



The Quester



**Fairfield Grace United
Methodist Church**

June, 2018

A Message from Pastor Cho:

To FGUMC family members and friends,

Please find below the episcopal letter by Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop of New York Annual Conference. It is his response to the Way Forward. I want all of us to be informed of what is going on in our denomination and join together in prayers.

In Christ Jesus,
Kun Sam, your M&M partner



As Bishops of The United Methodist Church, we affirm that WE ARE OF ONE HEART in our desire to discern the mind and will of Jesus Christ for our leadership and the church. In the Northeastern Jurisdiction and around the world we experience great diversity of thought and practice within The United Methodist Church. In partnership with Bishops from around the world, we will continue to lead collectively and individually to value and provide room for our diversity as United Methodists.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops, May 4, 2018

Dear Friends and Colleagues in Christ,

In 2016, the General Conference asked the Bishops of our church to lead a process that would find a way forward for the church concerning the matter of human sexuality and, in particular, the full inclusion of LGBTQI persons in the church. That process led to the formation of “*The Commission on the Way Forward*” which has been at work in an intensive and intentional series of meetings of discernment. The Commission had a three-fold purpose:

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Maximize the presence of a United Methodist witness across the globe.

Allow for as much contextual differentiation as possible.

Balance an approach to different theological understandings of human sexuality with a desire for as much unity as possible.

The work of this Commission has now come to our Council of Bishops. Meeting in Chicago, we have just finished a week-long meeting to review and act upon the three separate plans that were developed by the Commission.

This was a week of amazing highs and humbling lows as we worked with intentionality and purpose. Our discernment was filled with struggle and revelation as we made serious attempts to bridge our differences and understand the vast and diverse cultures that are represented in our global church. Yet, in the end, we expressed overwhelming support for a plan to be submitted to the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference.

Meeting in a closed session, the Council of Bishops overwhelmingly supported the *“One Church Plan”*(below). We also agreed that all three plans considered by the Commission and the Bishops would be shared as a part of the report to the General Conference along with a historical narrative in order to provide a transparent look at the journey of the Council’s discernment process regarding all three plans. While the values of our global church are reflected in all three plans, and while there is support for each of the three plans within the Council, the strong majority of the Council of Bishops recommends the *“One Church Plan”* as the best way forward for our denomination.

Here’s a brief look at all three plans:

The One Church Plan *(Recommended)*

Components of this plan include:

Allows for contextual expression.

Congregations will be able to decide on their marriage policies

Pastors will be able to determine who they will marry.

Annual Conference Boards of Ordained Ministry and Clergy Sessions will be able to determine the standards upon which someone is ordained.

This model uplifts mission without uniformity of practice.

It removes restrictive language from our current Book of Discipline.

It has an impulse of continuity and consistency.

This is the plan that is recommended by the Council of Bishops to the Special Session. It preserves our unity in the midst of our differences, allows for contextualization to be honored, and enables us to focus on our mission.

The Traditionalist Plan *(will be submitted as a part of the report)*

Components of this plan include:

Strengthening the existing language of the current Book of Discipline.

Increased accountability of anyone that does not comply with the current Book of Discipline.

This plan is not being recommended by the Council.

The Connectional Conference Plan *(will be submitted as a part of the report)*

Components of this plan include:

Creation of three “values-based” connectional conferences (traditional, centrist, and progressive in nature).

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Adaptations to the Book of Discipline would be allowed in each connectional conference.

Annual Conferences and local churches could choose which values-based conference to align with.

Churches would align their practices to the theology and understanding established by the branch they choose.

This plan is not being recommended by the Council.

We in the Council of Bishops believe that the recommendation of the “*One Church Plan*” represents our best thinking and judgement around these critical and sensitive matters. This recommended plan will now be sent to the February 2019 Special General Conference delegates for their consideration. I wanted to offer this initial report to you as well for your review and thoughtful reflection. We also offer this work to you with the request that you intentionally and purposefully pray for our church as we enter into this season of deliberation and discernment.

