

NORTHWEST TEXAS ELDER & ASSOCIATE MEMBER RESOURCE

This resource is designed to help guide you through decisions you may face in remaining in The United Methodist Church or leaving to join the Global Methodist Church, another denomination, or become independent.

DISCERNING YOUR PATHWAY

- Compare Doctrine and Social Principles of each denomination.
(Information can be found on www.nwtxconf.org/transition)
- Understand the ordination rules and procedures for the potential receiving denomination.
- Evaluate the need for guaranteed appointment and whether the receiving denomination provides guaranteed appointment.
- Consider possible salary differences associated with available churches or equitable compensation for The United Methodist Church.
- Compare insurance and retirement benefits.
- Determine continuing education requirements.
- Consider the possibility that the availability of pastors may impact the decision of the local church.
- Determine if the church to which you are presently appointed will take a disaffiliation vote. Clergy do not travel with the church; however, church affiliation should be taken into consideration in the decision-making process.

ACTION AFTER THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

- Once your church takes a vote at the called Church Conference, if you have not already contacted your district superintendent, do so to let them know your intentions.
- A pastor may leave The United Methodist Church at any time. Some may wish to leave according to the time lines for the local churches but there is no specified timeline for pastors.

THINGS TO CONSIDER TO LEAVE UMC

- Contact the receiving denomination about steps to joining. Most denominations including the Global Methodist Church have written, detailed instructions to guide you in applying to serve in that denomination.
- Find your copy of your Annual Conference membership and ordination if applicable. For those of you that do not have a membership certificate, you will need to have your district superintendent sign the back of your ordination certificate.
- Contact Samantha Riegel at the Conference Service Center to receive a copy of your Board of Ordained Ministry file. This file has been approved by the Global Methodist Church to satisfy their requirements for the pastoral record. Riegel@nwtxconf.org or 806-762-0201 ext. 110.
- Present your NWTX Annual Conference membership and/or ordination documents to the district superintendent for processing.

Please check the following below and return to the district superintendent a signed copy of this document in order to confirm and acknowledge that you understand the information available to you as a pastor in the NWTX Conference.

I already know which pathway is for me and have been in communication with my district superintendent.

I would like to schedule an appointment with my district superintendent to discuss my pathway options.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

NORTHWEST TEXAS LOCAL PASTOR RESOURCE

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- Compare Doctrine and Social Principles of each denomination.
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- Understand the ordination rules and procedures for the potential receiving denomination. The potential receiving denomination likely will not have a category exactly matching The United Methodist Church Licensed Local Pastor.
 - For GMC, review the requirements for deacon.
- Evaluate the expected availability of churches to which you could be appointed.
- Compare insurance and retirement benefits.
- Determine continuing education requirements.
- Understand the continuing education requirements of the potential receiving denomination.
- Consider the possibility that the availability of pastors may impact the decision of the local church.
- Determine if the church to which you are presently appointed will take a disaffiliation vote. Clergy do not travel with the church; however, church affiliation should be taken into consideration in the decision-making process.

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THINGS TO CONSIDER TO LEAVE UMC

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