

Helena Church Family,

We want to let you know that Monday evening, February 6, at a called Church Council meeting, the Discernment Team put forward a unanimous recommendation that we call for a Church Conference for the purpose of conducting a vote regarding disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. This recommendation was accepted by the council and passed with 32 votes in favor and 3 opposed.

Following this decision, a second unanimous recommendation was put forward by the Discernment Team that, should disaffiliation be chosen at the Church Conference, we then affiliate with the Global Methodist Church. This recommendation was also accepted by the council and passed with 30 votes in favor and 4 opposed.

This Church Conference will take place on **February 26 at 4:00p.m.** (note this **time change** from previous statements!) and voting is open to all current professing members of Helena UMC. Officials from the district office will conduct this meeting. Sign-in will begin at 2:30p.m. and to receive a ballot you must be in line no later than 4:05p.m. These are district rules, not our own. Only those current professing members physically present for the conference are allowed to vote. Non-members are welcome to come and observe if desired.

If we vote to disaffiliate at the 4:00p.m. Church Conference, we will take a short break and then have a vote for affiliation in the GMC. If we vote to remain in the UMC at the 4:00p.m. Church Conference, then we will not have a second vote.

*Childcare available starting at 3 p.m. in nursery room # 106/107.

We ask that you continue to pray for our church and for one another during this time.

Your Discernment Team

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