The full report, including the recommended “*One Church Plan*,” the other two plans, the historical narrative, and other important information will be shared no later than July 8th, 2018. This is necessary in order to allow the report to be perfected, translated, and interpreted in the various native languages that make up our global United Methodist Church. If you would like to read the official press release concerning our work here is the link:

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/united-methodist-bishops-recommend-a-way-forward>

Throughout the month of May, I will be traveling to each of our six districts in the New York Annual Conference. The purpose of my visits will be to share with the exciting pieces of our Mission, Vision, and Core Values along with our work to align our ministry around those priorities. I will also be sharing more insight around this proposal of a way forward for the church that we love. I hope that you will make plans to join me when I am in your area.

Given the great diversity of thought and understanding that resides in our over twelve million United Methodists world-wide, I am fully aware that not everyone will be in agreement with the proposed plan for a way forward. Yet, regardless of your opinion on these matters, I pray that you will remain open and receptive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continue our discernment and our work as a people of faith.

Over the years I have witnessed, affirmed, celebrated and been blessed by the diversity of theology and practice within our United Methodist Church. This has never been more true than during my time here in New York and Connecticut as your bishop. I feel so blessed to be able to serve in your midst. I believe that we reside in an Annual Conference that has the potential of modeling for the rest of the denomination that vital ministry is not dependent upon agreement as much as it is on the embracing of a common mission. I want you to know that I embrace my role as your bishop and as a bishop of the whole church. Regardless of individual opinions on matters like these, we must continue to work together for the unity of the church and the fulfillment of our mission to make disciples and change the world by God's grace. I long for each of us to embrace our common mission with a heart of peace and will continue to make faithful attempts to model that heart of peace in your midst.

May God continue to inspire us and bless us as we continue our work to transform the world into the likeness of Christ.

The Journey Continues, . . .

Grace & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Bickerton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Thomas J. Bickerton
Resident Bishop

Wednesdays: Pray/Fast Together for the Vital Growth of the Church

Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am, some of us will gather and pray in the Sanctuary.



We invite you to join us by either coming to the Sanctuary or praying from wherever

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider enhancing Sunday's Worship Service with a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary altar. The price is only \$35 and you may take the flowers home after the service.



Sign up is on the office door, or contact Anne at fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net or 203-374-6528

CENTERING PRAYER/MEDITATION

Weekly Centering Prayer at the Sanctuary Daily Centering Prayer at Home

Pastor Cho invites you to join him in the practice of Centering Prayer in the sanctuary every Wednesday.

It will help us deepen our relationship with God.

The Sanctuary will be open from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Please join us!

<https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>



Consider a Bequest to Fairfield Grace in Your Will

Your gifts to Fairfield Grace ensure the means to continue the mission and ministry of the church into the future. Members and friends are encouraged to make a bequest in a Will to benefit the church or specific ministries of the church.

Ways to designate the amount of your bequest:

Specific Dollar Amount,

I give, devise and bequest to Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church located at 1089 Fairfield Woods Road Fairfield, CT the sum of _____ dollars (\$ _____) {or specifically described personal or real property} for its general uses and purposes. [The bequest can also designate specific ministries or purposes for its use.]

Specific Percentage,

I give; devise and bequest to Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church located at 1089 Fairfield Woods Road Fairfield, CT an amount equal to ____ percent (___ %) of the value of my gross or net estate, both real and personal for its general uses and purposes. [The bequest can also designate specific ministries or purposes for its use.]

Residual Bequest,

I give; devise and bequest to Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church located at 1089 Fairfield Woods Road Fairfield, CT the entire residue of my estate, both real and personal for its general uses and purposes. [The bequest can also designate specific ministries or purposes for its use.]

The bequest can be added as a codicil/attachment to your current Will. If you don't have a Will the State of Connecticut will determine who receives your estate after your death. Anyone that owns a house should have a Will if they know who they want to receive their remaining estate. It will also keep the cost of settling the estate down.

(These are suggestions and should be approved by your attorney.)

Lectionary Readings

June 3: 1 Sam 3:1-20; Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Cor 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10: 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
June 17: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 ; 2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
June 24: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13;
Mark 4:35-41

Adult Bible Study ~ 2017-2018

Our Final Bible Study Session of 2017-2018

“Five Means of Grace: Experience God’s Love the Wesleyan Way”

by Elaine A. Heath

June 3, 10 and 17

Weekly Discussion Groups in Hood Parlor:

Wednesdays at 10:00 am Thursdays at 6:45 pm (Faith Circle arrive at 6:15)
 & Sundays at 9:00 am

	DATE	CHPTR	TOPIC
Five Means of Grace	6/3/18	3	receiving the Lord's Supper
	6/10/18	4	fasting
	6/17/18	5	Conferencing Father's Day

There is no requirement to purchase the reading materials.

