

- 1 4. Aspires to become a United Methodist Church in which LGBTQIA+ people will be
2 protected, affirmed, and empowered throughout our life, mission, and ministry together.
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10 1. The queer delegates chose to describe themselves using the umbrella term “queer,” but refer to
11 the broader community of persons with the LGBTQIA+ acronym.
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13 2. “Effective immediately upon adjournment of the 2020 General Conference, no complaint
14 proceedings (including, without limitation, a bishop’s supervisory response, suspension
15 proceedings, attempts to achieve a just resolution, or referral of a complaint) shall be initiated,
16 and all current or pending complaint proceedings shall be suspended, insofar as the alleged Book
17 of Discipline violation asserted in the complaint is that the respondent is a ‘self-avowed
18 practicing homosexual’ (however that term may be defined, including, without limitation, living
19 in a same-gender marriage, domestic partnership or civil union); that the respondent has
20 conducted, officiated, performed, celebrated, or blessed a same-gender wedding or other same-
21 gender union; that the respondent has certified, licensed, commissioned, ordained, consecrated,
22 or appointed a ‘self-avowed practicing homosexual’; that the respondent has provided ‘funds to
23 any gay caucus or group’ or used funds ‘to promote the acceptance of homosexuality’; or that the
24 respondent has otherwise engaged in conduct that The Book of Discipline of The United
25 Methodist Church currently states is ‘incompatible with Christian teaching’ as it pertains to
26 LGBTQ relationships. This moratorium on all new and pending complaint proceedings
27 concerning human sexuality provisions applies not only to charges that are explicitly based on ¶
28 2702.1b, but also to any charge that the same alleged underlying conduct constitutes a chargeable
29 offense under any other provision of the Discipline, including (without limitation) ‘immorality’
30 under ¶ 2702.1a; ‘disobedience to the order and discipline of The United Methodist Church’
31 under ¶ 2702.1d; and ‘dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine
32 of The United Methodist Church’ under ¶ 2702.1e. This moratorium is inclusive of charges
33 related to the following paragraphs: ¶ 161, ¶ 304.3, ¶ 310.2, ¶ 341.6, ¶ 613.19, ¶ 806.9, and ¶
34 2702.1b. This moratorium does not apply to charges under any of these provisions in which the
35 underlying alleged actions address a different subject matter, including but not limited to sexual
36 misconduct, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. This moratorium shall remain in effect until
37 the close of the first General Conference of The United Methodist Church after other
38 denominations separate. Any complaints pertaining to this paragraph filed during this period
39 shall be held in abeyance, and no time limits shall commence until the above-referenced General
40 Conference has concluded.” -From the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation