



## PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

January 8-14, 2017

**Let us all join in a week of concentrated prayer for our Church—** specifically for the **United Methodist Council of Bishops' Commission on the Way Forward** and for the Church's effectiveness in fulfilling our mission to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

The Commission is charged to explore all that our *United Methodist Book of Discipline* says about homosexuality, particularly our laws, in the light of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience. The body will then make recommendations to a special session of General Conference in early 2019, which will discuss the findings and vote on recommendations.

**Bishop Peggy Johnson urges us to pray together**, especially during the assigned week of **January 8-14**, for a fruitful outcome of this effort and for the faithfulness and future of our Church in its mission to serve Christ.

**We invite you to attend a Conference-wide Prayer Service**, as part of our Week of Prayer, on **Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 PM, at Lima UMC**, 209 N. Middletown Road, Lima, PA.

Please join us there or at another prayer service that evening in your church, community or district.



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**"Pray that God will move in a mighty way, and that we, as a denomination, may remain one in Christ Jesus."** —Bishop Peggy Johnson, Eastern PA Conference, UMC [www.epaumc.org](http://www.epaumc.org)