



# In the Way of Grace



## SPECIAL DATES COMING UP

Confirmation Parents  
Meeting  
Jan. 27 at 4 p.m.

Confirmation Classes  
Begins Feb. 3 - 4-6 p.m.

Scout Sunday  
Feb. 10

McCurdy Study/Supper  
Feb. 10 4 p.m.

### Celebrating :

Church Life  
Together

Missions

Outreach-  
Touching Lives

Opportunities to  
Serve

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### Trout Lines—



When big changes take place, we usually have to reflect upon what is really important. When you choose a college, get married, have children, choose a career, move and buy a house, you assess what is important to you and what is peripheral. Then we concentrate on what is important so that it gets done right. This is what Elaine and I are doing as July approaches and a major change takes place in our lives.



Jesus talks to this when he is telling his disciples about taking up their cross to follow him. He tells them that one who takes on a large building project assesses the cost to see if he can really build it. Or a general before going to war assesses whether he has the soldiers and resources to do battle or whether he needs to negotiate peace. During the past few weeks, I assessed what is important to me theologically and for Christian practice. I only have 20 sermons left with you and I want them to count. So last week I planned out these remaining sermons. In them I will share with you what I believe is important in Christian faith and practice.

This may not seem important to you but it is to me. The 20 topics are not new to me or you. When I looked over them today, I recognized sermon topics I've done many times before. That proves they are important to me and I believe to the Christian faith. These are the things essential to my faith and practice and the things I want to leave you with. So, beginning with the first Sunday in February, I will share from my heart what the faith and practice of that faith means to me. I think we'll all get something out of it.

Your Friend and Servant in Christ,  
Steve

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"*

Matthew 16:24-26

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## ARK UPDATE

*Learning is not a spectator sport. . .  
So let's play!*



Greetings and Happy New Year!

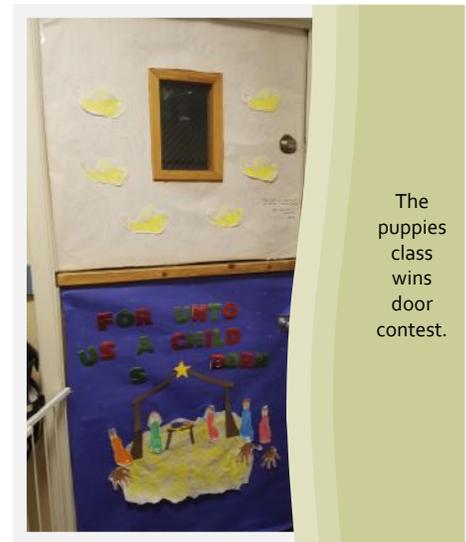
We are off to a wonderful start of the New Year!

Thank you for all your participation in our holiday door contest. The winner of the "Best Holiday Door" was the Puppies classroom. They won a \$20 gift card to the teacher store in Albuquerque to buy supplies for their classroom.

We also ended the Christmas season with Cookies with Santa and a food drive for L.A. Cares. Each family brought 2 non perishable food items to donate for a picture with Santa and cookies. We are happy to report that we were able to provide an overflowing cart full of food for L. A. Cares. This is a huge blessing for the food pantry who is currently suppling food for government families who are effected by the government shut down.

We still have Butter Braids available to purchase!  
If your interested stop by our office or give us call.

Thank you from the Ark Staff for all your support!



The puppies class wins door contest.

Tamryn Clancy, Ark Director  
ArkDirector@lafumc.org



YEAR END 2018		
	2018 BUDGET	ACTUAL
REVENUE	\$520,000	\$481,201
EXPENSE	\$520,636	\$482,227
	Loss	-\$1,026
2019 PLEDGES		
GOAL \$345K		
	Cards	54
	Pledges	\$336,465



### McCurdy Ministries Moves Ahead

**Sun, Feb 10 at 4 p.m.  
Friendship Center  
Soup Supper and Information**

Join UMW for a church-wide soup supper and information session on McCurdy Ministries' plans for the Children's Ministries program and facility. At last June's New Mexico Annual Conference the delegates voted to make the Children's Ministries a Conference-wide project. Come learn, fellowship and be informed. Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4:00 pm in the Friendship Center.

