

**Some questions we are trying to understand. What are some other questions you have?**

1. What is the most recent scientific understanding to support that our sexual orientation and sexual identity are not a choice?
2. I understand that the Traditional plan will be implemented in Jan. of 2020? Is that true?
3. What reasons are there for the wide disparity in biblical interpretation between “traditionalists” and “liberals”.
4. If UMC members in the USA are majority accepting of gay marriage, why did the traditionalists win the day at the 2019 Special General Conference?
5. Are there any compromises in the works that might satisfy both sides?
6. If there is a split in the UMC who will get the name, the flame, and the land/buildings? Who develops the “new” Book of Discipline?
7. I have heard that clergy are at risk of losing their pensions, health care, and...? How would that be handled?
8. As a member, do I have a choice of where my affiliation will go?
9. If our church decides not to comply with the Traditional rules, how can we legally resist. Can we have same-sex weddings if our Congregational Meeting decides to do so? If our pastor performs a same-sex marriage and is brought to trial, can we decide not to cooperate?
10. How do the other congregations in the Great Plains District feel about this conundrum?
11. If the Congregational Meeting votes to affirm resistance, what can we do to show our community that we are serious about inclusiveness? Is there a way to make sure that when we contribute to the UMC we are not supporting “segregation”?
12. What are we able to do financially as a church related to the pastor’s pension, etc?
13. How much would it take to buy out our church?
14. What does our financial apportionment support?