

Special Session

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Pre-Conference Journal

for

**Virtual Special Session of
the Texas Annual Conference
May 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

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**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Cynthia Fierro Harvey
Resident Bishop

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. My prayers continue for each of you and the congregations you lead and serve.

The special session of the Texas Annual Conference, convening on May 11 is for the sole purpose of voting on the Conference Board of Trustees' recommendation for churches disaffiliating per paragraph 2553. This is a single agenda item meeting.

My prayer is that you will come to this session with a sense of compassion and love for the people and churches represented in the trustee's recommendation.

This pre-conference journal has been prepared in hopes that it will help delegates be prepared to do their best work.

The regular session of the Annual Conference is scheduled for May 28-31 at the Hilton of the Americas in downtown Houston. There will be no consideration for disaffiliation on the agenda. We will gather to •ReVive •ReNew •ReInvigorate •ReImagine.

I look forward to being with you on the Zoom call on May 11 and then again in-person on May 28!

Grace and Peace,

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
VIRTUAL CALLED SPECIAL SESSION VIA ZOOM
MAY 11, 2023
7:00 PM

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Prayer Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey

Conference Board of Trustees Motion Mark Kidd

Questions

Please place your question in the Q&A or if your prefer to ask your question orally type that request in Q&A. I will recognize you and ask you to click the Raised Hand icon. Colly will then enable your microphone and you can ask your question. This is the only function of the raised hand icon for this meeting.

Vote via Zoom Poll

Do you support the recommendation of the TAC Board of Trustees granting disaffiliation from the TAC to the churches listed in Exhibit B?

- Yes
- No

Announcement of the Vote Lance Richards, Head Teller of the TAC

Closing Announcement of TAC 2023 at the Hilton Americas beginning May 28, 2023

Closing Prayer Morris Matthis

Benediction Bishop Harvey

Parliamentary Motions Guide

The motions below are listed in order of precedence. Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

§	You Want	You Say	Interrupt?	2 nd ?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take Break	I move to recess for...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move to the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain	I move to postpone the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or 'to']...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Incidental motions – No order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	Division	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly – No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Maj with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

Board of Trustees
Texas Annual Conference
Pre-conference Journal Report
Special Session
May 11, 2023

Mr. Hal Sharp, Chairperson
Rev. Robert Besser, Treasurer
Rev. Dr. Will Reed, Properties Manager

The Trustees on the Board of Trustees (Board) serve as directors of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (TAC), incorporated as a Texas nonprofit corporation, and registered with the office of the Texas Secretary of State. The Board is charged with the responsibility for all properties owned by the TAC plus any local church properties within the Conference that have closed or been declared discontinued or abandoned.

The Board works to advance the vision and mission of the TAC by being good stewards of the properties and resources entrusted to it. This includes the responsibility “to invest, reinvest, buy, sell, transfer and convey any and all funds and properties that it may hold in trust, subject always to the terms of the legacy, devise, or donation.” ¶2512.3c (*2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline*).

The Principles Regarding Local Church Requests for Disaffiliation (Principles) (see Exhibit A) were approved by the TAC in 2020 and are still in effect. The TAC churches listed in Exhibit B have met the requirements in the Principles, and the Board recommends the conference approve their requests for disaffiliation effective June 30, 2023.

Exhibit A

Local Church Disaffiliation in the Texas Annual Conference Outline of Principles and Process

While other approvals may be also necessary, the following are the minimum requirements approved by the Texas Annual Conference (TAC) in 2020 to approve a local church disaffiliation under the current *Book of Discipline*:

1. First, the Pastor and Lay Leadership of the Church (Lay Leader, Church Council Chair and/or Lay Delegate to Annual Conference) meet with their District Superintendent to discuss ‘why’ to disaffiliate.
2. Members of the local church must complete an appropriate process of discernment. The determination of whether a process is appropriate is made by the church’s District Superintendent.
3. After the local church nears completion of the process of discernment, the TAC will calculate apportionment and unfunded pension liability estimates for that local church.
4. The local church may vote to move forward with the disaffiliation process. To move forward, disaffiliation must be affirmed by a two-thirds majority (§2553) of a duly called church conference.
5. The local church must pay in full the previous year’s apportionments and the current year’s apportionments.
6. The local church must pay in full the net unfunded pension liability, as calculated by the TAC Board of Pensions in accordance with Wespeth’s guidance.
 - A. The valuation is based on a market valuation of unfunded liability.
 - B. The valuation takes into account the local church’s share of the liability.
 - C. The valuation gives the local church credit for its contributions to the Conference’s pension reserves with credit for earning over time.
 - D. The valuation takes into account the full pension reserves of the TAC and is calculated on the difference between gross unfunded liability and the pension reserves.
7. The local church must complete all forms in accordance with GCFA’s disaffiliation guidance.
8. After all the foregoing steps have been completed, the TAC may vote to release the local church from any obligations under the trust clause in §2503 in accordance with the then applicable *Book of Discipline*.

