

Special Wednesday Study ~ Beginning Sept. 12, 2022, 6:30-7:30pm

"United Methodist Church Today: Where Do We Go from Here?"

Welcome, Brief Intro & Prayer

Intro 6-part Video Series from Rev. Rob Renfroe (www.goodnewsmag.org)

Video 1 - The United Methodist Church is Divided and Dividing – the theological and spiritual issues surrounding the division within the denomination.

Key phrases and concepts (in Pastor Clint's opinion)

Rob Renfroe- "I have decided it's time to leave the United Methodist Church (UMC) because I believe the UMC has left me. . . .

More importantly, in many, many ways the UMC has left Wesley. And even more importantly, I believe in many, many ways the UMC has left the Bible."

"The UMC as you have known it is going away". . . . dividing into two denominations:

Global Methodist Church (GMC)- new but affirms what Methodists have believed since the time of Wesley.

UMC- will keep the name UMC, but will not be the UMC you have known. Will become much more liberal.

All faced with a decision. Doing nothing is doing something. Making no decision is making a huge decision.

6-part video series will inform and help make decisions . . .

Some say, "I can't believe we are going to split over different views regarding human sexuality." That is NOT the primary reason. It is about biblical authority and theological integrity. . . . about what we believe regarding the Bible, Jesus, and how church is controlled by many leaders who undercut what the church has taught for 2000 years. . . . bishops who do not enforce our beliefs and promote doctrines contrary to what we say we believe, who encourage pastors to engage in practices which the church has said we cannot condone.

(Very brief overview of recent history regarding the debate on human sexuality)

Many bishops, pastors and others stated they will NOT follow the decision of the General Conference and the Book of Discipline.

Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation (Protocol) proposed

delayed General Conference, COVID, etc

Brief overview of topics of other videos . . .

"To stay the same, we will need to change."