Pray for Fairfield Grace Families

Week of:

June 3: Schroll family, Sherwood family and Shirley Sims
 June 10: Snook family, Spangler family and Christine Speight
 June 17: Diana Stein, Phil Stein family and Ellen Stewart
 June 24: Alan Stewart family, Stimpson family and Stock family

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Janis Albrecht.

December, 22, 1957—May 10, 2018

Ushers

Team #1

Charlene Brauns-Schindler

Ed Schindler

Lee DeVecchio

Beverly Wenz

Fellowship Hour

June 3: *Anniversary Luncheon*

June 10: *UMW*

June 17: *UMW*

June 24: *UMW*

*Please contact Georgina at gholdsworth@optimum.net or
203-335-7129 If you (or you and a friend) can organize coffee hour*

Communion Stewards

Patty Jurgielewicz and Maggie Price

Worship Leaders

June 3: *Craig Michelson*

June 10: *Cassie Llewelyn*

June 17: *Judy Meyer*

June 24: *Cameron Bowcock*

Sunday School Teachers

June 3: *Judy Vindheim and Patty Jurgeliewicz*

June 10: *Franklyn McLean and Cindy Block*

June 17: *Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell and Bill Miller*

June 24: *Katie White and Eric Monkman*

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Please join us after the 10:00 Worship Service
for a luncheon to celebrate the
62nd Anniversary of Fairfield Grace Church

Submissions to Bulletin Announcements and Friday e-News

All submissions are due to the church office at fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net
by Tuesday at noon for that week's editions. Thank you!

Deadline for the Summer Issue of the Quester is Wed, June 20

Summer Patio Services

During the Summer months, Fairfield Grace holds 2 Sunday Worship Services;:

10:00 am Service in the Sanctuary

8:30 am Patio Service.

Our Worship Committee is asking you to consider leading or participating in one of the Patio Services. Join the team and be a part of this important ministry

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Cameron Bowcock at Cameron.bowcock@gmail.com or (631) 678-7019.

Sunday School News:

Please congratulate Franklyn McLean and Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell, who will be serving as Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant SS Superintendent, respectively.

Their first **meeting with teachers is scheduled on Sunday, July 8 after the 10 am Worship Service.**

Summer “Funday” School for the children:

Please contact Franklyn (203-372-8664 or franklyn49@optonline.net),

Nubia (203-259-4119 or nkjaramillo@yahoo.com) or

Anne in the office (203-374-6528 or fairfieldgrace@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in helping out with the summer “Funday” School.



June Birthdays

01 Betty Brandt
 04 Deanna DeNeutte
 07 Ava Kristy
 07 Lindsey Lopes
 08 Nancy Leppla
 08 Ryan Mizoguchi
 08 Dottie Peck
 09 Watson Campana
 09 Nubia Jaramillo-Pennell
 12 Barbara MacCarthy

12 Scott Pennell
 12 Young Y. Choi
 12 Barbara McCarthy
 12 Scott Pennell
 13 Kioek Park
 14 Grayson Rush
 15 Laura Bedson
 15 Suk K. Kim
 16 Lucy Trifiatis

17 Young Yim Chun
 18 Nolan Price
 24 Ed Schindler
 24 Joe Sugrue
 26 Georgina Holdsworth
 26 Tyler Stimpson
 26 Rayne Darken
 27 Harrison Spangler
 29 Sandra Brown
 30 Panyin Amoo

June Anniversaries

June 01: Kyong Hee & Kun Sam Cho 33 yrs
 June 01: Shelley & Bill Llewellyn 22 yrs
 June 01: Pat & Warren Rozelle 59 yrs

June 19: Jennifer & Brian Bissell 19 yrs
 June 22: Deanna & Eugene DeNeutte 06 yrs

UM ARMY Youth Car Wash
at Fairfield Grace
Saturday, June 9
9:30am – 11:30 am



The Youth will travel to New Hampshire this July for a week long Mission Trip.

They are holding a Car Wash at Fairfield Grace UMC on Saturday, June 9th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am to raise funds.

