

Major Steps in the ¶2553 Disaffiliation Process

A local church checklist

Name of Church and District _____

Church Pastor name, phone number and email _____

Church Contact name, phone number and email _____

INTENT AND DISCERNMENT

_____ Initial Disaffiliation Request with minutes, both including the rationale statement “for reasons of conscience concerning human sexuality,” received by DS

_____ Disaffiliation Request Reviewed by the Bishop, Appointive Cabinet and Conference Chancellor

_____ Discernment Process (attach) approved by the Appointive Cabinet

_____ Initial listening session held (facilitated by DS or designee)

_____ Second listening session held

_____ Third listening session held

_____ Straw poll of professing members present in the last listening session with majority in favor of disaffiliation

_____ Sessions report, statement of purpose and vote record given to DS and discernment process certified

CHURCH DECISION

_____ Church conference announced on _____ (10-day advanced notice, please attach announcement)

_____ Church conference held (date) _____ and presided by _____

_____ Approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of professing members present (attach minutes and ballot)

DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT CONSENT

_____ Conference Trustees and Local Church Trustees complete Standard Disaffiliation Agreement

_____ Consent of the Local Church Trustees (date) _____ (attach minutes)

_____ Consent of the Conference Board of Trustees (date) _____ (attach minutes)

_____ Agreement referred to the Annual Conference by conference trustees for vote (date) _____

_____ Agreement ratified by simple majority at next session of Arkansas Annual Conference (date) _____

COMPLETION

_____ Disaffiliation Agreement completed (date) _____ (attach copy of signed agreement)

_____ All stipulations identified in #6 of the Conference Principles for Disaffiliation have been met

_____ Trust Clause released (date) _____