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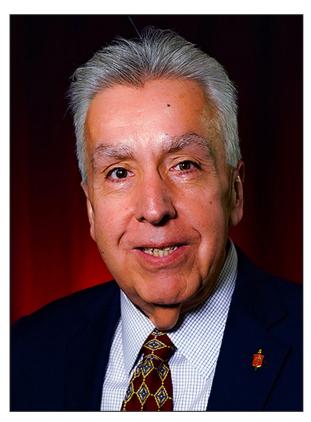
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CALL TO CONFERENCE

November 16, 2022

Dear Clergy and Laity of the North Texas Annual Conference:

In accordance with ¶603.5 of *The United Methodist Book of Discipline*, I hereby call for a special session of the North Texas Annual Conference on March 4, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. CDT. The special session will be conducted in person at Christ United Methodist Church (3101 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75075) and shall include the following business:

- Voting on the North Texas Conference Board of Trustees' recommendations for the churches disaffiliating per the provisions of ¶2553.
- Considering changes to the mandatory property insurance program.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., who will be the Bishop of the North Texas Annual Conference at the time of the special session, is aware of the special session's timing and purpose and plans to preside.

Further information regarding the session and its business will be sent to members of the Annual Conference and posted on the conference website in the coming months.

Peace,

Bishop Michael McKee

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CLERGY ATTENDANCE SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

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Neal, Gregory S.
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Tayengo, Albano
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Wang, Silvia
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Wilkins, James
Willet, Ann
Williams, Alex
Williams, Emma
Williams, Robert Alan
Wilson, Phyllis C.
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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m., MARCH 4, 2023

At 9:05 a.m., the prelude was offered by Christ United Methodist Church Plano organist Nancy Laine.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. called the session to order and offered greetings.

Rev. Chris Dowd, Senior Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church Plano, welcomed members of the Annual Conference to the Called Session on behalf of the members and staff of Christ UMC Plano.

Rev. Kenny Dickson, Secretary of the North Texas Conference, read the call of the Special Session from then NTC Bishop Michael McKee for the purpose of congregations seeking disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church pursuant to ¶2553 of the 2016 United Methodist *Book of Discipline* and for action on a resolution from the NTC Board of Trustees regarding the NTC mandatory insurance program. Kenny Dickson also made motions setting the bar of the conference, the agenda as presented in the conference workbook, and the election of assistant secretaries, Marsha Middleton and Sharon Larkin, and the conference head teller, Kellie Sanford.

Bishop Saenz introduced himself to the conference and explained that he had visited with Bishop Michael McKee regarding this called annual conference session. Bishop Saenz thanked all involved in hosting the day's event. He stated that conference members will be breaking bread together one last time as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

NTC Lay Leader Kim Brannon offered the opening prayer for the conference.

The conference sang the Hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and Bishop Saenz read Matthew 28:18-20.

In his homily, Bishop Saenz reflected on the Great Commission Christ gave the Church to go and make disciples of all nations and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As disciples baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, we are often called to do the right thing, even when it is difficult. Disagreements and strife are part of the human condition, as we read in the story of Cane and Abel. Disputes should not deter God's mission from moving forward from generation to generation.

The Bishop reminded the participants that the Church has and should model the mind of Christ, which calls persons to offer and receive forgiveness and so live in God's peace so the peace of God can be with them. For 50 years, the denomination has experienced strife over same-gender marriage and ordination of gay and lesbian persons, the result of which is that most United Methodists have been living in the tension between the two sides and beliefs. While The UMC has lived and learned to agree to disagree and not be of one mind, we can all love alike.

Bishop Saenz reflected on a series of town hall meetings conducted in the Great Plains Conference attended by more than 5000 laity and clergy, where questions were asked and answered. Over 500 emails supporting the LGBT community—many sharing stories of sons, daughters, and loved ones—were received.

The Bishop referred to a statement from Richard Rohr, reminding us that when we lean toward judgmental understanding of God, we bring about judgmental behavior.

In reflecting on one of the purposes of the Called Session of the North Texas Conference, the Bishop acknowledged the pain and difficulty of 41 annual conference congregations having fulfilled the requirements to disaffiliate from

the UMC, acknowledging that many are exhausted and disappointed that some have chosen the path of separation rather than staying at the table. All have paid a high price through this internal strife that has negatively impacted the witness of the Church. Yet in the midst of all of this, we must believe that God is not finished with us, and we are to remember the new life and peace that is possible through the cross and the resurrection.

