

United Methodist Patter

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We are United Methodist,
and we United Methodists
are very proud
to call to your attention
everything we mention
all about us right out loud.

The conferences and all the organizing
of our church some people find so dull,
but Evangelical United Brethren
and the Methodist Episcopal
are now United Methodist.
And though you may insist,
we simply must resist
all requests that we cease and desist.

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Some famous people in our history
are Jacob Albright, Philip Otterbein,
and Asbury (yes, Francis),
leaders of our great denominational design.
With folks like Barbara Heck we start
to name who played a part,
along side Peter Cartwright
and John Wesley's strangely warmed heart.

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We're Democrats and we're Republicans;
there's even independents in our group.
We're men and women, young and old,
with many different preferences from nuts to soup.
We're brown and black and red and white;
and it's a real delight debating what is right
in committees that meet half the night.

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We are United Methodist
and claim United Methodist
with hearty cheers.
We know we are diverse,
but things could be much worse.
At least we're never bored to tears.