



Dakotas Conference
The United Methodist Church



Grow. Reach. Heal.

The Dakotas Conference vision is for all congregations to live out God's call to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world.

Listening Session I Agenda

(The Dakotas Conference General Conference delegation encourages each local congregation to conduct listening sessions, this agenda is a guide for each local church site for Listening Session I. Resources and video for Listening Session II will be available by March 25.)

- I. Welcome and introduction** *(video presentation)*
 - a. Opening prayer**
 - b. Introductions of all present**
 - c. Welcome from Bishop Ough**
- II. General Conference Information** *(video presentation)*
 - a. Overview of The United Methodist Church and General Conference**
 - b. How legislation gets to General**
 - c. Legislation Part I-Petitions dealing with structure of the Church**
 - d. Legislation Part II-Petitions from agencies**
- III. Discussion**

(Form small groups of five or less people and discuss. Discuss each of the questions, one at a time, in small groups, have each group record their comments and questions. Submit a summary with the comments and questions to dakotasgc@gmail.com.)

 - a. Part I-What are the opportunities and challenges or threats of a potential split of the UMC for you and/ or your local congregation**
 - b. Part II—In the Dakotas we are hearing a lot about relationships and how we value relationships with each other. Give what may or may not happen at General Conference, what are some of your concerns about relationships at your church, in the community and across the conference? How are you going to care for current relationships proactively?**
 - c. Part III—What questions do you have**
 - d. Submit questions, comments and / or a brief summary of your discussion to dakotasgc@gmail.com**
- IV. Next steps** *(video presentation)*
 - a. Go to www.dakotasumc.org/gc for updates and resources**
 - b. Hold a second listening session, video and resources will be available March 25.**
 - c. Join the Dakotas Conference General Conference Breakthrough Prayer Movement. Watch the website and Mondays @ Dakotas for resources.**
- V. Closing Prayer** *(video presentation)*