

Bishop Saenz “Elevator Pitch” Synopsis of the Five Priorities as of January 2024

Multiply Jesus Followers . Our mission as United Methodists remains to make followers of Jesus Christ for the world's transformation . But in our conferences , we are committed to multiplying Jesus Followers who model a life worth living and live out a transformed life in front of a broken world for God's glory.

Champion Children and Youth. This is a big undertaking but an important one. Jesus put children at the center of his ministry; he welcomed and cared for children – and so must we. We will strive to enrich, support , and advocate for the spiritual , emotional , and social needs of children , youth, and their families.

Maximize Care and Healing . Everywhere we look, we see the interplay of various factors that contribute to unhealthy individual and social well-being . Our churches are uniquely able to speak hope and life. We will offer systems of support , resources, and training that lead to wholeness and restoration .

Pursue and Embrace Diversity. To pursue and embrace diversity is to reflect the Kingdom of God and align with the belief that all people are created in the image of God and have inherent sacred worth and dignity. A racially diverse denomination reflects the beauty and richness of God's creation , mirroring the diversity found in humanity.

Tell Our Story. To move toward Christ's vision of a loving, just, and free world for all people, we will take the message of God's hope and love beyond the walls of our churches and into the community. We will share stories of hope, grace, and healing in our person-to-person interactions and the headlines.