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The United Methodist Church focuses on the whole man—mentally, physically and spiritually. That is why I am a member.

The state of the church from my opinion is very bi-polar.

My home church is in the Texas Annual Conference in Whitesboro, Texas. My current membership since 2001 is at Foundry Methodist Church within the Baltimore/Washington Conference. Both respected congregations that I adore, but deeply divided on many issues affecting the church.

It is time for the church to unite so that we may attract new members, partners and missions. I believe a uniting issue among all of us is the Wesley tradition of mission specifically in health.

I have yet to speak with anyone in either church that does not agree that we as individuals can be good to our world neighbors through our contributions of time and money. The General Conference is coming in 2008. Though Foundry Church has already embraced the four “provocative proposals” I believe there are many conferences that are still deciding. I hope we will unite behind these godly initiatives. They are not meant to be silos, but issues that work together such as membership, education/training, and mission in global health.

If we want to grow in the United States as we are in the rest of the world, all conferences, whether in Texas or D.C., have to be one body, united in the spirit of Christ.