

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE INDIANAPOLIS PLAN FOR AMICABLE SEPARATION

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church has experienced increasing levels of conflict at every General Conference since 1972 with the 2019 special General Conference and its aftermath highlighting the depth of irreconcilable differences within the church;

WHEREAS, the depth of conflict and the dysfunction in the UM Church is harming its ministry, its ability to fulfill its mission, and its witness;

WHEREAS, efforts to resolve the impasse in ways that will preserve the UM Church have been unsuccessful and have only led to further harm to the church and its mission;

WHEREAS, there are increasing calls from various areas of the UM Church that for the sake of the mission as we understand it, it is necessary for us to find a way to end our conflict, and bless and send one another as we multiply our denomination into other expressions of vibrant, Wesleyan Christianity;

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Plan for Amicable Separation is the product of the sincere work of a diverse group of centrists, progressives, and traditionalists seeking to end our conflict and provide a pathway to new and entirely distinct denominations of the Methodist movement unhindered by those with whom they have been in conflict; and,

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Plan for Amicable Separation enables the formation of new denominations with unity grounded in theological alignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Global Legislative Assembly of the Wesleyan Covenant Association supports the principles outlined in the Indianapolis Plan for Amicable Separation. If a mutually agreeable plan of separation based on these principles is not adopted at the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, we support the full implementation of the Traditional Plan. Recognizing that, in either event, some Traditionalist local churches, clergy, and laity will separate from the UM Church, the Global Legislative Assembly authorizes the WCA Council to convene a founding conference for a new Methodist church if necessary. Upon the adjournment of the UM Church's 2020 General Conference, if the WCA Council believes it is necessary, it will convene a founding conference for the creation of new church committed to embodying the historic Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition.