



## Dulin Church

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The United Methodist Church has a 32-member Commission on a Way Forward to help us find a way through our decades-long divisions around how the church ministers to LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer or questioning) persons. The denomination's bishops will use the Commission on a Way Forward report to determine what proposals to submit to a special 2019 General Conference.

Each United Methodist Church has been asked to provide a forum to communicate to disciples about the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. At Dulin, we will hold a Town Hall Meeting in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, April 29, 10-10:40 a.m. All adults and youth are invited to attend. Bethany, our seminary intern, will host a Sunday School lesson for children so that Sunday School teachers will be able to attend. A nursery is provided.

Pastor Dave will introduce the process and then we will view a 20 minute video by Tom Berlin, a member of the Commission on a Way Forward. Following this presentation, a survey will be taken where each participant will have the opportunity to anonymously identify their perspectives on the issue. We will gather the anonymous feedback from the group to help discern where the Dulin congregation stands collectively. A second venue will take place in May-June where everyone will have an opportunity to participate in a small group for conversation and listening – and the results of the anonymous survey will be shared.

The Town Hall and small group setting will provide for us the opportunity to learn, grow, and move together as a faith community as important decisions are made in 2019 and into the future.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you are always invited to contact me via phone, text, email, or office appointment.

Peace and love,

Pastor Dave