

Social Media Comment Policy

The North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church uses social media channels Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as an extension of our ministry. Our channels are guided by three general rules – do no harm, do good and stay in love with God –the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, adopted as a way of living.

Do No Harm – This is a safe place. Each of us is a beloved child of God and should be treated as such even when we disagree. As Wesley said, "He spake evil of no man nor did an unkind word ever come out of his lips." (Sermon 4, Scriptural Christianity," in Works, Vol. 5; page 41).

Before you type, does your comment reflect the love of God or does it do harm to others?

Do Good – We respects each other. As we are called to love God, we are also called to love our neighbor. Wesley's response was, "That a man is not personally known to him, is no bar to his love; no nor that he is known to be such as he approves not, that he repays hatred for his good-will." ("The Character of a Methodist," in Works, Vol. 8, page 343)

Is what you are about to post bring God's goodness and grace to those that read it?

Stay in love with God – Our practices keep us in close relationship with God. Postings are our public worship of God to the world. Stories here help others through their discipleship and relationship with God.

Is your comment going to hinder you or someone else's ability to stay in love with God?

Moderation

Our social media channels should positively impact the world. We will moderate our channels and comment not falling into these three rules will be deleted. If you have questions, email us at <u>info@ntcumc.org</u>