



Just. Love, is a call to action
to bring about greater inclusiveness among delegations for General Conference.

Offer this statement and prayer before ballots are taken in order to remind conference members to consider God’s ongoing call for United Methodist Christians to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God,” in our witness and mission. In the 50 years since the denomination ended legal racial segregation and gender bias in our structures, the denomination still struggles to reflect the fullness of God’s human family at our decision-making tables.

SUGGESTED STATEMENT

In this annual conference and across the United Methodist Church, we know that we are not where we ought to be in terms of full inclusion of all voices at our decision-making tables. As Christians, we are called to love, work and witness beyond barriers and biases of racism, sexism, ageism, and other expressions of institutional exclusion. The leadership we need as a church in this moment must reflect multicultural cooperation and collaboration. Our church’s commitment is to Just Love, to be the Beloved Community at all levels of church life. I encourage you to remember and affirm that commitment, as you vote for delegates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional conferences.

SUGGESTED PRAYER

Dear Giver of Grace: In this season of new life and new possibilities, we open ourselves more fully to the movement of your Holy Spirit. All that we have and all that we are — as individuals and as a United Methodist Christian body — belongs to you. Give us a compelling vision of your equity and human diversity as rich and varied as your heavenly realm. Fulfill in us, at this moment, a part of that vision, by inspiring us to be of good courage and vote to reflect the vastness of racial, cultural, gender, age and class diversity that you seek among those who will serve and lead your church. Call us to Just Love. In the precious, life-giving name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

