

Sunday , February 12, 2023
Highlands United Methodist Church
Town Hall #2

UMC Recent Events Timeline

- 1972 Discussions about Sexuality at UMC General Conference (GC)
- 1972- 2000 Continuing Discussions at every GC with no real solutions
- 1990-2010 Other US Christian Denominations reorganize over LGBT differences
- 2000 - 2016 - LGBT Discussions became more heated and ugly (per Russ Graves)
- 2015 - Some Methodist Clergy created Wesleyan Covenant Assn (WCA)
- 2016 - GC closes with 3 Open Issues; Biblical Authority, Who Jesus Is, & Sexuality
- 2016 - Special General Conference set for 2019 - One topic - Sexuality
- 2019 - GC again affirmed not allowing practicing homosexuals to be UMC clergy
- 2019 - GC added Paragraph 2553 to the Book of Discipline - Expires 12-31-2023
- 2019 - November - Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation created
- 2020 - General Conference of 2020 Postponed until 2021, and then 2022
- 2022 - General Conference of 2020 Postponed again until 2024
- 2022 - May 1 - WCA launches the Global Methodist Church
- 2022 - June - Signers of the Protocol rescind their support of the Protocol
- 2023 - January - Bishop Berlin sets 3 Special Annual Conference dates
- 2023 - The UMC Judicial Council confirms no extension of Para. 2553 BOD