Exhibit B

Local Churches Seeking Disaffiliation from the Texas Annual Conference

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH													
FINAL DISAFFILIATION SPREADSHEET													
2023													
District	City	Church	Disaffiliation Church Conference Date	Voted to Disaffiliate by 2/3 Majority	Total Votes	Votes For Disaffiliation	Votes Against Disaffiliation	"For" Vote %	Disaffiliation Paperwork Completed by 4/21/2023	Recommended by the Board of Trustees on 4/27/2023 (pending apportionment payments received)	TOTAL 2022 APPORTIONMENTS	TOTAL 2023 APPORTIONMENTS	
CENTRAL NORTH													
NONE													
CENTRAL SOUTH													
1	CS	Houston	Reid Casa de Albanza	3/19/23	Yes	59	59	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 6,163.00	\$ 5,763.00
EAST													
1	E	Jasper	Homer	3/9/23	Yes	17	17	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,351.00	\$ 1,210.00
2	E	Crockett	Center Hill	4/8/23	Yes	11	11	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,119.00	\$ 1,004.00
NORTH													
1	N	Pittsburg	Reeves Chapel	2/22/23	Yes	13	12	1	92.31%	Yes	Yes	\$ 3,139.00	\$ 2,814.00
2	N	Jefferson	Lewis Chapel	3/12/23	Yes	4	4	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 238.00	\$ 232.00
3	N	Jefferson	Logan's Chapel	3/12/23	Yes	7	7	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 348.00	\$ 310.00
4	N	Longview	Summerfield	3/12/23	Yes	19	18	1	94.74%	Yes	Yes	\$ 5,603.00	\$ 5,029.00
5	N	Longview	Greggton	4/12/23	Yes	132	89	43	67.42%	Yes	Yes	\$ 50,730.00	\$ 52,428.00
6	N	Texarkana	First	4/14/23	Yes	17	15	2	88.24%	Yes	Yes	\$ 4,289.00	\$ 3,986.00
NORTHWEST													
1	NW	Canton	Wallace	12/15/22	Yes	11	11	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,977.00
2	NW	Rusk	Adam's Chapel	2/18/23	Yes	10	10	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,163.00	\$ 1,116.00
3	NW	Rusk	Bethel	2/18/23	Yes	3	3	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 459.00	\$ 413.00
SOUTH													
1	S	Baytown	San Marcos	3/26/23	Yes	8	8	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 3,087.00	\$ 2,768.00
2	S	Galveston	Wesley Tabernade	3/26/23	Yes	38	32	6	84.21%	Yes	Yes	\$ 8,646.00	\$ 7,756.00
SOUTHEAST													
1	SE	Warren	Warren	3/12/23	Yes	12	11	1	91.67%	Yes	Yes	\$ 2,518.00	\$ 2,513.00
2	SE	Kirbyville	Kirbyville	4/12/223	Yes	39	28	11	71.79%	Yes	Yes	\$ 6,275.00	\$ 5,630.00
SOUTHWEST													
1	SW	Rosenberg	First	2/21/23	Yes	72	54	18	75.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 29,001.00	\$ 26,022.00
WEST													
1	W	Navasota	Lynn Grove	3/12/23	Yes	20	16	4	80.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,139.00
2	W	Navasota	Stonehamville	3/26/23	Yes	15	13	2	86.67%	Yes	Yes	\$ 744.00	\$ 769.00
3	W	Lexington	Blue	3/26/23	Yes	21	21	0	100.00%	Yes	Yes	\$ 2,164.00	\$ 2,049.00
Totals											\$ 131,041.00	\$ 125,928.00	

Exhibit C

Resolutions and Ballots of Churches Seeking Disaffiliation

Reid Casa de Alabanza

Whereas, the Administrative Council of Reid Casa de Alabanza UMC met on June 31, 2022 and voted to enter into a discernment process regarding disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.

