

MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE ON THE WAY FORWARD

Information on the Special Session of General Conference in 2019 (GC2019)
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What is the Commission on a Way Forward?

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What are the Three Plans?

One Church Plan: This plan would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline and give conferences, churches and pastors the flexibility to "uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The UMC."

Traditionalist Plan: This plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations of church law.

Connectional-Conference Plan: This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values (accountability, contextualization and justice). The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination's constitution.

The following groups have issued statements in support of the One Church Plan, available at www.mtnskyumc.org/wayforwardstatements:

- Western Jurisdiction Mission Cabinet
- Mountain Sky Cabinet and delegates
- UMC Council of Bishops
- Western Jurisdiction delegates
- Western Jurisdiction Mission Cabinet urging prayer

Learn more on www.mtnskyumc.org/WayForwardFAQ.

Information online:

- www.umc.org/GC2019
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- www.onechurchplan.org

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