



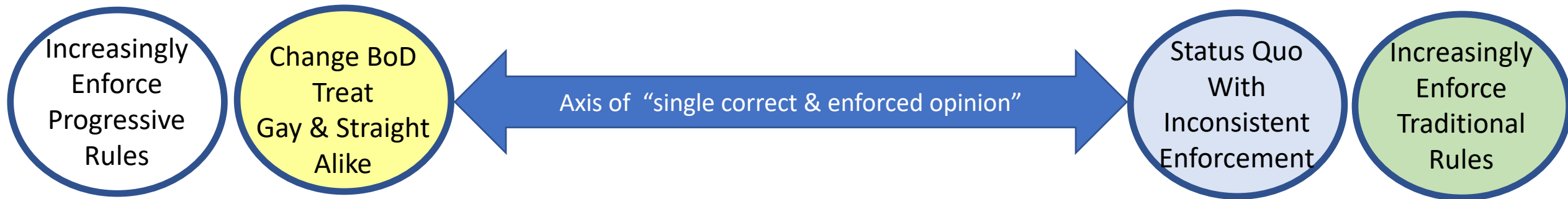
Mapping Way Forward “Solutions Space”

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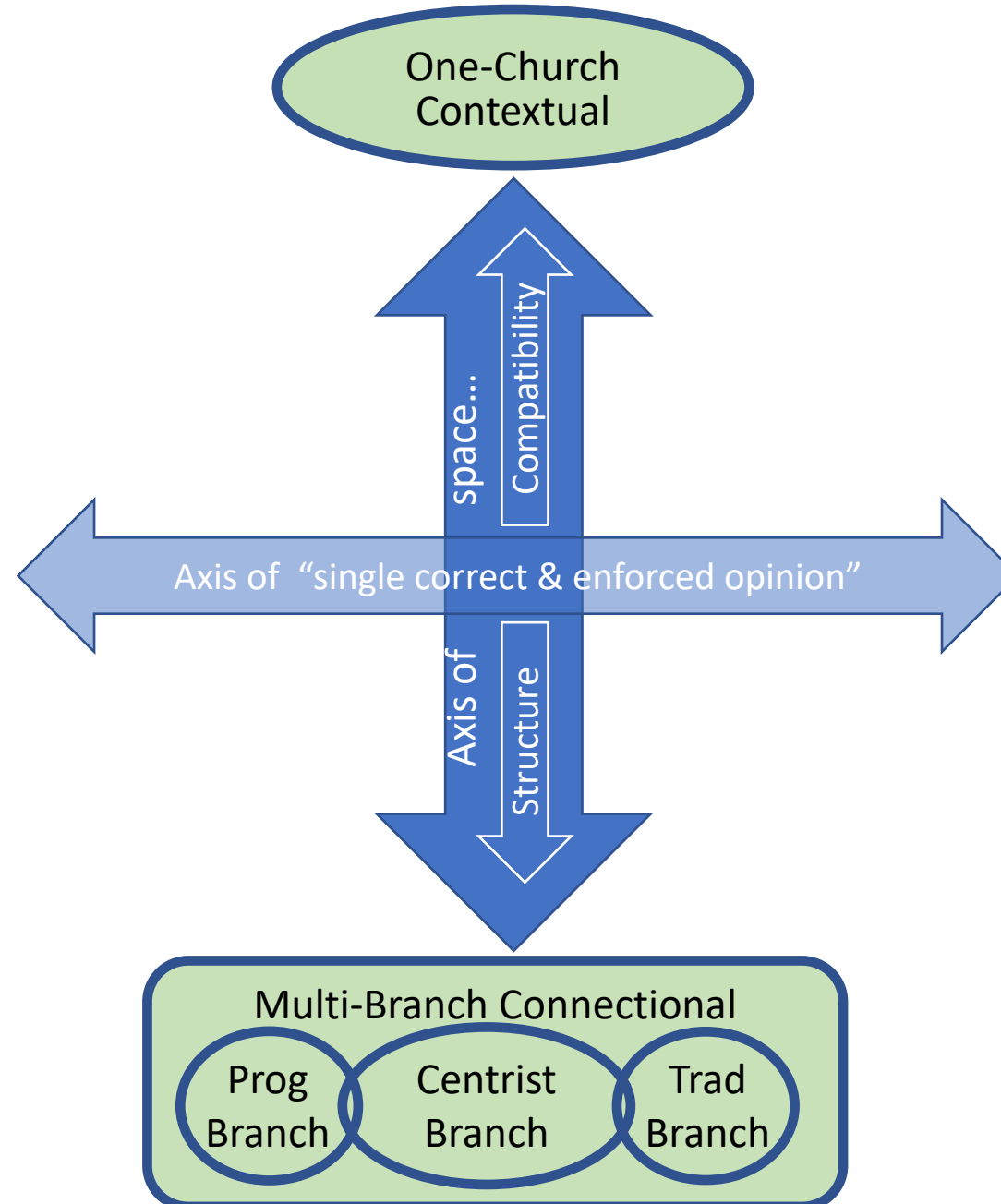
To hear the live version...