Whereas, the Administrative Council of Reid Casa de Alabanza UMC sent out an email to members of the congregation with links to informational videos (ie: "Diverse but United") The videos help members of the congregation formulate their opinions on what is the best decision for the church.

Whereas, we agreed to have a Town Hall congregational meeting on July 29, 2022 and discuss the reasons for disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. We discussed what members learned from the videos and answered questions and discussed the cost of disaffiliation.

Whereas, we asked the Texas Annual Conference to give us the costs for disaffiliation and determined that the cost involves payment of 2021 and 2022 apportionments and unfunded pastors pension liability.

Whereas, we had the Town Hall congregational meeting #2 after worship on August 7, 2022. We joined in prayer and answered questions and discussed the reasons for disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.

Whereas, people have been asking and sharing questions in our Sunday School, Bible Study groups, and other service groups to answer questions about disaffiliation differences in the UMC and Independent.

Whereas, we had our third Town Hall congregational meeting on September 11, 2023 to discuss any unanswered questions about the disaffiliation process.

Whereas, we will have spent 45 days in prayer, discussion, and study about the disaffiliation process and our options for continuing as a Christ-centered congregation.

Whereas, we contacted our District Superintendent and set our Church Conference vote for March 19, 2023.

Be it therefore resolved that Reid Casa de Alabanza United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Be it further resolved that Reid Casa de Alabanza UMC church leaders be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the resolution.

BALLOT SHEET

PART ONE: After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of Reid Casa de Alabanza, United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

PARTE UNO: Después de meses de discernimiento en oración, el consejo de la iglesia Reid Casa de Alabanza, Iglesia Metodista Unida recomienda que nuestra congregación abandone la Iglesia Metodista Unida.

FOR RESOLUTION
A FAVOR

AGAINST RESOLUTION
ENCONTRA

Signature

PART TWO- VOTE HERE ONLY IF YOUR VOTE WAS “FOR” MOTION

Motion to Affiliate

The members of Reid Casa de Alabanza United Methodist Church, having voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, move to affiliate to Independent Church.

SEGUNDA PARTE: VOTE AQUÍ SÓLO SI SU VOTO FUE “A FAVOR” DE LA MOCIÓN

Cambio a Afiliarse

Los miembros de Reid Casa de Alabanza, Iglesia Metodista Unida habiendo votado para desafilarse de la Iglesia Metodista Unida, pasan a afiliarse a la Iglesia Independiente.

FOR RESOLUTION
A FAVOR

AGAINST RESOLUTION
ENCONTRA

HOMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Administrative Council Meeting
Disaffiliation from United Methodist Church
March 9, 2023

District Superintendent Dick White called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The purpose of this meeting of the Administration Council of Homer United Methodist Church was to decide whether to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church or to stay a member.

Motion by Karen Byerly

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of Homer United Methodist Church of Jasper, Texas recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church. Karen Byerly moved that the congregation of Homer United Methodist Church of Jasper, Texas leave the United Methodist Church.

Motion seconded by Ted Byerly

Motion was approved by a unanimous vote by ballot, 17-0.

Meeting adjourned

INSERT A COPY OF YOUR BALLOT / VOTING SHEET HERE

(Sample ballot sheet below)

SAMPLE BALLOT SHEET

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of _____ United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

Signature

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of Homer United Methodist Church of Jasper, Texas recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

Barbara Nash

SIGNATURE

DISAFFILIATION RESOLUTION

Whereas Kennard Centerhill United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached consensus concerning its future, it is hereby resolved that Kennard Centerhill United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church on or after June 30, 2023. Be it further resolved that Kennard Centerhill United Methodist Church leader(s), Church Board of Trustees, and/or other governing church body be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

After a period of prayerful discernment, the church council of the Kennard Centerhill United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR RESOLUTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	AGAINST RESOLUTION
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Signature

RESOLUTION TO DISAFFILIATE
REEVES CHAPEL CHURCH
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

WHEREAS REEVES CHAPEL CHURCH United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached 2/3 consensus concerning its future:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Reeves Chapel United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church by March 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that church leaders(s), church Board of Trustees, and /or other governing church body be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS voted for this resolution on February 22, 2023 during our Church Conference.

Dorothy Rhea

Richard White
District Superintendent

Harrell W. Reeves

13 present 2/22/2023

9 to pass on vote

12 yes votes

1 abstain

May 11, 2023 zoom conference

BALLOT
REEVES CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Disaffiliation Ballot

As a member of Reeves Chapel UMC, I have completed a period of prayerful discernment, study, and investigation regarding the direction of the church.

