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MOTION

Motion of Board of Trustees to Approve Disaffiliating Congregations

2023 Annual Conference

June 2-4, 2023

Grand Traverse Resort

Acme, Michigan



Michigan Conference

The United Methodist Church

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WHEREAS, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in February of 2019 passed ¶ 2553 of the Book of Discipline which provided a limited avenue for UMC congregations to disaffiliate from the UMC if by reason of conscience they could not abide by the UMC's current or potential stance related to LGBT+ persons; such ¶ 2553 to expire on December 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, ¶ 2553 mandates the Conference Board of Trustees to provide a Disaffiliation Agreement for Conference congregations based on a General Council on Finance and Administration template with terms provided by ¶ 2553 and such other terms as are not inconsistent with ¶ 2553; the Michigan Conference Board of Trustees has prepared and provided such Disaffiliation Agreement;

WHEREAS, major requirements of the Disaffiliation Agreement include:

- a. Two-thirds vote in favor of disaffiliation at a duly called Church Conference;
- b. Payment of disaffiliation costs of:
 - 1) Equity Component of two times Ministry Shares, unless waived
 - 2) Unpaid Ministry Shares for the previous 12 months
 - 3) Additional 12 months of Ministry Shares
 - 4) Pro-rata share of Aggregate Unfunded Pension Obligation
 - 5) Unpaid health and benefit balances
 - 6) Unpaid loans and obligations to United Methodist entities, unless assigned;
- c. Covenants concerning the retention of records and the use of intellectual property;
- d. Quitclaim deed from the Conference with the release of the Trust Clause;

WHEREAS, the congregations on the attached Addendum have held their Church Conferences and have voted to disaffiliate and are currently in the process of complying with the Disaffiliation Agreement, with all requirements to be completed prior to the Disaffiliation Date of July 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Corporate Session of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist church hereby approves the disaffiliation of the congregations listed on the attached Addendum for a Disaffiliation Date of July 1, 2023;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of disaffiliation of these congregations is conditioned on the completion of all requirements of the Disaffiliation Agreement by the Disaffiliation Date of July 1, 2023 to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Trustees.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event a congregation does not satisfy the requirements of the Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Conference Board of Trustees by July 1, 2023, the congregation shall be notified and that congregation will be held over for another vote at the called Special Annual Conference Session of the Michigan Conference scheduled for November 30, 2023, for a possible Disaffiliation Date of December 31, 2023.

ADDENDUM to Corporate Session Motion – June 3, 2023

CENTRAL BAY DISTRICT

1. Caseville
2. Elkton
3. Hale: First
4. Midland: Aldersgate
5. Pigeon: Salem
6. Tawas
7. Wisner

EAST WINDS DISTRICT

8. Applegate
9. Attica
10. Buel
11. Byron: First
12. Cole
13. Croswell: First
14. Dryden
15. Durand
16. Holly: Calvary
17. Imlay City
18. Lamb
19. Lennon
20. Marlette: First
21. McGregor
22. Melvin
23. Memphis: First
24. Montrose
25. Omard
26. Ortonville
27. Port Huron: Gratiot Park
28. Richfield
29. Seymour Lake
30. South Mundy

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT

31. Fraser: Christ
32. Korean of Metro Detroit
33. Korean First Central

28 Churches have received the Waiver of the Equity Component

GREATER SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

34. Arden
35. Battle Creek: Maple
36. Berrien Springs
37. Buchanan: Faith
38. Dowling: Country Chapel
39. Pokagon
40. Scottsdale
41. Wakelee

HERITAGE DISTRICT

42. Dexter
43. Highland: Thrive
44. LaSalle: Zion
45. Lee Center
46. Weston

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

47. Beebe
48. Corunna: Northwest Venice
49. Lake Odessa: Lakewood
50. Lowe
51. Pittsburg
52. St. John: Pilgrim

MIDWEST DISTRICT

53. Carlisle
54. Cornerstone
55. Leighton

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT

56. Iron Mountain: First
57. L'Anse
58. Mackinaw City: Church of the Straits
59. Pickford

NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT

60. Houghton Lake