



Disaffiliation Voting Instructions



This **Wednesday, January 11, at 6p.m.** we have a Called Church Conference for the sole purpose of voting on Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.

Please arrive early (around 5:30 p.m.) so that you can sign in and register to vote. There will be a **registration table** set up in the Front Vestibule at the Main Entrance to the Sanctuary. Please enter through those doors. All other entrances will be closed off on that evening.

When you sign in, you will receive a gold-colored **Full Member Voucher Card** verifying that you are eligible to receive a ballot. Later in the meeting, the tellers will distribute ballots to all those who have a voucher card.

Everyone who is a full member of the church is eligible to vote. Anyone who has been through **Confirmation** is considered a full member and may vote.

The Official Ballot will have two voting options:

___ **I want to remain a member in the UMC.**

___ **I want to disaffiliate from the MS Conference of the UMC.**

The ballot will also have a place to put the name of the church and date on it. No personal name is required.

After everyone has voted, two tellers from our church and a representative from the district will go and count the vote. The district superintendent will report the official results before the meeting concludes.

Please remember that it requires a **two-thirds majority (66.7%)** of all full church members present and voting for a Disaffiliation Vote to pass. And after that, it still has to be approved by a simple majority (51%) at the Mississippi Annual Conference in June 2023.

The Disaffiliation Agreement would then be finalized on June 30, 2023. The Disaffiliation Payment of **\$266,467** would be made at that time. And the church would begin operations as something other than United Methodist on **July 1, 2023**.