In response to the Word, Bishop Saenz led the conference in the Apostles' Creed. Rev. Andy Lewis, Director of the Center for Missional Outreach, offered a pastoral prayer.

Bishop Saenz and Rev. Pavielle Jenkins led in the Great Thanksgiving and invited all to come to the table. Conference members received communion from stations located throughout the sanctuary, and an offering benefitting the Close to Home campaign was received.

The congregation joined together in singing the Hymn: "Help Us Accept Each Other." Bishop Saenz led the Conference in a Parting Rite and Commendation. Following The Lord's Prayer, the Conference joined in the singing of the Hymn "God Be with You till We Meet Again," followed by the Bishop offering a Charge and Blessing.

Nancy Laine concluded the worship with a postlude.

Order of the Day: Disaffiliation Resolutions Rev. Chris Yost

Bishop Saenz called for Rev. Christ Yost, Chair of the Conference Board of Trustees, to present the disaffiliation resolutions.

Jessica Vittorio, Laity, FUMC Dallas, was recognized for a question whether the disaffiliation agreements had been provided for review prior to today.

Chris Yost stated the vote is up or down and that the full text of the agreements could be made available. A link was then displayed to the conference on the screen leading to the full text of resolutions.

Vittorio then moved that Bishop Saenz call for a recess to provide time for conference members to review disaffiliation agreements. The motion was seconded by a member of the body. Vittorio, speaking for the motion, wanted to ensure due diligence prior to the vote and stated that she didn't know fully what she was voting on. Yost spoke in favor of the motion to recess.

Rev. Todd Harris, NW District Superintendent, spoke against the motion, as the NTC Trustees have represented the conference well, and he trusts them. He stated that the work had been done through them and it was time to move forward. Rev. Keith Payne Boone, retired, also spoke against the motion, stating that there was adequate material in the workbook. Yost clarified that the disaffiliation agreements are legal documents pertaining to the 41 disaffiliation resolutions, and that each resolution includes between 9-11 pages. A vote was called on the motion for a 15-minute recess. The motion failed.

Yost resumed by thanking those who have worked hard during the disaffiliation process, including District Superintendents, discernment teams, Rev. Andy Lewis, Christy Drenner, and the Board of Trustees. Yost asked these persons to rise, and they were recognized with applause from members of the North Texas Annual Conference.

Yost continued, stating that Genesis 13: 8 has been his guiding scripture throughout this process: "Then Abram said to Lot, 'Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herders and my herders; for we are kindred." He reported that all 41 churches have fulfilled all requirements of the $BOD - \P2553$.

As Chair of Trustees, Yost moved approval of legislative items 1-41, and stated that a simple majority was necessary for adoption. As the report was presented from the Board of Trustees, there was no need for a second.

Rev. Macy Liptoi, FUMC McKinney, rose to offer a point of order regarding the application of Legislative Item 34 pertaining to the St. Andrew congregation. She stated that she understood ¶2553 is only to be used regarding issues of human sexuality and was concerned because St. Andrew pastor Arthur Jones has stated that St. Andrew is interested in disaffiliation due to property and money, rather than due to disagreement regarding human sexuality.

Yost replied that, according to the Judicial Council, annual conferences are not permitted to question the matters of conscience a church claims as the basis for its disaffiliation. Furthermore, ¶2553 refers to "actions or inactions of the annual conference" as a legitimate basis for disaffiliation. On this basis, St. Andrew pursued disaffiliation under ¶2553.

The motion on the table was repeated. Bishop Saenz called for a vote by show of hands. Motion carried by a show of hands.

Bishop Saenz led the conference in prayer.

Bishop Saenz called for a 15-minute recess until 10:50 a.m., during which members representing disaffiliating churches left the session.

Order of the Day: Property Insurance Program Christy Drenner

The conference was reconvened at 11:03 a.m. by Bishop Saenz, who recognized Christy Drenner, Treasurer and Director of the Center for Connectional Resources, who addressed the changes in process to the mandatory property insurance program.

Although the mandatory insurance program has served the NTC well, rates have risen due to tornados in 2018 and 2022, the winter storm in Feb of 2021, in addition to other weather events, and the conference provision of a comprehensive program is no longer sustainable. Drenner stated that the greatest part of her job has revolved around conference insurance and related claims. The program has been modified to allow churches to find their own property and liability insurance while sharing worker's compensation liability. This takes effect April 1, 2023.

Drenner presented Legislative item #42 on behalf of the Trustees and without the need for a second.

