

North Georgia Conference #BeUMC Q&A

Q: What do United Methodists believe?

The Articles of Religion and Confessions of Faith in our Book of Discipline are unchanging. They are our foundation. This is what we believe as United Methodists.

Read the Articles of Religion in the Book of Discipline or at www.umc.org/en/content/articles-of-religion and read the Confessions of Faith in the Book of Discipline or at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/confession-of-faith>.

It's important to remember that Christians are not called to be of one mind on all matters. In the words of one theologian: *"In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."*

Q: How can we disagree on matters of human sexuality?

Offered below is a reflection from Rev. Dr. Dan Johnson, a retired pastor and former chair of the board of trustees of Asbury Seminary. He wrote this reflection to Trinity UMC in Gainesville, Florida, following the 2016 General Conference.

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It's important to know that you do not have to change your mind on this matter to be United Methodist.

Q: What makes the UMC "connectional"?

It was John Wesley himself, the founder of the Methodist movement, who first organized his followers into a *connexion*. Ever since, The United Methodist Church and its predecessors have proudly called themselves a connectional church.

Together we do more than we could do alone. From how we practice stewardship to camp ministry to communion, the connection is at the core of what it means to be The United Methodist Church. [Read more in this article at ResourceUMC.org.](#)