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New Additions	The Tough Truth about our Small Churches	https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4096/the-tough-truth-about-our-small-churches	8/1/13
New Additions	IRD Raising Big Money for More Harm	https://mainstreamumc.com/blog/ird-raising-big-money-for-more-harm/	12/30/19
New Additions	Club 444: Is Bishop Willimon Wrong?	https://joescheets.com/2022/08/21/club-444-is-bishop-willimon-wrong/	8/18/22
New Additions	The United Methodist divorce is a mistake	https://www.christiancentury.org/article/opinion/united-methodist-divorce-mistake	8/17/22
New Additions	Bishops plan for the election of new colleagues	https://www.umnews.org/en/news/bishops-plan-for-the-election-of-new-colleagues	8/30/22
New Additions	Andy Wolfe Facebook Post	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/09/Andy-Wolfe-Facebook-Post.pdf	8/24/22
New Additions	Q&A with Rick Owen, District Superintendent	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Disaffiliation-Vote-Procedures.pdf	August 2022
New Additions	UMCNA Call to Prayer and Discernment	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/UMCNA-Call-to-Prayer-and-Discernment.pdf	6/2/2022
New Additions	Message from NAC3 Team – A Vision for Our Future	https://www.umcna.org/postdetail/message-from-nac3-team-a-vision-for-our-future-16613543	8/25/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Offers thought on the difficulty of being in the "center" without losing key components of two thousand years of agreed Christian teaching, particularly the strain in the arguments of Adam Hamilton	https://firebrandmag.com/articles/the-center-cannot-hold	8/2/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Earlier this year, Bishop Wallace-Padgett assembled a small diverse team to prayerfully envision a pathway that would allow many traditional, centrist and progressive churches in the North Alabama Conference to continue on the journey as United Methodists together. This team is called the NAC3 Team. Our Senior Minister, Dr. Bill Brunson, is a part of the group.	https://www.umcna.org/postdetail/16586686	7/28/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Succinct explanation of the history of UMC happenings that has brought it to our current place, presented by the pastors at Decatur First UMC.	https://decaturfumc.org/media/1102457-4582413-27940606/family-conversation-part-ii	6/7/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Why churches on all sides of the human sexuality question are choosing to disaffiliate to escape a dysfunctional church structure that has not changed or downsized in fifty years, and to escape an environment of constant argument and distrust	https://juicyecumenism.com/2022/08/05/exiting-united-methodism-now/	8/5/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Article by UMC Bishop Mike Lowry reflecting his experiences with UMC leaders who do not believe in the Trinity, the Divinity of Jesus, and embrace universal salvation not needing salvation through Jesus Christ	https://firebrandmag.com/articles/a-fight-for-the-faith-delivered-once-for-all	6/29/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Adam Hamilton describes his "Three Buckets" approach to Biblical interpretation which erodes the authority Scripture, leaving the authority to reject undesired passages to the reader	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SE8EqOvhMlg2P4FodP5uLW70XnggsUy/view?usp=sharing	3/11/2014
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Adam Hamilton responds to several critiques of his statements and teaching, also attempting to clarify his "Three Buckets" approach to Scripture which seems to deny the authority of the canon.	https://www.facebook.com/PastorAdamHamilton/videos/419984516816435/?extid=NS-UNK-UNK-UNK-IOS_GK0T-GK1C-GK2C&ref=sharing	8/2/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	John Wesley's Sermon "A Catholic Spirit" - Wesley's famous sermon solidifies scripture as the primary source of theology, eliminating the temptation toward novelty	http://www.crivoice.org/cathspirit.html	copyright 2018
