

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Proposed Legislation

This report is for all members of the Annual Conference regarding the 2023 Annual Conference Special Session to be held Wednesday, June 14 at 4 pm in the Great Hall of the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. If you received this by mistake, please check to see if your church’s lay member needs this copy.

The sole purpose of the called Special Session of the Annual Conference will be to affirm or not affirm the lists below of qualified requests for disaffiliation under ¶2553 of *The Book of Discipline*. The call for this session conforms to the disciplinary requirements found in ¶ 369.6 and ¶603.5.

John R. Wilson
Conference Secretary

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RS 1 RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CONFERENCE RULES THAT REQUIRE SECTION MEETINGS TO REVIEW LEGISLATION PRIOR TO PLENARY.

WHEREAS, the Special Session was called for the sole purpose of Ratifying the Disaffiliation Agreements,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for this Special Session of the WPA Annual Meeting June 14, suspend Conference Rules 2.3.6, (.1,.2,.3,4,.5), 2.3.7, (.1,.2,.3,4,.5) and any other rules regarding Legislative Section procedures necessary for the purpose of bringing all resolutions brought by the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation directly to this plenary session.

John Wilson, Conference Secretary

RS 2 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE CHURCHES WITHIN THE BUTLER DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the following United Methodist Churches located within the boundaries of the Western PA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church have expressed a desire to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul tells us to, “Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.” (Acts 20:28, NRSV), and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church and the WPA Annual Conference are not of like mind in how to “keep watch...over all the flock,” and

1 WHEREAS, ¶ 2553 allows for disaffiliation under such circumstances, and requires the
 2 terms and conditions of a local church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church,
 3 including the release of any church property from the trust imposed by the *Discipline* to be
 4 "memorialized in a binding Disaffiliation Agreement;" entered into by each local church
 5 and the WPA Annual Conference Board of Trustees, and
 6 WHEREAS, said Agreements resolve all matters between the parties, consistent with the
 7 requirements of ¶ 2553, Judicial Council Decision 1379, the process determined by the
 8 WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and
 9 1460, and
 10 WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported
 11 in the 2023 Trustee's Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and
 12 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 13 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 14 and
 15 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 16 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 17 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
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 19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 20 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Butler District of the
 21 WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:
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23	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
24	BU	189420	Ashes to Life
25	BU	095263	Baden
26	BU	086521	Bethel:Eau Claire
27	BU	086348	Boyers
28	BU	086361	Branchton
29	BU	095525	Brush Run
30	BU	095560	Cabot
31	BU	095811	Center:Natrona Heights
32	BU	095321	Central:Beaver Falls
33	BU	095707	Concord:Beaver Falls
34	BU	086508	Eastbrook
35	BU	096121	Harmony-Zelienople
36	BU	086337	Hilliards
37	BU	096143	Homewood
38	BU	096280	McKee Chapel
39	BU	096484	New Brighton
40	BU	087126	Pulaski
41	BU	189431	Riverview
42	BU	087401	Volant
43	BU	189852	Zion:Sarver

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Scott Gallagher, Chair

1 RS 3 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE
 2 CHURCHES WITHIN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL
 3 CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED
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 16 including the release of any church property from the trust imposed by the *Discipline* to be
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19 WHEREAS, said Agreements resolve all matters between the parties, consistent with the
 20 requirements of ¶ 2553, Judicial Council Decision 1379, the process determined by the
 21 WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and
 22 1460, and

23 WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported
 24 in the 2023 Trustee’s Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and

25 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 26 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
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28 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 29 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 30 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,

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 32 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 33 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Connellsville District
 34 of the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

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DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
CV	100576	Acme
CV	099088	Addison
CV	100133	Alverton
CV	100532	Banning
CV	170966	Bethany:Somerset
CV	188174	Beulah:Friedens
CV	099465	Bryan
CV	189577	Calvary:Acme
CV	100543	Calvary:Somerset
CV	187682	Casselman

