North Texas General Conference Delegation Endorses Call to Action

After several months of study, the 30 member delegation from the North Texas Annual Conference voted unanimously to support the basic <u>recommendations of the Connectional Table</u>, knowing that the related legislation will be perfected with some changes made at General Conference.

Delegation leaders report that the lay delegates are particularly passionate about the importance of the proposed changes because they view them as consistent with how other effective organizations function.

"The most important piece of the Call to Action for the North Texas delegation is the emphasis on vital congregations. We are unanimous in our belief that the local congregation is the key for church renewal in North America," said the Rev. Don Underwood, chairperson. "The research completed by the Call to Action team demonstrates that we can both measure and help create missional vitality. We are excited about the possibilities that open up if we, as a denomination, will truly focus on developing and sustaining vital congregations."

Underwood reports that the delegation is also of one mind that the recommendations for general church structural and governance changes, including the merger of nine of the general agencies led by an Executive General Secretary, "are essential in enabling the general church to effectively support congregations in their quest for missional vitality."