A lay member of the conference was recognized for a question and asked if there was a backup plan for churches unable to secure adequate insurance by April 1. Drenner responded that she feels confident that each church will be able to secure a quote for coverage from one of the three vendors provided. To date no church has been refused by all three providers. The North Texas Conference will partner with congregations that are having difficulty receiving quotes.

Pastor Freddie Orr, FUMC Lancaster, was recognized for a question of whether it was possible to extend the "drop dead" date of April 1. Some of the smaller churches are having difficulty getting a bid. Drenner responded that efforts have been made to change the renewal period, but no carrier would extend our agreement for even a few more months.

Rev. Kevin Strempke, Calvary UMC Paris, was recognized for a question asking if there were stop-gap funds available from the annual conference if needed. Drenner responded that the answer is no; however, it is the intention of the Board of Trustees that all churches be insured.

Bishop Saenz called for vote, which was carried by a show of hands.

Bishop Saenz thanked the conference trustees, Joell Stanislaus, chancellor Paul Liston, Christy Drenner, District Superintendents, and others. He noted that this has been a difficult time for all, especially for District Superintendents with the necessary extra meetings. The conference has an amazing group of leaders; Andy Lewis, Joell Stanislaus, Interim ministers – Don Underwood, Brian Hardesty-Crouch, Ben Shinn, Cathy Partridge, and Preston Weaver.

The Bishop thanked the conference for the business conducted during this special called session and for the decorum in which business was carried out. He then extended thanks to the planning team, the members and staff of Christ UMC Plano, and others who helped make this special called session happen.

The conference joined in the singing of the Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Bishop Saenz recognized Rev. Brian Hardesty-Crouch, Wylie UMC, who invited the everyone to participate in the "Hope in Joy Prayer Vigil," a four-week emphasis of prayer for renewal within the North Texas Conference, to be held March 12 – April 9.

Bishop Saenz adjourned the called session with a blessing at 11:27 a.m.

DISAFFILIATION RESOLUTIONS

List of Churches

Local Church	District	Date Received	Disaffiliation Date
Arbala	East	1/17/2023	3/31/2023
Avery	East	1/23/2023	3/31/2023
Bellevue	NW	1/19/2023	3/31/2023
Bowie	NW	11/29/2022	3/31/2023
Bridgeport	NW	2/14/2023	3/31/2023
Bryson	NW	1/17/2023	3/31/2023
Callisburg	NW	10/17/2022	3/31/2023
Cambodian Fellowship	NC	2/14/2023	3/31/2023
Carrollton First	NC	2/14/2023	3/31/2023
Celeste	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
Charleston	East	2/14/2023	3/31/2023
Cuthand	East	10/18/2022	3/31/2023
Denison Trinity	NW	2/14/2023	3/31/2023
Era	NW	11/28/2022	3/31/2023
Forney	NC	2/9/2023	3/31/2023
Gafford Chapel	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
Holliday	NW	11/6/2022	3/31/2023
Howe	NW	1/15/2023	3/31/2023
Irving First	Metro	1/25/2023	3/31/2023
Justin	NC	1/19/2023	3/31/2023
Kingston	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
Korean Central	Metro	12/18/2022	3/31/2023
Korean North Central Fellowship	NC	10/30/2022	12/31/2023
Leonard	East	1/25/2023	3/31/2023
Mabank	East	1/25/2023	3/31/2023
Miller Grove	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
Morris Memorial	NW	1/19/2023	3/31/2023
Paradise	NW	1/23/2023	3/31/2023
Perrin	NW	1/17/2023	3/31/2023
Pickton	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
Ponder	NC	10/30/2022	3/31/2023
Royse City First	NC	11/20/2022	3/31/2023
Salem-Kinser	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
St. Andrew	NC	2/21/2023	3/31/2023
Sunset	NW	10/26/2022	3/31/2023
Tioga	NW	10/24/2022	3/31/2023
Tyler Street	Metro	2/13/2023	4/30/2023
Vashti	NW	1/19/2023	3/31/2023
Wesley Korean	Metro	1/19/2023	3/31/2023
Westview	East	1/24/2023	3/31/2023
WF St. Mark's	NW	11/6/2022	3/31/2023