1	CV	189863	Christ:Scottdale
2	CV	100680	Christ:Uniontown
3	CV	099545	Community:Uniontown
4	CV	099341	Confluence
5	CV	167764	Cooks Mill
6	CV	188152	First:Somerset
7	CV	099432	Franklin Memorial
8	CV	099682	Gans
9	CV	187988	Garrett
10	CV	170886	Harnedsville
11	CV	097865	Hopewell:Hollsopple
12	CV	099807	Jacobs Creek
13	CV	187807	Jennerstown
14	CV	099113	Johnson Chapel
15	CV	171026	Milford
16	CV	189885	Mill Run
17	CV	188196	Mostoller
18	CV	170990	Mount Olivet
19	CV	170716	Mount Salem
20	CV	170807	Normalville
21	CV	170944	Otterbein:Stoystown
22	CV	170820	Owensdale
23	CV	189737	Paradise
24	CV	170660	Pennsville
25	CV	188208	Pleasant Hill:Friedens
26	CV	170818	Pleasant Hill:Normalville
27	CV	171015	Saint Johns:Meyersdale
28	CV	170977	Saint Johns:Somerset
29	CV	099330	Sansom Chapel
30	CV	100463	Trinity:Scottdale
31	CV	100554	Trinity:Stahlstown
32	CV	100703	Upper Middletown
33	CV	100598	Wesley Chapel:Rockwood
34	CV	100827	Wesley Chapel:Scottdale
35	CV	100521	Winnett

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39 RS 4 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE
 40 CHURCHES WITHIN THE ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL
 41 CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED
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 2 flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that
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 4 WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church and the WPA Annual Conference are not of
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 9 “memorialized in a binding Disaffiliation Agreement;” entered into by each local church
 10 and the WPA Annual Conference Board of Trustees, and
 11 WHEREAS, said Agreements resolve all matters between the parties, consistent with the
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 13 WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and
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 15 WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported
 16 in the 2023 Trustee’s Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and
 17 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 18 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 19 and
 20 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 21 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 22 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
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 24 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 25 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Erie-Meadville
 26 District of the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:
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DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
28 EM	089923	Asbury:Waterford
29 EM	060333	Brown Hill
30 EM	089513	Centerville:Centerville
31 EM	089067	Cochranton
32 EM	089147	Cranesville
33 EM	060594	Deckards
34 EM	089810	Elgin
35 EM	060470	Evangelical:Corry
36 EM	060798	Faith:Geneva
37 EM	089125	First:Corry
38 EM	089865	First:Titusville
39 EM	089901	First:Union City
40 EM	060674	Glenwood:Erie
41 EM	089570	Hamlin Chapel
42 EM	089568	Littles Corners
43 EM	089978	Lowville
44 EM	089832	McCray
45 EM	089251	McKean

1	EM	089752	Mill Village
2	EM	089078	Mumford Chapel
3	EM	060891	Norrisville
4	EM	089012	Pine Grove:Meadville
5	EM	089683	Pleasantville
6	EM	061213	Sugar Lake
7	EM	089342	Table of Grace
8	EM	089650	Teepleville
9	EM	089080	Trinity:Conneaut Lake
10	EM	089375	Trinity:Erie
11	EM	089898	Troy Center
12	EM	089912	Venango
13	EM	036093	Wayne Valley
14	EM	089967	West Springfield
15	EM	089535	White Oak

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19 RS 5 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE
 20 CHURCHES WITHIN THE FRANKLIN DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL
 21 CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED
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 35 “memorialized in a binding Disaffiliation Agreement;” entered into by each local church
 36 and the WPA Annual Conference Board of Trustees, and

37 WHEREAS, said Agreements resolve all matters between the parties, consistent with the
 38 requirements of ¶ 2553, Judicial Council Decision 1379, the process determined by the
 39 WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and
 40 1460, and

41 WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported
 42 in the 2023 Trustee’s Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and

