

The Good Samaritan UMC Congregation Survey on becoming a Reconciling Congregation

Purpose Statement

The Good Samaritan Reconciling Ministry Committee (GSRMC) is exploring the possibility of becoming a *Reconciling Congregation*. A *Reconciling Congregation* (RC) is a United Methodist church that has studied gay/lesbian issues as it relates to the church and has publicly declared itself open and welcoming to all persons, including gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans gender (GLBT or LGBT). The GSRMC will be presenting a motion to become a RC at the next Good Samaritan UMC Charge Conference. The purpose of this survey is to explore current feelings, thoughts, concerns, joys and fears we may have about the upcoming proposal and how the committee can find ways for all of us to learn and share in the coming months. All points of view are welcome. Please know you may submit this survey anonymously. We encourage everyone to seek opportunities to dialogue about this issue in places they feel they can safely be honest. In prayer, please ask God to guide our thoughts and words. We recognize that though we may not be of one opinion on this issue, we can continue to be in community with one another. (use reverse side or separate paper if you need more room).

1. Do you know anyone who is LGBT?

2. Have you ever heard of the Reconciling Ministry movement within the United Methodist Church?

3. What questions do you have regarding Good Samaritan UMC becoming a Reconciling Congregation? Is it important to you?

4. Would you be willing to learn more about LGBT issues within the United Methodist Church?

5. Do you have other input for the committee?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your response will remain anonymous. If you have further questions, please contact Dollie Forney (408) 368-8313 or dollie.forney@gmail.com

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