

March 2023

Dear Members and Constituents of Purple Door Church,

Grace to You, and Peace from our Lord Jesus Christ,

Over the past several months, you have made us proud to be leaders of Purple Door Church. The grace and respect with which you have conducted yourselves during discussions regarding our future have been worthy of Christ's disciples.

As a team, we have invested significant time and effort evaluating your responses and comments regarding disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. We have been faithful to both the United Methodist Book of Discipline and the process we announced publicly in December of 2022. Your Leadership Team performed a detailed analysis of the members' responses following the two presentations on Sunday, March 12. We have concluded that it is the congregation's desire to **remain UMC**. The survey responses, including in person and emailed, after the March 12 presentations were:

- 106 (52.48%) to **not** call for a Church Conference - Remain UMC
- 96 (47.52%) to call for a Church Conference

This result is below the minimum threshold of 67% for disaffiliation at a church conference. The careful analysis of collected data helped the team understand better our congregation's opinions. While we have disagreed on this issue, we have continued to work together as witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Now that this process is completed, we are working with our District Superintendent to find the best possible Lead Pastor for our future. Please be in prayer for the Leadership Team as we undertake this important work. Our commitment is to bring a pastor who matches all the desires expressed in our recent process. Like you, our desire is to focus our efforts on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Thank you for showing your desire to put Jesus first in your treatment of one another during this process.

In the Peace of Christ,

The Leadership Team of Grove City United Methodist Church

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