

SAMPLE BALLOT

RESOLUTION OF CHURCH CONFERENCE OF CHRIST UMC TO AUTHORIZE DISAFFILIATION FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH. 2553, 2016 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE (as amended by 2019 Special Session of the General Conference)

WHEREAS, a special-called session of the General Conference adopted a series of petitions commonly referred to as the “Traditional Plan”, affirming the position of the United Methodist Church that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching and providing for enhanced accountability for clergy who perform same-gender marriages and/or who are self-avowed, practicing homosexuals; and

WHEREAS, the same special-called session adopted a new Paragraph 2553, allowing for a limited right of disaffiliation from the UMC by a local church for reasons of conscience resulting from the changes in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline that were adopted at the 2019 General Conference or the actions or inactions of its annual conference which follow: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 2553, such process is to be initiated by a 2/3 majority vote of a church conference, after which terms and conditions for the disaffiliation shall be established by the Conference Trustees, consistent with Paragraph 2553.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Church Conference, in duly called session on October 30, 2022 at 9:45am votes, subject to approval by the Annual Conference, to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church for reasons of conscience related to the changes in the requirements or provisions in the Book of Discipline that were adopted at the 2019 General Conference Special Session related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the church Board of Trustees is hereby directed and authorized to take all necessary steps (including payment of Connectional Commitment, Unfunded Pension Liability and other payments as required by the Conference) to carry out the action and to cause to be executed the disaffiliation agreement and any other necessary written instrument for purposes of accomplishing the disaffiliation contemplated by this resolution and authorized by Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

VOTE YES: I vote to support Christ UMC disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church.

YES Signature: _____

VOTE NO: I vote against Christ UMC disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church.

NO Signature: _____

Print Name _____

I confirm that I am a full professing member of Christ United Methodist Congregation Yes _____ No _____
(Either through Baptism or Profession of Faith, Book of Discipline, Para. 215)
Subject to verification of local church membership rolls.