- These slides were presented to the Uniting Methodist Movement conference held July 16-18 at Lovers Lane UMC in Dallas TX.
- To hear Dave present this material, go to the archive for July 17's first session and specifically the time from 0hr:56min:15sec thru 2:37:00:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNooWgKOEdc>
- Video archives can be found:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUowsde7QsT2pQOKNcxzAJg>
 - Look for presentations also by Bishops Palmer and Huie about the One Church Model and presentation by Adam Hamilton addressing authority of scripture.
- Errata: Dave misspoke on the timing of the next Judicial Council meeting. The correct timing for that will be October 2018.
 - http://cdnfiles.umc.org/Website_Properties/who-we-are/judicial-council/judicial-council-dockets/docket-10-2018-12.pdf
 - Note: This is a 231-page document published by and for Judicial Council. The Commission on a Way Forward's 93-page report to GC2019 is found on pp.131-224. The quickest read is to focus on the report itself including the petitions within pp.131-224.

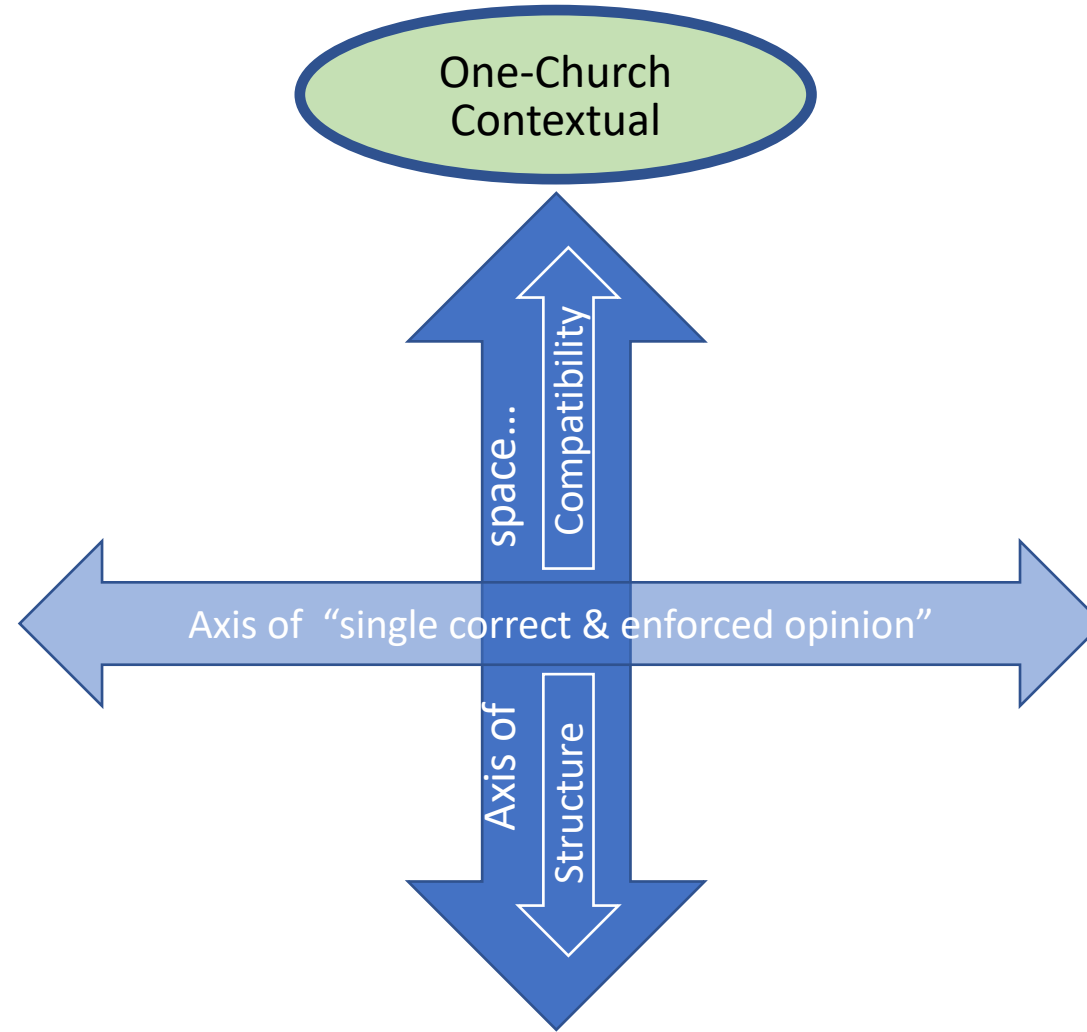
The old argument: "I'm right & you're wrong"



