

# Pre-Conference Materials

Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference

May 6, 2023

Online Special Session

*God has made*  
**EVERYTHING beautiful**  
*IN ITS TIME*

**A TIME  
TO PLANT,  
AND A TIME  
TO BUILD.**

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# Information & Reference Section

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## Call to Annual Conference

**NOTICE** is hereby given to a special called session of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. This session is an extension of the Twenty-Fifth Session (200th Session, Counting Antecedent Annual Conferences) of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The Special Session is to be convened in an online/remote voting site format on:

Saturday, May 6, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Voting members of the May 6th, 2023 Special Session are to be the elected voting members of the 2022 Annual Conference Session. Voting members (lay and clergy) unless specifically excused, are expected to attend.

Excused absence forms are available from the conference superintendents. All excused absence forms must be completed and returned to the annual conference secretary by no later than April 30, 2023, for the record of excused absences to be recorded in the Journal-Yearbook.

## Purpose of the Pre-Conference Workbook

This Pre-Conference Workbook is mandated by the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. The purpose of the workbook is to give members all the information they need for the annual conference sessions. For this Special Session, the workbook is divided into two sections.

- Pre-Conference Information Section (this document)
- Legislative Items

## Order of Annual Conference

### Business of the Session

The legislative business of the session will pertain only to matters of disaffiliation. No legislation may be submitted to the floor of the session.

The May 6, 2023, Special Session shall follow the By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference (see 2022 Journal-Yearbook, p. 324 and p. 351). See especially Standing Rule III.I which applies to On-Line Sessions of Annual Conference (p. 357).

### Voting on Legislation

- The legislative business of the session will be adopted by YAY or NAY vote.
- Members will be able to ask questions.
- No amendments will be received on legislative items.

## What Am I Doing Here? Basics for Beginners

Feeling overwhelmed? Wondering why you said “yes” to your election as a lay (or clergy) member of annual conference? Most members feel a bit anxious or confused the first few times they come to annual conference. Here are a few explanations and definitions to help you along.

### Annual Conference is:

- **People with a purpose:** The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.” (§601, 2016 *Book of Discipline*).
- **Geography:** The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference is composed of ten (soon to be five) districts

covering downstate Illinois. Our districts have the following names: Cache River, Embarras River, Illinois River, Iroquois River, Kaskaskia River, LaMoine River, Mississippi River, Sangamon River, Spoon River, and Vermilion River.

- **A legal entity:** The 2016 *Book of Discipline*, ¶33, states: “The annual conference is the basic body in the Church... It shall discharge all duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.” The annual conference is a legal unit in both church law and civil law.
- **An annual gathering for:**
  - **Spiritual formation:** Members of and visitors to annual conference are renewed for the mission of the church through worship of God, which includes inspirational preaching by Bishop Beard and others, sacred music and praise songs led by a variety of choirs and musicians, Holy Communion, the commissioning and ordination of deacons and elders, morning devotionals, and other services of celebration and remembrance. Members and visitors also have opportunities to learn from conference speakers, who help us understand God’s Word and world and our role as stewards of both.
  - **Community formation:** One of the abiding benefits of annual conference is meeting new friends and building relationships with lay and clergy members. Because of the number of people attending, opportunities exist at annual conferences that can’t be duplicated at the local church level.
  - **Mission formation:** The church exists for the maintenance of worship, edification of believers, and the redemption of the world. At annual conference we engage in intentional and holy conversation and decision-making about how we, in partnership with God, can facilitate this purpose. Our agenda, therefore, includes certain items on which the conference must act, including reports, resolutions, and amendments. The annual conference follows the rules of the General Conference, The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, and Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. All of this is done to insure to the greatest degree possible that all business is conducted on an equitable basis. The resident bishop, Bishop Beard is the presiding officer.
  - **Statistics:** We need to remember that “statistics” represent resources cultivated and employed by our congregations for fulfilling the vision and mission of the church.

### What do lay members do?

- Lay members are a key link between their local church or charge and the other churches of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference.
- Lay members serve as principal communicators between their local church or charge and the global United Methodist Church, not only while annual conference is in session, but throughout the year.
- Lay members are full participants, along with the clergy members of the annual conference, in making decisions on all the issues before the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference (except on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy).
- Lay members have year-round responsibilities in their local church or charge, where by virtue of office, they are members of: the charge conference, the church council, the staff/pastor parish relations committee, and the finance committee.

## Communicating at Annual Conference

### Announcements

No announcements may be made, due to the online session format.

### Secretarial Staff

The secretarial staff shall be named by the Secretary of the Annual Conference during the session and including within the bar of the conference.

### Online Voting and ZOOM

Voting will be conducted using the ZOOM platform online. The CHAT feature on ZOOM will be used only for

reporting technical issues. The raised hand feature may be used to call attention to the presiding officer.

