

### **When did all of this controversy begin?**

The controversy surrounding LGBTQ+ persons and their rights within the UMC began following the 1972 General Conference when the following statement was added to the UMC Book of Discipline “homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.”

### **What is the UMC’s current stance/rules regarding LGBTQ+ persons?**

Currently, the denomination officially prohibits “self-avowed practicing” homosexual clergy, the blessing of same-sex unions and UM funding for any gay caucus or group which promotes the acceptance of homosexuality. <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-the-denominations-position-on-homosexuality>

### **What happened and what did not happen at the special 2019 General Conference:**

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/what-happened-and-what-didnt-at-general-conference-2019>

**How did the Judicial Council rule on the petitions within the Traditional Plan that was passed at the Special General Conference?**

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc-what-did-the-judicial-council-decide-about-the-traditional-plan>

### **Informational resources regarding human sexuality**

American Psychiatric Associations pamphlet on human sexual orientation:

<https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/orientation.pdf>

Collection of medical boards and organizations positions on human sexuality:

[https://www.lambdalegal.org/sites/default/files/publications/downloads/fs\\_health-and-med-orgs-stmts-on-sex-orientation-and-gender-identity\\_1.pdf](https://www.lambdalegal.org/sites/default/files/publications/downloads/fs_health-and-med-orgs-stmts-on-sex-orientation-and-gender-identity_1.pdf)

APA's position on conversion or re-orientation therapy:

<https://www.psychiatry.org/File%20Library/About-APA/Organization-Documents-Policies/Policies/Position-2013-Homosexuality.pdf>

Study on prevalence of LGBT in American adults:

<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Gates-How-Many-People-LGBT-Apr-2011.pdf>

### **Video:**

Sex & Sexuality: Crash Course Sociology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kqt-1Lgv5c>

**Websites:**

SIECUS (Sexual Information and Education Council of the United States)

<https://siecus.org/issues/>

Planned Parenthood: Sexual Education

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/sexual-orientation-gender/sexual-orientation>

American Sexual Health Association

<http://www.ashasexualhealth.org/>

Guttmacher Institute

<https://www.guttmacher.org/>

**Books:**

Understanding Human Sexuality By Janet Hyde

<http://biresource.org/bisexuality-101/>

<http://biresource.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Bi-101-Brochure.pdf>

<http://biresource.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Bi-Pan-Card.pdf>

**Scriptural resources:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u31yOW6QtNEF-nQq2BUdtQhGALOUuY24L1dlh4mLhWQ/edit?usp=sharing>

**Other Informational Resources:**

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

[www.umnews.org](http://www.umnews.org)

[www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org)

[www.goodnewsmag.org](http://www.goodnewsmag.org)

[www.wesleyancovenant.org](http://www.wesleyancovenant.org)