

Bristol United Methodist Church

Church Conference | September 9 2023, 10 AM

Disaffiliation from the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Welcome by Senior Pastor:

- Opening Prayer
- Introduction of the Presiding Elder

Presiding Elder:

- Scripture/Devotion
- Outline the purpose of the meeting
- Nomination of the Recording Secretary and vote for approval
- Ask for the motion from the Leadership (Church Council)
  - The *legal name of church* in City, State church council/leadership team moves to accept the *Church Conference Resolutions: Disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church* and will fulfill all of the requirements set forth in the resolutions.
  - If the motion has prior approval from the Council it comes to the church conference from committee and does not need a second. If it does not, a second is required.
- Presentation of the *Church Conference Resolutions: Disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church* document – everyone should receive a copy when they sign in.
  - Discussion – Leadership Team needs to be prepared to answer any questions
  - Speeches for and against (timed).
- Call for Vote – in writing by secret ballot – must have 2/3 of professing members present and voting to approve for the motion to pass
  - Give instructions on how this will work
- Vote on Annual Charge Conference documents (this will happen when the ballots are being counted):
  - Clergy Compensation Form
  - Membership Audit Form
  - Committee on Nominations and Leadership Form
  - Recommendation or Renewal for Candidacy Form
- Announce vote outcome
- Closing Prayer
- Dismissal

Following the meeting if the motion passes:

- The Recording Secretary does the following:
  - Signs the Certificate of the Church Secretary document.
  - Provides meeting minutes of the called church conference.
  - Gathers the sign in sheets.
- Then, the Recording Secretary makes copies of all of the document for the local church and the District Office (preferred method of receipt is email – [flumc-nw@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-nw@flumc.org)) and then sends via regular mail the original documents to the Florida Conference at the address here:
  - The Florida Conference | 450 Martin L. King, Jr. Ave | Lakeland, FL | 33815 attn. Craig Smelser

If the motion does not pass, no documents are signed, and nothing further happens. Minutes and attendance are submitted to the District Office as with all church conferences.

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