

General Conference 2019

April 30, 2019 In a desire to facilitate good communication and information around the recent Judicial Council decision regarding the 2019 Special Session of General Conference, the Virginia Conference delegation and Cabinet have constructed a PowerPoint presentation to be made available to clergy and laity in the conference. The presentation also has explanatory notes to assist. They can be found at: <https://www.vaumc.org/GC2019>.

April 27, 2019 [CLICK HERE](#) for Bishop Weaver responds to Judicial Council ruling

April 26, 2019 Judicial Council rules on General Conference plan. The United Methodist Church's top court has found that while some provisions of the newly adopted Traditional Plan remain unconstitutional, the rest of the plan is valid as church law. [CLICK HERE](#) for the complete details.

March 4, 2019: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis held a "State of the Church:" address followed by discussion with Rev. Tom Berlin and Ms. Martha Stokes regarding the Special Session of General Conference. [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

February 27, 2019: A [LETTER](#) from **Bishop Sharma D. Lewis**, from the Virginia Annual Conference, in response to General Conference 2019.

February 27, 2019: A message from the Roanoke District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Overby Webster, on General Conference 2019 can be found [HERE](#).

February 23-26, 2019: The Council of Bishops called a **Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church** held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Livestream: starts Sat Feb 23 @ 10 am

Links to [more information](#).

February 24, 2019: Special Prayer to be used in worship on this day. [CLICK HERE](#)

December 11, 2018: [Letter to Laity from Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, United Methodist Virginia Conference](#).

October 26, 2018: The latest news from the United Methodist Judicial Council on the decisions related to the Way Forward plans can be found at: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-one-church-plan-largely-constitutional>

October 5, 2018: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, of the [Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), shares a video message regarding "Guiding Principles" as we anticipate General Conference 2019. This video can be downloaded and shared. Guiding Principles [video](#). Guiding Principles [PDF version](#).

September 26, 2018: Archived -- Q & A Event with Bishop Sharma Lewis, the Rev. Tom Berlin and Ms. Martha Stokes: <https://livestream.com/VAUMC/COWFQA>

June 15, 2018: Rev. Tom Berlin, Virginia Conference member on The Commission on a Way Forward, gave an update at Annual Conference [Link here](#).

May 7, 2018: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis shares her thoughts about the recommendations that the Council of Bishops (COB) will submit to the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019. <https://vimeo.com/268425848>

May 1, 2018: You can view Bishop Ough's video about the "One Church Plan" at: <https://www.facebook.com/umcbishops/videos/408860332929406/>.

January 6, 2018 Chat and Chew 2.0

Video of Bishop's introduction <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvQ0WB3W3dA&t=11s>

Video of Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SnNQ9ywU3k&t=817s>

Booklet including discussion questions and setting the rules: [CLICK HERE](#)

Additional Sources:

Up to date news from the Virginia Conference including many resources: <https://www.vaumc.org/wayforward>

Commission on a Way Forward website: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>

Virginia Conference Praying Our Way Forward: <https://www.vaumc.org/PrayForward>