Our Mission and Justice Ministries:
Annual Conference works together
mission and justice projects.

A streamlined General Conference
will result in a shorter General Conference
(weeks with a maximum of 6 years).

Team limits for Bishops (5 years);
upon support for General Sessions.

Direct Disproportionate and
Select mission projects. Episcopal
structure would support equitable
apportionments, a simple life.

Certify board with process for equitable
more mission for local sessions;
Determined apportionment (Stated.
Programme Process becomes more

Programme and implement
change to the needs of Conference
by making leaders with local
Programme initiatived and evaluated.
prior to apportionment changes.

Annual Conference becomes a center for training clergy,
local church leaders. Conference
structure in order to resource
local church leaders. Conference
in development of healthy churches
in development of health.
Ministry on local churches;
Annual Conference, ministries

WHAT CHANGES?

Open hearts, open minds, open
community and world
leadership development.
Ministry of the Diaconate; Local Pastor.
Ministry of the Deacon监狱;
Ministry of the Elder;

Eldership;

Churches;

THE BEST OF THE UNITED

new movement
then, covenant together to create this
Conference and the clergy who serve
90% of churches in the Desert Southwest

OUR DREAM

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WHAT REMAINS?
THE BEST OF THE METHODIST MOVEMENT
- Grounded in grace: prevenient, justifying, sanctifying
- Social holiness and personal piety
- Scripture, Tradition, Reason, Experience
- Open Communion
- Ministry of all believers
- Big Tent: worship and work together while respecting differences

CORE PRACTICES
- Celebrate and measure foundations of faith (baptisms, new disciples, acts of justice and mercy, connectional ministries, ministries with future and oppressed populations.
- Pastors remain in local churches for a minimum of 5 years (with few exceptions).
- Conference leadership is intentionally diverse in ethnicity, age, sexual and gender expressions.
- Deep Demographic Connection: The attendance and leadership of our churches match the demographics of our communities.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
What happens to clergy pensions?
Wespath assures clergy that benefits are secure. In the future, they will work with all Wesleyan related churches for health and pension benefits.

WHAT HAPPENS TO UMCOR AND OTHER UM BOARDS AND AGENCIES?
These agencies and boards are valued and necessary in our Methodist expression in the global and local context. Each conference will determine what percentage of apportionments will be funding the boards and agencies.

DREAMING
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Don’t remember the prior things; don’t ponder ancient history. Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it? I’m making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

Isaiah 43:18-19 CEB