

## Exploratory Survey for First United Methodist Church West Lafayette

The Spirit is moving.

Many in our denomination and congregation are questioning the statement in the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline that homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teaching." This statement will most likely be called into question at our next General Conference in 2020. Our tradition calls us to use the Wesleyan quadrilateral of experience, tradition, scripture, and reason in decision making.

This survey is a request for feedback (not a formal vote). We are asking members of First United Methodist Church West Lafayette to weigh in on whether we should adopt the following welcoming statement, and affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network of like-minded Methodists who celebrate LGBTQ+ inclusion ([rmnetwork.org](http://rmnetwork.org)).

As God's gracious love unites us, everyone will be welcome, whether we agree or disagree.

Proposed Welcoming Statement:

**We, the people of First United Methodist Church West Lafayette, welcome everyone, through all life's stages, with arms that are open, respectful, and loving. And by everyone, we mean regardless of a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ability, bank balance, or background. As a Reconciling Congregation, we welcome you into our church family, for it is by joining hands that we support one another and share our faith journey together. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.**

If the vote were held today, would you vote to adopt this Welcoming Statement, thereby aligning us with the Reconciling Ministries Network?

Yes            Lean Yes            Maybe            Lean No            No

I would like more information on:

I am concerned about:

If we adopt the Welcoming Statement and affiliate with Reconciling Ministries Network, my greatest joy will be: