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Resolutions on the Disaffiliation Of Local Churches From The Wisconsin Annual Conference Of The United Methodist Church

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Action Item wc400: Disaffiliation of Local Churches Over Issues of Human Sexuality Under ¶2553 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*

Submitted by: Kevin Rice Myers, Conference Secretary, on behalf of the Conference Board of Trustees and the Conference Disaffiliation Task Force

Conference Action:

Whereas the 2022 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved *2022 Action Item wc111: Disaffiliation of Local Churches Over Issues of Human Sexuality Under ¶2553 of the 2016 Book of Discipline: Approval Process for the Wisconsin Conference*, and

Whereas the 43 Local Churches listed in *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443*, as found in the following pages in this Part 2 of the 2023 Pre-Conference Workbook have entered into faithful discernment and have held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas each of the churches listed in *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443* have held a duly called church conference and have approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the Professing Members present at the church conference, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to ***The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference has approved disaffiliation agreements with each of the churches listed in *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443* which outline the payments for each church's pro-rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, an amount for the congregation's current year and future year apportionment, a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment, and a payment to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June, 2023 as enumerated in each of the individual resolutions, and

Whereas all the payments listed above have been received by the May 26, 2023 deadline as specified in Step 14 of the Implementation Resolution of 2022 Action Item wc111, and

Whereas all the other applicable Steps 1 through 6 and 8 through 14 of *2022 Action Item wc111* have been fulfilled,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the 2023 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, meeting June 9-11, 2023 at the KI Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin and online via ZOOM Webinar, approves *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443* as enumerated in this *Part 2 of the 2023 Wisconsin Conference Pre-Conference Workbook*, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the local churches listed in *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the local church's individual disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosures for each local church upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to local churches listed in *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* for any of the individual local churches listed in *Disaffiliation Resolutions 23-401 through 23-443* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization for that local church to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-401: Disaffiliation of the *Argonne United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Argonne United Methodist Church* located in Crandon, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 14-member *Argonne United Methodist Church*, held on **3/5/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **85% vote (11 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain) of the 13 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Argonne United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$7,114.26** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$2,088.44** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Argonne United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Argonne United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Argonne United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Argonne United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Argonne United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-402: Disaffiliation of the *Arthur United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Arthur United Methodist Church* located in Livingston, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 26-member *Arthur United Methodist Church*, held on **2/12/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 8 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Arthur United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$4,145.01** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$2,159.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Arthur United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Arthur United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Arthur United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Arthur United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Arthur United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-403: Disaffiliation of the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church* located in Baraboo, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 371-member *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church*, held on **2/19/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **90% vote (149 Yes 14 No 2 Abstain) of the 165 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$137,323.23** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$53,751.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,948.86** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Baraboo: Emanuel United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-404: Disaffiliation of the *Belmont United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Belmont United Methodist Church* located in Belmont, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 40-member *Belmont United Methodist Church*, held on **2/12/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **74% vote (17 Yes 6 No 0 Abstain) of the 23 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Belmont United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$15,205.00** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$11,312.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$271.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Belmont United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Belmont United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Belmont United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Belmont United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Belmont United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-405: Disaffiliation of the *Benton United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Benton United Methodist Church* located in Benton, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 48-member *Benton United Methodist Church*, held on 3/5/2023 and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a 94% vote (30 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain) of the 32 professing members present, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Benton United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of \$22,598.25 of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, \$8,848.00 for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of 356.36 to cover costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Benton United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Benton United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Benton United Methodist Church* has disclosed the existence of the M E Cemetery Cemetery which is currently subject to the United Methodist Trust Clause, and which is to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, and

Whereas the *Benton United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Benton United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 Action Item wc111, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Benton United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 Action Item wc111 are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-406: Disaffiliation of the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* located in Sauk City, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 120-member *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church*, held on 1/15/2023 and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a 98% vote (47 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain) of the 48 professing members present, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of \$45,136.72 of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, \$17,666.00 for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of 5395.6 to cover costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* has disclosed the existence of the **Black Hawk Cemetery Association** Cemetery which is currently subject to the United Methodist Trust Clause, and which is to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, and

Whereas the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 *Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Blackhawk: Bethlehem United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 *Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-407: Disaffiliation of the *Bloomington United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Bloomington United Methodist Church* located in Bloomington, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 40-member *Bloomington United Methodist Church*, held on **2/4/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 9 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Bloomington United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$9,724.82** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$7,988.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Bloomington United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Bloomington United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Bloomington United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Bloomington United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Bloomington United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-408: Disaffiliation of the Borth United Methodist Church
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the ***Borth United Methodist Church*** located in Poy Sippi, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 92-member ***Borth United Methodist Church***, held on **2/20/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **92% vote (24 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain) of the 26 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to ***The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the ***Borth United Methodist Church*** that outlined a payment of **\$30,808.55** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$16,077.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the ***Borth United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas all property and assets of the ***Borth United Methodist Church*** have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of ***The Book of Discipline***, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the ***Borth United Methodist Church*** has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ***Borth United Methodist Church*** be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of ***2022 Action Item wc111***, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the ***Borth United Methodist Church*** after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of ***2022 Action Item wc111*** are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of ***The Book of Discipline***.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-409: Disaffiliation of the *Boscobel United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church*** located in Boscobel, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 193-member ***Boscobel United Methodist Church***, held on **2/4/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **95% vote (71 Yes 4 No 0 Abstain) of the 75 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to ***The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church*** that outlined a payment of **\$112,174.21** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$87,116.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$7,164.70** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas all property and assets of the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church*** have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of ***The Book of Discipline***, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church*** has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church*** be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of ***2022 Action Item wc111***, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the ***Boscobel United Methodist Church*** after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of ***2022 Action Item wc111*** are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of ***The Book of Discipline***.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-410: Disaffiliation of the *Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** located in Cambridge, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 97-member ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church***, held on **3/5/2023** and presided by Rev. Ebenezer Insor the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (64 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain)** of the **64** professing members present, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to ***The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** that outlined a payment of **\$58,687.69** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$37,997.31** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **5749.58** to cover costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church***; and

