

MISSION MOMENT – February 17, 2019

The special session of the United Methodist General Conference being held February 23–26 will focus on the issue of human sexuality and church unity. The hope is that decisions made will allow the 2020 General Conference to focus on mission and the next steps for the church's unified global witness.

Thanks to the support of congregations for the General Administration Fund, our Church leaders have the opportunity to gather and determine critical next steps for The United Methodist Church. Without the General Administration Fund, there may be no General Conference. Support of congregations for this very important fund, allows delegates elected by each annual conference to meet, discuss and vote on vital proposals for resourcing and regulating the life and work of the Church.

General Conference sets rules and establishes procedures for virtually every aspect of the Church's life. It also communicates the denomination's official position on a variety of issues and cultural challenges. General Conference makes binding decisions related to the connectional and missional life of the Church. It is the only body authorized to speak for or as The United Methodist Church.

The General Administration Fund supports the critical work of the Church that is less visible than many other missional expressions. The Fund implements trustworthy administrative oversight, curates The United Methodist Church's rich history, and supports the legislative processes of the church. None of this would be possible without the General Administration Fund.

Guided by God's Spirit, the General Administration Fund is the oil that lubricates the gears moving the church's work forward to impact hearts and lives. Without it, the life-giving work of The United Methodist Church in accomplishing Christ's ministry in the world today simply wouldn't be possible.

Gifts to the General Administration Fund ensure that the faithful ministry being done today in the name of Jesus Christ will continue far into the future though the vital work of The United Methodist Church to transform individuals and communities.