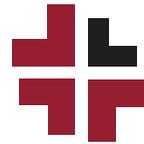


Connected to Reach People for Christ



**WESLEYAN
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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. KEITH BOYETTE

In just a short time the Wesleyan Covenant Association has gone from an idea to a major movement all across the United Methodist connection. From the spirit filled gathering of 1,800 people in Chicago in October 2016, to large and small events all across the U.S., and to the participation of people in Africa, the Philippines, and Europe, the WCA has inspired and united together orthodox, evangelical Methodists.

Members and friends of the WCA are warm hearted, Jesus followers committed to living out the Wesleyan expression of the Christian faith. Their deepest desire is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. They are dedicated to proclaiming the timeless truths of the Bible and winsomely testifying to the power of God's grace in their lives.

And in this season of uncertainty for The United Methodist Church, the WCA has remain focused on making disciples of Jesus Christ, and connecting together local churches committed to proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the authority of Scripture, and the transforming power of Christ's cross to liberate from our slavery to sin and our fear of death.

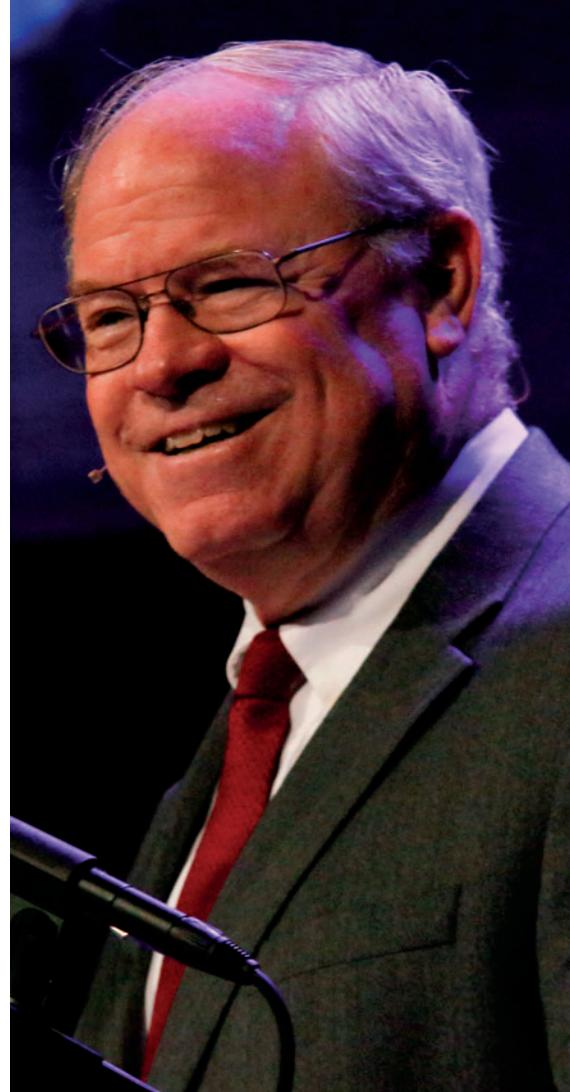
I invite you to read through this introduction to the WCA. You will learn that our movement is full of hope because we know Jesus is Lord. And therefore, we are full of confidence for the future of the people called Methodists!

I trust you will join us as we prepare for whatever is next for the Methodist movement!

In Christ,

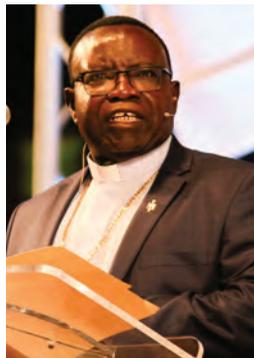
Keith D. Boyette

President
Wesleyan Covenant Association



CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE

The Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) connects Spirit-filled, orthodox churches, clergy, and laity who hold to Wesleyan theology. It is an association or network of individuals and congregations who share a common understanding of our Wesleyan doctrine and desire to become a vibrant, faithful, growing 21st century church.



We believe change is coming to The United Methodist Church, and as we live into what comes next, the Wesleyan Covenant Association will connect, encourage, and resource clergy, laity, congregations, and regional chapters by:

- ✦ Committing to the primary authority of Scripture and the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- ✦ Creating a unified response to encourage The United Methodist Church to maintain traditional, orthodox Methodist beliefs
- ✦ Developing a plan for a positive and faithful future

The Wesleyan Covenant Association's purpose is to prepare for and live into what is next for the people called Methodists.

