

# The Gifts of The United Methodist Way

(Tune: "The Twelve Days of Christmas")

Words by Phil Carver as suggested by Jill Sanders

- O, the first gift of The United Methodist Way  
is a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the second gift of The United Methodist Way  
is two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the third gift of The United Methodist Way  
is three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the fourth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the fifth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the sixth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is 6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the seventh gift of The United Methodist Way  
is seven vision pathways,  
6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the eighth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is "ate too much for dinner,"  
seven vision pathways,  
6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the ninth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is 9 PM adjournment,  
"ate too much for dinner,"  
seven vision pathways,  
6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the tenth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is ten provocative questions,  
9 PM adjournment,  
"ate too much for dinner,"  
seven vision pathways,  
6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the eleventh gift of The United Methodist Way  
is eleventh-hour decisions,  
ten provocative questions,  
9 PM adjournment,  
"ate too much for dinner,"  
seven vision pathways,  
6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.
- O, the twelfth gift of The United Methodist Way  
is twelve – "time for lunch break,"  
eleventh-hour decisions,  
ten provocative questions,  
9 PM adjournment,  
"ate too much for dinner,"  
seven vision pathways,  
6 AM prayer breakfasts,  
five practices of fruitful congregations,  
four areas of focus,  
three simple rules,  
two forms of holiness,  
and a mission statement we can all say.