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Statement regarding Adrian College and the United Methodist Church:

Adrian College is proud of its 160 years as a college in the United Methodist tradition, beginning with our founder, The Rev. Asa Mahan, a Wesleyan evangelist and staunch abolitionist. Today we carry on that commitment to be a welcoming community for all persons. We support the statement of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church in calling for "... the full inclusion of all persons..." (See reverse side.) We express our dismay at the action of the 2019 General Conference and pledge to work within The United Methodist Church for the cause of social justice which honors the intrinsic worth of all persons.



**Joint Statement of NASCUMC Member Presidents
On the Called General Conference and the Subject of Human Sexuality**

January 5, 2019

Embracing the United Methodist Church's core religious and humanistic values that all persons are of sacred worth and equal standing, the 93 United Methodist (NASCUMC) affiliated colleges/universities and their respective presidents serving over 260,000 students strongly affirm access and inclusion of all students, faculty, and staff on our campuses regardless of their race, ethnicity, creed, national origin, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation.

We deeply value the connection to the United Methodist Church and polity. The relationship has been critical to the cultivation of leaders for the Church and the world. In 2006, 2011, and 2013, the United Methodist college and university presidents (NASCUMC) presented to the Council of Bishops similar statements affirming the necessity of the church's inclusion of all people.

Historically, the Church has witnessed a profound commitment to the sacred worth of all persons and to social justice, such as the Church's position on civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of different ethnic communities. We call upon the leaders of the United Methodist Church at this 2019 Called General Conference to honor the past and current practices of inclusion by amending their policies and practices to affirm full inclusion in the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church of all persons regardless of their race, ethnicity, creed, national origin, gender, gender identity/expression or sexual orientation.

Unanimously approved by all attending NASCUMC members at the Scottsdale Conference on Jan. 3 and 4.



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