Whereas all property and assets of the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** has disclosed the existence of the **Cambridge Methodist Episcopal Cemetery** Cemetery which is currently subject to the United Methodist Trust Clause, and which is to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, and

Whereas the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the ***Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church*** after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-411: Disaffiliation of the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church* located in Eden, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 125-member *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church*, held on **2/26/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **83% vote (45 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain) of the 54 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Eden Tabor United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$40,613.08** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$21,196.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Eden: Tabor United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-412: Disaffiliation of the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 41-member *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church*, held on **2/14/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100%** vote (**19 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain**) of the **19** professing members present, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$8,190.37** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$6,485.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **0** to cover costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* has disclosed the existence of the **Salem Eldorado United Methodist Church** Cemetery which is currently subject to the United Methodist Trust Clause, and which is to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, and

Whereas the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Eldorado: Salem United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-413: Disaffiliation of the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* located in Forrest Junction, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 125-member *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church*, held on 2/12/2023 and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a 90% vote (63 Yes 7 No 0 Abstain) of the 70 professing members present, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of \$47,866.84 of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, \$24,985.00 for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of 5196.2 to cover costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* has disclosed the existence of the *Zion United Methodist Church* Cemetery which is currently subject to the United Methodist Trust Clause, and which is to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, and

Whereas the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 *Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Forest Junction: Zion United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 *Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-414: Disaffiliation of the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church* located in Gays Mills, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 14-member *Gays Mills United Methodist Church*, held on **2/4/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 5 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$4,802.63** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$3,711.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Gays Mills United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-415: Disaffiliation of the *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church* located in Greenfield, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 46-member *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church*, held on **2/26/2023** and presided by Rev. Ebenezer Insor the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **80% vote (20 Yes 5 No 0 Abstain) of the 25 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Greenfield Christ United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$51,354.22** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$40,089.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$4,536.46** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Greenfield Christ United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Greenfield: Christ United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-416: Disaffiliation of the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church* located in Greenville, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 98-member *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church*, held on **3/5/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **77% vote (36 Yes 11 No 0 Abstain) of the 47 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$67,137.13** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$51,975.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,756.64** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Greenville: Faith United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-417: Disaffiliation of the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church* located in Juda, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 104-member *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church*, held on **2/22/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **94% vote (59 Yes 3 No 1 Abstain) of the 63 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$41,828.68** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$21,519.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,367.14** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Juda: Zion United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-418: Disaffiliation of the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church* located in Viroqua, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 73-member *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church*, held on **2/25/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **93% vote (28 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain) of the 30 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$25,966.07** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$11,854.50** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$4,605.36** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Liberty Pole United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-419: Disaffiliation of the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* located in Lomira, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 237-member *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church*, held on 1/29/2023 and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a 95% vote (89 Yes 5 No 0 Abstain) of the 94 professing members present, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of \$95,534.40 of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, \$71,183.00 for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of 5016.86 to cover costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* has disclosed the existence of the *Ebenezer Cemetery, the Emanuel Cemetery, and the Salem Evangelical Cemetery Association Cemetery*, which are currently subject to the United Methodist Trust Clause, and which are to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, and

Whereas the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 Action Item wc111, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Lomira: Trinity United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of 2022 Action Item wc111 are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-420: Disaffiliation of the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church* located in Madison, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 937-member *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church*, held on **3/5/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **74% vote (224 Yes 76 No 1 Abstain) of the 301 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$318,587.50** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$124,700.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$6,129.02** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Madison: Asbury United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-421: Disaffiliation of the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church* located in Marshfield, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 131-member *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church*, held on **2/18/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **92% vote (44 Yes 3 No 1 Abstain) of the 48 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$73,892.69** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$28,920.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,024.12** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Marshfield: Zion United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-422: Disaffiliation of the *Mauston United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Mauston United Methodist Church* located in Mauston, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 137-member *Mauston United Methodist Church*, held on **2/19/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **86% vote (63 Yes 10 No 0 Abstain) of the 73 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Mauston United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$77,160.87** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$50,171.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$4,913.92** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Mauston United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Mauston United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Mauston United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Mauston United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Mauston United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-423: Disaffiliation of the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church* located in Mount Hope, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 34-member *Mount Hope United Methodist Church*, held on **2/5/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **94% vote (16 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain) of the 17 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$12,096.24** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$6,311.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$518.36** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Mount Hope United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-424: Disaffiliation of the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church* located in Boscobel, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 50-member *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church*, held on **2/4/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (19 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 19 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$18,592.74** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$14,393.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Mt. Zion United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-425: Disaffiliation of the Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church** located in Neenah, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 176-member **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church**, held on **2/11/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **82% vote (46 Yes 10 No 0 Abstain) of the 56 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to **The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church**; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church** that outlined a payment of **\$93,302.47** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$60,143.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,660.90** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church**; and

Whereas all property and assets of the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church** have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church** has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church** be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the **Neenah: Faith United Methodist Church** after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-426: Disaffiliation of the *New Hope United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *New Hope United Methodist Church* located in DeSoto, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 31-member *New Hope United Methodist Church*, held on **2/25/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (18 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 18 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *New Hope United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$8,569.00** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$3,076.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *New Hope United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *New Hope United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *New Hope United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *New Hope United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *New Hope United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-427: Disaffiliation of the *North Clayton United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *North Clayton United Methodist Church* located in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 12-member *North Clayton United Methodist Church*, held on **2/4/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 9 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *North Clayton United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$4,145.01** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$3,187.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *North Clayton United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *North Clayton United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *North Clayton United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *North Clayton United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *North Clayton United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-428: Disaffiliation of the *Oakfield United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Oakfield United Methodist Church* located in Oakfield, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 53-member *Oakfield United Methodist Church*, held on **2/26/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **75% vote (21 Yes 7 No 0 Abstain) of the 28 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Oakfield United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$18,054.69** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$10,832.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$4,256.70** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Oakfield United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Oakfield United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Oakfield United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Oakfield United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Oakfield United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-429: Disaffiliation of the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church* located in Poy Sippi, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 41-member *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church*, held on **2/20/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (15 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 15 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$14,407.88** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$11,627.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Poy Sippi United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-430: Disaffiliation of the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church* located in Franksville, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 667-member *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church*, held on **3/11/2023** and presided by Rev. Ebenezer Insor the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **93% vote (288 Yes 22 No 0 Abstain) of the 310 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$391,862.42** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$166,163.51** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$19,049.20** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Racine: Faithbridge United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-431: Disaffiliation of the *Retreat United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Retreat United Methodist Church* located in DeSoto, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 38-member *Retreat United Methodist Church*, held on **2/25/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **92% vote (22 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain) of the 24 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Retreat United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$8,788.21** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$4,011.84** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Retreat United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Retreat United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Retreat United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Retreat United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Retreat United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-432: Disaffiliation of the Rewey United Methodist Church
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the **Rewey United Methodist Church** located in Rewey, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 20-member **Rewey United Methodist Church**, held on **2/12/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 9 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to **The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church**; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the **Rewey United Methodist Church** that outlined a payment of **\$5,201.18** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$4,368.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the **Rewey United Methodist Church**; and

Whereas all property and assets of the **Rewey United Methodist Church** have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the **Rewey United Methodist Church** has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the **Rewey United Methodist Church** be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the **Rewey United Methodist Church** after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-433: Disaffiliation of the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church* located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 142-member *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church*, held on **2/16/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **94% vote (64 Yes 4 No 0 Abstain) of the 68 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$78,456.18** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$55,326.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,704.74** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Sheboygan: Fountain Park United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-434: Disaffiliation of the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church* located in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 16-member *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church*, held on **2/4/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **90% vote (9 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain) of the 10 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$4,025.44** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$3,636.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Soldiers Grove United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-435: Disaffiliation of the *Spencer United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Spencer United Methodist Church* located in Spencer, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 55-member *Spencer United Methodist Church*, held on **2/18/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **100% vote (25 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain) of the 25 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Spencer United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$18,652.52** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$14,286.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Spencer United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Spencer United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Spencer United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Spencer United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Spencer United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-436: Disaffiliation of the *Stoddard United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Stoddard United Methodist Church* located in Stoddard, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 69-member *Stoddard United Methodist Church*, held on **2/18/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **98% vote (38 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain) of the 39 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Stoddard United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$31,007.83** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$10,124.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Stoddard United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Stoddard United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Stoddard United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Stoddard United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Stoddard United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-437: Disaffiliation of the *Union Grove United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Union Grove United Methodist Church* located in Union Grove, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 27-member *Union Grove United Methodist Church*, held on **2/12/2023** and presided by Rev. Ebenezer Insor the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **90% vote (17 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain) of the 19 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Union Grove United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$10,641.50** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$3,470.50** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Union Grove United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Union Grove United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Union Grove United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Union Grove United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Union Grove United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-438: Disaffiliation of the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Waterford Community United Methodist Church* located in Waterford, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 157-member *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church*, held on **3/12/2023** and presided by Rev. Ebenezer Insor the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **98% vote (107 Yes 1 No 1 Abstain) of the 109 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$121,879.10** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$47,707.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,984.36** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Waterford: Community United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-439: Disaffiliation of the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church* located in Waukau, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 99-member *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church*, held on **2/15/2023** and presided by Rev. Park Hunter the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **79% vote (34 Yes 9 No 0 Abstain) of the 43 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$36,149.23** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$14,153.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Waukau/ Eureka United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-440: Disaffiliation of the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church* located in Wauzeka, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 29-member *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church*, held on **2/5/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **92% vote (11 Yes 1 No 0 Abstain) of the 12 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$6,994.70** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$3,653.33** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Wauzeka: St. Paul's United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-441: Disaffiliation of the *Whig United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Whig United Methodist Church* located in Platteville, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 73-member *Whig United Methodist Church*, held on **2/12/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **90% vote (19 Yes 2 No 0 Abstain) of the 21 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Whig United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$15,603.55** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$12,309.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Whig United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Whig United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Whig United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Whig United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Whig United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