*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*

Luke 6:38

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DIRECTOR

Lisa Jo Bezner

I think I was in my Theological Thinking for Everyday Life and Ministry class when I first heard the phrase “Theology begins where you are.” The point being that theological reflection begins with your interests and how you think about them. Let me put it this way, you can read Harry Potter or watch the movies, but unless you take the time to reflect on the messages they are simply enjoyable fiction. If you look at Hermione’s knitting socks to free house elves, it has a social justice or mission aspect to it.

When I was in youth group, I remember playing games and even doing challenges. But what I remember most is how none of them affected how I lived. We were entertained for a certain amount of time, but none of the games really had a point to them. As part of a team race, I once had to eat a jar of green pea baby food. Why? Who knows?

I’ve heard a few times that what we need is a youth group. Yes, but what will it look like?

Based on some the interests of the youth, I’ve come up with a few suggestions. For instance, we have quite a few readers so it could be interesting to let them select a book each month and then gathering to reflect on it. We have a few interested in art, so maybe art journaling with the Scriptures to develop a spiritual discipline and chatting about what we’ve learned. We could also do group spiritual direction, which is gathering to help each other find where God is active in our lives.

What I would like to propose is a rotation of interests meeting on the same day each week after school. Then having a simple dinner where the parents and siblings can join in.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out, if you’re interested in joining or if you have some ideas of what we can do.



**Youth what are your interests? Lisa Jo would like to hear what you think!  
Let’s start something NEW for 2109.  
Who wants to join us?**



### Let’s Get Together

Ladies who is interested in planning a women’s retreat for the women of First United Methodist Church. What would you like to study? Where would it be? How long a day or a weekend? It’s all up to you.

If you are would like to help and be apart of a women’s retreat please speak to Lisa Jo and let’s get together a plan a great event.

### **Adopt a Grandparent Thursday, February 21**

The Adopt-a-Grandparent program is a way for our church youth to learn a craft from more experienced members while also building bridges between the generations. We will be meeting in the Mid High Room on Thursday, February 21, during Family Circle. This month will be led by Lisa Jo Bezner.

This month we will introduce sewing and embroidery terminology, learn to transfer a design and practice the running stitch. We will also look at how the stitch can be used in sewing, quilting, folk embroideries and dyeing. Bring a simple line drawing to transfer. If you have any questions, ask Lisa Jo or contact her at [dirfaithdev@lafumc.org](mailto:dirfaithdev@lafumc.org)

If you’re an experienced embroiderer willing to guide a less experienced embroiderer, you’re welcome to come. If you’ve tried sewing, been frustrated and want to try again, you’re welcome to come. If you’ve never tried and you want to, you’re welcome to come. If you just want to come, stitch and chat, you’re welcome, too.

# Life in Our Church

Youth 6th and 7th grade  
 Parent's Meeting Sunday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m.



It is time for Confirmation classes to begin! Mid- High youth join Pastor Steve as we learn about the United Methodist Church, about our faith, and beliefs. Classes will begin on Sunday , February 3 and will meet through May 19 from 4:00 p.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Come with your parent's on Sunday, January 27 at 4 p.m. we will meet in the Mid-High room. If you have questions please feel free to speak to Pastor Steve.



Sunday, December 30

We celebrated as Isla Indiana was baptized by Pastor Steve. as a congregation we will be there to help her as she grows in the church.



## UMW Recognize Kim Granzow and Don Siebe



2018 UMW Mission Pin recipients Kim Granzow and Don Siebe.

On Sunday, December 30 Kim Granzow and Don Siebe were presented with UMW gift to Missions pin by UMW president Carol Mead. Kim and Don were selected because of their service to FUMC of Los Alamos. As part of the mission pin recognition money has been sent in their honor to the Women's Division of the General board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Kim Granzow was selected for her service as the church Treasurer. Kim serves on the One Board and is very active in the life of FUMC of Los Alamos.

Don Siebe has served in the past as our Finance Secretary and actively serves as our Charter Organization Representative for Boy Scout Troop 122 that meets here at FUMC of Los Alamos. He also serves on the One Board as a trustee and active in many other areas.

# Congratulations Elaine!



Surprise!!! Elaine was surprised when she walked through the doors on the church on Sat., Dec. 22. Pastor Steve had worked very hard to invite her family, friends and church members to celebrate her retirement from the public schools.