43 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 44 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 45 and

1 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 2 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 3 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
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5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 6 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Franklin District of
 7 the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:
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	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
9			
10	FR	085127	Asbury:Strattanville
11	FR	188777	Ashland
12	FR	086678	Center:Polk
13	FR	086406	Clarks Mills
14	FR	085116	Corsica
15	FR	087092	East Grove
16	FR	188950	Fairmount City
17	FR	085481	Fertigs
18	FR	085628	First:New Bethlehem
19	FR	087068	First:Parker
20	FR	087478	Galloway
21	FR	188573	Grace:Franklin
22	FR	061612	Hendersonville
23	FR	086703	Hickory:Hermitage
24	FR	087230	Kennard
25	FR	087241	Lakeview
26	FR	085812	Lawsonham
27	FR	086474	Lupher Chapel
28	FR	087310	Mount Hope:Sandy Lake
29	FR	188937	New Salem
30	FR	188378	Oak Hill
31	FR	188972	Oak Ridge
32	FR	087228	Old Salem
33	FR	085550	Pine City
34	FR	085138	Providence
35	FR	085743	Putneyville
36	FR	085823	Rimersburg
37	FR	085925	Seneca
38	FR	086714	State Line:Jamestown
39	FR	087387	Stoneboro
40	FR	086007	Strattanville
41	FR	085798	Sugarcreek
42	FR	086725	Vincent
43	FR	085333	West Freedom
44	FR	087412	White Chapel
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Scott Gallagher, Chair

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 2 RS 6 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE
 3 CHURCHES WITHIN THE GREENSBURG DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL
 4 CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED
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 24 WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported
 25 in the 2023 Trustee’s Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and
 26 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 27 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 28 and
 29 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 30 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 31 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
 32
 33 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 34 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Greensburg District
 35 of the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:
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37	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
38	GB	097240	Arnold
39	GB	189613	Bethany:Latrobe
40	GB	097386	Braeburn
41	GB	097411	Charter Oak
42	GB	189965	Christ:Youngwood
43	GB	097422	Circleville
44	GB	170671	Faith:Delmont
45	GB	100840	First:West Newton
46	GB	098164	Heritage

1	GB	098120	Latrobe
2	GB	098186	Luxor
3	GB	170647	Middletown
4	GB	100122	Mount Lebanon:Tarrs
5	GB	100188	New Stanton
6	GB	189830	Rector
7	GB	189533	Trinity:Greensburg

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11 RS 7 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE
12 CHURCHES WITHIN THE INDIANA DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL
13 CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED
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40 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,

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42 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
43 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Indiana District of
44 the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

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1	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
2	IN	085515	Allens Mills
3	IN	086190	Barton Chapel
4	IN	097320	Black Lick
5	IN	097400	Brush Valley
6	IN	187671	Calvary:Brush Valley
7	IN	188700	Calvary:Punxsutawney
8	IN	085082	Clarington
9	IN	097444	Cloe
10	IN	189098	Coolspring
11	IN	097433	Covode
12	IN	097568	Creekside
13	IN	097604	Dayton
14	IN	188447	Edeburn
15	IN	085413	Emerickville
16	IN	188425	Evangelical:Brookville
17	IN	097342	First:Blairsville
18	IN	097364	First:Bolivar
19	IN	085286	First:Brookville
20	IN	085366	First:DuBois
21	IN	085708	First:Punxsutawney
22	IN	085787	First:Reynoldsville
23	IN	097741	Germany
24	IN	180987	Glen Campbell
25	IN	097901	Grace:Indiana
26	IN	085504	Hazen
27	IN	180670	Hepburnia
28	IN	180750	Hickory:DuBois
29	IN	097843	Homer City
30	IN	097887	Hopewell:Blairsville
31	IN	086188	Kellersburg
32	IN	086031	Kingsville
33	IN	188733	Knox Dale
34	IN	085388	Lakeside
35	IN	085470	Lanes Mills
36	IN	181220	Mahaffey
37	IN	098266	Marion Center
38	IN	085446	Meade Chapel
39	IN	085300	Moorhead
40	IN	085218	Mount Pleasant:Summerville
41	IN	190188	Mount Tabor:Blairsville
42	IN	189134	Mount Tabor:Oliveburg
43	IN	097672	Mount Zion:Elderton
44	IN	098426	New Florence
45	IN	180657	New Washington
46	IN	085231	Ohl

