

Update from the Future Directions Committee

In this update, we are providing websites in a good faith effort to educate and inform our members on the full range of perspectives regarding the current issues facing the United Methodist Church. We encourage the congregation to independently verify any information upon which you rely.

Please join us in study, discernment, and prayer as we consider options for our church. It is our desire for each person at HFUMC to review not just these references, but to seek out other information and truthful resources, so you can reach your own conclusions based on your own informed heart and mind.

Please continue to check our church website at www.hartfumc.com for more details and updated info.

Websites:

- ◆ www.ngumc.org
- ◆ www.globalmethodist.org
- ◆ www.timothytennant.com/blog (What's Next for the People called Methodist, The Next Methodism)
- ◆ www.stayumc.com/about/
- ◆ www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdYtHOtvl3I (end lower L,3, upper I) – Bishop Scott Jones, Wesley Scholar

Requirements to Vote IF a Vote Occurs

Anyone who attends HFUMC is invited and encouraged to read information, participate in small group meetings, and ask questions. **HOWEVER**, if there is a Church Conference to vote on whether to disaffiliate, you **MUST** be a member of Hartwell First UMC to attend and vote.

If the Church Conference occurs, only members will be allowed in the facility, per North Georgia Conference policy.

We strongly encourage you to check with Jennifer Allen in the church office, if you are unsure of your membership status.

If you are not a member and would like to be, please contact Rev. Allen Stewart for more information on joining HFUMC.

Small Group Meetings

Please be watching your bulletins, emails, etc. for information on upcoming Small Group meetings. These will be one-time meetings you will sign-up to attend.

The purpose will be to present history, inform of the process, provide a timeline, and pass on information for you to be informed.

The Future Directions Committee members are available for a conversation and happy to answer any questions you might have. You may also send questions to hfumcfuturedirection@gmail.com.

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“For I know the plans I have for you (Hartwell First)” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11