

Question

If a local UMC chooses to disaffiliate, and then joins the GMC, what would happen to a person's church membership?

Answer

If JCUMC would vote to maintain its UMC affiliation, memberships remain as they have been, and new members will always be welcomed.

If the local church becomes GMC, one's membership can move to the GMC, and again, new members will be welcomed.

If the local church becomes GMC and someone wants to remain a UMC member and wishes to attend a UMC church, the local church, in cooperation with the WOC, will assist the member in finding a UMC church and transferring membership, if that is desired. But, again, no one HAS to leave.

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Please submit your question(s) to: discernment@jcumcoh.org

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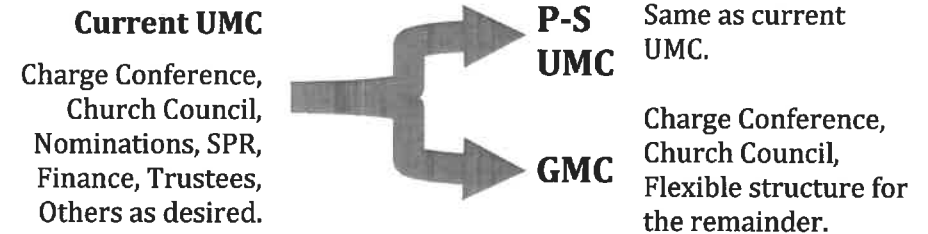
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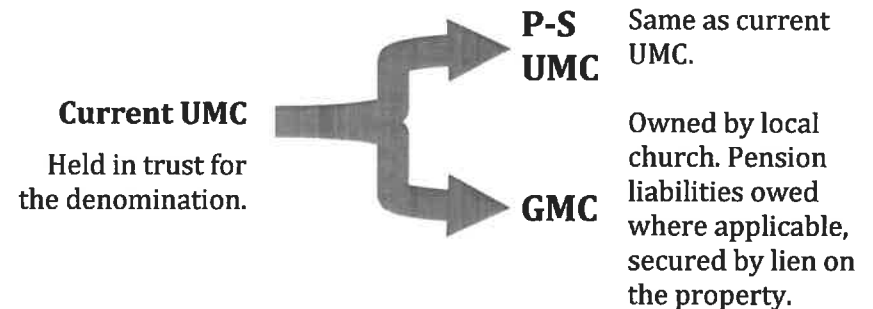
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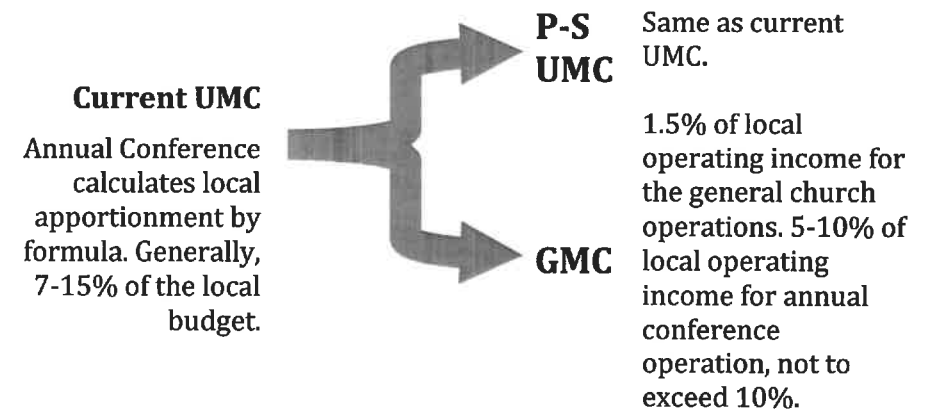
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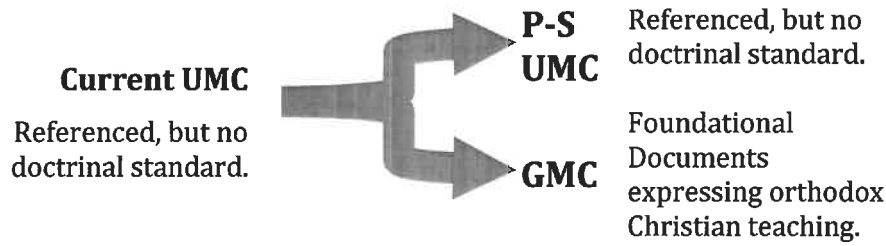
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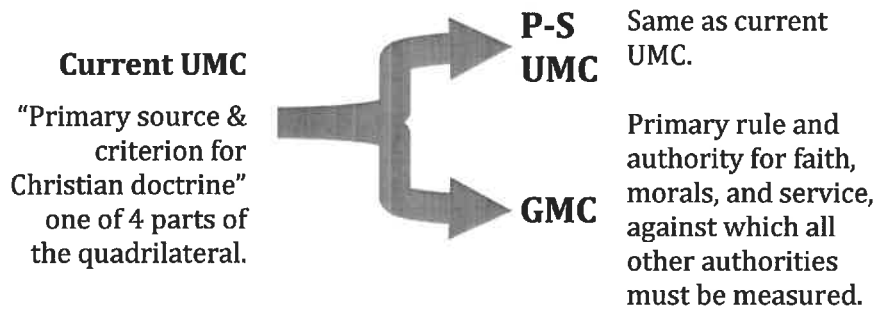
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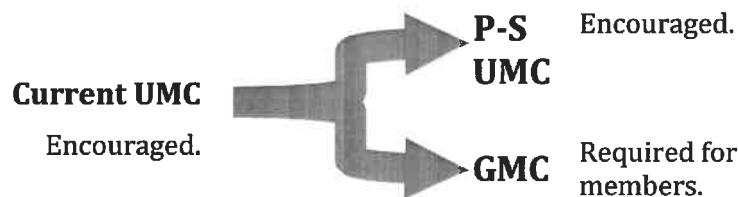
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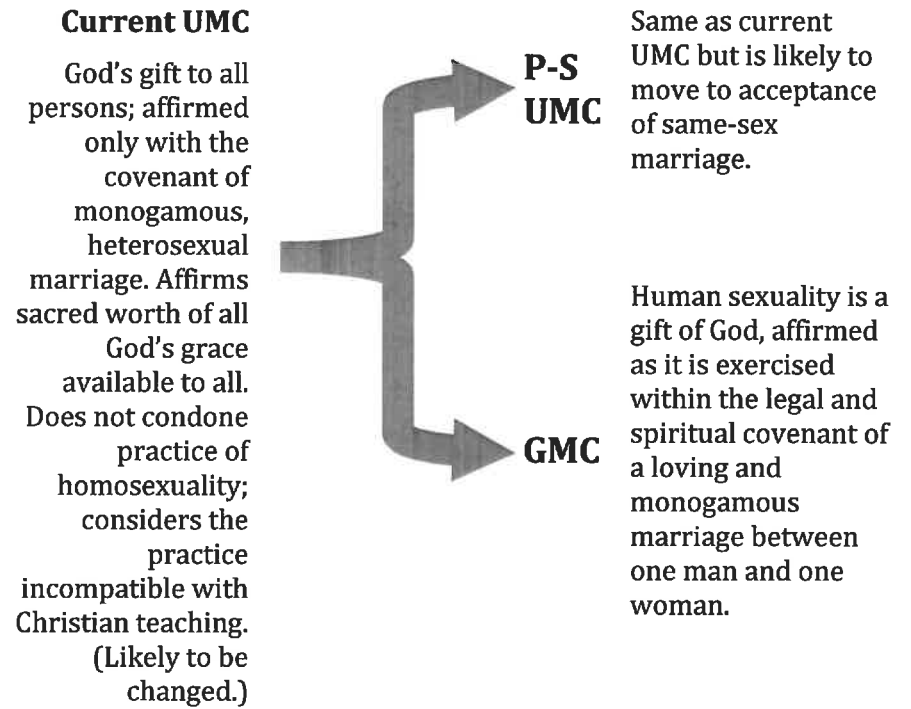
Scripture



Accountable Discipleship



Sexuality



Why is Jackson Center United Methodist Church voting on disaffiliation? Not all UMCs are in a discernment process. Why?

The United Methodist Church (UMC) is not requiring any local church to disaffiliate or even consider disaffiliation. However, neither is the UMC prohibiting any local UMC from considering the process of separation. It is up to the leadership of each local church. Our church has realized the turmoil that has been evident at each General Conference and, to a lesser extent, at each West Ohio Conference (WOC) Annual Conference. The idea of an amicable separation was discussed, and a Protocol was developed. However, the UMC closed the consideration of the Protocol, and then the Global Methodist Church (GMC) launched, the GMC offered an avenue to consider for affiliation going forward.

There are a multitude of reasons as to why churches are not in a discernment process or considering disaffiliation. Some of those are: the local pastor has not informed the congregation and/or there are no laity that have adequate knowledge; the cost is prohibitive; the laity is not concerned with the ongoing disputes within the UMC; the church is observing the first adopters and kicking the can down the road; or the local church simply does not have the skills or resources to even start the process. Additionally, some Annual Conference Bishops are uncooperative in setting a disaffiliation process. (Note: The WOC Bishop has been gracious.)