

What guiding values must be part of the conversation and planning?

(Slightly consolidated)

Collaborative appointment (teaching church)

Affinity grouping – share, watch learn

Be Christ in community

Be in ministry where we need to be, not just Sunday at 11:00

WJ Leadership to whole church

Focus on mission and ministry to and with people

Death to bring something new (resurrection)

Change is positive

Learn from each other and expect to receive value from others (willingness to learn from each other)

"All means all"

Permeable boundaries between annual conferences

Not wasting resources so that we have more clergy – some [churches?] have too many [clergy?], and some not enough.

Wesleyan/UM heritage and values – 3 Simple Rules: Do No Harm, do good, stay in love with God

Depends on who the voices are

Value of diversity and inclusivity

Be intentional

Keep in mind whose work we're about

Final decision won't be 100% acceptable to everyone

Listen to everyone, even in disagreement

Partnerships between clergy and lay

Partnerships across conference lines/small churches across lines/large churches across lines

Youth gatherings across jurisdictional lines creating relationships

Sharing, not being afraid we'll lose

Something when we share – look at what's best for the jurisdiction

Connect individual members in the churches to the larger church

Organizing in such a way that we plan to reach out to the rest of our communities

Organize jurisdictional lines where the people are – not what's comfortable/convenient for us

Culture of risk

Church members go out to work one on one with helping agencies, etc.

Creating places for people to hang out

Theology of abundance instead of theology of scarcity

Risk takers – start from scratch – erase all the AC boundaries and begin again.

Finding what makes us healthier and happier

Infinite worth of every individual
Not waiting for people to come to us
Creating a sense of community
Discipleship – following Jesus – a grounded faith
Stewardship of resources
Accountability for the mysteries entrusted to us
A structure based on mission/ministry, rather than available episcopal leadership
Creativity in deployment of leadership

How do we empower disciple-making at the local church?
Supporting pastors to live into calling (downsize – cluster for leadership and development)
Hold each other accountable
Different conferences = different mission centers
Biblical models, not business model

Missional, must be about the call NOT the fall

Love
Listening
Challenge the status quo
Courage
Hospitality
Tolerance
Respect and inclusiveness

Be rooted in tradition but not imprisoned by it
Offer young people a way to live – tools and a faith that makes sense
Recognize the global nature of the church
Celebrate the growth of the church in other countries
Communicate the contributions of the church to the world
Use our strengths – just do it!!!

Communication – using technology
2000-2004 vision
Richness of culture and ethnicity
Equity of resource sharing – all conferences will have resources
Full inclusion

Wesleyan values
Sharing resources among/between congregations
Creating communication between different ethnic congregations/building, sharing, shared

facilities – value of shared and cooperative ministry
Flexibility

Radical hospitality and inclusiveness
Seeking God's justice and peace
Mentoring as a two-way relationship [learn from each other] [those who are change agents expect to be changed]
Adaptive change – change in systems, deeper for true change
Lightheartedness: celebration, feel free to party: scorn of too much seriousness
Realizing vision of transformation, and willingness to change, if needed to achieve
Competence and excellence that doesn't lapse into sterility and conformity but elevates to creativity
Openness to working together to achieve shared vision/mission: see WJ as a village
Leaders have no true authority!
Growing and ability to communicate through upgraded technology
Exploring ways to connect across vast distances through cutting-edge technology
Amazing and untapped gifts of laity
Imaginative, inspired commitments to mission
Willingness to build on partnerships that are already present

Including, and seeing beyond boundaries
authenticity and honesty
— allowing people to be authentic
— eradication of "tokenism"

Using new ways to connect. Keeping a commitment to broad participation in questions related to the number of episcopal leaders.

Being willing to empower groups of persons to become new faith communities.
Innovative ways to share resources around the jurisdiction

Lifting up young adult leaders to reshape the church

What is helpful to the mission and ministry of the Western Jurisdiction
Empower others to fill in the gaps if we'll be functioning with one less bishop
Bishop's function – important to relate personally to the local church
Mission over finance
Different ways of superintending (i.e. presiding elders)
Border ministries (Canada, Mexico, Pacific Rim)
Issues of neglect for more remote areas within the conference/area
Number of conferences – consider impact on General Conference representation
"No parishioner left behind"

Urban verses rural – vast membership differences in urban (percentages)

Tension and balance between the bishop's local church work and general church work – why do we send money THERE, when we need it HERE (people want to see a face from the THERE)

Other expectations of the bishop (may need change)

Invite the dragons to ministry

Video may be a working tool in some situations. May not work for all, but for where it does work could free up Bishop's time and travel for where it doesn't.