



Constant Contact Survey Results

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Paradise Valley United Methodist Church (PVUMC) invites you to take this survey. Your candid comments will provide our clergy with a measurement of attitudes toward our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. Results will be shared in consolidated form, but your individual name will remain anonymous. Space is provided for comments following each question. The United Methodist Church, internationally, is prayerfully considering the UMC's mandate to be in ministry to all of God's children and to fully include the LGBTQ community. The Council of Bishops has convened a special commission to formulate a way forward for a church that finds itself divided on issues such as same sex marriage and LGBTQ leadership in the church. In the United States, some UMC conferences and jurisdictions have adopted full inclusion. All conferences of the Western Jurisdiction, including the Desert Southwest Conference (DSC) in which PVUMC belongs, are currently reconciling and fully inclusive. At its Annual Conference in June, the DSC passed a resolution including a statement which explained that we "would not miss this opportunity to express God's love, by looking at the world with different lenses and with a pastoral heart, instead of a disciplinary book." Here at PVUMC, we appear to have differing points of view on LGBTQ inclusion. Our discussions to date have reflected many of the differing views occurring within the UMC internationally.

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Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with statements contained in questions 1 - 7.

I would be comfortable inviting a same sex couple to attend our church.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			174	67.9 %
Generally Agree			44	17.1 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			13	5.0 %
Disagree in Part			16	6.2 %
Completely Disagree			6	2.3 %
No Response(s)			3	1.1 %
Totals			256	100%

I would be comfortable inviting a family to attend our church if they had a gay, lesbian, or transgender child.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			189	73.8 %
Generally Agree			39	15.2 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			11	4.2 %
Disagree in Part			6	2.3 %
Completely Disagree			6	2.3 %
No Response(s)			5	1.9 %
Totals			256	100%

I believe that pastors should perform baptisms for the children of same sex couples.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			207	80.8 %
Generally Agree			15	5.8 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			14	5.4 %
Disagree in Part			7	2.7 %
Completely Disagree			10	3.9 %
No Response(s)			3	1.1 %
Totals			256	100%

Our pastors should be allowed to perform same sex marriages at locations away from the church property.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			171	66.7 %
Generally Agree			25	9.7 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			19	7.4 %
Disagree in Part			13	5.0 %
Completely Disagree			25	9.7 %
No Response(s)			3	1.1 %
Totals			256	100%

Our pastors should be allowed to perform same sex marriages at our church.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			159	62.1 %
Generally Agree			18	7.0 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			20	7.8 %
Disagree in Part			13	5.0 %
Completely Disagree			42	16.4 %
No Response(s)			4	1.5 %
Totals			256	100%

I believe that people are born with a certain sexual orientation.





Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			131	51.1 %
Generally Agree			66	25.7 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			37	14.4 %
Disagree in Part			13	5.0 %
Completely Disagree			5	1.9 %
No Response(s)			4	1.5 %
Totals			256	100%

Appointment of an openly lesbian pastor as a new bishop in the UMC was a positive move.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			135	52.7 %
Generally Agree			36	14.0 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			32	12.5 %
Disagree in Part			9	3.5 %
Completely Disagree			41	16.0 %
No Response(s)			3	1.1 %
Totals			256	100%

Would you support the adoption of a welcoming statement by PVUMC that would be similar to the following:

We are a community of people on a shared journey of life and faith. We are committed to inclusivity, to being a place of welcome, safety, love, and respect for all persons regardless of age, station, economics, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any of the categories the world constructs to segregate or alienate people from people. We celebrate that we are all children of the same God, called to love each other.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			198	77.3 %
No			31	12.1 %
Maybe			23	8.9 %
No Response(s)			4	1.5 %
Totals			256	100%

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Questions 9 - 11 regard relevant excerpts from the UMC Book of Discipline (our Book of Rules for the UMC) that are referenced by paragraph numbers, e.g., ¶ 304.3 refers to paragraph 304. Please prayerfully consider these excerpts before responding to questions that follow them.

In 2000, the UMC adopted a resolution which includes the following statements:

We affirm our belief in the inestimable worth of each individual because we are human beings created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ, and we affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God (Preamble to Social Principles.)*** Therefore, be it resolved, that The United Methodist Church dedicate itself to a ministry of Christ-like hospitality and compassion to persons of all sexual orientations, and to a vision of unity through openness to the spiritual gifts of all those who have been baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Such ministry and openness may include: welcoming sexual minorities, their friends, and families into our churches and demonstrating our faith in a loving God; a willingness to listen and open our hearts to their stories and struggles in our churches, districts, annual conferences, and General Conference; encouraging study and dialogue around issues of sexuality; and praying for all those who are in pain and discord over our Christian response to this controversial issue.

Resolution

#28, 2000 Book of Resolution

Amended

Resolution #2041, 2008 Book of Resolutions To what extent do you agree or disagree with the resolution?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			159	62.1 %
Generally Agree			45	17.5 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			15	5.8 %
Disagree in Part			24	9.3 %
Completely Disagree			7	2.7 %
No Response(s)			6	2.3 %
Totals			256	100%

The UMC Book of Discipline in ¶ 4,
Article IV states:

Inclusiveness of the Church:







The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth. All persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with ¶ 4, Article IV from the UMC Book of Discipline?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			175	68.3 %
Generally Agree			47	18.3 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			9	3.5 %
Disagree in Part			13	5.0 %
Completely Disagree			6	2.3 %
No Response(s)			6	2.3 %
Totals			256	100%

The UMC Book of Discipline in ¶ 304.3.3 states:

The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above statement from ¶ 304.3.3?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Completely Agree			27	10.5 %
Generally Agree			23	8.9 %
Neither Agree nor Disagree			36	14.0 %
Disagree in Part			26	10.1 %
Completely Disagree			141	55.0 %
No Response(s)			3	1.1 %
Totals			256	100%

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make regarding how PVUMC welcomes LGBTQ persons.

144 Response(s)

*Please enter your name and email address below.

Answers	Number of Response(s)
First Name	249
Last Name	249
Email Address	249