Contextual differentiation



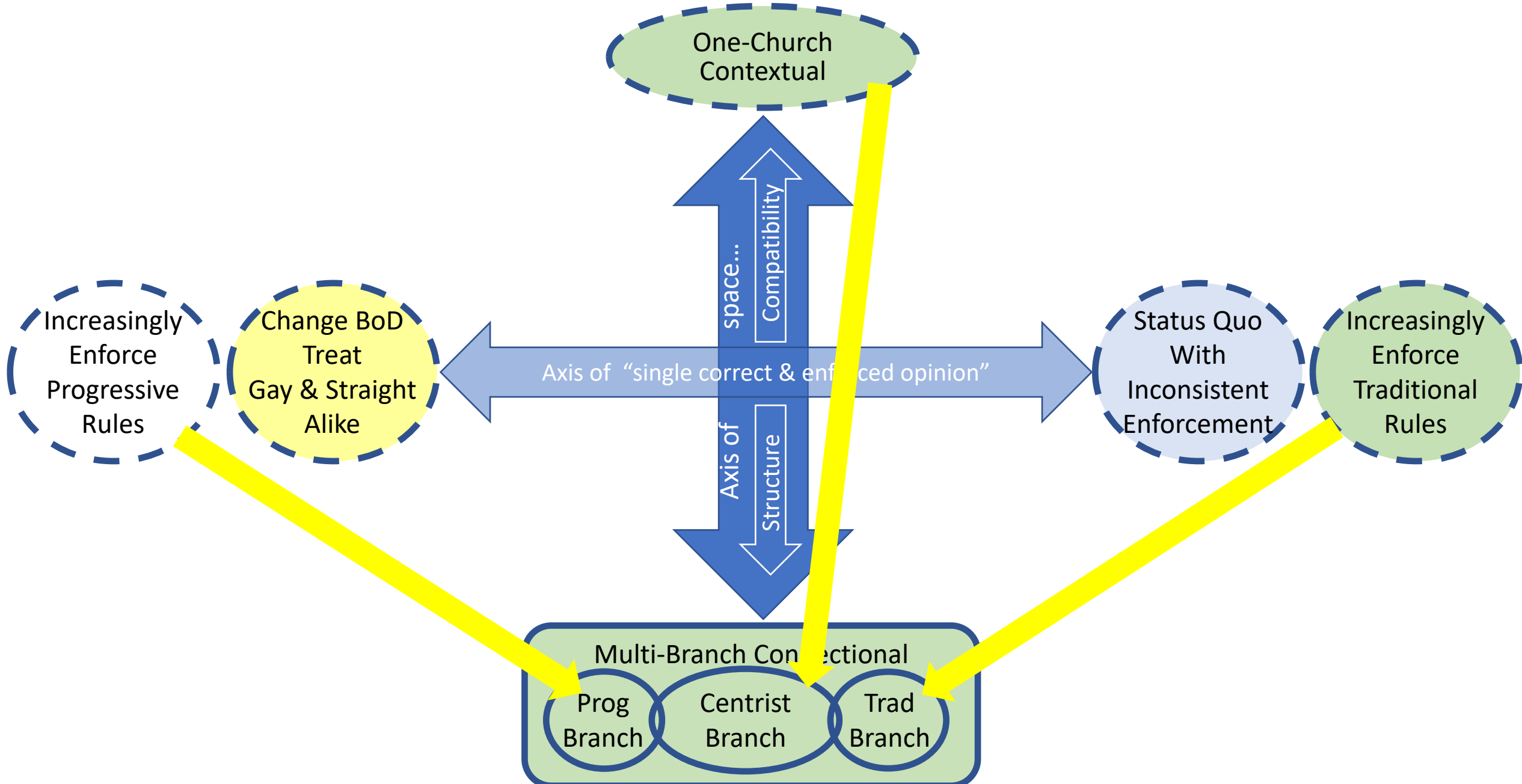
One Church Plan



One Church Plan – *recommended CoB & COWF*

- Theological ruling that this is “not a church-dividing issue”
- No change to BoD in the Central Conferences.
 - 1st level of contextuality is at the jurisdictional-central conference level
- Mission focused
 - Removes restrictive language excludes LGBTQ & drives away youth
- Freedom of conscience
 - Removes prohibitions and ensures non-interference
- Trusts BOM and Clergy Session of each annual conferences to set (clergy vote) & manage each annual conference ordination policy.
- Pastors have complete control whose marriages they officiate
