



February 14, 2023

Dear Friends,

On February 13, 2023, I was with your congregation for a vote on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. It was a duly called church conference where all professing members of the congregation were invited to vote and be heard. I have walked with your church in this season of discernment with a prayerful heart, knowing there are many strong feelings on the matters before us.

I write today to share the results of the vote. Your congregation, Middleburg UMC, voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, pending approval by the annual conference in April, 22, 2023.

My role as district superintendent is to provide information to the church so that it fulfills its obligations related to disaffiliation and to assist any persons wishing to remain in the United Methodist Church to be able to do so. To that end, I invite you to be in conversation with one another to discern your next steps in faithful ministry to God's church and your community.

For those who discern a desire to remain in the United Methodist Church, I invite you to reach out to my office at 904-396-3026 as well as to begin visiting the worship services of other area UMCs.

I commit to joining you in prayer for all that is ahead, and I am grateful for our united ministry in furthering God's kingdom on earth.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Durwood Foshee
Superintendent
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