

Pastor Duane Combs will be offering a five week course on “What our Methodist Church choices look like”. This course has been requested by so many of you. So after you read the following syllabus and if you wish to become a member of this Zoom class which meets starting January 26th at 9:30 AM, please let me know at dlboring@comcast.net or by my phone or text message. The number is in the Directory.

The next United Methodist Church General Conference will be from August 31 to September 10, 2021. A proposal to separate the United Methodist Church into at least two new churches called “The Protocol” will be debated and voted on. One church will use the United Methodist Church name and structure, and this church will be “progressive.” A new “Traditional” church will support an historical understanding of Methodism and Biblical standards.

The purpose of this 5-week study will be to look at what the new church choices could look like by answering three questions:

1. What is membership like in this new church?
2. What does the new church look like and act like?
3. What is the life of a member like in the new church?

The resource for the first three weeks will be a document published by the Wesleyan Covenant Association. This document’s name is “**Accountable Discipleship in the _____ Church,**” a Report of the WCA Accountable Discipleship Task Force. A copy of this document will be provided to every class member before the study starts for free. We will use this document to answer each of our 3 questions in the first three weeks.

In week four we will look at the United Methodist Church as understood by Progressive critical thinking. The structures of the United Methodist Church will be the same but the understanding of how the church works will change dramatically.

Finally in week five we will discuss any remaining questions and if there is time take a look at where our World is going.

What: What Will Our Methodist Church Choices Look Like

When: Every Tuesday at 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Where: Wherever you are by Zoom

Why: To grow in our relationship with God and Talk About Our Future