

Way Forward Timeline

May 18, 2016 – General Conference approves formation of Commission on a Way Forward

July 25, 2016 – Executive Committee of Council of Bishops approve the framework for the Commission on a Way Forward and adopts the mission, vision and scope for the Commission.

October 24, 2016 – The Council of Bishops names the 32 members of the Commission on a Way Forward.

January 2017 to May 2018 – 9 Meetings of Commission on a Way Forward

April 24, 2017 – Council of Bishops calls for the Special Session of the General Conference

July 2017 – Status report from the Commission is released to the church.

November 5-10, 2017 – Council of Bishops hears first report from the Commission on a Way Forward and on November 9, after hearing the first report, the Council releases basic information on the three sketches.

February 25-28, 2017 – Council of Bishops hears second report from the Commission on a Way Forward focused on two sketches.

May 4, 2018 – Council of Bishops approves a motion recommending that all three plans for a way forward be included in the Council of Bishop's to the Special Session of General Conference report along with the Council's recommendation of the One Church Plan.

May 17, 2018 – Commission ends its final meeting.

May 25, 2018 – Judicial Council issues JC Decision 1360 which clarified how others can submit petitions to the Special Session. Decision 1360 included footnote #6 which stated that the report to the Special Session should come from the Commission.

July 8, 2018 – Deadline for petitions to 2019 Special Session of General Conference.

July 9, 2018 – Council of Bishops amends the call for the Special Session of General Conference.

July 15, 2018 – Council of Bishops requests declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the three plans.

July 18, 2018 – Judicial Council posts the declaratory decision with legislation related to the three plans and the full Commission report (in English) on its website

July 30, 2018 – Commission on a Way Forward report is released in all four languages

October 23-26, 2018 – Judicial Council meets and considers the constitutionality of the three plans

November 26, 2018 – Full ADCA with all petitions is released (90 days prior to the Special Session)

February 23-26, 2019 – Special Session of the General Conference