

Laity Missing From Commission For A Way Forward: An Open Letter from the Laity

Dear Bishop Ough and the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops:

On October 5th, it was announced that the executive committee of the Council of Bishops established a list of nominees to serve on the Commission for A Way Forward. We are excited that the church is one step closer to beginning the Commission, but we are disappointed and concerned with the lack of laity representation.

The group of 29 comprises 8 bishops, 13 clergy, and only 8 laity. While we celebrate that this group strives to represent the global connection and our theological diversity, we find it unacceptable that only 28% of the Commission are laity.

The church is made of laity and could not function without our volunteer hours, evangelism and missions, service on various committees, singing in choirs, financial contributions, and so much more. Our Book of Discipline implicitly states that there must be equal representation on various boards and agencies, committees, annual conferences, jurisdictional conferences, and at General Conference.

Beyond what is required, we bring the world outside of the church with us. We are teachers, scholars, therapists, theologians, writers, local pastors, activists, CPAs, lawyers, community organizers, church employees, and more. Some of us serve under the appointment of our bishops, others are general secretaries and staff of our church's general boards and agencies, and a dedicated lay order of deaconesses and home missionaries live out their call to lay ministry. A fresh set of eyes is needed to move the church forward, yet we are not being given the opportunity. Our voices are crucial in finding a way forward for our church. We must be offered an equal voice at the table of change.

Therefore, we implore you to rethink the balance of clergy and laity on the Commission for A Way Forward.

Only together can we create a way forward,

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