



Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church



November 4, 2018

Dear Members of Love Prevails,

Thank you for your Open Letter to the Council of Bishops. The Executive Committee received your open letter and reflected on it in our meeting, along those of other voices speaking to the church. We continue to listen across our church as we seek a way forward. We respectfully commend these recent pastoral statements:

[The Statement on Convicted Humility in the Final Report](#)

[The Vision Statement of the Commission on a Way Forward](#)

[Bishop Carter's and Bishop Harvey's words before the recent Judicial Council](#)

We have listened closely to voices across the church, from progressive to traditional. We seek not to harm but to heal. We will continue to reflect on your words.

We do commend the One Church Plan, while imperfect and awaiting the revision of the delegations to the Special Session of General Conference in 2019, as the way forward that most fulfills our calling as a United Methodist Church.

Grace and Peace,

The Executive Committee
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