Pathways >	One	Denomination, Many expres	sions	Wor	k within GC to Divide or Diss	solve	Work Outside to Divid	de or Dissolve / Individua	al Dissaffiliation / Other
Considerations v	US Regional Conference	UMNext Plan	All Belong	Protocol for Separation	Indianapolis Plan	N.E.W. Plan	Jurisdictional Re-Draw		Encourage Local Churches to Dissaffiliatte
Proposed by Summary	Connectional Table	UMCNext- Dotson https://umcnext.	Western Jurisd. delegates	Mediation team	Invited group- Millard	UM Forward- Williams https://um-forward.org/our-	B. Girrell and S. Delmore	B. Girrell https://tinyurl.	local movement
Summary Website	https://tinyurl.com/y3twjsuo	https://umcnext. com/proposal/	https://allbelongumc.org/	https://tinyurl.com/wy6lc24	https://tinyurl.com/yxejfxlw	https://um-forward.org/our- movement-forward	https://tinyurl.com/y5lyfq8p	https://tinyurl. com/y236pr7v	
Selling Point	Keeps UMC; US	strengthens "center/progressive" which is the majority of US	Removes harm and creates inclusivity in the Book of Discipline	included people from various caucuses in the drafting; short timeline; offers agreemnt for keeping a version of The UMC and spinning off one or more "traditionalist" or other denominations	Short timeline, compromise that progressives, centrists, and WCA agree on	full liberation for one of the resulting denominations	Offers an option to be used if GC passes nothing (or nothing helpful to dissolve/divide)	keeps local churches together in the event of a need to vote for a particualr denomination/ expression	not waiting for GC to change
	Connectional Table, some	UMNext, some centrists,	Progressives, left-leaning centrists, some LGBTQ, Western Jurid. delegation		mixed group- includes some conservatives and some progressives	UM Forward, many of the		expression	"New England Discerners," lots of individual
Supported by	centrists progressives find it wouldn't	gets big press	Western Jurid. delegation	broad support	progressives	queer clergy caucus presumably all traditionalists	mixed group		churches
Opposition	resolve the problem/allow LGBTQ people to serve; traditionalists may still object to being LGBTQ inclusive in other regions of the denom	Too similar to One Church Plan and its limitations; progressives, LGBTQ folks, strong opposition from Our Movement Forward and from traditionalists	WCA, Trasitionalist movement, Good News, General Conference	small group formed the protocol; did not really include progressive voices; \$25M payout deemed too big or too little depending on caucus	central objection: not developed by a very representative body- no known Central Conference, queer, or POC representation	and most centrists; central objection: long timeline, further fragments the non-traditionalist by dividing liberationists, progressives, and centrists.	central objection: what if Judicial Council rules that an AC can't take property with it? What happens to churches isolated from their nearest like- minded neighbors?	local churches who choose to do this would need bylaws, agreements, etc., may complicate things unnecessarily	central objection: are local churches able to survive alone? does this leave other NEAC alone holding the bill for something they can't sustain? Can any churches afford to dissaffiliate, given the pension costs?
Brief	Pass GC legislation to create a US Regional Conf akin to Central Conferences in power. Allow Discipline to be regionally amended. Pass legislation to allow for social principles to be included in amending.	Similar to One Church Plan, utilizes another called session and another study team. Different regions or expressions decide their program conclusion. Dovetalis with US regional conference	Pass GC legislation to remove "incompatibility," and related discriminatory/chargeable offerse sections, undo Traditional Pain, sincease inclusivity, includes constitutional amendments	Pass GC legislation (not yet written) to create: a) an exit for 1 or more traditional denominations, b, regional conferences within the remaining LMMC, c) possibility for other spin-off but diffiliated denominations; LMC pays \$25-27M to departing denomination(s), holds \$38M to use to be retdressing racist legacy of the denomination(s); annual conferences diffiliate with resulting denominations.	Short Timeline. Pass GC legislation to create 3 new denominations. The hotel denominations. The hotel most of the current asset and liability/retains UMC. ACs decide their position with churches free to disaffiliate if they disagree with the AC	creates four new denominations: conservative, centrist, progressive, liberative, all part of a worldwide communion. Uses a transitional council and professional arbiter to divide assets etc. impose monitorium or trials; boards and agencies become independent 50 cds	Use Jurisdictional power to redraw conference boundaries, creating conferences that are of one mind as possible with property and can re-form into a new connection. Dovetails with missionary conferences.	local churches who have to vote to affliate with a denomination out of two or more options would instead let the member oil divide between those options, and then federate with those two or more denominations.	Using the (currently unresolved due to voting irregularity) procesudres created by GC2019 and NEAC2019, have individual churches disaffiliate and the fee to do their ministry.
	Constitutional amendments to create a new Regional Conference, or leg	23 peitions. Commission appointed by bishops reports to a called session in	petitions to delete "incompatibility;" peteitions to remove language in	In process. Requested review	Divisions of assets, legislation that dissolves the denomination into new ones	1 peition that adds a section to implement the transitional plan	none needed: prefer to clarify		
Needed Legislation	committee dealing with only US issues	2023, to approve a plan for denominational restructure.	candidacy, chargeable offenses, etc	by Judicial Council of constitutionality.	does that mean constitutional amendment?		that ACs can dissaffiliate and keep property in trust.	none needed.	fix dissaffiliation, then only needs to pass votes at the local church and AC level.