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	"Who Has The Final Word?" by Dr. John Robbins - Sermon discussing his understanding of UM Biblical interpretation	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQ9ImE1EUyQ	5/29/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Describes the non-managability of having doctrines, church law, and the Discipline when bishops refuse to, or arbitrarily enforce it, causing a dysfunctional, trustless organization	https://juicyecumenism.com/2022/06/02/traditional-umc/	6/2/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	The time for a congregation to disaffiliate is much shorter than it may seem because or required discernment timelines	https://juicyecumenism.com/2022/07/28/time-is-running-out-for-traditionalist-united-methodists/	7/28/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Describes how openness to all emerging sexual identities may eventually erode the concepts of monogamy and adultery.	https://juicyecumenism.com/2021/07/19/post-separation-united-methodist-sexual-morality-beyond-gay-weddings/	7/19/2021
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Methodist Cleric on Bible: Not Reliable	https://juicyecumenism.com/2022/06/15/methodist-david-felten/	6/15/2022

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Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Adam Hamilton's address at Asbury UMC in Birmingham	https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=89ziGc0tWkQ&t=697s	5/11/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	A Thinking Christian's Response to "Adam Hamilton Comes to Birmingham"	https://newmethodistmovement.org/a-thinking-christians-response-to-adam-hamilton-comes-to-birmingham/	5/16/2021
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	Youtube video of both the transgender "Penny Cost" preaching in drag, and the Chapel Service at Duke where God is referred to as "The Holy and Queer One"	https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=HBs5Pxn8yjI&feature=youtu.be	5/19/2022
Article Summarizing the Current Situation	An outside article explaining the broader Biblical and creedal principles at stake in the current human sexuality debate	https://www.getreligion.org/getreligion/2022/7/20/why-are-united-methodists-at-war-readers-need-to-know-that-sexuality-isnt-the-only-fault-line	7/20/2022
Bishops' Actions	Council of Bishops hope for unity	https://www.stayumc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/anarrativeforthecontinuingunitedmethodistchurch...._pdf	11/4/2021
Bishops' Actions	Part 1 of an article aimed at disputing the arguments being made about violation of church law and doctrine by quoting the current discipline, while not revealing fully how many bishops are simply not enforcing the Discipline.	https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-is-the-umc-really-part-1	7/20/2022
Bishops' Actions	Part 2 of an article aimed at disputing the arguments being made about violation of church law and doctrine by quoting the current discipline, while not revealing fully how many bishops are simply not enforcing the Discipline.	https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-is-the-umc-really-part-2	7/20/2022
Financial Implications	Wespath explains how pensions will be handled for individuals in disaffiliation	https://www.wespath.org/News/CEO-Blog-0001#!/page:1	4/29/2022
Financial Implications	Wespath policies regarding how pensions are treated for clergy departing the UMC	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_pQLrzOEZe9Tbo2dJizPOIXr-qx5I3bx/view?usp=sharing	6/15/2022
General	Summary of the UMC struggles	https://peopleneedjesus.net/2022/04/01/the-deficiencies-of-disaffiliation/	4/1/2022
General	Article about the history of schisms in Methodism	https://www.catalystresources.org/reform-and-separation-from-a-wesleyan-perspective/	5/2/2022
General	African Pastor describes difficulty in Africa of changing the definition of marriage away from Scripture	https://juicyecumenism.com/2022/06/03/jerry-kulah-on-africa-united-methodist-split/	5/31/2022
General	Ramifications for Local Churches of Recent Developments	https://globalmethodist.org/ramifications-for-local-churches-of-recent-developments/	3/30/2022
General Conference Postponement	Attempts to Get Vaccines to African Delegates Deemed Inappropriate	https://mailchi.mp/their/lets-stand-with-faithful-african-umc-delegates?e=3ec38c7104	2022
General Conference Postponement	Bishops, others denounce WCA's vaccine plan	https://www.umnews.org/en/news/bishops-others-denounce-wcas-vaccine-plan?mkt_tok=MDc4LUpYUS02NDMAAGCDyTFnBasQMbbhrlTsyNBgNclwCHGnjKZl0sasSEkLIGvHkpZErVRJM8i9bnUuFVA7yaM-6IOYFU08JhlcD0SwcE4shWEV2DdtvPJ8t_1pJWMw	1/18/2022
General Conference Postponement	Early Announcement Hinting at Cancellation of 2023 GC	http://www.umglobal.org/2022/02/up-to-third-of-general-conference.html	2/4/2022