**Disaffiliation Resolution 23-442: Disaffiliation of the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees**

Whereas the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church* located in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 34-member *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church*, held on **2/19/2023** and presided by Rev. Amanda Stein the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **84% vote (21 Yes 4 No 0 Abstain) of the 25 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$20,744.95** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$8,992.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$5,553.66** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Wisconsin Dells-Delton United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

Disaffiliation Resolution 23-443: Disaffiliation of the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church*
Submitted by: Conference Board of Trustees

Whereas the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church* located in Wonewoc, Wisconsin has entered into faithful discernment and held congregational meetings with annual conference representatives to understand the implications of disaffiliation, and

Whereas at a duly called church conference of the 51-member *Wonewoc United Methodist Church*, held on **2/19/2023** and presided by Rev. Tsuker Yang the congregation approved a resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church by a **84% vote (16 Yes 3 No 0 Abstain) of the 19 professing members present**, in accordance with ¶2553 of the 2019 Addendum to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin Annual Conference approved a disaffiliation agreement with the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church* that outlined a payment of **\$22,418.90** of the church's pro rata share of the Wisconsin Annual Conference's unfunded aggregate pension obligation, **\$17,000.00** for the current year and future year apportionment and a \$10,000 legal costs escrow payment; and

Whereas the congregation has made a payment of **\$0.00** to cover the costs of pension and health premiums for the months of May and June; and

Whereas all amounts referenced above have been paid in full by May 26, 2023;

Whereas there are no outstanding debts, loans and liabilities remaining to the Wisconsin Annual Conference by the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church*; and

Whereas all property and assets of the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church* have been disclosed to the Conference Board of Trustees and the disclosure identifies the property to be released from the United Methodist Trust Clause in accordance with ¶¶2501 and 2553 of *The Book of Discipline*, including the land on which these buildings are located; and

Whereas the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church* has agreed to provide all pertinent archives to the Wisconsin Annual Conference so the history and membership records of this congregation are preserved;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church* be disaffiliated from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church upon fulfillment of all the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111*, and that the Wisconsin Annual Conference Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to release the rights of the Wisconsin Annual Conference under the United Methodist Trust Clause on all property and assets as outlined in the property disclosure upon completion of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement, and

Be It Further Resolved that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will no longer be responsible for appointing Clergy leadership, or providing supervision and/or resources to the *Wonewoc United Methodist Church* after June 30, 2023, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if all of the terms of the disaffiliation agreement and the requirements of Step 16 of *2022 Action Item wc111* are not completely fulfilled by December 31, 2023 the authorization to disaffiliate shall be null and void, and the relationship of the parties shall revert to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership, as required by ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*.

ADDENDUM

2022 Action Item wc111: Disaffiliation of Local Churches Over Issues of Human Sexuality Under ¶2553 of the 2016 Book of Discipline: Approval Process for the Wisconsin Conference, as approved by the 2022 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session on June 11, 2022.

Editor's note: The following pages contain the text of **2022 Action Item wc111: Disaffiliation of Local Churches Over Issues of Human Sexuality Under ¶2553 of the 2016 Book of Discipline: Approval Process for the Wisconsin Conference**, as it was approved by the 2022 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. **2022 Action Item wc111 is not before the 2023 Annual Conference Session for action. It is provided for reference purposes only.**

In response to seven questions of church law that were posed during the 2022 Annual Conference Session regarding the disaffiliation process outlined in **2022 Action Item wc111**, Bishop Jung issued a Ruling of Law on July 11, 2022. The ruling was reviewed by the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church, as required by ¶2609.6 of *The 2016 Book of Discipline*.

In **Judicial Council Decision 1459**, issued on February 28, 2023, the Council affirmed the portions of Bishop Jung's decision regarding 5 of the questions of law which referenced steps in the disaffiliation process established by **2022 Action Item wc111** related to local churches. The Judicial Council deferred ruling on two questions of law which referenced Step 7 of the process related to Clergy serving disaffiliating congregations. The Questions of Law and the text of Bishop Jung's ruling are included in the text of **Judicial Council Decision 1459**.

In **Judicial Council Decision 1482**, issued on April 25, 2023, the Council ruled on the two questions of law regarding Step 7 of the disaffiliation process that:

“An annual conference cannot condition the disaffiliation of a local church upon a requirement that the pastor of a withdrawing church make a written statement as to whether he or she desires to remain in the United Methodist Church, retire or surrender their credentials.”

While it was not the intention in **2022 Action Item wc111** to condition disaffiliation of a local church upon the action of the appointed clergy in response to Step 7, the Judicial Council interpreted the way Step 7 was written to mean that. It should also be noted that, by the time the Judicial Council issued **Decision 1482**, the point was moot in relationship to **2022 Action Item wc111**, in that the deadline for Step 7 of the process (December 1, 2022) had already passed.

