

# RECOGNITION OF LEADERS



**United Methodist**  
**Church** of Danbury

**FLOOR NOMINATIONS FOR  
TRUSTEES ARE NOW OPEN**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE  
IN LEADING OUR CHURCH!**

# UMCD 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

Administrative Church Council	Penny McKown
Altar Guild	Valerie Bose
Church Visitation Team	Valerie Stagen
Communications	TBD
Contingency Coordinator	Marti Foster
Education	Minnie Rouse
Finance	Tonya Clark
Financial Secretary	Sue Teer
Lay Leader	Christine Russock
Lay Member to Annual Conf.	Phyllis Tranzillo
Mission and Outreach	Beverly Anderson
Membership Secretary	Beverly Anderson

Recording Secretary	Marti Foster
Staff-Parish Relations	Star Auer
Staff-Parish Relations	Rufus Sanders
Stewardship	TBD
Sunday school Superintendent	Lorena Tesbir
Sunday school Superintendent	Kim Cain-Moreira
Treasurer	Sandra Esposito
Trustees chair	Phyllis Tranzillo
United Methodist Men	Zeke Zahara
United Women in Faith	Karlene Lombardo
Welcome and Evangelism Team	Dr. Lucinda Johnson
Youth Team	TBD

## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Star Auer
- Mari Joyce Dixon
- Mary Lou Heyel
- Rufus Sanders
- Jan Elwell
- Carol Spaulding
- Loren Euvrard

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Gerry Hecht
- Keith Goodwin
- Allison Kent
- David Johnson
- Jumar Dixon
- Lorena Tesbir
- Deb Davis
- Phyllis Tranzillo
- Kelly Ferris

*Thank you, 2024 leaders!*

**THANK YOU FOR  
LEADING OUR CHURCH!**

**PRESENTING:  
UMCD LEADERSHIP FOR 2024**

# UMCD 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Lay Leader

Bishop Rouse

Lay Member of Annual Conf

Penny McKown

Church Treasurer

Marti Foster

Missions and Outreach

Phyllis Tranzillo

Membership Secretary

Audrey Cain

Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator

Lorena Tesbir

Stewardship

Myra Tesbir

Alternate Member of Annual Conf open

Communications

open

Education

open



# UMCD 2024 NOMINATED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Class of 2026

Mary Lou Heyel

Class of 2025

Loren Euvrard as Chair

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES

Class of 2026

Keith Goodwin

Allison Kent

## NEW COUNCIL POSITION

Targeted Strategic Outreach

Lorena Tesbir

# COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP FOR 2024

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

<b>Class of 2024</b>	Val Stagen		
<b>Class of 2025</b>	Dee Skidmore	Lucinda Johnson	

## STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<b>Class of 2024</b>		Jan Elwell	Carol Spaulding
<b>Class of 2025</b>	Loren Euvrard (chair)		
<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Mary Lou Heyel</b>		

## TRUSTEES

<b>Class of 2024</b>	David Johnson	Jumar Dixon	Lorena Tesbir
<b>Class of 2025</b>	Deb Davis	Phyllis Tranzillo	
<b>Class of 2026</b>		<b>Keith Goodwin</b>	<b>Allison Kent</b>

# QUESTIONS FOR US TO CONSIDER

## Christian Education

What are the current Christian Education needs of our congregation?

Bible Study—broad, topical, theological, learn how to teach others, Bible for witnessing,

Based on publications, current thinkers, online resources?

Study books on theology, on growing in faith, wrestling with hard questions?

Different study groups for men, women, couples, singles?

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## Welcome and Evangelism

Should these be two teams?

How do we welcome visitors? Do we follow up? How to offer meaningful welcome?

How do we evangelize our community? Do we even know what that word means?

Should the evangelism team be part of discipling current members?

Might the welcome group actively contact members and friends we haven't seen in a while

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## Prayer and Healing

How do we think about prayer? About healing prayer?

How do we handle confidential prayer?

