

“Love Examines”—Pastor Rockford’s Study on the Bible, Human Sexuality and the UMC

While we are busy bearing fruit for God’s mission and, shaped by our history of faithfulness, actively moving into the future together with focus on our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ to change the world, there seems to be an increasing amount of talk and messaging these days about the future of the United Methodist Church prompted by questions of human sexuality.

I am offering a class on the authority and interpretation of the Bible and on interpreting the text in Romans chapter 1 (and related texts) referencing human sexuality. In the video about this class, Pastor Trey and I share details about what to expect with the class.

The class is part of what our General Conference Guidance Team (GCGT) has promised to provide. In April, our Administrative Council unanimously adopted a statement that outlines the GCGT’s plan to provide study, opportunities and preparation for conversation and discussion between now and the General (worldwide) Conference in 2024. It also affirms that the time has not come to make a decision about McFarlin’s future connection with the UMC or some other entity. You can access the Admin Council’s full statement here:

<https://mcfarlinumc.org/about/general-conference/>

Rooted in the authority of Scripture, I do believe God has called all of us together to so that together we can advance the good news in Christ to redeem and transform the world. Please know that I am always open to talk with you about this. Don’t hesitate to contact me.

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