By choosing "FOR" I am voting to leave the United Methodist Church

By choosing "AGAINST" I am voting to remain with the United Methodist Church,

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

X or Check Mark

Feb, 22, 2023
Majority vote cast by show of hands
to go to Global Methodist

12 votes, 1 abstain

Dorothy Rhea

INSERT A COPY OF YOUR DISAFFILIATION RESOLUTION HERE

(Sample resolution below)

Sample Disaffiliation Resolutions to Charge or Church Conferences

Simple

After months of prayerful discernment, the Lewis Chapel (church council or other governing body) of Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church and join the Independent (name of denomination), on or after June 30, 2023 (requested disaffiliation date).

(Charge or Church Conference members should receive the resolution in advance. During the Conference, eligible members are invited to vote for or against the resolution.)

OR Formal

Whereas _____ United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached consensus concerning its future, it is hereby resolved that _____

United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church to affiliate with the _____ (name of denomination) on or after _____ (requested disaffiliation date). Be it further resolved that

_____ (church leader(s), Church Board of Trustees, and/or other governing church body) be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

(Charge or Church Conference members should receive the resolution in advance. During the Conference, eligible members are invited to vote to approve or reject the resolution.)

INSERT A COPY OF YOUR BALLOT / VOTING SHEET HERE

(Sample ballot sheet below)

SAMPLE BALLOT SHEET

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

Signature

○ _____
○ *YES*
○ _____
○ _____
○ _____
○ _____
○ _____

○ _____
○ _____
○ *YES*
○ _____
○ _____
○ _____
○ _____

yes

yes

INSERT A COPY OF YOUR DISAFFILIATION RESOLUTION HERE

(Sample resolution below)

Sample Disaffiliation Resolutions to Charge or Church Conferences

Simple

After months of prayerful discernment, the Logan Chapel (church council or other governing body) of Logan Chapel United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church and join the Independent (name of denomination), on or after June 30, 2023 (requested disaffiliation date).

(Charge or Church Conference members should receive the resolution in advance. During the Conference, eligible members are invited to vote for or against the resolution.)

OR Formal

Whereas _____ United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached consensus concerning its future, it is hereby resolved that _____

United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church to affiliate with the _____ (name of denomination) on or after _____ (requested disaffiliation date). Be it further resolved that _____ (church

leader(s), Church Board of Trustees, and/or other governing church body) be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

(Charge or Church Conference members should receive the resolution in advance. During the Conference, eligible members are invited to vote to approve or reject the resolution.)

yes

yes

yes

yes

yes

yes

2

3

SCHEDULE

yes

RESOLUTION OF DISAFFILIATION

After months of prayerful discernment, the Church Council of Summerfield United Methodist Church located in Judson, Texas recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church on or after July 1, 2023.

**BALLOT FOR MARCH 12, 2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE VOTE ON
DISAFFILIATION OF SUMMERFIELD UMC FROM THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

After a time of prayerful discernment, the Church Council of Summerfield United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

() **FOR RESOLUTION-THAT THIS CONGREGATION LEAVES THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

() **AGAINST RESOLUTION-CHOOSES TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

SIGNATURE _____ *Abstain*

Resolution

"We the church board of Greggton United Methodist Church realize we are not of one accord where it comes to the direction of the Church. Therefore, we send the question of disaffiliation to the called church conference that is meeting on April 12, 2023 at 6:00pm.

INSERT A COPY OF YOUR BALLOT / VOTING SHEET HERE

(Sample ballot sheet below)

SAMPLE BALLOT SHEET

After monthly
recommends

Please check one:

Stay UMC

Disaffiliate

Methodist Church

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FORWARDED TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS IN AT LEAST
2 DIFFERENT WAYS AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO CHURCH CONFERENCE VOTE

Resolution 1: Disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church

Whereas First United Methodist Church 401 N. Stateline Ave of Texarkana, Texas has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached consensus concerning its future,

Whereas First United Methodist Church 401 N. Stateline Ave of Texarkana, Texas; seeks to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church for reasons of conscience over Issues Related to Human Sexuality,

Whereas The United Methodist Church due to the actions and/or inactions of the Annual Conference regarding upholding the Book of Discipline's teaching, rules, and regulations regarding human sexuality,

it is hereby resolved that First United Methodist Church 401 N. Stateline Ave of Texarkana, Texas shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church on or after June 30, 2023.

