# COMPARISON OF PROPOSALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

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<td>NUMBER OF DENOMINATIONS</td>
<td>• 2-3 or more global denominations - traditionalist and centrist/progressive</td>
<td>• 4 global denominations - traditionalist, moderate, progressive and liberationist</td>
<td>• 1 or more - The UMC remains intact with options for new Methodist denominations that continue in relationship with the UMC.</td>
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<td>• The UMC continues through the Centrist UMC.</td>
<td>• The UMC dissolves.</td>
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<td>• Other denominations may be formed by 50+ local churches or an annual conference(s).</td>
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<td>WHO DECIDES WHAT</td>
<td>• Annual conferences, central conferences, clergy and bishops choose to join any new denomination.</td>
<td>• A transitional council develops a plan of separation.</td>
<td>• Congregations, clergy and conferences determine affiliations.</td>
<td>• Until a U.S. regional conference is formed, an interim committee of the General Conference handles U.S. matters.</td>
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| REQUIREMENTS | • Sets interim exemption from LGBTQ prohibitions for Centrist conferences, churches and clergy.  
• Sets interim suspension of complaints and disciplinary actions related to LGBTQ bans for Centrist conferences, churches and clergy.  
• Mandatory retirement for U.S. bishops waived until 2022.  
• U.S. bishop elections may be postponed until 2021 or 2022.  
• Central conferences elect bishops as determined by General Conference 2020.  
• Trust clause suspended for denominations other than Centrist. | • Establishes an immediate moratorium on charges, complaints and trials related to LGBTQ prohibitions. | • Removes LGBTQ prohibitions and Traditional Plan additions.  
• A moratorium on new or pending complaint proceedings and trials related to LGBTQ prohibitions takes effect at the close of General Conference 2020. | • Requires constitutional amendments (2/3 majority vote by General Conference and annual conference members).  
• Amends Part VI, Chapter Four, of the Discipline to authorize and organize a U.S. regional conference. |
| FINANCES/ASSET DIVISION | • Continuation of clergy pensions through each new denomination.  
• Apportionments paid by all denominations through 2020.  
• All denominations support funding for central conference ministries through 2024. | • General church assets divided equitably.  
• Provides for arbitration.  
• Establishes financial investments in historically marginalized and vulnerable churches. | • General Conference includes grant funding for new denominations in relationship with The UMC in the 2021-2024 budget. | N/A |
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| STRUCTURE AND AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS | • All denominations develop their own structures, polity and governance.  
• Wespath, UMCOR, UMW, UM Men, UMPH become independent to serve any denomination.  
• Archives and History retains assets and liabilities and financially supported by each denomination.  
• All other agencies become part of the Centrist UMC with the option to serve other denominations.  
• Jurisdictional or annual conference institutions may change affiliation or become independent. | • New denominations determine their own policies, structure and processes.  
• General agencies become independent 501(c)3 organizations. | • Creates a U.S. regional conference and a U.S. Regional Committee of the General Conference.  
• A special commission proposes a new constitution and governance structures. | N/A |
| TIMELINE | • Effective at the close of General Conference 2020.  
• Aug. 1, 2020 - Interim new alignment begins.  
• Jan. 1, 2021 - Default alignment with Centrist UMC if no choice made by an annual conference.  
• Fall 2021 - Inaugural General Conferences held.  
• Jan. 1, 2022 – New denominations fully established.  
• 2028 - Opportunity to choose a denomination remains open. | • Effective at the close of General Conference 2020.  
• Prior to 2024 - Special General Conference held to approve a plan of separation.  
• Transition time for local churches extends until the Special General Conference. | • Aug. 1, 2020 - Commission on a 21st Century Church begins work.  
• Fall 2023 - Special General Conference meets.  
• 2025 - Local church disaffiliation provisions expire. | • 2021-2024 - Interim committee plans a new U.S. Regional Conference.  
• 2024 - New U.S. Regional Conference convenes. |