

The Woodland United Methodist Church is a welcoming, open, spiritual community that affirms the sacred worth of all persons. Our hearts, minds and doors are open to all of Humanity. We seek to be led by the Holy Spirit and are followers of Jesus. All are welcome.

## **Response to 2019 General Conference**

(Adopted at Woodland United Methodist Church Council on May 23, 2019):

In Response to the February 2019 vote in favor of the Traditional Plan at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Church Council of the Woodland United Methodist Church declares the following:

- Woodland United Methodist Church has been and will continue to be a congregation that welcomes all people in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Woodland United Methodist Church is a church that is welcoming and affirming to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.
- Woodland United Methodist Church declares that the tenets of the Traditional Plan run counter to the Bible's primary message of love, grace, mercy, and compassion and, in particular, are in direct contradiction to the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Woodland United Methodist Church supports the removal of all exclusive and harmful language in the current Book of Discipline.
- Woodland United Methodist Church supports and affirms that LGBTQIA people are welcome in all areas in our church. This includes support of same sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQIA people.
- Woodland United Methodist Church will not support the larger United Methodist Church if it moves forward in discrimination and harm.
- Woodland United Methodist Church calls on the leadership of the California-Nevada Annual Conference and the Western Jurisdiction to work towards a future Methodist Church in which justice for all people is valued.