

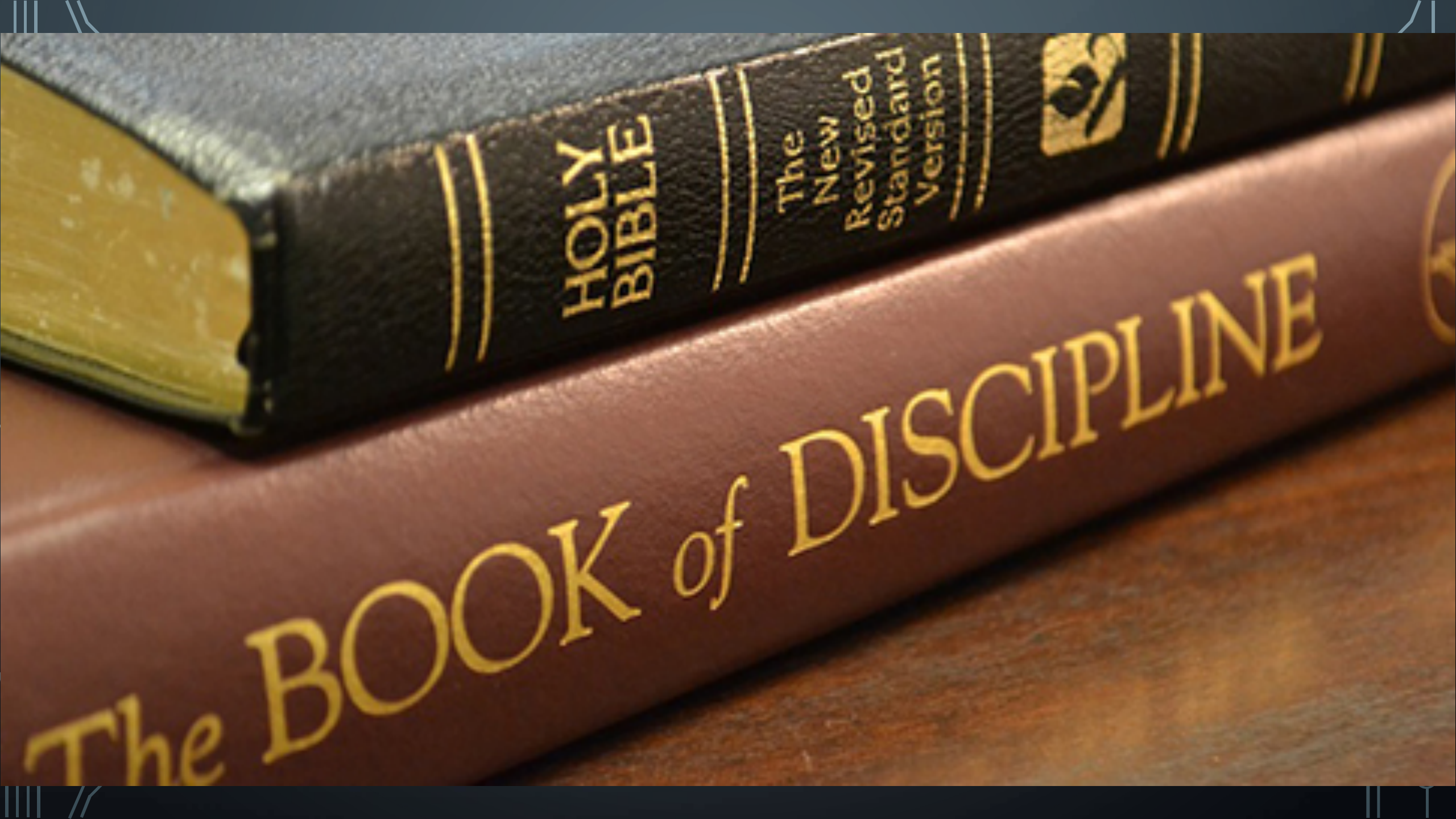


WHAT IT MEANS TO BE METHODIST

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Commission on a Way Forward Report





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Amend ¶ 605 by adding new sub-paragraph after 605.9 as follows:

10. At any clergy session of an annual conference, the chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall, if directed by a vote of the Board of Ordained Ministry, present a motion regarding certification, ordination, and appointment of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. Provided, however, that any clergy session of an annual conference that votes on such matters shall not, without the consent of the presiding bishop, take up any subsequent motion on that issue during any called or special session of annual conference held within 30 full calendar months from the date of such vote regardless of the outcome.

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Traditionalist Plan

Retains current Book of Discipline

Adds enforcement to current language

To examine all applicants as to their fitness for the ordained ministry and make full inquiry as to the fitness of the candidate for: (1) annual election as local pastor; (2) election to associate membership; 93) election to provisional membership; and (40 election to full conference membership. The Board of Ministry shall conduct an examination to ascertain whether an individual is a practicing homosexual, including information on social media, as defined by *The Book of Discipline*. The board shall certify that such an examination has occurred and its results. If it is determined as a matter of fact that an individual is a practicing homosexual, the board shall not recommend the individual to the Clergy Session of the Annual Conference for commissioning or ordination.



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Progressive Non-Compatible

Galatians 3:28

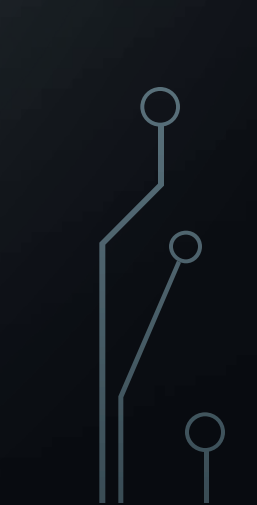

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



Traditionalist Non-Compatible

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



Progressive/Traditionalist Compatible

Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37
Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the
first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it:
‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the
Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



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