Elaine has worked with children as a Speech Therapy for almost 40 years. She will finish her term at Mountain Elementary at the end of January. Now she is looking forward to retirement and enjoying their cabin in Colorado.



We congratulate Nathan and Chelsea Johnston on their adoption of a baby girl, Caroline Grace born on Jan. 2. Caroline weighed 5 lbs. 12 Oz. and 19.5 in. long. Prayers for continued health and blessings.



### Mark Your Calendars!

The Lenten series is approaching beginning on Thursday:

March 14 –April 11  
5:30 p.m. with Soup dinner

We need 8 people to write devotions for the devotional booklet scriptures have been selected. This year's theme is Creation Care and Doctrine of Discovery. If you're interested in writing a devotional information and sign up are at usher station.

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body...  
are one body. so it is Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12, ESV*

## Mendanales Christmas Boxes



Marcie

This is a project that is truly a community effort in many ways. Not only does our church come together as the body of Christ but, we are unified with other churches in the community. Once we are given the names by Marcie, who screens the families and gives us the names of those most in need of assistance. Linda Leschnitzer and Shelley Morris work together making packets for each family, oversee the food donations and make sure all families members have a gift and food. We are grateful for John Courtright who generously loans us his truck and drives all the boxes down to Mendanales.



This year I had the opportunity to ride with Linda to Mendanales and deliver the boxes to the community. It's amazing when we arrived at the civic center members of the community where their ready to help us on load. Inside the civic center post it notes were placed on the floor with numbers 1-66 this way when the truck was unloaded the boxes could be taken to the appropriate number. The guys formed two lines and as the boxes were taken off the truck they were passed one by one until they came to the end and placed in the appropriate spot. With such team work the unloading took no time.



Pastor Steve and his Karate group.

While the boxes were all counted, to make sure they made it off the truck, the families were able to have a warm meal. There was chili and posole' for everyone. While they ate others got in line to sign off with Marcie, who had a master list and each family was responsible to count their boxes and sign off. Once they'd signed off they helped each other load the boxes in their vehicles.

It takes a community to share with others love and compassion this project certainly had this on both sides. Thank you to the congregation and community for your support of this project. A big THANK YOU to Linda Leschnitzer, Shelley Morris and John Courtright for all your loving service and time on this project.



Mendanales families unload truck.



Linda, John and Marcie oversee.



Lending a helping hand.

# Police and Firemen Appreciation Dinner



Once again our church community came together to put on a lovely evening for our Police and Fireman. We were able to serve 130 persons including family members. We have this opportunity to share God's love with them and their families. Thank you to everyone who contributed by making cookies, helping prepare the meal, set up and decorating, serving and cleanup. It take many hands working together to have this great evening.



## MISSIONS & OUTREACH



Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday season. We really enjoyed having all our kids home for several weeks. It was also nice to have Lynn's mom for a visit.

As we mentioned briefly in our Christmas letter, **Lynn spent much of last year seeking the Lord as to where He was calling her to serve within Cru.**

After many, many years leading the training efforts for the high school ministry, she knew it was time for a new challenge. Initially, she expected the Lord would have her remain in the high school ministry. However, over time, it became clear that He was calling her to something entirely new. After months of prayer, seeking wise counsel, and waiting on the Lord, **He led her to transfer to Cru's outreach to athletes, Athletes in Action. She is now working as a Leadership Development Specialist for AIA.**

**Why athletes?** As you know, athletes have a huge impact on our culture. What if every team, in every sport, in every nation had an athlete who knew the Lord? This would have a huge impact. In addition, sports is a platform that the Lord can use to impact people in harder to reach areas - closed countries, urban areas, rural areas, etc.

