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Reaching Out to Other Churches

One of the committees that sprang from our All-Church Meeting was loosely titled "Reaching Out to Other Churches/ Affiliation". Our purpose is to investigate what other churches are doing in response to the General Conference and find ways we might align in our dissent of GC2019. There are two major possibilities that we are examining, and of course many variations within those possibilities. Church members are exploring:

- **What are other Methodist churches doing to dissent from the exclusionary policy of UMC yet keep our Wesleyan commitment to do Good in every way we can? Pastors Eric & Valerie are in conversation with other pastors around our area about dissent and resistance, and that will be a topic of conversation at a conference-wide clergy gathering next week. There is a national movement gathering momentum day by day, and we are reaching out to be a part of that conversation.**
- **What support and networks can we create with other denominations who also choose to follow Christ's message to love one another and include all in our communities of faith?**

The committee has met once and continues to do so on a weekly basis. Next meeting is scheduled for this Sunday at 4:00 in the Labyrinth Room and new working hands are welcome. We will keep this community of faith **apprised** as we gather information and ultimately have enough knowledge to begin to make decisions as a congregation.

Respectfully,

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