- No laity votes required unless local church wants to allow same-gender weddings on their property

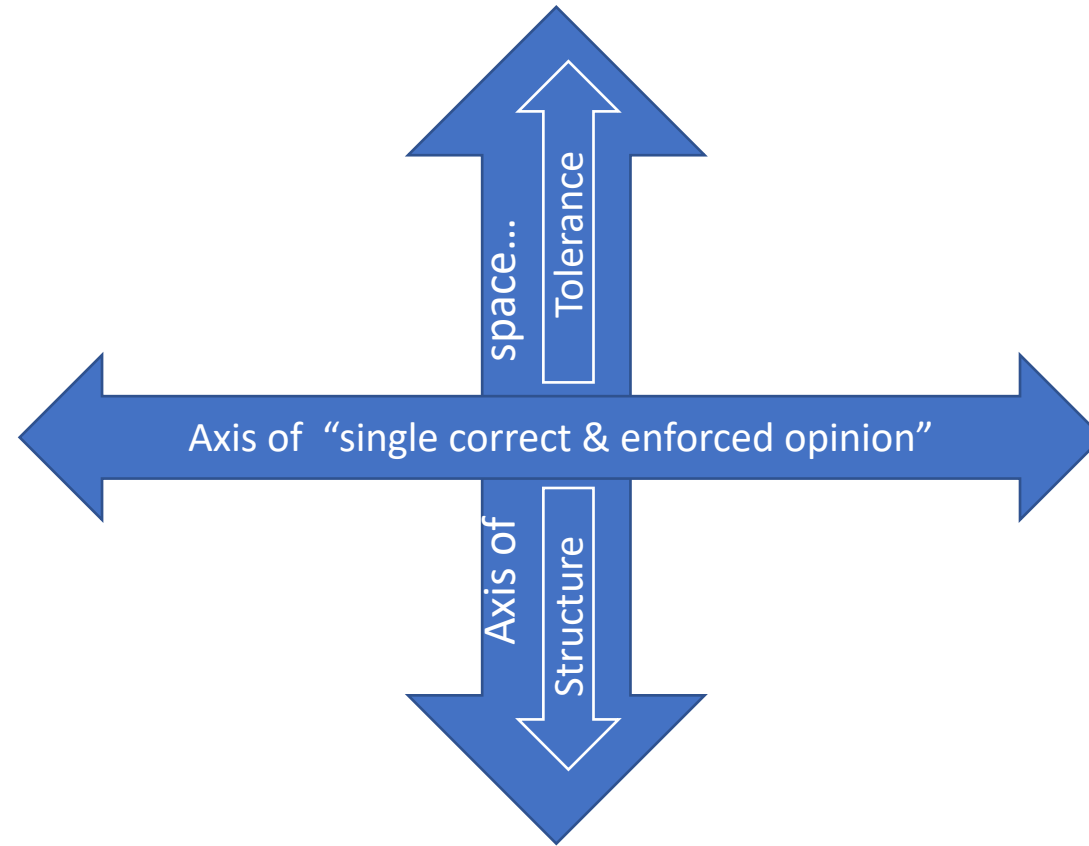
Connectional Conference Model



Connectional Conference Plan

- Creates three separate branches
 - Ordain clergy & elect bishops separately
- Sorting by votes at Jurisdicional, Annual Conference and Local Churches
- Retain but reduce/loosen our connectional ties
 - Council of Bishops
 - Some agencies still shared for common mission
- Implementation energy...
 - Constitutional amendments
 - Creating new Books of Discipline
 - Downsizing and finding new business models for General Agencies
 - Maintaining unity after separation
 - Managing conflict

