



Shady Grove United Methodist Church

Knowing and Growing Through Christ

February 27, 2019

Dear Shady Grove Church Family,

Last night the Special Session of General Conference concluded with the Traditional Plan prevailing. In keeping up with the General Conference, it's impossible not to feel the heaviness of this painful and contentious time in the life of our denomination. There is much we do not know at this time. Whenever changes are made to the Book of Discipline, it requires time to determine the impact of legislation. As your pastors, we will attend a Richmond District Clergy meeting on Friday to learn more.

What we *do* know is that our mission at Shady Grove United Methodist Church is to welcome, teach and help *all* people to know and grow in Christ. We are a church family reaching out to encourage *all* people on their faith journey.

The Servant Song says, "I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through." Family in Christ, we have some of this work to do together. So, we ask that you join us on Sunday night at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we share in a time of General Conference debriefing. We will share our learnings from the Clergy meeting with you, and we will open a time for the congregation to listen and share with each other. Let us continue to be in prayer for our community, our Shady Grove family, and our United Methodist Church.

From the fullness of Christ, let us continue to share grace upon grace,

Chris McLain, Lead Pastor

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