

Appendix B – Decision Worksheet

Once the steps for the discernment process are complete, the church council may vote to continue or discontinue the disaffiliation process. If a majority of the council vote to discontinue, then no further action is necessary. The church remains in the United Methodist Church.

If the church council votes to continue the process, they begin the Decision Phase. The following steps should be followed and dated upon completion.

(Date)

_____ **Church Council Chairperson notifies the district superintendent in writing that the congregation wishes to call a CHURCH CONFERENCE* to consider disaffiliation.**

_____ **The district superintendent sets a date for the called church conference. This date must be within 120 days of notification from the church council.**

Date of called church conference: _____

_____ **The church informs the congregation of the coming church conference.**

Congregation must follow the provisions of Par. 246.8 (at least 10 days notice, 2 forms of communication). Par. 2553 calls for special attention to give broad notice to the professing membership of the local church membership of the local church regarding the time and place of the church conference and to use all means necessary, including electronic communication where possible.

_____ **The district superintendent chairs the church conference. With an affirmative 2/3 majority vote of the professing members present, the congregation will have decided to disaffiliate from the New Mexico Conference and the United Methodist Church.**

_____ **The church conference sets a proposed date when finalization of disaffiliation can occur when the congregation will complete all necessary requirements for finalization.**

Finalization must be complete by December 31, 2023.

_____ **The secretary of the church conference provides a copy of the minutes to the district superintendent.**

*The conference must be a CHURCH conference, in which all professing members have a vote. A Charge Conference is not permitted by Par. 2553 to decide on disaffiliation.