

The Central Conference Voice on Human Sexuality and Our Wesleyan Identity

On February 10, 2015 in Maputo, Mozambique, The Connectional Table's Human Sexuality Task Force hosted its third and final panel on human sexuality which emphasized the denomination's central conference perspective. Ricky Harrison, Connectional Table member and Master of Divinity student at Duke Divinity School, moderated the panel.

Panelists included Rev. Nday Bondo of Africa University and elder in the North Katanga Annual Conference, Rev. Israel Alvaran of Reconciling Ministries Network and elder in the Philippines Annual Conference, and Bishop Christian Alsted of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal area of the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference.

Panelists introduced themselves by answering two questions. The first addressed the relationship between sexual orientation and one's membership, baptism, and full involvement in the life of The United Methodist Church. The second question inquired about the potential outcomes of a change within The Book of Discipline on the current stance regarding homosexuality.

Panelists responded to these questions and others from the Human Sexuality Task Force, members of The Connectional Table, and from the DreamUMC Twitter conversation held on January 26, 2015.

If anyone has any questions or comments please email connectionaltable@umc.org with a subject line of 'human sexuality.'