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Statement Following the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference

March 13, 2019

Greetings Friends and Ministry Partners,

During February 23-26, global delegates gathered in St. Louis to convene the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to receive and act on the report from the "Commission on a Way Forward." Visit www.umnews.org for further information about GC 2019.

The actions at the General Conference did not alter the Foundation's unwavering mission to "<u>multiply resources for ministry in the Name of Jesus Christ</u>." Our commitment to all people to "encourage lifelong generosity with God's abundance" also remains unchanged. No actions taken at the General Conference will impact our ability to serve you.

Investors and interested parties should know the Foundation continues to fulfill our fiduciary obligations, as we have since 1949, in the interest of all investors according to our bylaws and operating procedures as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your investments are secure and are experiencing very reasonable performance. They will continue to be managed solely in accordance with our investment agreements with you.

The Foundation's Board of Directors will continue to monitor events as they unfold and proactively make any adjustments necessary to maintain our independence and fiduciary obligations to our hundreds of clients and accounts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Chris Walters, President, at 312-334-0703 or cwalters@umfnic.org.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, meeting this day, March 13, 2019, we wish you, your families and friends, and all the people of your faith connections peace and justice in the name of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

George Gill Board Chair David Foster

Vice Chair & Secretary

Rev. Chris Walters

President