

Culpeper UMC

Congregational Meeting
August 18, 2022

Purpose

This meeting is to share information with the congregation.

This is not a debate, discussion or vote.

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We Are Connected.

General Conference

The legislative body of UMC. General Conference sets the rules and establishes procedures for virtually every aspect of the church's life

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Council of Bishops

Bishops provide spiritual leadership and serve as general superintendent of the UM churches.

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Judicial Council

The Judicial Council is the highest court of the church. It determines the constitutionality and legality of acts or proposed acts of the general conference (GC), jurisdictional or annual conferences based on the church's constitution and other parts of The Book of Discipline.

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Timeline related to the Issue of Human Sexuality

Birth of the United Methodist Church (UMC) by the merging of the **Methodist Church** and **E.U.B. Church**.

1968 G.C.

1968

Same-sex marriage was banned.

1976 G.C.

1976

No UMC clergy can officiate same-sex weddings, no UM church can host same-sex weddings.

1988 G.C.

1988

1972 G.C.

“All persons are individuals of sacred worth created in the image of God.”

“The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.”

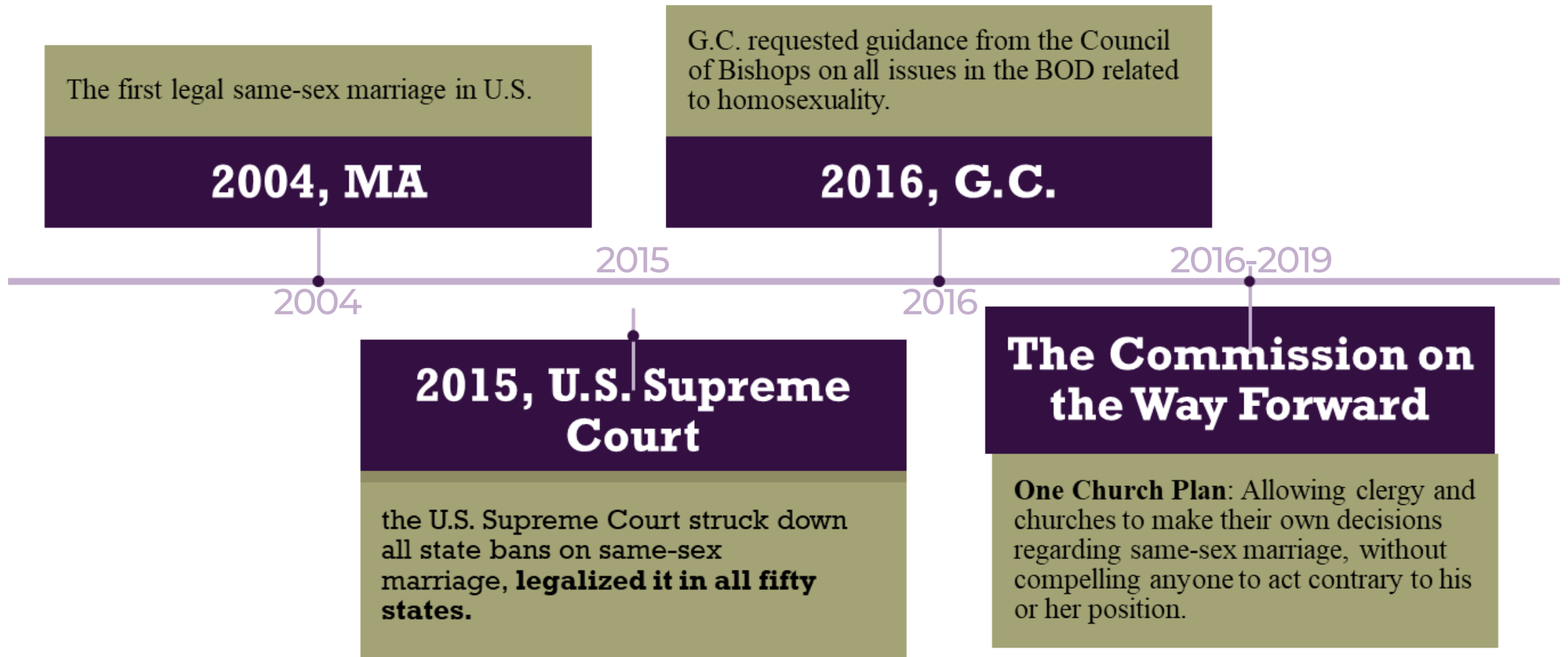
1984 G.C.

No Self-avowed homosexuals can be ordained.

