

## 2/3 of U.S. Delegates Support One Church Plan



From the Observation Deck: praying and singing for A Way Forward.

It is clear 2/3 of U.S. Delegates support the One Church Plan. Both Mainstream UMC and Uniting Methodists confirm these numbers.

Good News & the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) also have confirmed these numbers, stating they believe they have about 180 votes in the U.S. for the Modified Traditional Plan. That is only 1/3 of the U.S. delegates.

**Traditionalists, Centrists, and Progressives all agree, 2/3 of the U.S. is for the One Church Plan and only 1/3 of the U.S. church is for the Modified Traditional Plan.**

In other words, the only way the Modified Traditional Plan passes is if the delegates from outside of the United States impose it upon a super majority of the U.S. church.

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### Wesleyan Covenant Association Wants Exit First

The Modified Traditional Plan includes the “Exit Plan” that the WCA wants.

The WCA has already made plans for a new denomination and need an “Exit Plan” so they can leave. By voting to support the Modified Traditional Plan, delegates would be giving the WCA churches in the U.S. and around the world the easy path out of the church for which they are hoping.

The “Exit Plans” are not for “progressives” or “centrists.” No group of “progressives” or “centrists” is planning to leave the church if the Modified Traditional Plan passes. **The Modified Traditional Plan will only mean more strife and more church trials. The “Exit Plans” are only for the WCA to form their own denomination.**

All “Exit Plans” should be referred to General Conference 2020. This 2019 General Conference is about the One Church Plan.



## What The One Church Plan Does

The One Church Plan:

- ◆ States that “marriage is traditionally understood as between one man and one woman.”
- ◆ Makes no changes in the Central Conferences for marriage or ordination.
- ◆ Affects the U.S. church and the U.S. church overwhelmingly supports it.
- ◆ Endorsed by Nearly 2/3 of the Council of Bishops.
- ◆ Unanimously upheld by the Judicial Council.
- ◆ Holds together our global ministries.
- ◆ Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

### Council of Bishops Supports the One Church Plan

The Bishops have spoken. In 2016 we, the delegates, asked our bishops to lead. They formed the Commission on a Way Forward. Nearly 2/3 of the Bishops around the world voted to support the One Church Plan. As our spiritual leaders, they understand what it will take to hold the church together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. Our leaders would not lead us astray. We need to speak out against those who are attacking the integrity of our Bishops.

Support the Bishops. Support the One Church Plan.



### US Groups Take Africa Votes for Granted

Good News President, Rob Renfroe wrote, “In St. Louis...there will be a traditionalist plan brought to General Conference that...will be the position **held unanimously by our African brothers and sisters, most of The Philippines, many in Europe...**in other words, the same coalition that has carried the day every four years since 1972. And it will prevail.” <https://goodnewsmag.org/2018/07/failure-of-leadership/>

Wesleyan Covenant Association Leader and U.S. delegate, Chris Ritter boasts in a recent blog post that “**Africa, as a unified bloc, will support the Modified Traditional Plan.**” <https://peopleneedjesus.net/2019/02/23/gc2019-update-1/>

They apparently do not believe that delegates from Africa and the Philippines can think for themselves or can have differing viewpoints. The WCA and Good News believe they have all of Africa and the Philippines in their pocket.

Do the African delegates know that the WCA has already formed the structure of their new denomination and is simply waiting to leave? A vote for the Modified Traditional Plan includes “Exit Plans” that will facilitate the WCA to leave the UMC. A vote for the Modified Traditional Plan is a vote for schism.