

Hello Church Family,

Over the past nine weeks Pastor Nathan and Leadership Team chair Carrie have been updating the congregation on the developments that have led to the upcoming vote on whether or not to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. This week the District Superintendent set a date for the Church Conference Disaffiliation Vote.

CHURCH CONFERENCE DISAFFILIATION VOTE DATE IS: SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 AT 4PM IN THE BFLC/GYM

The following events are also offered to assist with the discernment process that supplement the info sessions, written updates, and compilation of resources on our website marysvillefumc.org/umc-vote. (We hope to also make them available online for those who cannot be there in-person.)

SUNDAY August 14, 4:00 PM – “Staying UMC Info session,”

The benefits of staying United Methodist as a congregation and/or as an individual, will be presented in-person by District Superintendent Tim Bias, and questions will be addressed. (In the BFLC/GYM) In the interest of time and to give Dr. Tim Bias a chance to review the questions ahead of time, please submit your questions for the District Superintendent on the online form on our website marysvillefumc.org/umc-vote or email them to info@marysvillefumc.org. Other resources associated with this opinion and on our website include:

Online Town Hall presented by our Bishop, plus other resources: westohioumc.org/disaffiliation
The Disaffiliation Process Explained by DS Tim Bias: https://youtu.be/_XN07Yb5u8w

SATURDAY August 20, 4:00 PM – “Global Methodist Church Info Session”

The benefits of leaving the United Methodist denomination to affiliate with the Global Methodists as a congregation and/or individual will be presented by a GMC representative, and questions will be addressed. (In the BFLC/ GYM) In the interest of time and to give the GMC representative a chance to review the questions ahead of time, please submit your questions for the representative on the online form on our website marysvillefumc.org/umc-vote or email them to info@marysvillefumc.org.

REMINDER relating to the SUNDAY September 11, 4:00 PM – Official Church Conference VOTE:

Held in the BFLC/gym, it will be Led by our District Superintendent, Reverend Dr. Tim Bias and the election team he will bring. **Only people on our official church records as “Professing Members” by August 15, 2022** who attend in-person may enter the meeting to vote on whether or not to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. At this time, Dr. Bias has indicated that the Zoom option initially offered at the Annual Conference in June is not a current option. A final ruling on the Zoom option will be declared later by the District Superintendent. If you think you are a Professing Member, please make sure you are in our records as such by checking the Professing Members list available in the Disciples Hallway near the BFLC, booklets in the lobbies, or with Teri at teri@marysvillefumc.org / 937-642-4712. The final Professing Member list will be turned in to the District Superintendent by August 15th at his request.