Reconciling Ministry Survey (2025)

Calvary United Methodist Church

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2024 voted to remove from church policy in *The Book of Discipline* language deemed to be harmful to the LGBTQIA+ community. In response to that policy change, a Reconciling Ministry Team was approved last fall by Calvary’s Church Council to serve as a working group within the Calvary congregation to consider new policies and practices that we might adopt as a congregation. Toward that end, the team requests your assistance in responding to the following questions.

1. The church does not currently have a policy about the use of the church buildings being used for same sex weddings. Would you be in favor of the church allowing its building to be used for the celebrations of same sex marriages?

Please circle the number under the item that best reflects your opinion:

 Not in favor neutral In favor

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What are your questions, thoughts, comments about adopting such a policy?

1. If Calvary UMC were to become a Reconciling Ministry Congregation, the church would take a vote to adopt the following statement to guide their mission and ministry.

**“We celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.”**

Would you be in favor of Calvary UMC approving this statement as a church policy?

Please circle the number under the item that best reflects your opinion:

 Not in favor neutral In favor

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What are your questions, thoughts, comments about this statement?

This survey will be distributed in various ways throughout the congregation. Everyone is encouraged to respond by March 9. A box in the fellowship hall will be provided for this purpose or you can send your response to us by mail (Calvary UMC, 131 W. 2nd St, Frederick, MD 21701) or scan and send to office@calvaryumc.org.

You are welcome to provide your name or remain anonymous. Please provide just one set of responses per person. You can make as many comments as you wish to guide the team in this process.