

United Methodist Church

2018 GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLES CONVOCATION

Statement of Unity

We, as the Young People of the United Methodist Church, agree to be united in Spirit as one body of Christ, despite the diversity of culture, tradition, political ideologies, language, beliefs, nationalities, and personal identities, as we believe that we are all God's creation and our primary identity is being God's children.

As young people, we love The United Methodist Church, the unity it offers, and how it welcomes all people, regardless of who they are and what they do in life.

We recognize and celebrate the diversity that comes from being in a global United Methodist connection. We view each person as an essential part of the body of Christ, which is the Church, and that God loves each of us far beyond what we can imagine.

With that, we believe that God's love is engrained in us and part of our identity as United Methodists.

We stand against the spirit of hatred, judgment, and discrimination which creates division instead of unity.

We pray that through the Holy Spirit we can remain united as a body that continues to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Young people's Stance on the Commission of the Way Forward

When the youth and young adults voting delegates of the 2018 Global Young People Convocation were polled on their support of each of the plans proposed by the

Commission on the Way Forward, we found the following:

38.46% support the Traditionalist plan
60.58% support the One Church plan
19.23% support the Connectional Conference plan
.96% abstained