This summary is not a substitute for the text of **Judicial Council Decisions 1459 and 1482**. The complete text of these Judicial Council Decisions may be found on the Judicial Council's website at:

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/judicial-council/judicial-council-decision-home>

2022 Action Item wc111: Disaffiliation of Local Churches Over Issues of Human Sexuality Under ¶2553 of the 2016 Book of Discipline: Approval Process for the Wisconsin Conference

Submitted by: Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Task Force

Conference Action: Approved; 415 yes, 44 no, 26 abstain

INTRODUCTION

The 2019 Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted legislation establishing the limited right of a local church to petition its annual conference to disaffiliate from the denomination “for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the *Book of Discipline* related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow.” This limited right, codified as ¶2553 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*, expires December 31, 2023.

Local churches seeking to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church during this limited time frame are required by ¶2553 to fulfill the financial obligations specified in that paragraph. The 2019 Special Session also adopted ¶1504.23 requiring that a local church changing its relationship with The United Methodist Church shall contribute a withdrawal liability in an amount equal to its pro rata share of any aggregate unfunded pension obligations.

This policy document outlines the terms and conditions by which a local church in the Wisconsin Conference can exercise its right to disaffiliate. The General Council on Finance and Administration has developed a “Standard Form for Disaffiliation Agreements” as required by ¶2553.4a. Judicial Council Decision 1424 affirmed that the Annual Conference has the authority to develop additional procedures and standard terms (which become part of the Disaffiliation Agreement) that are not inconsistent with the minimum standards for disaffiliation required by ¶2553. This document supplements the *Standard Form for Disaffiliation Agreements* and the Disaffiliation Agreement approved by the October, 2020 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session.

Resources from the Council of Bishops, the North Central Jurisdiction’s College of Bishops, the General Council on Finance and Administration, Wespeth (the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits) and other annual conference treasurers and chancellors have informed the work of the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Task Force, which developed this report. The Upper New York and North Texas Conferences provided best practices models which were helpful in developing these materials.

GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE DISAFFILIATION PROCESS

Overview and Timeline of the Process for Disaffiliations needing approval at the 2023 Wisconsin Annual Conference Session

1. *Initial Conversation:* By *September 1, 2022*, the initial conversation between the District Superintendent and the pastor and/or lay leadership of the local church must take place.
2. *Initial Meeting:* By *October 1, 2022*, the initial meeting with the local church leadership, the District Superintendent and the Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team must take place.
3. *Follow up conversation* between the pastor and the District Superintendent: *At or near the time of the Initial Meeting.*
4. *Period of Discernment:* A two-month period of discernment following the *Initial Meeting* to allow the church to make a fully informed decision about whether or not to explore disaffiliation.
5. *Formal Request to Explore Disaffiliation:* Local Church submits the “*Formal Request to Explore Disaffiliation under ¶2553*” application form *no later than December 1, 2022.*

6. *Determination of Eligibility for Disaffiliation:* Conference Board of Trustees reviews the “*Formal Request to Explore Disaffiliation*” and notifies the local church *within 30 days of the date of receipt of the Formal Request* whether or not the request meets the requirements for disaffiliation specified in ¶2553.1.
7. *Pastor communicates his/her intentions:* By *December 1, 2022*, the District Superintendent must receive a letter from the pastor indicating his/her intentions regarding continued service in The United Methodist Church.
8. *Formal Application for Disaffiliation:* If the Conference Board of Trustees determines that the Local Church’s *Formal Request to Explore Disaffiliation* meets the requirements of ¶2553.1, the local church desiring to continue the disaffiliation process must submit its “*Formal Application for Disaffiliation*” application form by *January 15, 2023*.
9. *Required Documentation:* By *January 15, 2023*, the local church submits required documentation, which must accompany the “*Formal Request for Disaffiliation*” form.
10. *Request for Church Conference:* By *January 15, 2023*, the Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator must receive a letter from the local church requesting a church conference for the purpose of considering a resolution on disaffiliation.
11. *Preparations for the Church Conference:* The Conference Board of Trustees, Treasurer, and District Superintendent prepare appropriate documents for the Church Conference referenced below.
12. *Church Conference:* By *March 15, 2023*, the church conference must meet and approve a disaffiliation resolution by a two-thirds majority of the professing members present at the church conference.
13. *Action by the Annual Conference Board of Trustees and Cabinet:* By *April 15, 2023*, the Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Treasurer, and Assistant to the Bishop must prepare a legislative item for Annual Conference action.
14. *Payment of Financial Obligations for Disaffiliation:* The local church must submit payment in full for all financial obligations due to the Annual Conference and for the escrow account *no later than two weeks prior to the opening of the Wisconsin Annual Conference Session at which the disaffiliation request will be considered*.
15. *Annual Conference Action:* In *June 2023* (dates TBD), the Annual Conference must vote on the disaffiliation resolution prepared and submitted by the Conference Board of Trustees.
16. *Implementation:* By *December 31, 2023*, all terms of the disaffiliation agreement must be met by the local church.
17. *Time Limit:* *December 31, 2023 – Date upon which disaffiliation agreement becomes null and void if any terms remain unfulfilled.*

Details for each step of this process are included in the **Implementation Resolution** below.