General Conference Postponement	African Delegates Request that General Conference Not be Delayed	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JC1B-RPu-eXVUkQWLYEDO3wEvVUMiua1/view?usp=sharing	2/21/2022
General Conference Postponement	Groups offer conflicting calls on General Conference	https://www.umnews.org/en/news/delegates-urge-general-conference-delay	2/23/2022
General Conference Postponement	Official Announcement of Postponement of General Conference	https://www.umc.org/en/content/general-conference-further-postponed-to-2024	3/3/2022
Interviews	Meeting with Bishop Keith Cowart of the Free Methodist Church	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Meeting-with-Bishop-Keith-Cowart-of-the-Free-Methodist-Church-June-28.pdf	6/28/2022
Interviews	Meeting with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Discernment-Team-Meeting-with-Bishop-Wallace-Padgett-7.13.22.pdf	7/13/2022
Interviews	MEETING WITH VAUGHN STAFFORD, CLEARBRANCH PASTOR, GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH (GMC) LEADER FOR NORTH ALABAMA	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/GMC-Stafford-Notes-as-Edited-3.pdf	5/31/2022

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Interviews	THE ORCHARD – FORMER UMC NOW INDEPENDENT (BASED IN TUPELO, MISS) – NOTES AS OF THE MEETING DATE	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/THE-ORCHARD.pdf	3/31/2022
Interviews	Discernment Team meeting with Steve West	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Discernment-Team-Meeting-with-Steve-West-8.17.2022.pdf	8/17/2022
Interviews	Interview with Tommy Gray, Pastor of Asbury, Madison	http://vhumc.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Interview-with-Tommy-Gray-Pastor-of-Asbury-Madison-3.2.22-P1-combined.pdf	3/2/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	Court Clarifies Disaffiliation Rules	https://www.umnews.org/en/news/church-court-clarifies-disaffiliation-rules	2/9/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	Good News Organizations Interpretation of Judicial Council Rulings	https://app.donorview.com/Communication/View?prm=FXGWJE8IKbpJdlwOgBRdzv_wb4aoSY5hM0ECQaDWLTPzXSwmkb7DB49tKGzbZn5SMvcsXbZpM c67IrmvsQ2tHM3Bvc00rqqzynyjuYs6oKrR4hm5gwqQGO5niPUQDbL0KMZqo47bQVUSNnkR28fzuOmvPmHZUkShhEunZBLBpW8VznhWXjYwNKUhf5pAvah4mUgeDM5PHFJnm4YVoDR-hVs8T5pGPGCOaAXMfp96tqS41	2/11/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	Bishops discern ways for churches choosing to separate from UMC; seek court's guidance on Jurisdictional Conferences	https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/bishops-discern-ways-forward-march-15-16396297?fbclid=IwAR0rxPy519EPf_AHQFQ9TwwhKp1N9Em1mQbhHicOLCrGRpYy_PYcJMouDM	3/16/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	North Alabama Disaffiliation Q&A's	https://www.umcna.org/files/tables/content/16410823/fields/files/065a19ec9a274a55a26732d2d98d0fbd/faq-umc2022.pdf	3/24/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	Judiciary Council rules that Annual Conferences can not leave as one	https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/judicial-council/judicial-council-decision-home/judicial-decisions/decision-1444	5/10/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	Judiciary Council creates new church law regarding Jurisdictional Conferences	https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/judicial-council/judicial-council-decision-home/judicial-decisions/decision-1445	5/20/2022
Judicial Council Rulings	Judiciary Council modifies the new church law it created regarding Jurisdictional Conferences	https://www.umnews.org/en/news/church-court-modifies-ruling-on-bishop-elections	6/1/2022
North Alabama	Why Stay?	https://www.stayumc.com/about/	2021
North Alabama	Disaffiliation Process for North Alabama Conference	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bjtclz8nJE3SN5fY-BKKNcXLBdoo8NKp/view?usp=sharing	6/1/2022
North Alabama	Strategies suggested by #stayumc to disrupt the discernment process of a local church	https://www.stayumc.com/disaffiliation/	7/10/2022
Other Conferences	Website of Woodlands UMC in Texas showing their research and process of discernment	https://thewoodlandsumc.org/affiliation	2022
Other Conferences	Open Letter to California-Nevada Conference Concerning Glide Memorial UMC and it not functioning as a Christian Church	https://um-insight.net/in-the-church/local-church/open-letter-to-california-nevada-conference-concerning-glide/	6/28/2018