Be it further resolved that First United Methodist Church 401 N. Stateline Ave of Texarkana, Texas (church leader(s), Church Board of Trustees, and/or other governing church body) be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

*(Charge or Church Conference members should receive the resolution in advance. During the Conference, eligible members are invited to vote to approve or reject the resolution.)

SAMPLE BALLOT

First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, Texas - OFFICIAL BALLOT

With my signature below, I affirm that I am a professing member of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas and that the information on this ballot is correct.

Signature _____

Date April 14, 2023

First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas ("FUMC") has completed a season of prayerful discernment which included the gathering of information, the communication of said information to the professing membership, and after prayerful consideration, the membership of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas hereby resolves to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church using the process given in Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (the "BOD").-

By the passing of this resolution, the membership of this Church Conference authorizes and directs the Church Council, Trustees and Finance Committee of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas to take such actions as are necessary to effectuate this resolution, including (but not limited to) fulfilling any financial and legal obligations required under Paragraph 2553 of the BOD, and revising the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas as is deemed necessary by the Church Council, Trustees and Finance Committee.

_____**YES**, I vote in favor of passing this resolution and **support** First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church.

_____**NO**, I vote against this resolution and **do not support** First United Methodist Church, Texarkana Texas disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church.

Ballot # 018

COPY

Reason for Disaffiliation:

The direction of the United Methodist Church does not align with the values of Wallace Church. We have a different understanding of theology and biblical authority. Disaffiliation allows our church to be empowered and equipped to do what we think is best for our congregation moving forward.

Therefore, the best way for us as Christian disciples within the United Methodist Church who are committed to Biblical authority and historic Christian moral teaching to continue our journey of faith and ministry to the world is to disaffiliate from the denomination.

Wallace Mission Statement:

Our true mission is building disciples; growing in faith; and serving in Christ's name.

Wallace Methodist Church
Canton, Texas

Called Church Conference
December 15, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Resolution

Whereas Wallace United Methodist Church of Canton, Texas has completed a season of prayerful discernment which included the gathering of information, the communication of said information to the professing membership and much prayerful consideration, and has reached consensus concerning its future;

Therefore, be it resolved that Wallace United Methodist Church disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church with the intention of affiliating with the Congregational Methodist Church on or after July 1, 2023.

Be it further resolved that passage of this resolution authorizes the Council Members of Wallace United Methodist Church of Canton, Texas to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MY VOTE IS:

(Mark one box only)

FOR the resolution to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church

AGAINST the resolution to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church

R E S O L U T I O N

After an extended season of prayerful discernment, the members present at the closing session of the disaffiliation consideration meetings held during Sept. - Oct. 2022 recommended that Adams Chapel United Methodist Church separate from the United Methodist Church effective June 30, 2023.

BALLOT

(Check 1)

I support _____ / do not support _____ the resolution described above.

(signature required)

The disaffiliation consideration meeting further recommended that Adams Chapel affiliate with the Global Methodist Church.

BALLOT

(Check 1)

I support _____ / do not support _____ the resolution described above.

(signature required)

R E S O L U T I O N

After a season of prayerful discernment the Administrative Council of Bethel United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church on or after June 30, 2023.

BALLOT

(Check 1):

I support _____/do not support _____ the resolution described above.

(signature required)

MARCH 26, 2023

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

SAN MARCOS UMC

RESOLUTION FOR DISAFFILIATION



OFFICIAL BALLOT

PLEASE MARK ONE BOX ONLY

Whereas San Marcos United Methodist Church of Baytown, Texas has completed a season of prayerful discernment concerning its future, it is hereby resolved that San Marcos United Methodist Church of Baytown, Texas, shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church on June 30, 2023, to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church on July 1, 2023.

Be it further resolved that, with respect to real and personal property of San Marcos United Methodist Church of Baytown, Texas, any trust or beneficial interest that may have previously arisen in favor of The United Methodist Church or its local annual conference is hereby revoked, thus establishing that San Marcos United Methodist Church of Baytown, Texas, has exclusive ownership of its real and personal property, conceding no trust in favor of any other party.

