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Suggested Title: Heritage Sunday
Discipline Paragraphs: ¶264.1
Financial Implications: No
Agency Name: The General Council on Ministries and
The General Commission on Archives and History

Amend ¶264.1 by deletion and addition

Heritage Sunday shall be observed on **Aldersgate Day (May 24)**, ~~April 23, the day in 1968 when The United Methodist Church was created by the union of The Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church, or the Sunday, following~~ **preceding** that date. **The day provides an opportunity for reflection on heritage, celebration of where the Church has been, how it understands itself as it shapes us today, and the meaning of Christian conferencing.** ~~It falls during the season in which we remember the Resurrection and triumph of our Lord.~~

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Rationale: Changing the Observance of Heritage Sunday from April 23 to May 24 would address the concerns of the variability of Easter Sunday. General Commission on Archives and History, General Council on Ministries and General Council on Finance and Administration acknowledged that more United Methodists are familiar with Aldersgate Day than with the union of the two denominations and would be more likely to celebrate their heritage on Aldersgate Day rather than on April 23.