

## Remaining UMC

### POTENTIAL PROS

We keep our name

There is no immediate upfront cost

Known process for appointments

No immediate observable changes

### POTENTIAL CONS

No decision on these issues until next General Conference at the earliest – 2 more years of the unknown. Recent history indicates even a decision may not truly resolve the issues.

When all disaffiliations are final, remaining majority of denomination would likely be more theologically progressive than our current congregation

Availability of pastors committed to the language of the current Book of Discipline likely to be limited

Church would likely lose members; would we still be financially viable?

## Disaffiliating from UMC

### POTENTIAL PROS

Comfort for those who feel the current BOD reflects God's will regarding human sexuality and knowledge that will not be changed

We could own our property

We may have an increased opportunity to have a voice in the direction and foundation of our denomination

Less control by the bishops who answer only to one another

Potentially smaller apportionments required

Viability of the church seems more likely

### POTENTIAL CONS

The financial cost (which has been reduced to \$228,574) - this will require fundraising and potential use of some portion of the IRS credit we received (ERC) to cover this along with other incidental legal fees, etc.

The high emotional cost of the change for many people

Uncertainty around the process to get a new pastor in the future

Church could lose members - believed to be less than remaining UMC but any loss is painful. This is based on member comment and observations of other churches where the majority voted to disaffiliate but did not reach supermajority.