Traditionalist Model



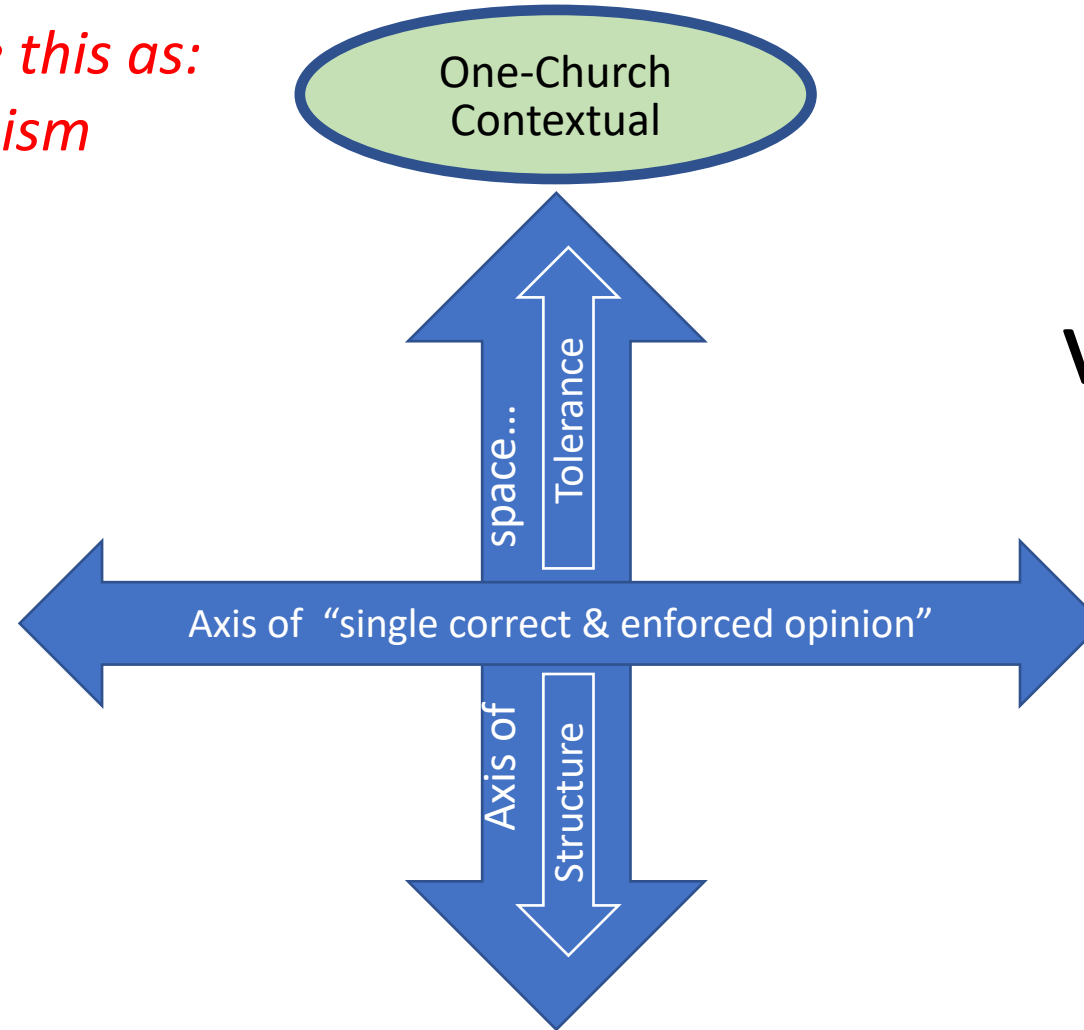
Increasingly
Enforce
Traditional
Rules

Traditional Plan with Increased Enforcement

- Tighten the rules
 - Adding to definition of “self-avowed practicing homosexual”
 - Minimum penalties, and quicker expulsion
 - New rights for complainants & church right to appeal jury nullification
- Votes to certify allegiance to BOD on this particular topic
 - Annual Conferences
 - Bishops
 - Boards of Ordain Ministry
- Gracious Exit or Schism
 - Pushes out progressive annual conferences & clergy into new denomination
 - Allowing groups of 50 or more churches to form new denominations
 - Opportunities for concordats, use of Wespath, partner with agencies
 - Exit path (votes) for local churches and clergy into these new bodies

The choice over 3 days in St. Louis

*CoB, COWF & UM frame this as:
pro-unity & anti-schism*



VS.



*WCA frames: pro-Bible
& anti-homosexuality*