Known legislation		https://umcnext.	https://allbelongumc.	,				none needed.	
	https://tinyurl.com/y3lp55se unclear. Passed GC before, but failed constitutional amendment	com/legislation/ Maybe, maybe not; vote might be similar to One Church Plan (47/53)	org/what-we-propose	Possibly. Initial high and	https://tinyurl.com/y3wms5et High probability in some form, given broad support, short timeline, negotiated with WCA, centrist, and	https://tinyurl.com/y2sh3trr probably not - seek non- legislative means to implement; needs amendment	https://tinyurl.com/yxugpgzs		none needed, beyond fix to dsiaffiliation.
Can it Pass?	process.		Almost definitely not.	broad-based support. moritorium recommended;	progressive.	to montonum section	Does not need to pass GC. depends on resulting	Does not need to pass. depends on resulting	Doesn't need to pass.
Trials?		moritorium	eliminated	agreed to by the signatories.	silent	moritorium	denomination	denomination	not for those who leave
	eventual hope that criteria	Prohibition removed; Every		each new denomination decides- centrists and	each new denomination decides- centrists remove	may not discriminate (in			
Ordination?	to be set by US Regional conference	annual confernece decides criteria	Prohibition removed	progressives remove incompatibility and restrictions	incompatibility and restrictions	liberative church); depends on resulting denomination	depends on resulting denomination	depends on resulting denomination	unclear what happens to credentials of clergy if they leave too
	aventual beauty to be seen	omits "between a man and a	changes definition of	each new denomination	each new denomination	may not discriminate (in			
Marriage?	eventual hope to be set by US Regional conference	woman* from church-wide definition of marriage	marriage to include same sex partners as well	decides- centrists and progressives allow	decides- centrists and progressives allow	liberative church); depends on resulting denomination may not discriminate (in	depends on resulting denomination	depends on resulting denomination	yes, for those who leave/form new denomination
Funding Ban?	determined by region	removes ban	removes ban	silent	silent ves- ACs decide which	liberative church); depends on resulting denomination	silent	silent	preumably yeas for those who leave/form new denomination
Disaffiliation?		yes of churches, no for annual conferences	no provision	separation, not disafiliation; pathway provided for ACs and local churches	denom to join, local churches can vote otherwise for themselves.	dissolution, with individual ACs and churches able to vote to decide their outcome.	provides pathway for ACs and churches to dis/affiliate	not needed; be part of 2 or moe resulting denominations	ves
Financial Considerations	"unburdens" the GC from US-specific matters; GC could meet for shorter times; working with Wesoath to have all the	calls for multiple special sessions, mediators, and commissions. Uses Wespath prefered proposal and if disaffiliating churches stay with Wespeth, minimizes disruption to benefit pool.	cost of traditionalist churches seeking dissafiliation	\$25-27M for exiting denominations, \$38M for racial reparations. Special session of	legal fees? special sessions? unfunded liability transfers to new denomination, see asset allocation at https: //peopleneedjesus.files. wordpress. com/2019/09/2556.12.d-	transitional council, called session, realignment of investment to address harms of colonialism etc	JC special sessions if needed, liberating "stuck" churches or cleroy		funding pensions and other benefits, loss of shared liability, potential need to pay back or fooive loans, relief, etc.
Impact on NEAC	Might work for a majority of NEAC local churches; preserves the known but allows LGBTQ people here.	Might work for a majority of NEAC local churches; preserves the known but allows LGBTQ people here.	Widespread loss of traditionalist churches makes denomination even more topheavy/ unsustainable; this financial burden filters down.	possibly allows much of NEAC to stay together; would some churches in NEAC want to join a liberationist denomination or at least federate with that denomination?		Might work for a majority of NEAC local churches; congregations and clergy would be able to affiliate as needed, but we'd lose some conenction to each other	Might work for a majority of NEAC local churches; minimizes change but allows LGBTQ people here.	Might work for a lot of churches in NEAC, resolving conflict for those churches that feel divided or caught in the middle	Concern that this works for the churches that disaffiliate only if they are large enough and sustainable enough. Churches that don't
Impact on local	On the outset, it may not seem like much changes. The downside to that is that the infighting continues within the US Regional Conference	On the outset, doesn't look like much change for centrist and progressive churches; traditionalist churches presumably disaffiliate	overall structure of denomination wouldn't change	local churches have to vote on where they will affiliate/what to do if they don't agree with their annual conference's choice	affiliate/what to do if they	local churches will have to vote on where they affiliate	local churches have to vote on where they will affiliate/what to do if they don't agree with their annual conference's choice	local churches DO NOT NEED TO VOTE and pick one side, can continue in ministry together despite differences	currently, large cost to local churches seeking to disaffiliate; remaining churches then support a more top-heavy, unsustainable denomination
Impact on clergy	Continued internal strife in denomination. Unclear how many traditionalist churches would find this untenable and leave, weakening retirement stability	widepresd loss of traditionalist churches impacts retirement stability if they do not continue with Wesnath		unclear if clergy have a smooth pathway to transfer conferences/denominations as well as the churches do	unclear if clergy have a smooth pathway to transfer conferences/denominations as well as the churches do	clergy are free to affiliate where they can practice ministry more freely	some clergy may find themselves more free to practice their ministry	some celrgy may find themselves serving churches where they are more or less free to practice their minsitry as they are now	loss of conenction with colleagues, loss of churches/entering a new denomination or lack thereof weakens retirement stability. Uncelar
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