## Media: Ordering and Distribution

### Video Recordings

Videos of the session as well as videos produced by IGRC Communications for the May 6, 2023 Special Session will be posted on the Conference's website at the conclusion of Annual Conference.

### Distribution of Materials

No materials may be distributed.

### Journal-Yearbooks

The May 6, 2023, special session will be included within the 2023 Journal-Yearbook.

## Expectations of Lay and Clergy Members

### Behavior Guidelines and Common Courtesies

1. **Bar of the Conference:** During an online session the bar of the conference will be considered the electronic voting platform as determined by the sessions committee, the Conference Center, and areas designated by the Conference Secretary.
2. **Being Present:**
  - Persons participating online should secure an adequate internet signal in order to ensure full participation if possible.
  - Please set your cell phones on vibrate, or better yet, turn them off.
  - Ensure your on MUTE during the session.

## Parliamentary Matters

### Governing Rules

The Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference is governed by the Annual Conference By-Laws and the Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, and in situations where the above do not apply, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised.

### The Standing Rules

The Standing Rules of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference are found on in the 2022 *Journal-Yearbook*.

### Voting and Speaking Rights at Annual Conference

1. Lay members have the right to vote on all measures except in the election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences; on the granting or validation of license, ordination, or reception into full Annual Conference membership; or on any question concerning the character and official conduct of ordained ministers, except those who are lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry (§602.6).
2. Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except in the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or central conferences and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.
3. Provisional clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. Provisional clergy members who have completed all of their educational requirements may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and § 35, Article IV).

4. Associate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When associate members are members of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (§ 635.1). Affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and § 35, Article IV).”
5. Full-time and part-time local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments; election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When local pastors are members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (§ 635.1). Local pastors who have completed course of study or an M.Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment before the election may vote to elect clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional or central conferences (see Judicial Council Decision 1181 and § 35, Article IV).”
6. Deaconesses may be seated at the Annual Conference Session with voice and vote. (§1913.5).
7. Ordained elders or ordained clergy from other annual conferences and other Methodist denominations may be granted voice but not vote in the annual conference to which they are appointed. (§346.1)
8. Elders or ordained clergy from other denominations may have the right to vote on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and the conference relations of clergy (§346.2).
9. Retired Local Pastors have the right to voice, but not vote (§320.5).
10. Supply Pastors do not have the right to voice or vote. If they are retired clergy members, or are elected as a lay member to Annual Conference, then they are covered under those categories above.



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**Legislative & Reports Section  
to the  
May 6, 2023  
Special Session of the  
Annual Conference Session**

**Submitted by  
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Conference Secretary  
May 6, 2023**

# **Legislative & Reports Section**

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## Legislative Item 100: Church Disaffiliation West Salem Zion UMC

Vote: Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Zion United Methodist Church, West Salem, Illinois,  
**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Zion United Methodist Church, West Salem, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Zion United Methodist Church, West Salem, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zion United Methodist Church, West Salem, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Zion United Methodist Church, West Salem, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Zion United Methodist Church, West Salem, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Legislative Item 101: Church Disaffiliation Worden UMC

Vote: Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Worden United Methodist Church  
**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Worden United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Worden United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Worden United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Worden United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Worden United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 102: Church Disaffiliation Loraine UMC (LaMoine)****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation United Methodist Church of Loraine (LaMoine River District)

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS,** the congregants of United Methodist Church of Loraine have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS,** written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the United Methodist Church of Loraine at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS,** said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** the United Methodist Church of Loraine has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between United Methodist Church of Loraine and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that United Methodist Church of Loraine be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 103: Church Disaffiliation Troy UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Troy United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS,** the congregants of Troy United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS,** written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Troy United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS,** said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** the Troy United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Troy United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Troy United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 104: Church Disaffiliation West Frankfort Trinity UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Trinity United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Trinity United Methodist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Trinity United Methodist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trinity United Methodist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Trinity United Methodist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Trinity United Methodist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Legislative Item 105: Church Disaffiliation Sunfield UMC

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Sunfield United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Sunfield United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Sunfield United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sunfield United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Sunfield United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Sunfield United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Legislative Item 106: Church Disaffiliation Belleville St. Matthew UMC

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of St. Matthew United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Legislative Item 107: Church Disaffiliation Rockbridge UMC

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Rockbridge United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Rockbridge United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Rockbridge United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockbridge United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Rockbridge United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Rockbridge United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Legislative Item 108: Church Disaffiliation Pearl Chapel UMC

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Pearl Chapel United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Pearl Chapel United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Pearl Chapel United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pearl Chapel United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Pearl Chapel United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Pearl Chapel United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### Legislative Item 109: Church Disaffiliation Champaign New Horizon UMC

