

A Resolution Endorsing the Formation of the Global Methodist Church

Whereas leading United Methodist bishops and leaders of centrist, progressive, and traditionalist United Methodist Church advocacy groups negotiated and endorsed the *Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation*, a plan calling for the separation of The United Methodist Church that is amicable and orderly;

Whereas United Methodist annual conferences around the world voted to ensure the implementing legislation for the *Protocol* was added to the 2020 General Conference agenda;

Whereas centrist, progressive, and traditionalist General Conference delegates have endorsed the *Protocol* as a good and peaceful way to resolve a debate that threatens the health and viability of the UM Church at every level;

Whereas the increasingly bitter dispute in the UM Church undermines the witness of the UM Church and the church universal in the wider culture;

Whereas the *Protocol* provides for the restructuring of the UM Church through separation with the emergence of a post-separation UM Church, a traditionalist Methodist denomination, and perhaps others;

Whereas this body, the Wesleyan Covenant Association's 2018 Global Legislative Assembly, endorsed the formation of a Next Steps Working Group to prepare for the creation of a new, global Methodist church;

Whereas this body, the Wesleyan Covenant Association's 2019 Global Legislative Assembly, received a draft "Book of Doctrines and Discipline" for a new traditional Methodist church, and commended the document as a resource for further study and development as a possible convening conference for such a church is anticipated;

Whereas the Wesleyan Covenant Association's Global Council has dedicated substantial time, talent, and resources to preparing for the creation of a new, global Methodist church;

Whereas theologically conservative United Methodist bishops and leaders created a Transitional Leadership Council to prepare for a new, global Methodist church and that body has announced its work to prepare for the legal formation and beginning of operations of the Global Methodist Church;

Be it resolved that the Wesleyan Covenant Association's 2021 Global Legislative Assembly endorses and celebrates the March 1, 2021, announcement of the Global Methodist Church in formation. Furthermore, be it resolved that the members of this body will dedicate their time, talent, resources, and prayers to full formation of the Global Methodist Church.