Weaving the Future: Connectional Conversations  
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For Further Reading


https://wesleycovenant.org. Web site for the Wesley Covenant Association, a United Methodist group supporting the current position of the denomination that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, and calling for church renewal.

https://rmnnetwork.org. Reconciling Ministries Network web site, a United Methodist group advocating for the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the UMC including authorizing clergy to officiate at same-sex marriages and allowing for the ordination of married or single LGBTQ persons.

http://unitingmethodists.com. Web page for a recently formed group, Uniting Methodists, advocating for a middle way within The United Methodist Church allowing for officiating at same-sex weddings and the ordination of LGBTQ persons, but also allowing conferences to make choices about these matters.

Forthcoming video from the Michigan Area Truth and Reconciliation Group. In this video you will hear the voices of LGBTQ persons and their families discuss some of the pain and difficulty they have experienced in the church.


Hamilton, Adam. Making Sense of the Bible: rediscovering the power of Scripture today. Nashville: Abingdon, 2014. A prominent United Methodist pastor and leader in the Uniting Methodists effort argues that the Scriptures variously represent God’s will for humanity with some passages meant for all time, some meant for another time, and some which are quite time-bound.


Rendle, Gil. “Be Strong and Of Good Courage” and “Knowing How To Read the Signs: a Non-theological Description of the Work of The Commission on a Way Forward.” A well-respected United Methodist church consultant reflects on the current situation of our church and how we might lead with courage. These papers are available on-line and have been resources for both the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops.


Siker, Jeffrey, ed. *Homosexuality and the Church*. Philadelphia: John Knox Press, 1994. Outstanding authorities on Scripture, tradition, reason, biology, ethics, and gendered experience discuss one of the most divisive debates in the church today: the place of homosexuals in the community of faith. Each perspective is explored by two writers, one more conservative, the other more liberal.

