

Resources:

Facilitating Healthy Conversations:

1. *The Anatomy of Peace*, resolving the heart of conflict by Arbinger Institute. Arbingerinstitute.com offers training resources and a study guide for *The Anatomy of Peace*.
2. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/courageous-conversation-about-the-way-forward> - Discipleship Ministries has put out resources for having conversations about the plans and work of the Commission on the way forward – complete with meeting outlines including power point and suggestions for how to help conversations go well.
3. *Crucial Conversations* – tools for talking when stakes are high. By Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillian, Al Switzler.
4. *Leading through Conflict* – how Leaders transform differences into opportunities. -Mark Gerzon
5. *Circle of Trust Touchstones* by Parker J. Palmer and the Center for Courage & Renewal www.couragerenewal.org
6. *Grounded in God – Listening Hearts discernment for Group deliberations* by Suzanne G. Farnham, Stephanie A. Hull, R. Taylor McLean - additionally, *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community is also part of the Listening Hearts series*.

Information regarding Commission's work and report

1. <http://www.susumc.org/index.php/component/content/article/2-uncategorised/2480-a-holy-christian-conversation> The Susquehanna Conference has the best compilation of resources I have come across. Their website links to the full report of the Commission and Commission videos and well as many other resources for information and to help guide conversation.
2. UMC Commission on a way forward – facebook page. This page has a number of videos done by commission members which are very helpful to understanding the process and reflections of Commission members. Very helpful: Gil Rendle's video – A parable for today. This video is a great way to begin a conversation on the Commission's work.
3. *Be Strong and of Good Courage* – a Call to quiet Courage in an Anxious Time by Gil Rendle
4. *Knowing How to Read the Signs: A Non-theological Description of the Work of the Commission on a Way Forward* by Gil Rendle December 2016
5. <https://umcprays.org/> - praying our way forward has been a part of this process.
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7. www.umnews.org/en/category/general-church videos on upcoming GC can be found here.

Conversation Resources

1. *Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality* – Toward a faithful United Methodist Witness published by Higher Education and Ministry
2. *United Methodists Divided* by Dale McConkey – includes a discussion of report plans.
3. *Finding our Way – Love and Law in The United Methodist Church* edited by Rueben P. Job and Neil Alexander
4. *Generous Spaciousness* – responding to Gay Christians in the Church by Wendy Vanderwal-Gritter
5. *Torn – rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.- Christian debate* by Justin Lee
6. *Bible Gender Sexuality – reframing the Church's debate on Same-Sex Relationships* by James V. Brownson
7. *Embracing the Wideness* by Kenneth H. Carter Jr.