



Friends,

The Board of Mainstream UMC is thrilled with the outcomes of General Conference! We have taken the summer to reflect and review and we believe now is the time to pause our work while we keep an eye on the future.

General Conference 2024 was historic and overwhelmingly successful! We saw a consensus emerge that has eluded us for 50 years. We met all of the Mainstream UMC goals and all of the goals of our dynamic coalition. And, we met all our goals with overwhelming majorities. Praise God! A big “Thank You” is in order for all of the delegates, donors, and supporters who helped make this work possible!

- Harmful Language targeting our LGBTQ siblings has been removed!
- The Revised Social Principles passed!
- Worldwide Regionalization passed!
- Disaffiliations were not restarted!

There is still much work to be done to ensure the passage of the constitutional amendments for regionalization. The coalition of which Mainstream UMC is a part is continuing this work. All of us at Mainstream UMC are committed to seeing this through.

The work that remains includes:

- Rallying US annual conferences for record turnout and high percentage votes for regionalization.

- Supporting partners outside the US to work for the same.
- Confronting the ongoing, pathetic attempts by former UMC organizations to sabotage our future. (Please go away.)
- Imagining and dreaming what our church can and should be for the next 100 years.

As our Board has met after General Conference, it is clear this work is important, but the enthusiasm of donors has, not surprisingly, waned. Rather than trying to keep moving in a volunteer-led manner, we have decided it is better to simply pause and keep our eyes open. This is what we did when the pandemic canceled General Conference 2020; we were able to pause our work and pick back up when it was needed.

Mainstream UMC was founded in 2018 for an 8-month push to pass the One Church Plan. Six years later, we could not be more proud of our work and more proud of our church! Together, the UMC has taken a giant step forward. Thanks be to God!

Again, thank you to all of our supporters and donors who have given so generously through the years to make this happen!

On behalf of our entire Board,

Rev. Dr. Mark Holland, Co-Founder & Executive Director

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