Other Conferences	Lesbian UMC bishop facing complaint for saying Jesus held 'bigotries,' is being made into 'an idol'	https://www.christianpost.com/news/lesbian-umc-bishop-complaint-jesus-held-bigotries-made-into-idol.html?clickType=link-related-articles	12/4/2018
Other Conferences	Western Jurisdiction Bishops pronounce that they will not enforce the discipline if they consider the Discipline inappropriate	https://www.gfumc.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Safe-Harbor-Declaration-of-the-Western-Jurisdiction.pdf	11/6/2019
Other Conferences	Drag Queen Pastor Surprised at Being Approved for candidacy	https://juicyecumenism.com/2021/03/16/united-methodist-drag-queen-discusses-ordination-candidacy/	3/16/2021
Other Conferences	First drag queen certified as a candidate for United Methodist ministry 'speaking in a new way to new people'	https://religionnews.com/2021/04/15/first-drag-queen-certified-as-a-candidate-for-united-methodist-ministry-speaking-in-a-new-way-to-new-people/	4/15/2021
Other Conferences	Brentwood Discernment Report	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ozAZhHeSgmABqKfweJ1XXBr3eZeyMnpr/view?usp=sharing	7/7/2021
Other Conferences	Video Featured on UMC News about Drag Queen minister	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0esinjy45E	7/19/2021
Other Conferences	United Methodist Drag Queen Gets Star Treatment from UMNS	https://juicyecumenism.com/2021/07/22/united-methodist-drag-queen/	7/22/2021
Other Conferences	Mt. Bethel Sued by Conference	http://eastcobbnews.com/breaking-news-mt-bethel-church-sued-by-north-georgia-umc/	9/8/2021

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Other Conferences	Johnson shares her story of transitioning to trans woman	https://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/johnson-shares-her-story-of-transitioning-to-trans-woman/	10/11/2021
Other Conferences	Mt. Bethel Allowed Legal Representation from WCA	http://eastcobbnews.com/mt-bethel-church-allowed-to-retain-methodist-leader-in-lawsuit/	11/15/2021
Other Conferences	Iowa Bishop Allows Each Church to Determine Marriage Policy	https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/15777927	12/3/2021
Other Conferences	WCA Response to Iowa Defiance of Discipline	https://wesleyancovenant.org/2021/12/06/bishop-plans-to-allow-defiance-of-united-methodist-church-standards/	12/7/2021
Other Conferences	Bishop Placed on Leave by Bishop Oliveto. The Bishop on leave Intervened at Oliveto's former church since it did not reflect Christian beliefs or practices	https://www.christianpost.com/news/united-methodist-church-places-progressive-bishop-minerva-carcano-on-leave-after-2-complaints.html	3/10/2022
Other Conferences	Mt. Bethel describes current state following settlement with Conference	https://fmbumc.org/what-now/	6/1/2022
Other Conferences	Bloomington church hosts drag-themed Pentecost Sunday service	https://www.wglt.org/local-news/2022-06-06/bloomington-church-hosts-drag-themed-pentecost-sunday-service	6/6/2022
Other Conferences	Description of the Order of Elders Meeting in Florida Conference where all Provisional Candidates were voted down	https://m.facebook.com/1314355141/posts/pfbid02Fsq4A3vnLsPYxQzGriEJ8VYm6e492NNttFGsgndHW5hs7isnpYKncSbZkxj1t2gzl/?d=n	6/10/2022
Other Conferences	The Baltimore / Washington Board of Ordained Ministry chooses to ignore Discipline requirements for ordination candidates	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q68RZhACnU	6/10/2022
Other Conferences	Bishop Scott Jones retires two years early because "Increasing disobedience and escalating conflict"	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cyE5uDeprEmxYIsxGPuIRfkALsHLVrks/viiew?usp=sharing	6/17/2022
Other Conferences	Explanation of how all provisional candidates for ministry were rejected because several did not pass Discipline requirements that were going to be ignored by the presiding bishop of Florida	https://www.umnews.org/en/news/florida-conference-board-caused-the-harm?mkt_tok=MDc4LUpYUS02NDMAAGFJ68bEnWuG2io0Vrp3xrC-ib8bh0qbs38RKe8E_IExrvzMj9mbTR9ZfcwBTNeTfnAMb4AgW9SZ8-iFQ_obbqS15Wmztps8B0fNtJbRaAAF-w3Q	6/21/2022
Other Conferences	Historic Methodist Church started by John Wesley now hosts same sex marriages	https://www.newroombristol.org.uk/2022/06/30/same-sex-marriage-announcement/	6/30/2022
Other Conferences	A Baptist article detailing the happenings in Annual Conferences around the world in the UMC debates	https://baptistnews.com/article/summer-state-and-regional-meetings-give-a-preview-of-how-the-split-is-going-in-the-united-methodist-church/#.Yt3lwOzMK3I	6/30/2022