Be it further resolved that the Governing Board of San Marcos United Methodist Church of Baytown, Texas, Be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution, according to paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

YES, I VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION
(Disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church)

NO, I VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION
(Not disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church)

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____

DOMINGO 26 DE MARZO 2023

CONFERENCIA CONGREGACIONAL

SAN MRCOS UMC



RESOLUCION PARA LA DESAFILIACION

Considerando que la Iglesia Metodista Unida San Marcos de Baytown, Texas ha completado una temporada de discernimiento en oración sobre su futuro, por la presente se resuelve que la Iglesia Metodista Unida San Marcos de Baytown, Texas, se desafilè de la Iglesia Metodista Unida el 30 de Junio del 2023 para afiliarse a la Iglesia Metodista Global el 1ro. de Julio del 2023.

Asimismo, se resuelve que, con respecto a los bienes e inmuebles de la Iglesia Metodista Unida San Marcos de Baytown, Texas. Cualquier fideicomiso o interés beneficioso que pueda haber surgido previamente a favor de la Iglesia Metodista Unida o su contención anual local por la presente se revoca, estableciendo así que la Iglesia Metodista Unida San Marcos de Baytown, Texas, tiene la propiedad exclusiva de sus bienes e inmuebles, sin otorgar fideicomiso a favor de ninguna otra parte.

Se resuelve además que se autorice a la Junta de Gobierno de la Iglesia Metodista Unida San Marcos de Baytown, Texas, a tomar todas las medidas necesarias para hacer efectiva esta resolución de acuerdo al párrafo 2553 del Libro de La Disciplina de La Iglesia Metodista Unida.

BOLETA OFICIAL

POR FAVOR MARQUE
SOLO UNA CASILLA

SI, VOTO A FAVOR DE LA RESOLUCION
(Desafiliamos de la Iglesia Metodista Unida)

NO, VOTO EN CONTRA DE LA RESOLUCION
(No desafiliamos de la Iglesia Metodista Unida)

SU NOMBRE: _____

SU FIRMA: _____

The Disaffiliation Resolution

After months of prayerful discernment, the Church Council of Wesley Tabernacle United Methodist recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church and become an Independent Church on or after

March 26, 2023.

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of Wesley Tabernacle United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

**AGAINST RESOLUTION
(REMAIN IN UMC)**

Signature

• *Warren United Methodist Church*

Discernment Vote Ballot

Whereas Warren United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment which included the gathering of information, the communication of said information to the professing membership, and much prayerful consideration, the membership of Warren United Methodist Church hereby resolves to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church using BOD Paragraph 2553, or by any means necessary and affiliate with the Global Methodist Church.

By the passing of this resolution, the professing membership gives authority to the Leadership Team of Warren United Methodist Church to effectuate this resolution, completing all necessary steps as pertains to any financial and legal obligations.

___ **YES**, I vote in favor of passing this resolution, resulting in the disaffiliation of WUMC with the United Methodist Church, and the affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.

___ **NO**, I vote against this resolution and do not support disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church and the affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.

With my signature below, I affirm that I am a professing member of Warren United Methodist Church and that the information on this ballot is correct.

Name _____

Signature _____

Phone # _____

Date _____

- *Warren United Methodist Church*
- ___ **YES**, I vote in favor of passing this resolution, resulting in the disaffiliation of WUMC from the United Methodist Church and affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.
- ___ **NO**, I vote against this resolution and do not support disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church and affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.

RESOLUTION TO DISAFFILIATE
(as written on ballot)

WHEREAS Kirbyville United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached a recommendation concerning its future,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Kirbyville United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church with the intention of affiliating on or after June 30, 2023, with a denomination to be chosen by the congregation between now and that date;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kirbyville United Methodist Church Leadership Team nominate and elect a task force to bring to the congregation a recommendation for future affiliation, with said recommendation acted on by a congregational vote with passage by a simple majority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kirbyville United Methodist Church Leadership Team and Board of Trustees be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

DISAFFILIATION BALLOT

Sample

WHEREAS Kirbyville United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached a recommendation concerning its future,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Kirbyville United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church with the intention of affiliating on or after June 30, 2023, with a denomination to be chosen by the congregation between now and that date;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kirbyville United Methodist Church Leadership Team nominate and elect a task force to bring to the congregation a recommendation for future affiliation, with said recommendation acted on by a congregational vote with passage by a simple majority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kirbyville United Methodist Church Leadership Team and Board of Trustees be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Please mark one:

_____ FOR the resolution

_____ AGAINST the resolution

2/21/23 Rosenberg FUMC Church Conference Ballot

Motion: For FUMC Rosenberg to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church “for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of [our] annual conference related to these issues...” (Par. 2553 of the 2019 Book of Discipline).