For Your Information:

The following resolution defining specific terms to be included in the **Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶ 2553 of the Book of Discipline as Approved by the 2019 General Conference of The United Methodist Church** was previously adopted by the 2020 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. It will be included in all Disaffiliation Agreements.

Be it resolved that the 2020 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, meeting on October 24, 2020 adopts the calculation for unfunded pension obligations of a disaffiliating local church from the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to be:

“An amount equal to Local Church’s pro rata share, using the Annual Conference apportionment formula, of Wisconsin Conference’s unfunded pension obligations, based on the Wisconsin Conference’s aggregate funding obligations as determined by Wespath, using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider. The calculations shall be determined as of the 1st of the month preceding the month in which the church conference to vote on disaffiliation is held. Such calculation shall be incorporated into the Disaffiliation Agreement in accordance with Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline.”

IMPLEMENTATION RESOLUTION:

Whereas the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted legislation (codified in ¶2553 of the *2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*) establishing the limited right of a local church to petition its annual conference to disaffiliate from the denomination “for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the *Book of Discipline* related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inaction of its annual conference related to these issues which follow”;

Whereas the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church also adopted legislation (codified in ¶1504.23 of the *Discipline*) which stipulates that a local church changing its relationship with The United Methodist Church shall contribute a withdrawal liability in an amount equal to its pro rata share of any aggregate unfunded pension obligations;

Whereas the General Council on Finance and Administration has prepared a “Standard Form for Disaffiliation Agreements” as required by ¶2553;

Whereas Judicial Council Decision 1424 affirmed that the Annual Conference has the authority to develop additional procedures and standard terms that are not inconsistent with the standards for disaffiliation established by the General Conference in ¶2553;

Whereas after the Local Church has voted to disaffiliate and the Local Church has negotiated the Disaffiliation Agreement with the Conference Board of Trustees, the disaffiliation shall be “ratified by a simple majority of the members...present and voting” at a duly-called session of the Annual Conference, as required by Judicial Council Decision 1379 and ¶ 2529.1_b_ (3);

Therefore be it resolved that the 2022 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference adopts the following additional terms, conditions, and procedures which will be included in the disaffiliation process for any United Methodist Church in the Wisconsin Annual Conference that formally requests disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church:

1: Eligibility:

To exercise the limited right established in ¶2553 of the 2016 Book of Discipline to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church a congregation (“Local Church”) must submit in writing to the Conference Board of Trustees, through the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator, its detailed reasons of conscience justifying its disaffiliation due to:

- a. “change[s] in the requirements or provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference” or
- b. “the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues....”

The written statement must explain how the current *Discipline* or actions or inactions of the Annual Conference have affected the mission and unity of the congregation and how this has led to the congregation’s request to disaffiliate or separate.

Once in receipt of the congregation’s written statement, the Conference Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Bishop and Cabinet, will determine if the stated reasons of conscience meet these criteria and inform the congregation of the Board’s decision within 30 days.

2: Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team

The Wisconsin Annual Conference establishes a Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team to provide support to the District Superintendent and information to local churches which are exploring disaffiliation. A pool of up to 20 clergy and laity will be named to the Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team by the Bishop. One lay and one clergy member of the Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team will accompany the District Superintendent to meetings with the congregation and/or its leadership.

3: Additional Terms and Conditions

At least two weeks prior to the opening of the Annual Conference session at which a disaffiliation request is considered, the disaffiliating local church must submit to the conference treasurer payment in full for the following items:

- a) Amount due for any unpaid apportionments from the previous twelve (12) months
- b) Amount due for an additional twelve (12) months of apportionments
- c) Local church’s pro rata share of the annual conference’s unfunded pension liabilities
- d) Other outstanding debt owed to the conference
- e) Payment into an escrow account established by the Annual Conference to cover annual conference legal expenses related to the disaffiliation. The amount to be placed in escrow will be determined at the same time the Unfunded Pension Liability amount is determined and disclosed to the congregation at that time. Any unused funds remaining in the escrow account will be refunded to the congregation after the disaffiliation has been completed.

The amount for unpaid apportionments from the previous twelve (12) months (Item “a” above) and the amount due for an additional twelve (12) months of apportionments (Item “b” above) shall be calculated based on the first of the month preceding the month in which the Annual Conference vote takes place.

Payment for all amounts identified above *must be received* by the Annual Conference Treasurer *no later than two weeks prior to the opening of the Annual Conference Session at which the Conference vote on disaffiliation takes place.*

4: Process

The decision to disaffiliate from the denomination is solemn and consequential; as such, the process to be followed must be careful, thoughtful, respectful and prayerful. The importance of clear communication, broad involvement, and diligent implementation is paramount. The 2022 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference therefore establishes the following processes and procedures for Disaffiliation Requests to be considered at the 2023 Session of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Unless otherwise noted below, all correspondence, forms, and supporting documentation required at any step in this process are to be submitted to:

Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator
750 Windsor Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Forms, correspondence and some supporting information may be submitted to the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator by email at disaffiliation@wisconsinumc.org.

