

Whereas, due to the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church what happens in Iowa, Colorado, and throughout the connection all matter to Arkansas.

Whereas there is a growing problem of episcopal leadership throughout the connection to not only choose not to enforce the Book of Discipline but to adopt policies which violate the Discipline, ignore Judicial Council Decisions, and perpetuate chaos throughout the connection through selective enforcement of preferred provisions of the Discipline.

Whereas a result of selective enforcement has led to a general lack of accountability among the episcopal leadership throughout the general church both in disciplining one another as well as enforcing policies most recently adopted at the 2019 Called General Conference.

Whereas we are alarmed at the growing theological pluralism which is perpetuated by some of our episcopal leadership as well as many of our United Methodist supported seminaries and pastors wherein doctrines counter to our Articles of Religion, Confession of Faith, and the ecumenical creeds are being preached and taught.

Whereas, due to the lack of discipline, accountability, and the theological pluralism exhibited by the aforementioned parties and with human sexuality being such a complex issue, we have lost confidence in our polity to effectively debate the issue in a meaningful and constructive ways and with the level of integrity such a complex and sensitive issue requires.

Whereas there currently exist options for our local church as it relates to its future relationship with the United Methodist Church which may not exist in the near future.

Whereas there are currently approved processes for local churches in the Arkansas Annual Conference to engage in a formal period of discernment as it relates to their future relationship with the United Methodist Church

Be it therefore resolved, we the undersigned request that the Church Council of First United Methodist Church of Siloam

Springs enter into a formal period of discernment regarding disaffiliation or separation and transfer from the United Methodist Church utilizing the processes adopted by the Arkansas Annual Conference under either paragraph 2548.2 or 2553.

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