

DISCERNMENT DOCUMENT

BIBLE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

Presented below are a number of document links gathered by the Discernment Task Force to aid the members of Spanish Fort UMC in forming their opinion of the conflict within our denomination. These are broken down into categories to explain the perspective of the writer. Comments are added by our Task Force to further explain this.

The Bible and Human Sexuality

Discernment Task Force note: Because the initial “flash point” of the dispute within the UMC has concerned same sex weddings and openly gay clergy, we offer below two perspectives written by UMC clergy regarding related Bible passages.

1. Discernment Task Force note: This is a paper written and published in 2019 Reverend Donald Jamison prior to the last UMC General Conference where great conflict arose and has continued since. Nevertheless, it is a good study of the scriptures in the New Testament having to do with human sexuality. This is mainly neutral but tends more to the progressive viewpoint. [a study on the conflict in the united methodist church.pdf \(faithconnector.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://faithconnector.s3.amazonaws.com/a_study_on_the_conflict_in_the_united_methodist_church.pdf)

2. Discernment Task Force note: This is also more or less neutral but tends to be more traditional in viewpoint. It is a detailed, scholarly study that takes some effort to get through. It was taken from the Wesleyan Covenant Website. The Wesleyan Covenant Association is the more traditional group within the UMC that has now formed the Global Methodist Church. [Microsoft Word - GENDER MATTERS.docx \(wesleyancovenant.org\)](#)