

With so much conversation taking place about the future of The United Methodist Church and the creation of what will become The Global Methodist Church, I feel it necessary to share where we at North Coast United Methodist Church are on in this journey.

In December 2019, North Coast United Methodist Church, during our yearly all church conference, voted to become a Reconciling Ministry Network member. The Reconciling Ministry Network is a collection of churches that pray together, work together, and serve together in the work of full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ friends in the life of the church.

As what will become the Global Methodist church begins its work to establish its place in ministry, we at North Coast United Methodist Church will continue on ours. As shared in our mission statement in joining the Reconciling Ministry Network:

We are an inclusive community inspired by the gifts of grace created by the actions of Jesus Christ.

We learn, serve, and lead together in order to show our church, our community, and our world how to love God passionately and love people unconditionally.

As a Reconciling Church, we welcome and affirm people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We strive to live with the purpose of transforming the world with the knowledge all are of sacred worth and have a place at the table of God's Agape love.

We will also continue to celebrate our Wesleyan history, being a church that will strive to ***do no harm, do good, stay in love with God***. We will also follow Wesley's prayerful challenge of ***doing all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.***

We believe all have a place at the open table of grace, and all have a place of grace-filled care in our worship community. As we pray for our global community of faith, we will continue on our path of ministry we feel will truly provide care to our global community.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all as we desire to live to Christ challenge in the Book of Matthew to "Go forth to ALL nations."

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God is Love,

Pastor Drew Davis