Whether submitted via USPS or other delivery service, or by email, all requests and materials will be forwarded by the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator to the appropriate District Superintendent and/or other conference leaders for follow up.

Details regarding submission of materials will be included on or with the application forms and supporting materials, which will be provided to local churches that express an interest in disaffiliation as described in Item 1 below.

No disaffiliation requests or materials will be accepted prior to July 1, 2022.

Detailed Process Steps for Disaffiliation From The United Methodist Church in the Wisconsin Annual Conference

1. *Initial conversation:* When a) a District Superintendent learns that a local church is interested in and meets the criteria for disaffiliation under ¶2553 or b) local church leadership inquires, for example, about disaffiliation, information about the Global Methodist Church, another evangelical denomination, or independent status, the District Superintendent will communicate with the pastor and/or lay leadership and offer to come for a meeting to share the process. The initial contact/inquiry must come from at least one of the following: pastor; lay leader; or council/board chair *no later than September 1, 2022*.
2. *Initial meeting with Local Church Leadership:* *No later than October 1, 2022*, the District Superintendent and members of the Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team will meet with local church leadership to listen to their concerns, to share about the identity and the “value” of the Wisconsin Conference, and to share about the disaffiliation process. The Disaffiliation Discernment Team will come to the meeting with an estimated payment amount per the required terms.
3. *Follow up conversation with the pastor:* Around the same time the initial meeting with church leadership takes place, *but no later than December 1, 2022*, the District Superintendent will also have an informal conversation with the pastor to discern where the pastor is in his/her alignment with the congregation’s desires, his/her leadership role in the departure process, and the implications of the church’s decision on his/her future in ministry.
4. *Period of Discernment:* To avoid rash decisions and to ensure fully informed decisions are made, there will be a minimum two-month Discernment Period following the “Initial Meeting with Local Church Leadership” before moving forward with the disaffiliation process. During that two-month period the Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team will hold at least one follow up meeting to which all professing members of the local church will be invited to listen further, answer questions that have emerged, and to continue discerning if the local church desires to move forward with the disaffiliation process.
5. *Formal Request to Explore Disaffiliation:* Following the two-month Discernment Period, a local church wishing to continue the disaffiliation process must submit a “*Local Church Request to Explore Disaffiliation under ¶2553*” application form, including an accompanying written statement on detailed reasons of conscience justifying its disaffiliation due to:

- a. “change[s] in the requirements or provisions of the *Book of Discipline* related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference” or
- b. “the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues....”

The statement must explain how the current *Discipline* or actions or inactions of the annual conference have affected the mission and unity of the congregation and how this has led to the congregation’s request to disaffiliate. The local church shall identify any contemporaneous evidence supporting its explanation, such as meeting minutes, public statements of its members, or results of surveys taken of members. The Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator must receive the “*Local Church Request to Explore Disaffiliation under ¶2553*” application form, and accompanying statement no later than *December 1, 2022*.

6. *Determination of Eligibility for Disaffiliation under ¶2553*: The Conference Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Extended Cabinet, will review the “*Local Church Request to Explore Disaffiliation under ¶2553*” application and notify the local church *within 30 days of receipt* of the application whether or not it meets the requirement for disaffiliation of ¶2553.1.
7. *Pastor communicates his/her intentions*: Pastor notifies the District Superintendent in writing of his/her intention to remain with The United Methodist Church, retire, or surrender credentials in order to continue to lead the local church after disaffiliation. The District Superintendent must receive this notification by *December 1, 2022*.
8. *Formal Application for Disaffiliation*: After the period of discernment and exploration of the possibility of disaffiliation, if the church desires to continue the disaffiliation process, the church must submit to the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator the “*Formal Application for Disaffiliation under ¶2553*” form, and the required documentation specified below, no later than *January 15, 2023*.
9. *Required Documentation*: At the same time the local church submits the “*Formal Application for Disaffiliation under ¶2553*” form, it must submit all the following documentation to the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator:
 - a. Most recent financial institution statement for all financial accounts
 - b. Latest financial statement and balance sheet
 - c. Documentation of any debt
 - d. Information and balances for endowments or restricted gifts
 - e. Copies of all deeds and key contracts
 - f. Copies of all leases and loan documents
 - g. Documentation of the status and/or disposition of any grants received from the Annual Conference, the district, or the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, in the past ten years (include documentation sufficient to show the amount, purpose, and dates when the money was disbursed, and any unspent funds)
 - h. Information for any cemetery or columbarium connected with the congregation
 - i. Contact information for any organizations that have “facilities use agreements” or other contractual relationships with the church, including copies of contracts or other documentation where applicable
 - j. Names and contact information of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the church’s Board of Trustees
 - k. Name of any successor church to its property
 - l. Legal descriptions for the real property
 - m. List of Insurance Policies and renewal dates

- n. Printed copy of the complete Professing Membership Roll of the Local Church. Any changes in the Professing Membership Roll that occur after it is submitted to the Wisconsin Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator must be reported not less than thirty days prior to the Church Conference (see Items 10 and 11 below.)

All this documentation must be appended to the church's "Formal Application for Disaffiliation" form.