**HAVE THERE BEEN  
ANY BRIGHT SPOTS?**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK IN PROGRESS

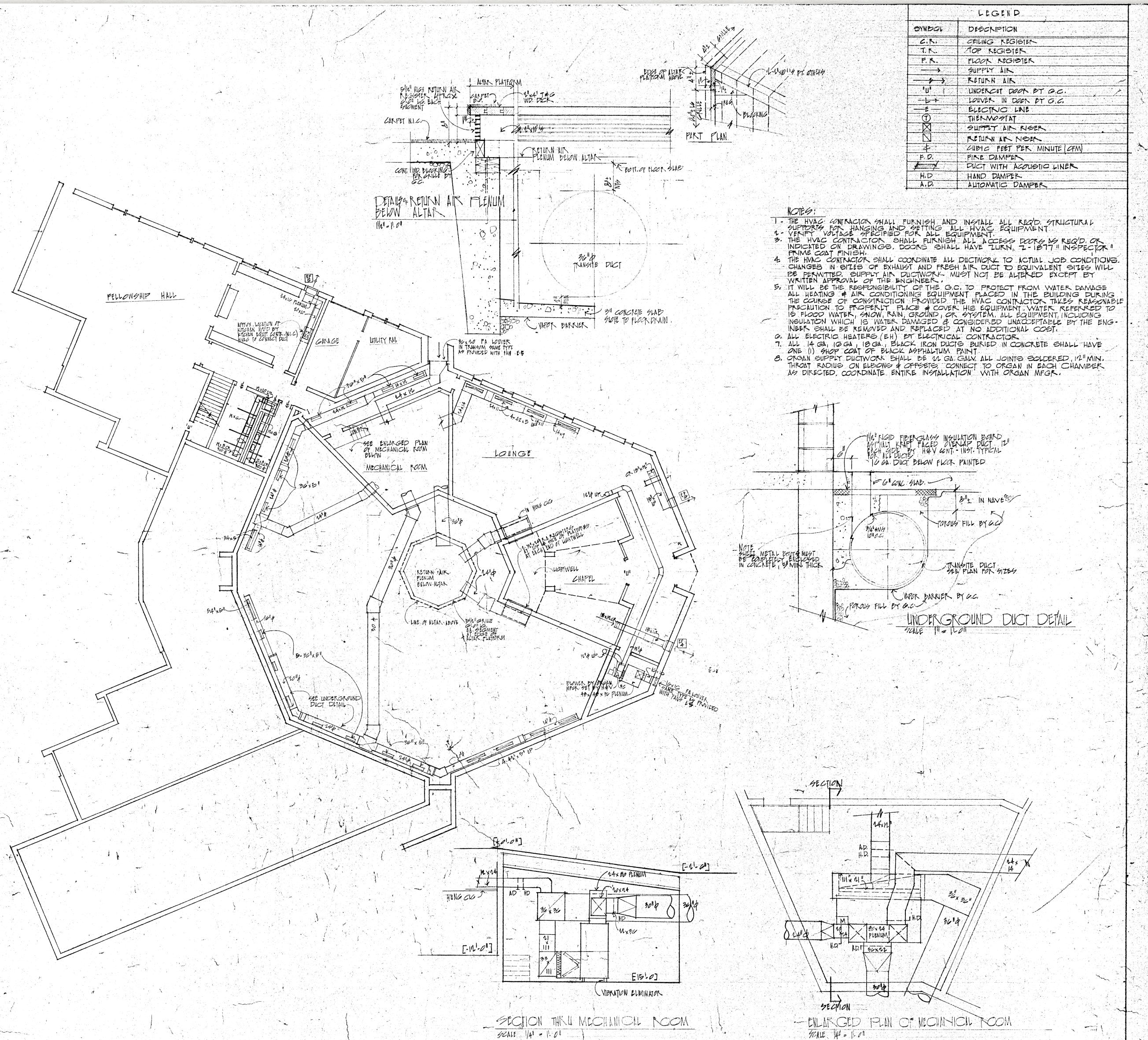
- Replacing the sanctuary roof
- Insulating the building
  - Pipe organ follow-up
- This includes interior storm windows (esp sanctuary!)
- Heating the sanctuary
- Updating the lighting throughout the building
- Fixing the broken bathroom fixtures
- Cell tower lease

b. LESSEE may sublease any portion of the Premises at its reasonable discretion, upon notice to LESSOR. Any sublease that is entered into by LESSEE shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs and legal representatives of the respective parties hereto. The term "Sublease", "Sublet", "Sublessee" and any other similar term shall apply to any situation by which LESSEE allows a third party use of the Property for co-location, whether it be by formal sublease, license or other agreement. All rights and responsibilities of LESSEE set forth in this Agreement shall be enjoyed by and binding on any Sublessee.