1	IN	181402	Penfield
2	IN	085457	Port Barnett
3	IN	097535	Purchase Line
4	IN	188766	Ramsaytown
5	IN	190190	Robinson Evangelical
6	IN	085594	Sabula
7	IN	181003	Saint Paul:Grampian
8	IN	085220	Solid Rock
9	IN	085207	Stanton
10	IN	097455	Steffy Chapel
11	IN	086020	Summerville
12	IN	170578	Tanoma
13	IN	098701	Templeton
14	IN	188686	Valley Chapel:Punxsutawney
15	IN	085561	Widnoon
16	IN	085093	Zion - Sigel
17	IN	085630	Zion:Brookville

Scott Gallagher, Chair

RS 8 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE CHURCHES WITHIN THE JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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4 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 5 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 6 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
 7

8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 9 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Johnstown District of
 10 the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

11	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
12	JT	188048	Alum Bank
13	JT	097227	Armagh
14	JT	176520	Bakerton
15	JT	188493	Beaver Valley
16	JT	187625	Beaverdale
17	JT	187820	Belmont
18	JT	097262	Belsano
19	JT	187831	Bethany:Johnstown
20	JT	188083	Bethel:Salix
21	JT	187842	Beulah:Johnstown
22	JT	097307	Blacklick Community
23	JT	176358	Buffalo Mills
24	JT	176655	Burnside
25	JT	098882	Calvary:Windber
26	JT	171037	Central City
27	JT	187727	Dunlo
28	JT	097661	Ebensburg
29	JT	176677	Emeigh
30	JT	187636	Faith:Belsano
31	JT	176416	First:New Paris
32	JT	188210	First:South Fork
33	JT	188595	Fiske
34	JT	098005	Franklin Street
35	JT	189305	Harmony
36	JT	176848	Hastings
37	JT	170501	Helixville
38	JT	097717	Lilly
39	JT	187990	Mount Hope:South Fork
40	JT	170545	Mount Olive:Sidman
41	JT	187738	Mount Union:Pleasantville
42	JT	098368	Nanty Glo
43	JT	098040	Oakland:Johnstown
44	JT	190133	Pine Grove:New Paris
45	JT	188607	Pleasant Hill:Glasgow
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1	JT	190144	Point
2	JT	187944	Roxbury Saint Pauls
3	JT	176564	Saint Johns:Northern Cambria
4	JT	188141	Saint Michael
5	JT	098608	Seward
6	JT	188128	Shanksville
7	JT	188130	Sidman
8	JT	190155	Sloans Hollow
9	JT	177400	Spangler
10	JT	098687	Strongstown
11	JT	097502	Summit Chapel
12	JT	177205	Trinity:Patton
13	JT	188106	Trinity:Windber
14	JT	189362	Uniontown
15	JT	188620	Utahville
16	JT	187966	Westmont
17	JT	188094	Zion:Elton

Scott Gallagher, Chair

RS 9 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE CHURCHES WITHIN THE KANE DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the following United Methodist Churches located within the boundaries of the Western PA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church have expressed a desire to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul tells us to, “Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.” (Acts 20:28, NRSV), and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Church and the WPA Annual Conference are not of like mind in how to “keep watch...over all the flock,” and

