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Notice of Appeal

This form is to be used for (please check one):

☐ Appealing the decision of a Committee on Appeals in a judicial process within thirty (30) days (§ 2715.1 *The Book of Discipline* 2016).

☒ Appealing the decision of a Committee on Appeals in an administrative process within thirty (30) days (§ 2718.3-4 *The Book of Discipline* 2016).

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Committee on Appeals of the South Eastern Central/Jurisdictional Conference

Date of decision of Committee on Appeals: 8/8/18 Received 8/14/18 (month/day/year)

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Authorities Cited (indicate paragraph or decision number where applicable):

Constitution: 20, 33, 58 Book of Discipline: 327, 334, 354, 361, 362, 363, 626, 2701,

Judicial Council Decision(s): 331, 629, 698, 725, 777, 784, 820, 1021, 1270, 2702, 2715, 2718

Signature: E. Seise

Date: 8/29/18

Appellant

(month/day/year)

The following must be attached on separate sheets:

- Grounds of Appeal
- Decision of Committee on Appeals, including facts, rationale and ruling

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**The Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Appeals
The United Methodist Church**

Erik Seise, Appellant

v.

Appellees

The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church and its
Board of Ordained Ministry
Conference Relations Committee
Administrative Review Committee

The Clergy Session of the Florida Conference

August 8, 2018

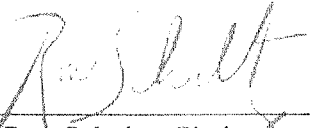
Appeal Summary

Mr. Seise appeals the recommendation and actions of the appellees leading to his involuntary leave of absence and discontinuance as a Provisional Member of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

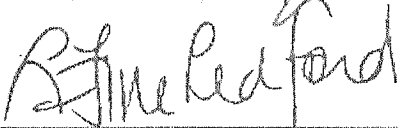
Findings of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Appeals

After careful review of the appeal filed by Mr. Seise, the records of the administrative process and the written arguments of the parties this committee by majority vote finds the following:

1. The appeal is properly before the committee and Jurisdiction is valid.
2. ¶ 2718.4.g of the 2016 Book of Discipline asserts: *The appellate body shall determine one question only: Were there such errors of Church law as to vitiate the recommendation and/or action of the administrative body?*
3. There were no errors of Church Law as to vitiate the recommendation and/or action of the administrative bodies named as appellees.



Rev. Ron Schultz, Chairperson



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