10. *Request for Church Conference:* By January 15, 2023, the local church submits a letter requesting a church conference for the purpose of considering disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church. In the letter, the local church should indicate that they understand the estimated "costs" of disaffiliation (including the non-financial costs) that the District Superintendent and Conference Disaffiliation Discernment Team have shared with them. The District Superintendent must schedule the church conference within 120 days. All church conferences must comply with all requirements of ¶248 and ¶2553, which include but are not limited to:
 - a. being requested by one of the following: the District Superintendent, the pastor, the church council, or 10% of the professing membership;
 - b. notice of time and place given at least ten days in advance by two or more of the following: from the pulpit of the church, in its weekly bulletin, in a local church publication, or by mail; and
 - c. the church must provide a copy of any published notices as well as a list of the addresses to which the notices were mailed. (Sufficient evidence that the entire professing membership has been properly notified will be requested by the District Superintendent.)
11. *Preparations for the Church Conference:* The Conference Board of Trustees approves the final terms and conditions for disaffiliation and prepares the disaffiliation resolution. The Conference treasurer prepares a document detailing payments required. The printed list of professing church members on the roll shall be compared to previous years' statistical reports for review of membership numbers. The District Superintendent prepares instructions for proper voting.
12. *Church Conference – to be held no later than March 15, 2023:* The District Superintendent will preside. Professing Members shall sign-in next to their name on the verified printed membership roll. The vote on the disaffiliation resolution must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the professing members present at the church conference, as required by ¶2553.1. Written ballots must be used for the vote. The Local Church must provide documentation to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Trustees on behalf of the Annual Conference which evidences the result of the disaffiliation vote taken at the Church Conference. Such documentation must be signed and certified by an authorized officer of the local church and given to the District Superintendent upon adjournment of the Church Conference. This documentation shall be included as an exhibit to the agreement to disaffiliate between the Local Church and the Conference Board of Trustees (the "Disaffiliation Agreement").
13. *Action by the Annual Conference Board of Trustees and Cabinet:* If the disaffiliation resolution is approved by the Church Conference, the matter is turned over to the Conference Board of Trustees, Conference Treasurer, and Assistant to the Bishop. The District Superintendent sends the signed disaffiliation agreement and disaffiliation vote documentation to the Conference Board of Trustees through the Conference Disaffiliation Coordinator, with a copy to the Conference Chancellor. By April 15, 2023, the Conference Board of Trustees, working with the Conference Treasurer and the Assistant to the Bishop, must prepare a legislative item for Annual Conference action.

14. *Payment of Financial Obligations for Disaffiliation: At least two weeks prior to the opening of the Annual Conference session at which a disaffiliation request is considered, the disaffiliating local church must submit to the conference treasurer payment in full for the following items:*

- a) Amount due for any unpaid apportionments from the previous twelve (12) months
- b) Amount due for an additional twelve (12) months of apportionments
- c) Local church's pro rata share of annual conference's unfunded pension liabilities
- d) Other outstanding debt owed to the conference
- e) Payment into an escrow account established by the Annual Conference to cover annual conference legal expenses related to the disaffiliation (The amount to be placed in escrow will be determined at the same time the Unfunded Pension Liability amount is determined and disclosed to the congregation at that time. Any unused funds remaining in the escrow account will be refunded to the congregation after the disaffiliation has been completed.)

The amount for unpaid apportionments from the previous twelve (12) months (Item 14(a) above) and the amount due for an additional twelve (12) months apportionments (Item 14(b) above) shall be calculated based on the first of the month preceding the month in which the Annual Conference vote on disaffiliation takes place.

Payment for all amounts identified above *must be received* by the Annual Conference Treasurer *no later than two weeks prior to the opening of the Annual Conference Session at which the Conference vote on disaffiliation takes place.*

15. *Annual Conference Action (June, 2023 – specific dates To Be Determined):* The Annual Conference must vote to approve the disaffiliation resolution previously agreed to by the local church and the Conference Board of Trustees. Disaffiliation does not happen until after the Annual Conference votes. The Annual Conference must approve the legislative item by a simple majority of those present and voting.

16. *Implementation: By the Disaffiliation Date, which must be no later than December 31, 2023, the local church must fulfill all of the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, prepare and submit a final statistical report, and deliver to the Conference Archives its church archives and records, as specified in ¶2549.4 of *The Book of Discipline*, including but not limited to: minutes, financial records, official membership rolls (both paper and electronic) and other historical documents. In addition, the local church will:*

- a. change name on all accounts held by the local church, such as bank accounts and insurance policies;
- b. file new deeds with the Clerk of Circuit Court;
- c. remove from the premises and websites all references to The United Methodist Church, including the Cross and Flame logo, all signage, church stationery, etc.;
- d. obtain new state and federal tax ID numbers;
- e. apply for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service;
- f. apply for new "Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exempt Status (CES)";
- g. apply for tax exemption with counties in which it owns real property; and
- h. take all necessary steps to close and/or dissolve any legal entities and to settle, liquidate, or transfer all assets and obligations of such entities. (All sale or transfer of property must take place after the Annual Conference vote.)

17. *Time Limit: Should the Local Church fail to satisfy all of its obligations set forth herein by the Disaffiliation Date, which must be no later than December 31, 2023, the Disaffiliation Agreement shall be null and void, with the relationship of the parties reverting back to the status of the parties as of the date before the initial meeting with the local church leadership.*