WHEREAS, ¶ 2553 allows for disaffiliation under such circumstances, and requires the terms and conditions of a local church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church, including the release of any church property from the trust imposed by the *Discipline* to be “memorialized in a binding Disaffiliation Agreement;” entered into by each local church and the WPA Annual Conference Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, said Agreements resolve all matters between the parties, consistent with the requirements of ¶ 2553, Judicial Council Decision 1379, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and 1460, and

WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported in the 2023 Trustee’s Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and

1 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 2 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 3 and

4 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 5 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 6 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
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8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 9 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Kane District of the
 10 WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

11	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
12	KA	088553	Akeley
13	KA	150640	Asbury:Bradford
14	KA	061430	Covenant
15	KA	150786	Crosby
16	KA	088303	East Kane
17	KA	089694	Enterprise
18	KA	061496	Evangelical:Youngsville
19	KA	180908	First:Emporium
20	KA	088325	First:Kane
21	KA	181526	First:Saint Marys
22	KA	088724	First:Warren
23	KA	086097	Good Shepherd
24	KA	086177	Greenwood:Marienville
25	KA	088416	Hazel Hurst
26	KA	088427	Lander
27	KA	085606	Marienville
28	KA	061018	Millport
29	KA	088462	Mount Jewett
30	KA	060413	Otterbein:Pittsfield
31	KA	151586	Shinglehouse
32	KA	087797	Tiona
33	KA	086100	Tylersburg
34	KA	060311	West Branch

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39 RS 10 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE
 40 CHURCHES WITHIN THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL
 41 CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED
 42 METHODIST CHURCH
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44 WHEREAS, the following United Methodist Churches located within the boundaries of
 45 the Western PA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church have expressed a
 46 desire to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

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 5 like mind in how to “keep watch...over all the flock,” and
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 7 terms and conditions of a local church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church,
 8 including the release of any church property from the trust imposed by the *Discipline* to be
 9 “memorialized in a binding Disaffiliation Agreement;” entered into by each local church
 10 and the WPA Annual Conference Board of Trustees, and
 11 WHEREAS, said Agreements resolve all matters between the parties, consistent with the
 12 requirements of ¶ 2553, Judicial Council Decision 1379, the process determined by the
 13 WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and
 14 1460, and
 15 WHEREAS, the process determined by the WPA Conference Board of Trustees is reported
 16 in the 2023 Trustee’s Report to the WPA Annual Conference, and
 17 WHEREAS, the listed local churches have satisfied, or have plans to fully satisfy all
 18 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 19 and
 20 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 21 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 22 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
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24 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 25 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Pittsburgh District of
 26 the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:
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DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
PB	103205	Anne Ashley
PB	095423	Blackburn
PB	101764	Mary S Brown-Ames

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 35 **RS 11 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT OF THE**
 36 **CHURCHES WITHIN THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT OF THE WPA ANNUAL**
 37 **CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE UNITED**
 38 **METHODIST CHURCH**
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40 WHEREAS, the following United Methodist Churches located within the boundaries of
 41 the Western PA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church have expressed a
 42 desire to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and
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 10 WPA Conference Board of Trustees, and Judicial Council Decisions 1420, 1457, 1458, and
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 15 conditions outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreements, prior to the final disaffiliation date,
 16 and
 17 WHEREAS, the Conference Board of Trustee Subcommittee on Disaffiliation has
 18 reviewed the process of each local church presented and find each of those presented to be
 19 in compliance with the Disaffiliation Process and Agreement,
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 21 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the WPA Annual Conference ratifies the
 22 Disaffiliation Agreements with the following local churches with the Washington District
 23 of the WPA Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

	DISTRICT	GCFA#	CHURCH NAME
25	WA	102542	Amity
26	WA	102815	Crossroads
27	WA	103045	Elrama
28	WA	102746	First:Carmichaels
29	WA	103001	Grace:Coal Center
30	WA	103386	Liberty
31	WA	103400	Mapletown
32	WA	103568	Oak View
33	WA	103865	Scenery Hill
34	WA	103810	Valley Chapel:Holbrook
35	WA	104062	Washington Street
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