~~b. Co-Location Fee. During the initial term of this Lease and any renewal term, LESSEE shall pay LESSOR a Co-Location Fee for each specific carrier to which LESSEE provides a Co-Location. The Co-Location Fee for any specific additional carrier shall consist of annual base amount of ten percent (10%) of the~~ in the event LESSEE subleases any portion of the Premises, in accordance with this Agreement, any rental paid by any Sublessee(s) (including but not limited to gross rent and/or income, which gross rent includes including any additional rent and any amounts received pursuant to a net lease, received by LESSEE for any given Co-Location ("Co-Location Sub-Rent") in equal monthly installments on the first day of the month in advance, payment of which shall begin on the carrier's) shall be divided between LESSOR and LESSEE in the following manner: ten percent (10%) to LESSOR (the "Collocation Fee") and ninety percent (90%) to LESSEE. Any Sublessee shall be instructed to pay the foregoing percentage amounts directly to LESSOR and LESSEE, beginning upon the Sublessee's installation of ~~the~~its equipment. Should payment of the Co-Location Fee for a specific ~~carrier~~Sublessee begin on a day other than the first day of the month during the Term or any Renewal Term, the payment due ~~the~~LESSOR for that month shall be prorated. ~~On each anniversary of the commencement of each Co-Location, notwithstanding any increase in a given Co-Location Sub-Rent, the Co-Location Fee shall increase by an amount equal to not less than three percent (3.0%) of the rent for the previous year. Co-Location Fees shall be payable on the first day of the month in advance to LESSOR at the same address as Fixed Minimum Rent. Collectively Fixed Minimum Rent and any Co-Location Fee(s) are referred to herein as "Rent".~~ LESSOR reserves the right, not more frequently than ~~semi-annually~~annually, to audit the books, records and any and all sublease, assignment, or licensing agreements with each ~~party with a Co-Location~~Sublessee.

d. To the extent any Sublessee fails to pay LESSOR the foregoing Collocation Fee as and when due, upon notice from LESSOR, LESSEE shall use commercially reasonable, good faith and continuing efforts to enforce and collect such payments on LESSOR's behalf, but LESSEE shall not be responsible to LESSOR for the collection or payment of rents by Sublessee to LESSOR, and LESSEE shall have no liability to LESSOR in the event of failure of payment by Sublessee. In this event: (i) LESSEE shall have no liability of any nature to LESSOR for failure to sublet all or any part of the premises to any or all potential Sublessee(s); and (ii) at LESSOR'S request, LESSEE will provide LESSOR with a tri-party agreement to be executed by LESSEE, it's Sublessee, and LESSOR to confirm direct payment obligation from Sublessee to LESSOR and to indicate LESSOR has been notified of the sublease. Any agreements with Sublessees shall be subject and subordinate to this Agreement in all respects and shall expressly prohibit any violations of LESSEE's obligations under (and/or any terms and conditions of) this Agreement.

THANKS,  
MULVANEY  
MECHANICAL!



THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY  
VAN SUMMERN AND WEIGOLD ARCHITECTS - 40 GREENEY ST. - STAMFORD CONN. - 300 MADISON AVENUE - NEW YORK NEW YORK

NO.	DATE	REVISION
1	11/16/68	ISSUED FOR PERMIT

HVAC BASEMENT PLAN  
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" DATE 11/16/68

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## WHAT IF: WORK BEING INVESTIGATED

- Investigating putting ceiling fans in the sanctuary
- Investigating solar panels for the roof
- Lighting the parking lots
- Replacing the broken water fountains with bottle-filling stations



**WHAT CAN WE DO  
DIFFERENTLY?**



# UMCD ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

2023: 12 MEETINGS

2024: 6 MEETINGS?



