

Motion to depart the United Methodist Church Feb. 19, 2023

As St. Mark United Methodist Church (UMC) is not happy with the distractions and possible drift in doctrinal belief of the United Methodist Church. The following motion is made.

1. The Church Council will postpone any action on separating/Dissifiliating from the UMC under section 2553 of the Book of Discipline.
2. The Church Council will prepare to depart the UMC under the section 2549 of the Book of Discipline if a favorable outcome at the 2024 UMC General Conference is not reached. A continuation of the status quo will not be considered a favorable outcome.
3. The Church Council will on or before September 5, 2024 or any other date designated by annual conference, inform the District Superintendent that they wish to have a called Church Conference to discuss departure.
4. The Church Council will call for a Church Conference to happen on or before October 2, 2024 or any other date designated by annual conference, to hold a vote to depart at the November 2024 Called Annual Conference Session.
5. The Church Council will set up a committee to study the options for St. Mark if the decision is made to depart. The work of this committee shall be presented to the Council no later than April 30, 2024.
6. The Church Council will set up a committee to lead the church through a discernment process leading up to the Church Conference and a vote to depart the UMC.

**Approved by Church Council February 19, 2023**