

RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEMBERS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EXPERIENCING DISAFFILIATION

FROM: North Texas Annual Conference General and Jurisdictional Delegation

WHEREAS, at the Special Called Annual Conference of the North Texas Conference we voted to approve the disaffiliation of a number of congregations throughout the Conference; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of congregations throughout the Conference which did not complete the disaffiliation process, but remain deeply impacted by the consideration of disaffiliation; and

WHEREAS, those electing to remain with the United Methodist Church from the congregations which voted to disaffiliate are faced with the task of finding a new church home, or beginning new congregations; and

WHEREAS, we, the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, recognize the importance of acknowledging this ongoing pain and publicly committing our support to those navigating this grief; and

WHEREAS, we, the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church believe in the power and impact of our connectionalism to help these individuals and congregations heal, grow, and thrive moving forward; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, acknowledge the pain in disaffiliations, and as we recognize those among us who are navigating the grief and deep wounds caused by the disaffiliation process we also recommit to the importance of prioritizing our conference wide connectionalism to support those experiencing that pain; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we, the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, honor those remaining steadfast amidst divisions, and will seek to support those groups and individuals navigating finding new church homes, and creating new congregations, with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we, the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, pledge to foster an inclusive environment that welcomes diverse perspectives and promotes dialogue and action to support the United Methodist Church as a big tent denomination in all our efforts moving forward.