

## Presentation for West Point First UMC

Rev. Dr. Steve West - June 28, 2023

### 1) Opening Prayer and Scripture

*John 17:20-21 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.'*

### 2) Helpful Language:

Progressive Incompatibalist – Progressive Compatibilist – Traditional Compatibilist – Traditional Incompatibalist

### 3) Essential UMC Spirituality

### 4) “Methodist Mythbusting”

- Myth #1 – The beliefs of the UMC are going to dramatically change.
- Myth #2 – Extreme examples represent the whole.
- Myth #3 – We will all take a “hard left” on social issues.
- Myth #4 – We have no idea what the UMC will look like in 10 years.
- Myth #5 – The only reason the breakaway group is leaving is that “those people” are not following the Discipline.
- Myth #6 – This is a “good business deal.”

### 5) Vision for Traditional Churches in the UMC

- Testimony of a Traditional Church
- Vision of traditional, centrist, & progressive UMC’s “better together”
- Balancing Resources (attached)

### 6) Q and A

### 7) Closing Prayer