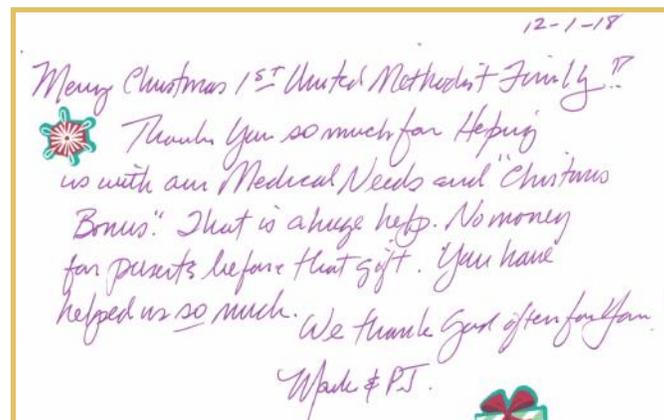
**Why Athletes in Action?** Lynn really believed that the Lord had not called her to leave Cru/Campus Crusade. So she sought out opportunities within Cru. As some of you know, Lynn was a gymnast when she was younger. She has always been drawn to sports and desired to see athletes reached with the gospel. However, she was not sure how Athletes in Action would help her further that desire. It was through Julie's high school soccer coaches and her mission to Spain this summer that the Lord showed her that sports can be used to reach people in ways that she never imagined. In addition, as she interacted with the Director of Leadership Development/Human Resources for AIA, it became clear that her gifts and talents could be used in significant ways to further

efforts here in the US and around the world to reach people with the gospel.

**So, with a new year, comes a new challenge for Lynn.** Leaving the high school ministry has been an incredible step of faith. However, she is excited for what the Lord has in store.

**Dave & Lynn**

**P.S. Next month we will celebrate Dave's 30 years with Cru. Please pray for Lynn's new position.**



### Mitten Tree

Thank you all for your generous donations of hats and mittens. We were able to provide 73 hats and 29 mittens to women, men and children at the El Calvario mission in Las Cruces. They will be able to provide much warmth to families who are not equipped for the cold winters.





**Join us in Prayer:**

- ◆ Be in prayer for the NM Conference selection committee as they select a new pastor for FUMC of L.A.
- ◆ Be in prayer for the McCurdy Ministries Capital Campaign as they raise money for improvements to the campus to offer services to the McCurdy community.
- ◆ Pray daily at 2:23 for the General Conference delegates who will meet in St. Louis Feb. 23-26. Pray for God’s guidance and direction as they decide how to include the LGBTQ community in the life of the United Methodist Church.

See pages 10-11 for a layout of the three plan proposal. If you wish to pray with the conference devotions you can go to the conference website at [www.uncomfum.com](http://www.uncomfum.com).



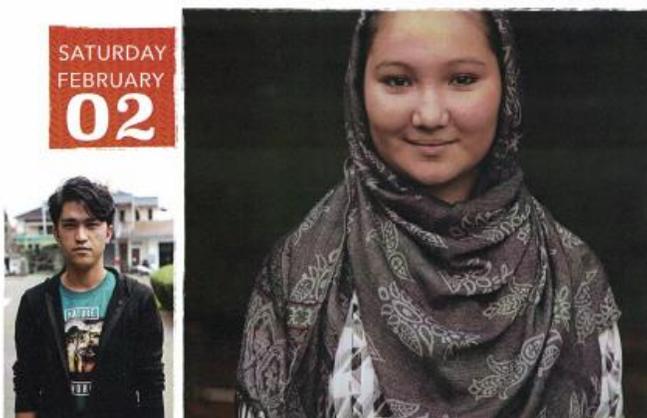
Days for Girls sewing group has completed another batch of 15 kits. All together in they have completed 85 kits that will be sent to girls in third world countries. This ministry has made a huge impact on girls allowing them to attend school which otherwise they would not have had the opportunity.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:15 p.m. in the Friendship Center. Sewing is not a requirement there are many steps to make these kits there is something for everyone. Come and join us!

**2019 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM  
Bishop’s Luncheon & Issues Briefing  
Wednesday, February 6**

The morning Issues Briefing will again be at the United Church (1804 Arroyo Chamiso in Santa Fe). Registration and refreshments will begin at 8:45 am. The Bishop’s Legislative Luncheon will be at 12:30 pm at La Fonda Hotel (100 East San Francisco).

The cost for the luncheon is \$35 per person. That cost is reduced to \$30 when 4 or more people attend from your congregation or organization. If you are only able to attend the morning Issues Briefing, the cost is \$10.



