DesVignes
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"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 9:32 AM, Scott Dodson <pastorscott@swansboroumc.org> wrote:

The prayer focus for this week is for all those effected by the heartbreaking school shooting in Florida. Please pray for the families of those killed, those hurt, the students, the first responders, the teachers, the school administrators, the parents, and the entire community.

Please distribute to your groups.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott



COMPASS

A Message from Good News

THREE MODELS



Last November, the Commission on a Way Forward presented three possible models for the Council of Bishops to consider to resolve the division with-

in The United Methodist Church. None of the models has been adopted by the Council for recommendation to the called General Conference in 2019. Still they are worth a look.

The first model would maintain our present position regarding sexual ethics and would institute methods for disciplining pastors and bishops who are disobedient to the Book of Discipline. Those who do not wish to live by our principles would be free to leave. This is what "should happen." But it would not solve our problems. Progressives would remain in the denomination, continuing to disobey the Discipline, and there would be scores of ugly trials stretching out over many years if not decades. Many conservatives would grow discouraged and leave. And the UM Church would be accused of being the church that persecutes LGBTQ persons.

The second model is the "local option" with each pastor deciding whether to marry gay couples and each annual conference determining if it will ordain practicing gay persons. Favored by the self-named "centrists" this option would split the church because many, maybe most, evangelicals would not be able to live in a church that promotes what they believe to be contrary to Scripture.

The third model would create three different branches within one church. One branch would be thoroughly progres-

sive, one would be conservative, and one would allow pastors and annual conferences to adopt their own position regarding marriage and ordination. Those who favor this model hope that it might give everyone enough space to be true to their conscience, yet at the same time maintain some degree of church unity.

Like model two, the multi-branch plan will be difficult for many traditionalists to accept. Yes, they would be free to follow their conscience and not be threatened or punished for doing so. But again, they would still be part of a UM Church that allows bishops and pastors in another part of the denomination to promote what evangelicals believe is contrary to scripture.

Of course, the other option is that nothing passes and we are left in the same divided, dysfunctional mess that led to the creation of the Commission on a Way Forward in the first place. If that's the case, the church, I believe, will begin to shatter.

Regardless of which model passes or if no plan is approved, the called General Conference needs to make a way for churches that desire to leave to do so. If we change the rules or if we remain embattled, it's not OK to tell good people who have invested their time, their service, and their finances in their local church, that to be true to themselves they must leave the local church they have loved and helped build. If the majority of a congregation wants to leave, they should be allowed to do so without penalty, keeping their property. That provision is not only right, it may also be the only way that any plan can pass.

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Delegate Changes for 2020 General Conference

By Thomas Lambrecht

United Methodism will hold its regular General Conference in 2020, just 15 months after the special called General Conference in St. Louis in 2019. The delegate numbers assigned to each of the jurisdictions in the U.S. and central conferences outside the U.S. were recently released for the 2020 General Conference. The new numbers show a loss of 22 delegates from the U.S. jurisdictions and a gain of 18 delegates from Africa and 2 delegates from the Philippines. The overall delegate count dropped by 2.

When it comes to voting on issues at General Conference, traditionalists have held a slim majority of about 54 percent. With the new delegate redistribution, traditionalists may see their majority increase by one or two percentage points, but this should not dramatically affect the outcome of votes taken at General Conference.

This redistribution of delegates suggests that we cannot rely upon the General Conference to enact a sweeping conservative agenda. If neither the 2012 nor 2016 General Conferences could resolve our church's crisis by restoring accountability and compliance with the Book of Discipline, it is unlikely that the 2020 General Conference will do so. That is why the special 2019 General Conference is so important in adopting a proposal that will end the conflict in our church and allow us to refocus on ministry and mission.

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