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of New Horizon United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of New Horizon United Methodist Church, Champaign, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the New Horizon United Methodist Church, Champaign, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Horizon United Methodist Church, Champaign, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between New Horizon United Methodist Church, Champaign, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that New Horizon United Methodist Church, Champaign, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### Legislative Item 110: Church Disaffiliation Martinsville UMC

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Martinsville United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Martinsville United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Martinsville United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martinsville United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Martinsville United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Martinsville United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## **Legislative Item 111: Church Disaffiliation Louisville UMC**

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Louisville United Methodist Church  
**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Louisville United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Louisville United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Louisville United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Louisville United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## **Legislative Item 112: Church Disaffiliation Loraine UMC (Spoon RD)**

**Vote:** Adopted  Failed

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Loraine United Methodist Church (Spoon River District)  
**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Loraine United Methodist Church, Prophetstown, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Loraine United Methodist Church, Prophetstown, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loraine United Methodist Church, Prophetstown, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Loraine United Methodist Church, Prophetstown, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Loraine United Methodist Church, Prophetstown, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.



**Legislative Item 113: Church Disaffiliation Haley Chapel UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Haley Chapel United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Haley Chapel United Methodist Church, Vandalia, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Haley Chapel United Methodist Church, Vandalia, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haley Chapel United Methodist Church, Vandalia, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Haley Chapel United Methodist Church, Vandalia, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Haley Chapel United Methodist Church, Vandalia, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 114: Church Disaffiliation Greenfield UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Greenfield United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Greenfield United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Greenfield United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenfield United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Greenfield United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Greenfield United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 115: Decatur Grace UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed **Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Decatur Grace United Methodist Church**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 116: Church Disaffiliation Olney First UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed **Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Olney First United Methodist Church**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of First United Methodist Church, Olney, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the First United Methodist Church, Olney, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the First United Methodist Church, Olney, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between First United Methodist Church, Olney, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that First United Methodist Church, Olney, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 117: Church Disaffiliation Geneseo First UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Geneseo First United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of First United Methodist Church, Geneseo, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the First United Methodist Church, Geneseo, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the First United Methodist Church, Geneseo, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between First United Methodist Church, Geneseo, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that First United Methodist Church, Geneseo, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 118: Church Disaffiliation Flora First UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Flora First United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of First United Methodist Church, Flora, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the First United Methodist Church, Flora, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the First United Methodist Church, Flora, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between First United Methodist Church, Flora, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that First United Methodist Church, Flora, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 119: Church Disaffiliation Fairfield First UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Fairfield First United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that First United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 120: Church Disaffiliation Enterprise UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Enterprise United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Enterprise United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Enterprise United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Enterprise United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Enterprise United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Enterprise United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 121: Church Disaffiliation Carmi Emmanuel UMC**Vote: Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Emmanuel United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Carmi, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Carmi, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Carmi, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Carmi, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Carmi, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 122: Church Disaffiliation Dahlgren UMC**Vote: Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Dahlgren United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Dahlgren United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Dahlgren United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dahlgren United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Sunfield United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Sunfield United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 123: Church Disaffiliation Washington Crossroads UMC**Vote: Adopted  Failed **Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Crossroads United Methodist Church**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Crossroads United Methodist Church, Washington, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Crossroads United Methodist Church, Washington, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crossroads United Methodist Church, Washington, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Crossroads United Methodist Church, Washington, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Crossroads United Methodist Church, Washington, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 124: Church Disaffiliation Peoria Bradley Epworth UMC**Vote: Adopted  Failed **Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Bradley Epworth United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 125: Church Disaffiliation Columbia Bethany UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Bethany United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Bethany United Methodist Church, Columbia, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Bethany United Methodist Church, Columbia, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bethany United Methodist Church, Columbia, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Bethany United Methodist Church, Columbia, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Bethany United Methodist Church, Columbia, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 126: Church Disaffiliation Billett UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Billett United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Billett United Methodist Church have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Billett United Methodist Church at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Billett United Methodist Church has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Billett United Methodist Church and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Billett United Methodist Church be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Legislative Item 127: Church Disaffiliation Marion Aldersgate UMC****Vote:** Adopted  Failed 

**Subject:** Property Matter – Resolution for Disaffiliation of Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**Submitted by:** Tonna Percival, President, Conference Board of Trustees w

**WHEREAS**, the congregants of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, Illinois, have requested a church disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church pursuant to paragraph 2553 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*; and

**WHEREAS**, written Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the membership of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, Illinois, at a properly called Church Conference presided over by its district superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, said Disaffiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, Illinois, has performed each of the obligations set forth within said Disaffiliation Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Disaffiliation Agreement by and between Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church be ratified and that Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, Illinois, be deemed disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church upon the adjournment of the May 6, 2023, Special Called Session of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.





