

Directive to the Disaffiliation Negotiation Team

WHEREAS, ¶2553 creates a process for local churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

WHEREAS, _____ United Methodist Church is currently in the process of disaffiliation under ¶2553.

WHEREAS, the Disaffiliation Negotiation Team elected to negotiate the disaffiliation agreement on behalf of the local is an administrative structure which is amenable to the Charge Conference under ¶244.1.

WHEREAS, the Church Council is the administrative agency of the Charge Conference under ¶252.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ United Methodist Church directs its Disaffiliation Negotiation Team to utilize the following criteria in their negotiations with the Conference Trustees in establishing a binding disaffiliation agreement:

- 1) The 12 months of apportionments required under ¶2553.4.b be calculated according to the 2023 apportionment rate set by the 2022 Annual Conference.
- 2) The withdrawal liability required under ¶2553.4.d be calculated under ¶1504.23 using the same method, manner, and formula that the annual conference calculated the withdrawal liability for the pro rata share of any aggregate unfunded pension obligations under ¶1504.23, ¶2548, and ¶2549 between February 2019 and June 1st 2022.
- 3) The local church Disaffiliation Negotiation Team negotiate so that no other financial requirements are added to the binding disaffiliation agreement.
- 4) The local church Negotiation Team negotiate so that the disaffiliation date be as close to December, 2023 as possible.