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Dear friends,

Breaking News: On Tuesday of this week, the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) officially launched their new fundraising campaign to extend the fighting and sabotage regionalization at General Conference 2024. Here are the words from WCA President Scott Field:

“... the WCA, with our Reform and Renewal partners, is currently facilitating on-location networking in Africa, is supporting legislation by African United Methodists for action at the General Conference, is informing the wider UMC members in the USA and elsewhere about this pressing need, and is planning for African observers onsite at the General Conference in Charlotte who can report directly back to their congregations.

Your help is needed. This is a costly undertaking.

Institutional and administrative leaders of the UMC largely support what is called the “Regionalization Plan” for the future of the denomination. This plan segregates Africa and other Central Conferences from the United States. Regionalization disenfranchises the votes and voices of African, Filipino, and

European United Methodists under the guise of “contextualization” so that the progressive agenda of UMC leaders in the US can move forward unopposed.”

The WCA refuses to leave. They refuse to focus on their own new church. They instead insist on continuing the attacks on the UMC. The African Bishops have publicly denounced the WCA's work in Africa. We must rise to the challenge.

It feels like National Public Radio here at Mainstream UMC right now. My local NPR station is doing their winter membership drive and there is a pitch for fundraising before and after every piece. I get it, fundraising is tiresome for everyone. But we have just five months before General Conference, and we have a very aggressive opponent actively working to break up the United Methodist Church. This is not hyperbole. This is the sad reality.

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Notes:

You can read Scott Field's WCA article here: <https://wesleyancovenant.org/2023/12/05/for-every-people-and-nation-what-is-fair-for-some-should-be-fair-for-all/>

Read the Africa College of Bishops' complete statement denouncing the WCA and their Africa

Initiative: <https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/files/statement+from+africa+colleges+of+bishops+-+sept+8.pdf>



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