"The Wesleyan Covenant Association shares the deep history of the Wesleyan movement with the forward looking hope for what God still longs to do with the people called Methodists. I was drawn to WCA because I saw in the leadership women and men of integrity and vision who stepped up to provide leadership for the church where leadership was lacking. In these uncertain and pivotal times for The United Methodist Church the WCA is leading prayerfully, faithfully, and with intentionality. I believe that in the future we will look back at this period of our history and be grateful that we took a stand together on the historical beliefs of the church grounded in Scripture."

The Rev. Jessica LaGrone
Dean of the Chapel
Asbury Theological Seminary

“Friends in Christ, I invite and encourage you to consider joining with me as a member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association. I do so as a call to the highest level of doctrinal integrity and missional commitment in the name of our Lord. Let us come together in a unity of gospel purpose as Christ prayed in John 17:21 and not simply a conglomeration of the lowest element of denominational engagement. Together, with all United Methodists who call on Christ, let us be united in renewing the Wesleyan movement for the advancing Kingdom of God.”

Bishop Mike Lowry
The Fort Worth Episcopal Area

SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY AND THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

The earliest Christian affirmation was “Jesus Christ is Lord” (Acts 2:36). This is the core belief that characterizes all Christians and what defines discipleship. It is rooted in Scripture and the church universal has proclaimed and endeavored to live it out down through the ages.



The Wesleyan Covenant Association aims to ground all of our beliefs and practices in the authority of Scripture. Living and serving under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture, we are moving forward with confidence for the future.

CREATING A UNIFIED RESPONSE

We are in a time of great uncertainty in The United Methodist Church. Persistent and escalating disobedience to the order and discipline of our church has created anarchy. While the 2019 special General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, reaffirmed our church's sexual ethics, teachings on marriage, and ordination standards, and added enhanced accountability measures, some of our bishops and clergy have responded with defiance and anger.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association exists to give voice to Spirit-filled, orthodox members as we prepare for the 2020 General Conference and a new Methodist movement sure to follow in its wake. The WCA will bear witness to the historic Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition. We are in a better position to respond to the 2020 General Conference as a unified body of Spirit-filled orthodox believers. Therefore, we seek to gather together as many like-minded clergy, laity, and congregational members of the Wesleyan Covenant Association as possible. This unified association will enable us to respond and move forward together in the strongest way possible. Acting together will give us confidence for the future.



"I endorse the Wesleyan Covenant Association and call upon all United Methodists in Africa and beyond to join this new alliance of congregations, pastors, and laypeople who believe in the Scripture as the authentic Word of God for faith and Christian living, and are committed to evangelizing the nations and transforming society."

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Kulah
Dean
Graduate School of Theology
United Methodist University
General Coordinator
UMC Africa Initiative

PREPARING A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

We are convinced that after the 2020 General Conference a new Methodism will come to the fore. However, we cannot wait until 2020 to figure out how orthodox, evangelical United Methodists will move forward together. That is why the Wesleyan Covenant Association is committed to working on plans for a revitalized 21st-century Methodism that can be implemented either within a United Methodist structure or outside of it. Our plans must uphold the integrity of our belief in the authority of Scripture under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, as well as seek the best framework for a vital, growing church that is sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. This planning and preparation will give us confidence for the future.



A CALL TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESLEYAN COVENANT ASSOCIATION

In this time of uncertainty, you can trust the Wesleyan Covenant Association to uphold the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the primary authority of Scripture and to advocate for a way forward that will not compromise the integrity of our beliefs.

Together we will reach out and provide connection and support to embattled clergy and congregations in regions that are unfriendly toward a traditional, evangelical understanding of the gospel. We are working to intentionally include and partner with our brothers and sisters in the global United Methodist connection in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association has clergy and lay members from every annual conference in the United States and every central conference outside the United States. Hundreds of local churches have also become members. We are excited that churches of every size, including some of the largest membership churches in The United Methodist Church, have already become members.

Your membership, prayers, and support are essential to help us move together toward a more faithful and fruitful future. We invite you to join us today with confidence for the future!





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