

Suggested title: Emphasize Evangelism
Resolution No. 345
Financial Implications: None
Sponsoring Agency: General Board of Discipleship

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~~WHEREAS, we the remaining members who have served for the past two years on the Task Force on the Task Force for Denominational Concerns of the Marietta First UMC; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Marietta First UMC, a part of the body of Christ, experienced a split in its congregation resulting in the loss of approximately one-third of its active membership due to real and/or perceived concerns with the denomination; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the majority of those leaving were young adults with families who would have constituted much of the future membership of the church; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the division in this body of Christ caused conflict and misunderstanding among friends and within families; and~~

~~WHEREAS, we who remain, while recognizing much good in our church and in our denomination, have continuing concerns about the United Methodist Church; and~~

~~WHEREAS, we love the church and are committed to resolving issues and solving problems and truly desire to ensure the well-being of our denomination and to avoid similar divisions within other United Methodist churches;;~~

~~Therefore, we resolve to offer this constructive recommendation to the 2000 General Conference as the result of our experience and research during these tumultuous times in~~

~~our church, to reaffirm commitment to and financial support of evangelism in United Methodist programs and institutions with evangelism defined as in ¶ 629.1 in *The 2000*~~

~~*Book of Discipline.*~~

~~*Be it further resolved,* that wherever appropriate in United Methodist programs and institutions, emphasis should be placed on evangelism through commitments to and financial support of such programs.~~

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