

## UPDATE from the Future Direction Committee – November 2022

**On November 15, 2022, Administrative Council voted to approve the Future Direction Committee's recommendation that Hartwell First UMC request that the District Superintendent call a Church Conference in the spring of 2023 for the purpose of a disaffiliation vote.**

Based on that approval, the Future Direction Committee will move forward with Small Groups and continue to provide the congregation with information. Our purpose and goal are to point you to resources that provide a full range of perspectives regarding the current issues facing the United Methodist Church.

We encourage each person at HFUMC to review the provided websites, seek out other information and truthful resources, study, discern, and pray, so you can reach your own conclusions based on your own informed heart and mind. We are aware that this can be confusing and overwhelming. Each member of the FDC is available and willing to meet with you to answer any questions you may have.

### WEBSITE RESOURCES

- ◆ [www.youtu.be/5g48onYSqg0](http://www.youtu.be/5g48onYSqg0) Rob Renfroe – Video #1
- ◆ [www.youtu.be/62qtzyBVCv8](http://www.youtu.be/62qtzyBVCv8) Adam Hamilton – Response Video #1
- ◆ [www.firebrandmag.com/articles/on-separation-schism-and-seasons](http://www.firebrandmag.com/articles/on-separation-schism-and-seasons)
- ◆ [www.hartfumc.com](http://www.hartfumc.com) Resources / Future Direction Committee

### SMALL GROUPS

The FDC will offer 14 Small Group meetings between 1/24 – 2/7. Sign-ups will begin Jan. 8th.

The purpose will be to present history, provide a timeline, pass on information for you to be informed, and answer any questions you have.

Please watch your newsletters, bulletins, and emails for more info and details as that process begins.

### REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE

Anyone who attends HFUMC is invited and encouraged to participate in Small Group meetings. Only members will be allowed in the facility during the vote, per North Georgia Conference policy.

**In order to vote this spring, you MUST be a member of Hartwell First UMC to attend the Church Conference and vote.**

We 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 Dr. Stewart for more information.

Please find below Future Direction Committee members and contact information. You may also send questions to [hfumcfuturedirection@gmail.com](mailto:hfumcfuturedirection@gmail.com).

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*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

*John 14:6*