Please come out to support our youth!

Serena Circle Book Group: Monday, June 11

The next Serena Book Group meeting will be Monday, June 11 at 7:00 pm in Hood Parlor. All women are invited to the discussion. We will be discussing the next chapter in our current book (Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur) .

If you have questions, please contact Karen Price 203-333-1272 or at karen1147@aol.com

WESLEY CIRCLE

June 14 at 10:00 am

Join the men of Fairfield Grace at the **Fairfield Senior Center!**

Please contact Wayne Brown with any questions at: 203-549-8742

Honoring our Graduates

Sunday, June 17

We will acknowledge those that are graduating (high school, college) at the 10:00 Worship Service. Please let us know of someone in your family or the Fairfield Grace family is celebrating a graduation this year.

We do not want anyone to be left out in error!



“exuberant” Circle Reunion Picnic

Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 pm

We will enjoy a summer picnic here on church grounds with the youth and young adults of Fairfield Grace.

All Youth Group alumni are invited and encouraged to join us.

Please help us spread the word.

Contact Pastor Cho with any questions
(914-319-4241 or kunsamcho92@gmail.com)



Susanna Circle

Our next meeting will be:



Potluck Picnic

Wed., June 20 at 12:00 noon

The Susanna Circle will hold their June picnic (potluck) on Wednesday, June 20th, from 3pm at Georgina's home, 79 Mayfair Road, Fairfield; phone 203-335-7129.

All Church ladies are welcome.

Please contact Marge Hood or Georgina Holdsworth (203-335-7129 or gholdsworth@optimum.net) to let us know if you will be attending.

Eating Lunch Together: Let's Go "Dutch" at Duchess!

Thurs., June 21 ~ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Are you eating lunch alone? Why not share a meal with Fairfield Grace Church friends every Third Thursday of the month between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm, at the Duchess Restaurant on Black Rock Turnpike. Come and see who will be waiting for YOU.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

Serving at Golden Hill UMC

FGUMC Will be Serving at Golden Hill

Wed., Jun 27 at 4:45 pm

Fairfield Grace will assist in serving dinner at Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport

Please join the team!

Contact Cindy Block at 203-374-2285 or cynblock@att.net.



Fairfield Grace
Young Adult and Families

Movie Night



Wesley Circle

A visit by
Troop 88 Scout Master Bill Hall



Let's Go Dutch at Duchess

Planning Your Own Funeral/Memorial Service

By planning your service in advance you can design and specify the exact type of service you'd like, so that your friends and family celebrate you as you wish. By letting your family and your church know how you'd like your funeral or memorial service to be, they'll have less difficult and complicated decisions to make during a difficult and emotional time.

Please take a few minutes and fill out any of your preferences (as many or as few as you choose) and return to Anne in the church office. We will keep them on file.

Name: _____

- I would like my funeral/memorial service to be held at the following location:
_____. If this location is not available,
my second choice is _____.
- The person who will officiate my funeral/memorial service is my Pastor serving at the time of my departure. I would like to invite Rev. _____ to be a part of the service, if he or she is available.
- I would like to have a viewing before my funeral: yes_____ no_____
- I would like to have a reception or gathering after my funeral/memorial service in the Fellowship Hall.: yes:_____ no:_____
- I would like the following people to deliver eulogies:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- I would like the following people to deliver prayers, poems, or other readings:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- The readings I would like them to deliver are:
Title/Author/Source
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- I would like the following songs, hymns, or pieces of music to be played:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- I would like people to honor my memory by making a donation to one of the charity organizations that has meant a lot to me:

1. _____
2. _____

- I want to be sure that the following groups, organizations, and clubs will be notified of and invited to my funeral or memorial service (such as veterans' groups, alumni associations, sports or hobby clubs, etc.):

Name of Group/Primary Contact/Contact Info

1. _____
2. _____

- I want to be sure that the following people, whom my family may not know, will be notified of and invited to my funeral or memorial service:

Name/Contact Info

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- I would like the following people to serve as pallbearers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



With thoughts and prayers:

Rev. Kun Sam Cho

Pastor Dayfly with Christ



Still Have Holiday Shopping Left?



Christmas gifts are a great opportunity to help Fairfield Grace at
NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!