1984

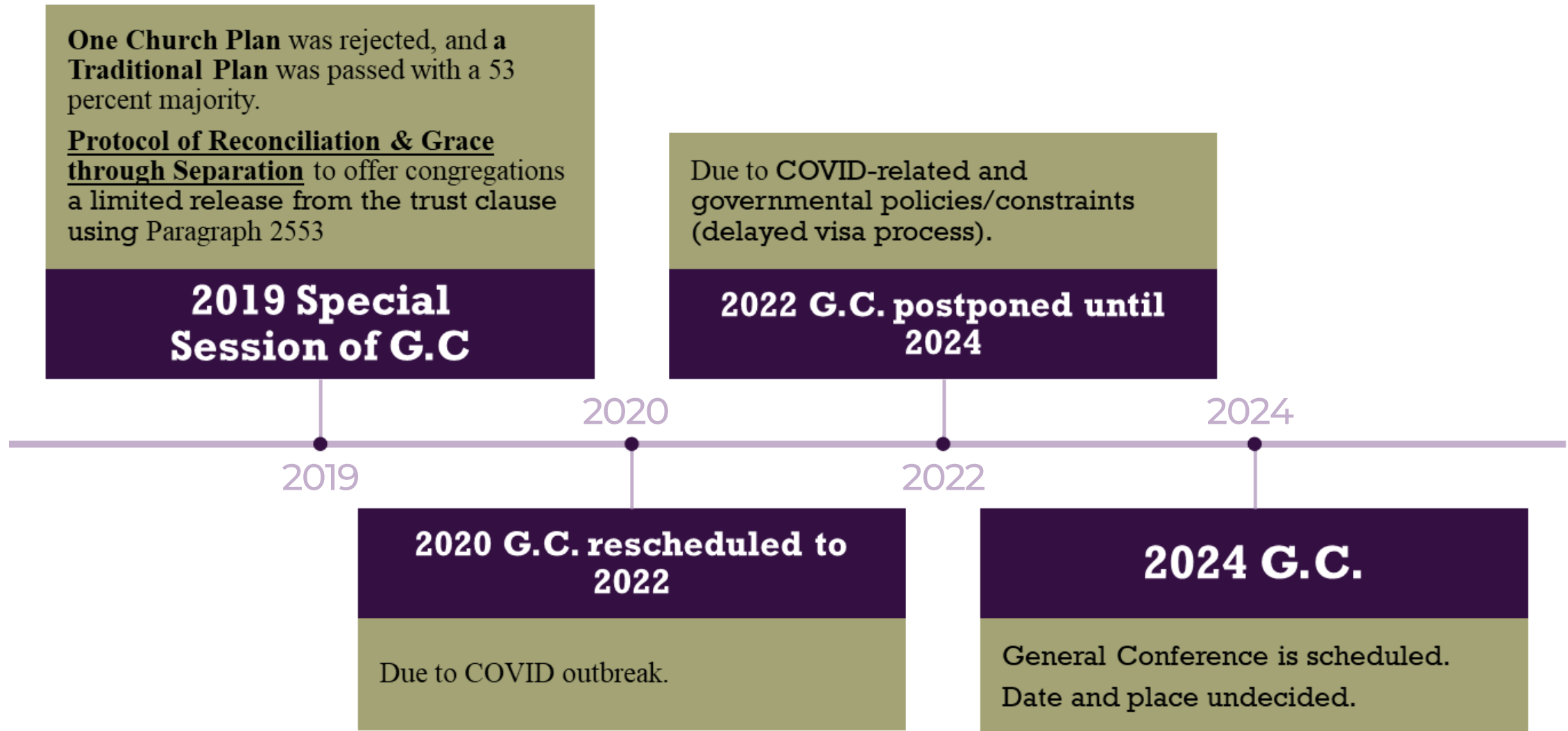
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REMAIN AS A TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION WITHIN UMC

- **Our Doctrinal Standards and General Rules CANNOT be altered or changed (¶ 17. Article I)**
- **Keep the Traditional position on homosexuality.**
- **Allow room within our denomination for those congregations who have different position on homosexuality.**
- **Continue to be a Connectional Church for shared mission and ministry.**

DISAFFILIATE

- **Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through Separation through the paragraph 2553 in Book of Discipline.**

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Judicial Council

- Decision:
Will the 2024 General Conference be a postponed 2020 conference, or a regularly scheduled 2024 conference?

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Paragraph 2553

- Request for a church conference to vote is submitted to the District Superintendent
- A minimum of a 30 day period of Intentional Prayer
- The Local Church shall pay unpaid apportionments for 12 months prior to disaffiliation, as well as additional 12 months
- All costs to transfer of title to the property or other legal work shall be borne by disaffiliating local church

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Paragraph 2553

- Local church shall contribute unfunded pension obligations to the annual conference (this amount shared when a church has information meeting with the District Superintendent.)
- Local church shall satisfy all other debts, loans, and liabilities, or assign transfer to its new entity, prior to disaffiliation.

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Paragraph 2553

- This all will be in a standard disaffiliation agreement between the Conference and the local church trustees and must be approved by vote of 2/3 majority at a church conference.
- Nothing is final until ratification of disaffiliation agreement at a session of Annual Conference.

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