# WHAT IS OUR WITNESS IN THE WORLD?

collaboration - or  
more likely - support  
of the Jericho  
Partnership Inc  
mission in Parbury.

help people w/ substance  
abuse - road to recovery

1. Animal blessing and pet food drive  
for DAWs
2. Refugee Community - how can  
we help?
3. Salvation Army - Angel Tree gifts.
4. Tutoring programs at public  
libraries?
5. Foster children - how can we help?
6. Exam kits for college students
7. Samaritan's Purse - Operation  
Christmas Child

HAVING A GOOD PASTOR

Members spread the  
Word.

Ask the Lord for  
Guidance

Love to see more  
members.

youth activities

We have always told  
our sons to pay your rent  
First. We try to support the  
Church in many ways  
We do support several  
community non-profits.

8. Heifer International -  
coordinate with a holiday so  
that our donations could be  
used for Christmas or Easter gifts
9. When a congregant is recovering  
from a medical procedure or  
hospital stay, coordinate an effort  
to bring meals to that person as needed.
10. Sponsor a homeless child  
overseas

Put on our activities that  
we sponsor. Be specific  
that the community is  
welcome. Gather a group  
to come up with needs to  
help others

Expand Patti's closet  
Research areas in  
our community that  
are under served + serve.  
Make better use of our location.

- 1) Women's Groups for  
abused women
- 2) Parent's Group
- 3) Single Christians group
- 4) Youth Group

- Community bell choir?
- Community garden - maybe  
with HS to go to food pantries

Start with small things  
Great things can  
turn them into Great  
BIG things  
We can do it  
together

11. Sponsor a Christmas bazaar  
so that needy children could "shop"  
for their family. We could use  
donated gifts or repurpose items  
from our tag sales.

- Earlier services, 8:30
- Improve outreach (in Parbury)  
options / visible
- Improve social interaction  
(within our congregation)

We already do enough. Please  
take it easy on our aging  
and ailing congregation!

- Community outreach programs to  
underserved groups
- increase the involvement of  
elderly -

# WHAT IS OUR WITNESS IN THE WORLD?

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## Opportunity to Try Out Choir for Only 4 Sundays



The Choir will be singing through June before taking a break for summer. Here is the PERFECT opportunity to TRY OUT CHOIR with SHORT Commitment!! Join us for practice on Wednesday nights at 7:15pm and/or 9:30am on Sundays. Only requirement is to enjoy singing. Give us a try for 4 weeks .

For more information talk to Carol Spaulding 203-778-4066 or [carol.spaulding@snet.net](mailto:carol.spaulding@snet.net)



Being a member of bell choir is not only a fun way to express yourself musically, but a way to connect to the service and bring joy to the service. I find that being a part of the bell choir allows me to be a participant musically in worship which makes it all the more meaningful to me. Bell choir meets every Wednesday at 6 pm in the choir room and you do not need any musical experience to join. Everything you need to know to play we can teach you. All you need is a willingness to bring music to life and to count to 4. We play once a month, usually the second Sunday of the month and would love to have more members join, the more we have the challenging music we can play, and I promise you, it is a great sense of accomplishment after we play. To celebrate the Lord and bring music to life in worship is a wonderful thing.



Bell choir

Tonya Clark



## General Conference 2016

THE GLOBAL CHURCH GATHERS

### Bishops to Appoint Commission to Re-evaluate Rules Regarding Sexuality Issues

The Bishops council proposed that the conference defer all votes on sexuality measures; more than 100 such measures were sent to the 10-day meeting. The bishops proposed that they appoint a commission to undertake a "complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in our Book of discipline regarding human sexuality".

The bishops' statement said that they heard from many members that the rules had language that was "contradictory, unnecessarily hurtful and inadequate" for a diverse and global church

*These are excerpts from Laurie Goodstein's article in the NY Times, May 18, 2016*

For more complete information on this and other issues discussed at the General conference, go to NYAC General Conference website. <http://www.nyac.com/gc2016>

APRIL 23 - MAY 3, 2024

# GENERAL CONFERENCE



PSALM 46 ...and

# KNOW that I am GOD

The United Methodist Church General Conference  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS?**