

A Matrix of UMC Proposals for Going Forward

Plan	<u>A New Form of Unity</u> a.k.a. Bard-Jones Plan	<u>Next Generation UMC Plan</u>	<u>Indianapolis Plan</u>	<u>The New Expressions Worldwide (N.E.W.) Plan</u>
Crafters	Bishops David Bard (MI) and Scott Jones (TX)	<u>UMCNext</u> (centrist and progressive UM leaders)	12 UMC leaders, including those from <u>Good News</u> and WCA and other who favor formal division	<u>UM Forward</u> (progressive and liberationist UM leaders)
Motive	Keep UMC united to focus on mission	Provide for respectful separation, while retaining control of UMC	Acknowledge irreconcilable differences and provide a way to go separate ways	Provide option that centers on People of Color (POC), Queer and Trans persons
Proposal	UMC becomes umbrella org over 2-3 churches with different policies on LGBTQ issues	End Traditional Plan and all related trials and allow gracious exit for dissenting congregations	Divide UMC into 2-3 denominations with different policies on LGBTQ issues	Dissolve UMC and form 4 denominations with different policies on LGBTQ issues
Proposed Churches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional MC (TMC) following <u>Traditional Plan</u> Open MC (OMC) following <u>Simple Plan</u> Possible Progressive MC affirming LGBTQ inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UMC Church(es) formed by departing congregations, most likely those associated with <u>Wesleyan Covenant Association</u> (WCA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional MC (TMC) UMC composed of centrists and progressives Possible Progressive MC that affirms LGBTQ inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditionalist MC Moderate MC Progressive MC (social gospel) Liberationist MC (empowers PoC+Q+T)
Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared governance of GCF&A, GCAH, Wespath, UM Publishing House Other agencies remain with OMC 	Newly formed denominations could contract services with agencies at less than market rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wespath, UMCOR, UMW, UM Publ House become separate orgs serving all denominations Other agencies remain with UMC 	Could become independent orgs, merge, or dissolve
Timeline	2020: Approve legislation 2021: Annual Conferences choose affiliation 2022: First General Conference of new churches	2020: Approve legislation 2022: Special General Conference of new churches 2024: Disaffiliation ends	2020: Approve legislation; Annual Conferences choose denomination 2021: First General Conference of new churches	2020: Approve legislation 2024: Special General Conference to finalize arrangements
Central Confs	Intentionally left out so they can determine own path	Not involved in crafting plan	Consulted African bishop; all churches would be global bodies	No special provisions
Notes	Similar to <u>COWE's Connectional Conference Plan</u> but does not require constitutional amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would hire professional mediator to help determine allocation of resources Plan also supported by <u>Uniting Methodists</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congregations that differ with Annual Conference can take property and realign Central Conferences that make no choice default to TMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitional Council of members from all 4 bodies works out details General Church assets divided equitably with provisions for restorative justice and reparations