

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference works to fulfill responsibilities outlined in paragraphs 2512-2516 of the 2016 *Book of Discipline*, as well as paragraph 2553 approved at the special session of General Conference 2019. As the October 2023 special session of Annual Conference is called for the stated purpose of voting on disaffiliation matters, the following report provides details of the responsibilities of the Conference Board of Trustees related to paragraph 2553 since the last meeting of the Annual Conference in June 2023.

As required by the legislation approved by the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, the Board of Trustees developed a process of disaffiliation for any churches in the NC Conference that express an interest in doing so under the provisions of *The Book of Discipline* paragraph 2553. As reported to the June 2022 Annual Conference, a final Disaffiliation Agreement was published by the Board of Trustees in May 2022. Since that time, the Board of Trustees has been engaged with the Bishop, Cabinet, and other leaders to process churches as requested through the disaffiliation process. Following the published disaffiliation agreement and process, the Board of Trustees has included a listing of local churches to be considered in the October 2023 Annual Conference whose church conference has approved the disaffiliation agreement and process as an addendum to this report. Upon ratification of the Annual Conference and fulfillment of all provisions of the disaffiliation agreement prior to the effective date of November 30, 2023, the churches listed in the addendum will disaffiliate and no longer be a local church of The United Methodist Church.

While the Board of Trustees regrets the state of disunity and separation in The United Methodist Church, the Board has worked to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to its care in *The Book of Discipline*. Therefore, in accordance with paragraphs 33 and 2529.1(b)(3) of *The Book of Discipline* and Judicial Council Decision 1379 which requires that 'the disaffiliation agreement be ratified by a simple majority of the members of the annual conference present and voting,' the Board of Trustees moves the ratification of the Disaffiliation Agreement of the churches named in the Addendum to this report.

The Board of Trustees will continue to work in the best interest of The North Carolina Annual Conference and The United Methodist Church to the best of our ability, with thanksgiving and praise to God, and in compliance with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,
David Peele, President

**ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LOCAL CHURCH DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENTS FOR RATIFICATION**

District	Church
Beacon	Mt. Zion (Manns Harbor)
Beacon	Holly Springs (Williamston)
Corridor	New Sharon (Hillsborough)
Corridor	Trinity (Oxford)
Corridor	Salem (Hurdle Mills)
Fairway	Merritt's Chapel (Chapel Hill)
Fairway	Poplar Springs (Sanford)
Gateway	Caledonia (Laurinburg)
Gateway	St. Paul's (Maxton)
Gateway	Prospect (Maxton)
Gateway	Solid Rock (Cameron)
Harbor	Friendship (Warsaw)
Harbor	Carver's Creek (Council)
Harbor	Wesley's Chapel (Elizabethtown)
Heritage	Piney Grove (Louisburg)
Heritage	Pinetops (Pinetops)
Heritage	Pleasant Hill (Pleasant Hill)
Sound	Hobucken (Hobucken)