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #1 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ARBALA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Arbala United Methodist Church located in Arbala, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #2 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF AVERY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Avery United Methodist Church located in Avery, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #3 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF BELLEVUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Bellevue United Methodist Church located in Bellevue, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #4 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF BOWIE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Bowie, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #5 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF BRIDGEPORT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Bridgeport, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #6 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF BRYSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Bryson United Methodist Church located in Bryson, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #7 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CALLISBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Callisburg United Methodist Church located in Callisburg, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #8 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CAMBODIAN UNITED METHODIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Cambodian United Methodist Fellowship located in Carrollton, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #9 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CARROLLTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Carrollton, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #10 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CELESTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Celeste United Methodist Church located in Celeste, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #11 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CHARLESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Charleston United Methodist Church located in Cooper, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #12 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CUTHAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Cuthand United Methodist Church located in Bogata, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #13 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Trinity United Methodist Church located in Denison, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #14 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ERA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Era United Methodist Church located in Era, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #15 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF FORNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Forney United Methodist Church located in Forney, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #16 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF GAFFORD CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Gafford Chapel United Methodist Church located in Sulphur Springs, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #17 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF HOLLIDAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Holliday, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #18 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF HOWE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Howe, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

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- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #19 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF IRVING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Irving, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Edlen Cowley, District Superintendent of the Metro District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #20 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF JUSTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Justin United Methodist Church located in Justin, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
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- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #21 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF KINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Kingston United Methodist Church located in Celeste, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #22 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF KOREAN CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Korean Central United Methodist Church located in Irving, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Edlen Cowley, District Superintendent of the Metro District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #23 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF KOREAN NORTH CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Korean North Central United Methodist Fellowship located in The Colony, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #24 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF LEONARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Leonard United Methodist Church located in Leonard, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #25 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF MABANK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Mabank, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #26 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF MILLER GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Miller Grove United Methodist Church located in Cumby, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #27 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF MORRIS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Morris Memorial United Methodist Church located in Chico, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #28 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF PARADISE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Paradise United Methodist Church located in Paradise, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #29 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF PERRIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Perrin United Methodist Church located in Perrin, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #30 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF PICKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Pickton United Methodist Church located in Pickton, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #31 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF PONDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Ponder United Methodist Church located in Ponder, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #32 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ROYSE CITY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: First United Methodist Church located in Royse City, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #33 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF SALEM-KINSER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Salem-Kinser United Methodist Church located in Greenville, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #34 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: St. Andrew United Methodist Church located in Plano, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, District Superintendent of the North Central District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #35 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF SUNSET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Sunset United Methodist Church located in Bridgeport, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
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- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #36 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF TIOGA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Tioga United Methodist Church located in Tioga, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #37 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF TYLER STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Tyler Street United Methodist Church located in Dallas, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Edlen Cowley, District Superintendent of the Metro District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #38 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF VASHTI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Vashti United Methodist Church located in Bellevue, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #39 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF WESLEY KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Wesley Korean United Methodist Church located in Carrollton, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Edlen Cowley, District Superintendent of the Metro District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #40 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF WESTVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Westview United Methodist Church located in Greenville, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Cassie Wade, District Superintendent of the East District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM #41 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: St. Mark's United Methodist Church located in Wichita Falls, Texas ("Church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline, 2016* (as amended at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

Rev. Todd Harris, District Superintendent of the Northwest District, has certified that Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation; and

Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the North Texas Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement").

- 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the North Texas Annual Conference and Church, regarding Church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
- 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the corporate officers of the North Texas Annual Conference are hereby authorized to execute a quit-claim deed releasing the trust clause in all property to the Local Church's new entity effective on the Disaffiliation Date; PROVIDED however that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the Local Church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.
- 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.
- 4. That, to the fullest extent possible, copies of the official records and papers of the Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the North Texas Conference Archives. See ¶230 and ¶233 for guidance.
- 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

LEGISLATIVE ITEM # 42 APPROVING THE MODIFICATION OF THE NORTH TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM

FROM: North Texas Conference Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND: Property insurance rates continue to skyrocket across the country due to hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, hail, floods, and winter storms. Churches in the North Texas Conference have been impacted by several of these severe weather events. Increasing premiums and high deductibles made the possibility of maintaining a conference mandatory insurance program cost prohibitive.

LEGISLATION:

The Board of Trustees recommends that the North Texas Annual Conference transition from Conference-wide group insurance to insurance coverage to be procured by each local church. Effective April 1, 2023 churches will be responsible for finding their own property, liability, and auto insurance. The Conference will continue to require each church to remain in a shared workers' compensation policy that will provide coverage for all churches. In addition, as stated in The *Book of Discipline 2016* each church, as a minimum requirement, must ensure the GCFA standards are met regardless of the insurance company your church decides to use.

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