- ◇ Still don't know what to get for your niece or nephew? How about a gift card to the **GAP**? You can buy a \$25 gift card to the GAP—you do not pay anything extra—and Fairfield Grace will receive 14% (\$3.50). It is that easy.
- ◇ How about something for your friend who loves to read? You can buy a gift card to **Barnes and Noble** for \$10—you do not pay anything extra—and Fairfield Grace will receive 8% .
- ◇ Do you need a new outfit to wear to a Holiday event? Buy a gift card to **Macy's** instead of paying with your credit card at the store and Fairfield Grace will receive 10%.
- ◇ Planning a big family meal for a gathering over Christmas and New Year's? You can buy gift cards to **Stop and Shop , Shop Rite—even Target**—and use them when you are shopping for Holiday dinners or decorations. Fairfield Grace will receive a percentage of the gift cards that you purchase.



Maybe you have heard about this program called SCRIPPS that Martha Wood has been promoting - but aren't sure how you can participate?

Martha Wood is at church after the Services to explain the program, how easy it is, answer any questions you may have and get you started!

Here is how it works:

You fill out a form to request gift card(s), Martha will have these forms available for you after the Service on Sunday. You choose the retailer and the amount of the gift card. You give Martha a check with the form for the exact amount of gift cards you are buying, nothing extra. If you fill it out Sunday, you will have the gift cards in your hand by the next Sunday. That is all you need to do.

This list of retailers from which you can choose is 3 pages long! Martha will have copies of the list....there is a list on the hallway bulletin board....stop by the office and pick up a list, as well.

We are hoping that church members will use this opportunity to make their gifts really count this season. You can support your church financially and not have to spend anything extra. Please, give it a try!





June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
HEALING TIME 9am - Adult Bible Study 9:15am - Treble Choir Review 10am - Worship 11am - Scholarship Meeting, HP 1pm - Faith Circle	Memorial Day 7pm - Scout Committee Mtg, FH 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Bible Study 6pm - Centering 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, FH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	LAST DAY MNS 12pm - Staff Meeting 6:15pm - Bible Study, Faith 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Joint? Chancel Choir	MNS, HP FH	10am - Summerfest 1:30pm - Brainy Alley, CR
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Church Anniversary COMMUNION SUNDAY 9am - Adult Bible Study 9:15am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Worship 11am - Anniversary Luncheon 11am - Scholarship Team 11am - Treble Choir Rehearsal	MNS playground camp 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Bible Study 6pm - Centering 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, FH 7pm - Trustees, Hood Parlor @ 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 8pm - Troop 88 parent meeting.	NYAC/Mofatra Univ 6:15pm - Bible Study, Faith 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		9:30am - UM ARMY Car Wash 4pm - Troop 88 Jamborette
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NYAC/Mofatra Univ CONNECTIONAL/HYMN SING 9am - Adult Bible Study 9:15am - Treble Choir Review 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle	MNS playground camp 7pm - Serena's Book Club - Hood 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 7:30pm - Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 10am - Bible Study 6pm - Centering 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, FH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Finance Meeting.	10am - Wesley's Circle, Senior 6:15pm - Bible Study, Faith 6:45pm - Bible Study, HP 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		4pm - Eagle Award Ceremony, S
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day GRADUATION/SCHOLARSHIP MISSION SUNDAY 9am - Adult Bible Study 9am - Bell Choir Review 10am - Worship 1pm - Faith Circle 3:30pm - Piano recital concert, 7pm - Scout PLC Meeting, FH	MNS playground camp 7pm - MNS Ex Bd Mtg, HP 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera 6:30pm - "exuberant" Circle	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 12pm - Susanna Postluck 6pm - Centering 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, FH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Leadership Meeting, 7:40pm - Church Council, Hood	11:30am - Go Dutch at Duchasa 7pm - FA, Youth Room 7:30pm - Chancel Choir		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HEALING TIME 9:15am - Chancel Choir Review 10am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation Class to 1pm - Faith Circle	7pm - Scout Committee Mtg, FH 7:30pm - Alanon, Yth Rm @	10am - Visit Pastor/Panera	9:30am - Gather in Prayer 4:45pm - Serving at Golden Hill 6pm - Centering 7pm - Troop 88 Boy Scouts, FH 7:30pm - AA, Youth Room	7pm - FA, Youth Room		5:30pm - Choir Picnic