**THE STAGING POST**

Film Screening with  
Afghan Student Speakers 4-6pm

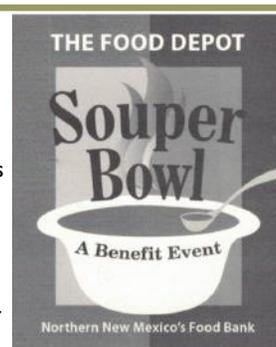
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A feature documentary “The Staging Post”, filmed by 17 year-old refugee Khadim Dai follows the story of a small group of Afghan Hazara refugees stuck in Indonesia after Australia ‘stopped the boats’. The film takes place at the Cisarua Refugee Learning Centre (CRLC), which provides education to almost 200 children and adults. Ten youth have been offered the chance to enroll in high school in Santa Fe, New Mexico at Desert Academy, and partner with UWC-USA. Students will be supported if they choose to apply to UWC for further education. Two students have arrived and will speak at the event! We need to raise funds for the students’ travel, health insurance, tuition and living expenses, and these kids need your help! If you can’t attend and would like to donate, you can do that here: [www.nmrefugeebridge.org](http://www.nmrefugeebridge.org)

Please join us for a Benefit Event for THE FOOD DEPOT, Northern New Mexico’s Food Bank, where \$1 provides 4 meals. Get ready to sample unlimited mouthwatering soups from 26 of your favorite local chefs!

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2  
TIME: Noon to 2 p.m.  
Location: Santa Fe Community Center  
201 W. Marcy Avenue,  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tickets can be purchased  
at The Food Depot  
or online at [thefooddepot.org](http://thefooddepot.org).



Adult Tickets – \$35  
Children’s Tickets (6-12) – \$10

Purchase tickets at the:  
**The Food Depot**  
1222 A Siler Rd.  
(M-F 8 am -5 pm)

<p><b>Overview of Proposals for General Conference</b> Points included in this document are provided as a summary of the recommendations to the special 2019 General Conference. For more information, please read the entire report from the Commission on a Way Forward.</p>	<p><b>One Church Plan</b> Summary: This plan, preferred by a majority of the Council of Bishops, would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline that prohibits same-gender weddings in UMC properties and ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." It would add language to protect churches and pastors who choose not to allow same-gender marriages.</p>	<p><b>Connectional Conference Plan</b> Summary: This plan would replace the current jurisdictional conferences with three connectional conferences based on affinity: Progressive, Traditional and Unity. All three would use a general Book of Discipline (Articles of Religion, General Rules, Confessions of Faith) with the ability to adapt other portions to their context for ministry.</p>	<p><b>Traditional Plan</b> Summary: This plan, developed more fully toward the end of the Commission on a Way Forward process, broadens the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual"; puts penalties in place for disobedience to the Discipline; and requires bishops, pastors and annual conferences to certify adherence to the Discipline.</p>
<p><b>Local Churches</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Most likely would make no changes in practice at the local level.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> May rewrite wedding policies to explicitly allow or forbid same-gender weddings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Will covenant with bishop on whether congregation will accept LGBTQ pastor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can choose affiliation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Still will set wedding policies with churches in the "unity" connectional conferences able to set parameters for building use and/or wedding policies in either direction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No vote unless the church disagrees with annual conference's decision to stay or leave the UMC.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Churches can leave if they disagree with annual conference's decision to adhere to Discipline.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Clergy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can exercise individual conscience.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bishop &amp; cabinet would take theological convictions into account for appointments.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ends potential for church trials.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ candidates can be ordained and appointed to local churches that approve and can request transfer of candidacy if conference Board of Ordained Ministry or clergy session chooses not to ordain LGBTQ persons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Will choose a connectional conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transfers subject to approval by Board of Ordained Ministry.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ordination would be recognized across all three connectional conferences.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Security of appointment determined by connectional conferences, with emphasis on protecting women and minorities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deacons and full-time local licensed pastors may see fewer opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must maintain Discipline or leave for "autonomous, affiliated or concordat church."</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Just resolutions from complaints must include commitment not to repeat offense.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> First offense results in one-year unpaid suspension.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Second offenses result in surrendering credentials.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Annual Conferences</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No vote is needed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boards of Ordained Ministry and/or clergy session can discern whether to ordain LGBTQ persons.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> General Conference can craft a way for churches to exit with grace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jurisdictional and central conferences will vote to join a connectional conference on simple majority vote.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences who want to join a different connectional conference than their jurisdiction chooses may do so on a simple majority vote.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences could revoke every four years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must certify that it will uphold the Discipline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences that won't certify are urged to form "autonomous, affiliated or concordat" church, and churches that leave can't use United Methodist name or logo past 2020.</li> </ul>

