



Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church



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ST. SIMON'S ISLAND, GA. - The Council of Bishops ended its November 2018 meeting by taking the following actions among other decisions:

- Released a [Narrative of Our Leadership](#), describing the work that bishops have done since 2016 and leading up to the 2019 Special Session of General Conference.
- Adopted a [statement from the Ebony Bishops](#), calling on the church to take a stance against racism and white privilege in the United States.
- Affirmed Global AIDS Day, and asked bishops to promote the advance special for United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (Advance #982345) and find ways to promote World AIDS Day which is Dec 1.
- Approved replacements to fill gap on the General Conference committees for the 2019 Special Session to be held in February.
- Approved creating a writing team to pen a pastoral letter to the global LGBTQ+ community.
- Approved a [statement from the Immigration Task Force](#) regarding Central American Migrant Caravans, calling on governments to treat these migrants in ways that recognize and respect their God-given humanity with compassion and dignity.
- Affirmed COB President Bishop Ken Carter as the preacher for the opening worship service at the 2019 General Conference.
- Approved a proposal from the Connectional Table and United Methodist Communications to reword the language of the Four Areas of Focus.

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