

Seeing a Way Forward: The Rev. Gary Graves

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The Rev. Gary Graves is secretary of the General Conference. As The United Methodist Church approaches the special called General Conference taking place in February 2019, the Rev. Graves shares some of the procedural aspects of a special General Conference and questions he's hearing about this upcoming legislative gathering. The Rev. Graves spoke with UM News as part of "Seeing a Way Forward," a video series featuring different perspectives of church leaders on the work of the Commission on a Way Forward.

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The Rev. Gary Graves, secretary of the General Conference, shares some of the questions he's been hearing about the special called General Conference taking place in February 2019.

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