

# TALKING POINTS



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

- » United Methodists are people of God who, across the connection, share a **common mission and values.**
- » The United Methodist Church **transcends geography, borders, barriers and differences.**
- » Founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, we are people of faith who experience **and extend the love and grace of God as we serve our neighbors near and far.**
- » United Methodists are **anchored in Scripture** and **committed to a discipleship** that is grounded in the love, teachings and example of Jesus Christ.
- » The United Methodist Church is a **diverse worldwide church serving all people**, where everyone belongs and can be fully included and regarded as God's beloved.
  - As John Wesley said,  
*“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?  
May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?  
Without all doubt, we may.”*
- » We are **moving forward with renewed hope and a focus on mission and ministry** as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- » We proudly claim that **we are a people with open hearts, open minds and open doors.**