	One Church Plan	Connectional Conference Plan	Traditional Plan
Overview continued from other side			
<b>Council of Bishops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Council continues as one body providing spiritual leadership.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assignments will reflect convictions of bishops and annual conferences.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bishops will be protected if their consciences will not allow him or her to ordain LGBTQ persons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Funded by U.S.-based conn. conf. at comparable levels, with shared funding, as needed, for bishops outside the U.S.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Oversight and accountability falls to bishops of each connectional conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each bishop, active and retired, chooses a connectional conference</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All episcopal elections would take place by 2022.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Active and retired bishops must certify they will adhere to Discipline.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bishops who will not certify adherence no longer receive compensation of expenses as of 2021 and will be encouraged to leave for "autonomous, affiliated or concordat" church.</li> </ul>
<b>General Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to operate as they do now.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If funding declines, boards and agencies would need to consider a strategic restructuring. Sustainability issues, however, are separate from the Commission on a Way Forward's task.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jointly funded boards include Wespeth, GCFA, UMCOR, Archives, parts of GBGM and the Publishing House.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Task force would evaluate each general agency and propose new model for UMC by 2025.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Program agencies would only serve conn. conf. that desire participation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Justice ministries structures would be determined by connectional conference, with expected emphasis on sexism and racism.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All general boards and agencies continue.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each agency can contract with churches that leave the UMC.</li> </ul>
<b>Related Institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Likely no changes.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commission conversations with members of these organizations indicate this plan makes it more likely for most institutions to maintain their affiliation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Properties owned by annual and jurisdictional conferences follow them to their new connectional conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Institutions can choose to relate to one or more Cs, as their bylaws allow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No changes unless they choose to do so within the bounds of their own bylaws.</li> </ul>
<b>Finance &amp; Pensions</b>	<p>Two petitions are recommended for any of the three plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any church that leaves would have to pay their proportionate liability of unfunded pensions for their annual conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clergy would be removed from benefit and annuity risk pools and have accrued benefits transferred to an individual investment account.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Same two petitions as One Church Plan.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Legal fees to navigate legacy connections.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wespeth stays intact and extends to connectional conferences.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical and pension liabilities remain the obligation of the annual conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wespeth will reassign pension liabilities for churches that opt to go to another connectional conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annual conferences manage budgets to care for boundary reconfiguration costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Same two petitions as the One Church Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Episcopal Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and benefits would be paid by each episcopal area in the United States.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other expenses would be shared via apportionments.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No changes to central conference funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and benefits would be paid by each U.S.-based connectional conferences.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No changes to central conference funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No changes to central conference funding.</li> </ul>

*Note: These are the proposed plans that will be voted on during the Feb. 23-27 General Conference Once they have decided upon a plan then amendments will voted on and decided upon. To read more you can go to UMC.org.*

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*We do not cease to give thanks for you as we remember you in our prayers. Ephesians 1:16*

Send articles for submission to **ChurchNews@lafumc.org** or drop off at the church office by 12th of each month.

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<b>Judd, Abby</b>	1-Jan
<b>Terrell, Betty</b>	1-Jan
<b>Gill, Dennis</b>	5-Jan
<b>Collom, Robyn</b>	6-Jan
<b>Rousculp, Caroline</b>	8-Jan
<b>Siebe, Craig</b>	8-Jan
<b>Carter, Emma</b>	10-Jan
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<b>Bradley, Bill</b>	26-Jan
<b>Little, Jim</b>	27-Jan
<b>Douglass, Eileen</b>	28-Jan
<b>Brodnax, Erin</b>	30-Jan



<b>Blackstock, Doris</b>	1-Feb
<b>Collom, Bob</b>	5-Feb
<b>Seay, Earlene</b>	5-Feb
<b>Bequette, Linda</b>	8-Feb
<b>Van Winkle, Harper</b>	9-Feb
<b>Eaton, Stacey</b>	12-Feb
<b>Naffziger, Frances</b>	15-Feb
<b>Eaton, Lance</b>	20-Feb
<b>Morris, Tommy</b>	21-Feb
<b>Blackstock, Al</b>	25-Feb
<b>Varela, Nalani</b>	25-Feb

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