*If this motion is approved, the Leadership Board will develop a process to educate the congregation about alternative denominations and the implications of remaining independent. A congregation wide vote to determine our future affiliation would be taken prior to the effective date of disaffiliation (tentatively set for July 1st).

For Disaffiliation (Leave the UMC)

Against Disaffiliation (Stay in the UMC)

2/21/23 Rosenberg FUMC Church Conference Ballot

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*If this motion is approved, the Leadership Board will develop a process to educate the congregation about alternative denominations and the implications of remaining independent. A congregation wide vote to determine our future affiliation would be taken prior to the effective date of disaffiliation (tentatively set for July 1st).

For Disaffiliation (Leave the UMC)

Against Disaffiliation (Stay in the UMC)

Lynn Grove United Methodist Church Disaffiliation Voting Details

1. Must be a member of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church
2. Must attend in person meeting on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:00 am
3. Two Thirds or more are required to pass the vote

Lynn Grove UM Church Proposed Resolution

Resolution:

After our forty days of prayer discernment, which included the gathering of information and the communication of said information to the professing members of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church, the members recommend that our congregation of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church have a disaffiliation vote (March 12, 2023) that was set by the West District Superintendent. After such vote pending on the outcome of said vote count, if the vote favors disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, then the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church will join the Global Methodist Church. As such, Lynn Grove United Methodist Church hereby resolves to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church on the Disaffiliation Date that is set by said conference on June 30, 2023.

By the passing of this resolution, the professing members give the authority to the Trustee's and to the Financial Committee, to effectuate this resolution, completing all necessary steps as pertains to any financial and legal obligations.

SAMPLE BALLOT

After months of prayerful discernment, the church trustees of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church recommend that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

_____ YES – For the Resolution

_____ NO – Against the Resolution

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of **Lynn Grove** United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of **Lynn Grove** United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of **Lynn Grove** United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of **Lynn Grove** United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

DISAFFILIATION RESOLUTION

Whereas Stonehamville United Methodist Church has completed a season of prayerful discernment and has reached consensus concerning its future, it is hereby resolved that Stonehamville. United Methodist Church shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church to affiliate independently as a community church on or after March 26, 2023. Be it further resolved that Church Board of Trustees, and/or other governing church body be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

BALLOT SHEET

After months of prayerful discernment, the church council of Stonehamville United Methodist Church recommends that our congregation leave the United Methodist Church.

FOR RESOLUTION

AGAINST RESOLUTION

Signature

Disaffiliation Resolution for Blue United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, Blue United Methodist Church (hereafter, BUMC) has been in prayer and discussion regarding the current deep conflict within the United Methodist Church with regards to human sexuality.

WHEREAS, BUMC has expressed desire to continue to uphold the Authority of Scripture and Wesleyan traditions.

WHEREAS, BUMC has been troubled by Judicial Council decision 1444 preventing the Texas Annual Conference from voting to disaffiliate as a conference without General Conference approved processes and requirements until the General Conference could vote on such a matter.

WHEREAS, the General Conference has delayed meeting on such a matter until at least 2024 which is beyond the time limits set forth in paragraph 2553 which expires December 31, 2023.

WHEREAS, BUMC has met with representatives from both the United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church.

WHEREAS, BUMC has completed a 40-day prayer and discernment period

WHEREAS, BUMC Administrative Council has recommended disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church to the membership of BUMC.

WHEREAS, BUMC Administrative Council has recommended joining the Global Methodist Church to the membership of BUMC.

WHEREAS, BUMC is prepared to disaffiliate.

The BUMC Administrative Council has called for a vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The BUMC in conjunction with District Superintendent Rev. Steve Woody has set March 26, 2023 as the date for a call to vote of all eligible members to decide this matter of disaffiliation. All eligible members of BUMC have been advised of the intent to enter discernment, advised of all meetings, and made aware of the date for a call to vote.

Respectfully,

Gary Torn, Administrative Chair

Charley Harden, Treasurer

Lucy Torn, Secretary

INSERT A COPY OF YOUR BALLOT / VOTING SHEET HERE

BALLOT SHEET

I support the resolution put forth by the Administrative Council of Blue United Methodist Church with regards to the disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church

I AGREE

I DO NOT AGREE

Signature