

United Methodist – Episcopal Dialogue

Meeting Schedule

October 1-2, 2018
The Nicholas Center
Chicago, IL

Minutes

Monday, October 1

In Attendance: UMC – Bishop Greg Palmer, Bob Williams, Pamela Lightsey, James Howell, Kyle Tau (staff)

EC – Bishop Frank Brookhart, Bishop David Rice, Marie Claire-Partee, Deirdre Good, Tom Ferguson, Margaret Rose (staff), Richard Mammana (staff)

Opened with morning prayer from UM Hymnal Liturgy

Personal and denominational updates

For this meeting:

- Review Tom's powerpoint
- Making a list of all the things we have done
- Finding concrete ways to encourage Episcopalians to pray for the UMC
- Looking at documents
- Mapping timeline

Mapping timeline and what have we done

- Episcopal Church – United Methodist Asset map
 - o Map with pins of joint ministries that we already know about
 - o A start, need to get more input
- Episcopal Church – UM Overlapping Judicatories
 - o Resend links to these materials
- Staff cooperation
 - o Working together in multi-lateral settings
- Highlight background documents
- www.umc-tec.org, EDEIO Operated Website dedicated to this dialogue
- Visitation at one another's meetings
- Presentations and conversations at NWCU

- What do we need to accomplish between now and 2021
 - Meet more regularly, perhaps twice a year. Starting with Spring 2019
 - Have absolute final document at the end of this meeting
 - Translation of the proposal in to French, Spanish, Kiswahili, and Portuguese
 - Need to be moving on regional gatherings
 - Complete videos
 - Get meetings/communications with GC delegations and deputies

A 'Gift to the World,' feedback reports and proposed revisions

- Beginning in line 38
 - Responding to concerns in IASCUFO and UM CFO that previous language here seems to foreclose on future possibility of full, visible, and organic union.
 - Our goal here is to convey that THIS agreement is not a merger, yet we acknowledge that full-communion is a step that is open to future development
 - The “at this time” language in current revision could be problematic.
 - Perhaps add period after “churches” in line 38, start new sentence with “Yet”
 - **“This full communion agreement is not proposing a merger of our Churches. Yet...”**
 - Group agrees to move forward with this language
 - **Group also agrees that we need to take quotation marks off of “that we may be one” in line 39**
- Beginning in line 133
 - Don’t capitalize “Churches” here
 - Don’t capitalize “Constitutional” in line 134
 - **Agreement that rest of proposed edits are good to remain as they are**
- Beginning in line 250
 - Edit grammar
 - **Eliminate “their”**
 - **Keep BOD references in parentheses, make BCP references on next page parenthetical**
- Lines 280
 - Took out clause “which is the English translation of presbyter” added “synonymous” to show connection with Episcopal church
- Starting in lines 313
 - **Take out material in body of text (lines 313-316), but keep footnote now placed at the end of line 311**
- Footnote number 10 (now 8)
 - **Changed name of Methodist Church of Great Britain**
 - **Added “presbyters (elders)” where “elders was mentioned**

- Line 399
 - Do we want parallel between unity with Christians and unity with other religious traditions?
 - **Add “closer relations” before “other faith traditions”**
 - **Accept change from “religions” to “faith traditions”**
- Line 408
 - **Adjusted some commas**
- Section 3
 - **Change “has noted” to “laments”, remove “often” from that sentence**
 - **Drop “also” and “together” from line 105**
 - **Remove middle sentence Pan-Methodist Commission, move reference to Pan-Methodist Commission into one sentence about ratification of full communion among these churches in 2012.**
 - **Add new final sentence to end of second paragraph, affirming commitment to ongoing work for racial justice**

Review of Tom’s PowerPoint presentation on history of the dialogue and substance of ‘A Gift to the World’

- Will plan to put this online in various places

Checking dates for Spring 2019 meeting

- April 30-May 2, 2019 (?)

Next steps

- Regional Gatherings
 - Possibilities for pilot groups
 - Raleigh-Durham, NC
 - List of places from previous conference call where members of the dialogue are present
 - Montana, Ohio, Charlotte, Atlanta, New York/New Jersey, Boston, Texas, California, Chicago
 - Regional Meetings of bishops, not limited by jurisdiction/province
 - Chicago, Atlanta, DC, Los Angeles/San Francisco
 - **Charlotte, winter – Connections between local churches and others, James**
 - **Gathering of Bishops in California, summer – Bishop Rice**
 - **New England/Province 1, spring – Clergy, Bishops and relevant staff, Tom**
 - Conversation around challenges in their areas of work
 - Presentation of full communion

- How can full-communion/work of this dialogue help in your work?

Tuesday, October 2

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Completed final edits to “A Gift to the World”

Date for next meeting

- **April 29, 2019 (begin at 3 p.m.) – April 30, 2019 (end by early afternoon)**
- **In Austin, TX. Methodist to host.**

Video project

- Clergy couple video (Kyle)
- Theological Education (Kyle)
- Local Stories (?)
 - Sheridan, MT
 - San Juan
 - Maine
 - Look for two others
- Bishop Palmer and Bishop Curry (Kyle and Margaret)
- Ecumenical Partners, other leaders (i.e. advocacy staff) (Kyle)
- Existing videos from past events (i.e. UM-Episcopal day at Drew Divinity)

Other items for regional gatherings

- James to begin planning meeting in Charlotte
- Begin making gestures at College/Provincial meetings of bishops for more informal gatherings for hospitality
 - Staff to begin gathering dates of College/Province meetings of bishops