

Dear friends,

A few days have passed since I shared with you the proposal called the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation which may come before the General Conference in May. Yesterday I received a call from a reporter with the Courier Journal who wanted to talk with me about what impact this proposal would have on the local church.

The honest answer is we don't know until we know what action the General Conference takes. We do know that this is a painful time for many in our congregation and our denomination. The waiting can be excruciating. It is clear to me that we must stay focused on our mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time* and the ways God is at work through each one of us. For many that is difficult as the General Conference looms large and the issues to be decided are deeply personal.

I spoke with Bishop Fairley this morning and his encouragement to me was "Becki, be at peace." I want to encourage you in the same way.

[Here](#) you will find Bishop Fairley's response to the Protocol document that he shared with the Kentucky Conference this morning.

As we enter the new year, we look forward to sharing about opportunities to learn more and have more conversations as we journey together. We have also set up a resource page on our website where you can find details on this plan as well as other proposals to come before the General Conference. You can find the resource page [here](#); we will add to it from time to time.

[Here](#) is a link to the Courier Journal article which posted online today.

Let's keep the conversations open and the prayers continuous as we trust God with our future.

Blessings,

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