Other Conferences	Source documents showing the Facebook article posted by Bishop Olivetto which said not to make Jesus and "idol." Adam Hamilton in his Facebook address on 7/2/2022 indicates that this did not happen.	https://juicyecumenism.com/2017/09/15/lesbian-bishop-oliveto-warns-not-create-idol-jesus-says-bigotries-prejudices-updated/	9/15/2022
Other Conferences	Transcript of the speech by Bishop Joseph Sprague where he argues that the virgin birth is a myth. This led to charges being brought against him, but the bishops called to uphold doctrinal standards declared that his teachings were acceptable.	http://www.flumc.com/bishop_whitaker/sprague.htm	6/25/2022
Other Conferences	A summary by a local pastor of the history of the UMC and its struggles	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOvU2Us6JGk	4/1/2022
Potential Affiliations	Free Methodist Affiliation Agreement	https://www.gfumc.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Free-Methodist-Church-Affiliation-document.pdf	2/19/2020
Potential Affiliations	Free Methodist Bishop speaks at Guntersville First UMC	https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=6hUTLrFCcVA&feature=youtu.be	6/5/2022
Potential Affiliations	Free Methodist Bishop speaks at Guntersville First UMC	https://juicyecumenism.com/2022/06/15/methodist-david-felten/?fbclid=IwAR02UP5UVc5NBjEMjflK6PC-D4z1tHyazBnGzXeYigyusQvzlvTaEfojyFU	6/5/2022
Potential Affiliations	Connectional Giving formula for the Global Methodist Church	https://globalmethodist.org/connectional-funding-in-the-global-methodist-church/	6/8/2022
Potential Affiliations	A more up-to-date explanation of funding in the Global Methodist Church, indicating that maximum church apportionments would be no more than 5%	https://globalmethodist.org/connectional-funding-in-the-global-methodist-church/	6/8/2022
Potential Affiliations	How the Global Methodist church plans to provide health insurance and retirement benefits for local churches through Wespah	https://globalmethodist.org/preparing-the-way-baptisms-connectional-funding-and-benefits/	7/20/2022

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Property & Trust	South Carolina Supreme Court enforces Trust Clause with Episcopal Churches	https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/04/20/south-carolina-bishop-issues-letter-on-court-decision-in-property-case/	4/20/2022
Property & Trust	California-Nevada Board of Trustees adopts disaffiliation agreement template with 20% Market Value of property	https://www.cnumc.org/newsdetails/california-nevada-board-of-trustees-adopts-disaffiliation-agreement-template-16516114?fbclid=IwAR1LloFkU5HzZ5MgpTQn3glAE1qdRHg6znFLDYwpD8sgwwq1FioKZyeuyOc	6/6/2022
Property & Trust	Missouri Courts reject lawsuit by local church citing that the state has no place in settling church disputes	https://www.moumethodist.org/newsdetail/legal-update-on-morning-star-church-16541589?mkt_tok=MDc4LUpYUS02NDMAAAGFNrUJ7wbdsJZRe7t5di7tESd2lwKfXmDPcoXMJgXu89SRU7nHnlVgVqC1ofT2MJxc7YtAQlJEphcm1PWZ5_FVRximTZ-4KTBBVg9dkcPt0a52A	6/23/2022
Property & Trust	Federal judge refuses to allow lawsuit by a local church challenging the trust clause in Wisconsin regardless of merits or lack thereof, because of the separation of church and state	https://www.courthousenews.com/judge-tosses-lawsuit-from-wisconsin-church-facing-land-loss-after-leaving-denomination/	7/25/2022
Protocol	The Original Protocol - Agreement	https://www.gracethroughseparation.com/the-agreement	2020
Protocol	The Original Protocol - Legislation	https://www.gracethroughseparation.com/legislation	2020
Protocol	The Original Protocol - FAQs	https://www.gracethroughseparation.com/faqs	2020
Protocol	The Last Straw - WCA Response to sponsors of the Protocol not keeping their part of the agreement	https://wesleyan covenant.org/2022/06/09/the-last-straw/	6/10/2018
Protocol	Wespath Reversal in Protocol Agreement in Treatment of Global Methodist Churches	https://www.wespath.org/assets/1/7/5857.pdf?mkt_tok=MDc4LUpYUS02NDMAAAGDTa6qCmnp3_zWu0osOITUK_xbRSND6XC3p-TwjQDHi_mn8xJUT4w1QEvsCacWYK5dMmJOYnYagdoHtSsYR30lbOLAGDaJpo0z0AW_zqfpE_K2A	3/21/2022
Protocol	Reversal of Support for the Protocol by those who proposed it	https://www.protocolresponse.com	6/1/2022
Protocol	Wesleyan Covenant Association response to those withdrawing from the Protocol	https://wesleyan covenant.org/2022/06/09/the-last-straw/	6/10/2022
Seminaries	Students at Iliff Studying to Strengthen his Pagan Beliefs	https://www.iliff.edu/kees/	2021