

# Navigating the Waters

## CONSENSUS POLL

**This is for information gathering purposes ONLY. This is not a ballot and does not serve a purpose as a vote for any Charge or Church Conference.**

A name and verification of membership status is necessary in order for this poll to accurately reflect the collaborative voice of our congregation. It is also important for post-discernment pastoral care and follow-up. Individual results will NOT be shared with anyone other than Pastor Amanda. Cumulative consensus poll data will be published and utilized by the Church Council for purpose of discernment. Please submit your poll by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Membership Status** *(choose one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Professing Member    | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a Professing Member         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homebound Professing Member | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure of my membership status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive Professing Member  |   |

### **Voting Intentions:**

If the church council decides it is in the best interested of the church to vote at our Charge Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup>:

- I plan to vote.
- I do not plan to vote.

If the church council decides it is in the best interest of the church to vote at a Church Conference in the Spring of 2023:

- I plan to vote.
- I do not plan to vote.

**Discernment Participation:** *(choose as many as applicable)*

- I utilized the daily prayer and fasting guide.
- I attended the following Town Hall Meetings:
  - Town Hall 1: What is Discernment?
  - Town Hall 2: Legacy Builders: The History and Mission of the Local Church
  - Town Hall 3: Connectionalism: Strengths and Concerns
  - Town Hall 4: Reflections from Discernment
- I attended a small group meeting.
- I met individually with Pastor Amanda.
- I did not participate in the Discernment Process.

**Discernment Reflections:** *(choose as many as applicable)*

- I feel I have been provided adequate information in order to discern God's will for our church.
- I have collaborated with my church family in order to discern God's will for our church together.
- I need more information about:  
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**Disaffiliation:** *(choose one)*

- I do not want our church to vote on disaffiliation.
- I would like for our church to vote on disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church by December 31, 2022. *(choose as many below as applicable)*
  - I understand the timeline and financial implications
  - I am willing to donate financially to the additional costs for disaffiliation.
  - I am willing to volunteer to assist with the disaffiliation process.
- I would like for our church to vote on disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church by June 30, 2023. *(choose as many below as applicable)*
  - I understand the timeline and financial implications
  - I am willing to donate financially to the additional costs for disaffiliation.
  - I am willing to volunteer to assist with the disaffiliation process.

Reason you have indicated the choice above: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Future Denominational Affiliation: (choose one)**

- I would like for our church to remain affiliated with the United Methodist denomination.
- I would like for our church to disaffiliate and join the Global Methodist Church.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Consensus**

### **If our church chooses not to vote on disaffiliation and remains United Methodist, I will: (choose one)**

- Retain my UMC membership and continue living out my faith with my church family.
- Remove my UMC membership and continue living out my faith with my church family.
- Retain my UMC membership but find another church family with which to live out my faith.
- Remove my UMC membership and find another church family with which to live out my faith.

### **If our church chooses to vote on disaffiliation and remains United Methodist, I will: (choose one)**

- Retain my UMC membership and continue living out my faith with my church family.
- Remove my UMC membership and continue living out my faith with my church family.
- Retain my UMC membership but find another church family with which to live out my faith.
- Remove my UMC membership and find another church family with which to live out my faith.

### **If our church chooses to vote on disaffiliation and leaves the United Methodist Church, I will: (choose one)**

- Retain my local church membership and continue living out my faith with my church family in the local church's new denomination.
- Retain my UMC membership and continue living out my faith with my church family as a visitor.
- Retain my UMC membership and find another church family with which to live out my faith.
- Remove my UMC membership and find another church family with which to live out my faith.

## **Future Church Plants**

### **If our church remains United Methodist:**

- I am interested in supporting the planting of a Global Methodist Church in our Mission Field.

### **If our church disaffiliates from the United Methodist denomination:**

- I am interested in supporting the planting of a United Methodist Church in our Mission Field.

## **Future Pastoral Care**

Should the outcome of our discernment process yield a decision and I am not happy with the results:

- I will contact Pastor Amanda for pastoral care regarding staying active in my church.
- I will contact Pastor Amanda for pastoral care regarding finding a new church home.
- I do not want to be contacted other than for membership roll purposes.