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We took a straw poll today in the North Georgia AC. It was the same poll our bishop took recently at two "Bishop's Day Apart" events. One question was something like, "The Book of Discipline states the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. How do you feel about that statement?" The responses were:

- A. I agree. If this language is removed, I would leave the UMC.
- B. I agree. If this language is removed, I would remain in the UMC.
- C. I disagree. If this language remains, I would remain in the UMC.
- D. I disagree. If this language remains, I would leave the umc.

The bishop seemed surprised by the results. Maybe especially so after her sermon yesterday in which she called us Pharisees. At her earlier events, I believe progressives slightly edged out traditionalists. That was an indication of who attended her events. They were also clergy events. Today's vote came out as follows (combined laity and clergy):

- A. 25%
- B. 34%
- C. 36%
- D. 5%

These results are what I expected in North Georgia. I would note though that the progressives on the far left will not leave. Their mission is to "reform" the church.