

A Resolution for a Two-Thirds Majority to Remove the Texas Annual Conference  
from The United Methodist Church

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WHEREAS, representatives of various groups within The United Methodist Church (the “UMC”) negotiated a Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation (the “Protocol”) which would authorize an annual conference to exit the UMC by a 57% majority vote of the clergy and lay members present and voting at a session of the annual conference; and

WHEREAS, even though the Protocol exists as negotiated procedure, it does not exist as church law having not been presented to or authorized by General Conference; and

WHEREAS, significant uncertainty about the consequences of disaffiliating the Texas Annual Conference (the “TAC”) from the UMC remains unresolved without the Protocol, including: provisions for local churches, members, and clergy who do not wish to serve outside the UMC; a process for guaranteeing clergy pension liabilities; the uncertainty of the constitutionality of annual conference disaffiliation; and the possibility of annual conference disaffiliation without General Conference approval being ruled unconstitutional by Judicial Council; and

WHEREAS, in the 2021 regular session of the TAC, a resolution was adopted that calls upon the TAC to establish a Task Force for the study of annual conference assets, property, and personnel, and requires the Task Force to deliver a “Plan for the Allocation of Assets and Discernment of Relationship” to the TAC no sooner than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months “after the adjournment of a General Conference which fundamentally changes our denomination”; and the above-referenced resolution demonstrates the intent of the TAC to wait for General Conference approval before the TAC votes to change its denominational affiliation; and

WHEREAS, significant uncertainty and in some cases instability exist in the congregations of the TAC due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and a disaffiliation vote would only increase the uncertainty and instability; and

WHEREAS, to disaffiliate the TAC from the UMC would change the membership of all the local churches in the TAC, and there is precedent for a two-thirds majority vote at the level of the local church for the approval of a change in local church membership, including ¶2553 which specifies, “The decision to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the professing members of the local church present at the church conference”; and ¶41 which defines the procedure for local churches to transfer their annual conference membership to another annual conference, requiring “a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at each of the following:

- a) the charge conference;
- b) the congregational meeting of the local church;
- c) each of the two annual conferences involved.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TAC adopts a two-thirds majority threshold of those present and voting at any session of the annual conference, regular or called, for a vote to disaffiliate the entire TAC from the UMC to be effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two-thirds threshold remain in effect until General Conference authorizes a different voting threshold for annual conferences to disaffiliate.

Respectfully submitted by the following delegates to the 2022 regular session of the Texas Annual Conference (C = Clergy, L = Laity),

Ingrid Akers - C	David Massey - L
Janet Allen - L	Jerry Massey - L
Rhett Ansley - C	Jeff McDonald - C
Paula Arnold - L	Lenae McDonald - L
Scott Atnip - L	Robbie McDonough - L
Stacy Auld - C	Jim McPhail - C
Colin Bagby - C	Don Meador - C
Mary Balagia - C	Katie Montgomery Mears - C
Jim Bankston - C	Whitney Mears - L
Dan Barcus - L	Paul Meiller - C
Sarah Barnett - C	Charles Millikan - C
Madeline Beem - L	Brad Morgan - C
Patty Bergfield - C	Jordan Morgan - L
Chris Betts - L	Preston Morgan - C
Amy Bezecny - C	Don Morriss - L
John Black - C	Karen Morris-Jones - C
Edward Blackstone - C	Karen House Morrison - L
Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe - C	Kate Mosel - L
Glynden Bode - C	Nataly Negrete-Lopez - C
Jhovany Bonilla - L	Jerry Neff - C
Amy Boriack - C	Emily Netemeyer - L
Kaitlyn Bowie - C	Steven Newcomb - C
Jerome Brimmage - C	Miranda Newman - L
Sadie Brink - C	Chris Noellert - L
Brian Brooks - C	Tom Pace - C
Parker Brooks - L	Jenna Parrott - L
Lorraine Brown - C	Steve Paul - L
Trey Burns - C	Andrew Payne - C
Suzi Byrd - C	Jordan Payne - L
Jimmy Calvert - C	Sonja Payne - L
Peter Cammarano - C	Pat Pearson - L
Ted Campbell - C	Whitney Peper - C
Margaret Carlson - L	Gail Perley - L
Steve Carroll - L	Michael Peschke - C
James Cermin - L	Quinn Peters - C
Emily Chapman - C	Richard Pettys - C

Sherri Waters Clem - C  
Justin Coleman - C  
Eleanor Colvin - C  
Trey Comstock - C  
Ken Coneby - C  
Karla Crabtree - L  
Travis Crabtree - L  
Thea Curry-Fuson - C  
Tom Daughtery - C  
Meredith Davis - L  
Carrie DeLeon - C  
Gerry DeSobe - C  
Dick Dobbins - C  
Jamison Doehring - C  
Elizabeth Duffin - C  
Seann Duffin - C  
Nick Earles - L  
Katie Eichler - C  
Kelli Eldridge - C  
Alexandra Elliott - L  
Elizabeth Elliot - L  
Jennifer Ellis - L  
Linda Elms - L  
John Esquivel - L  
Emily Everett - C  
Brett Falkenhagen - L  
Steve Fenderson - L  
Steven Fisher - L  
Warren Fisher - L  
Justin Flint - L  
Kate Flint - C  
Charlene Fowler - L  
Dennis Fowler - L  
Eloise Frantz - L  
Damon Fraylon - C  
Donyale Fraylon - C  
John French - L  
Brent Frenchak - L  
Bill Fuqua - C  
Madison Garcia - C  
William J Gardner - L  
Dallas Garrett - L  
Debbie Garrett - L  
Bea Garza - L  
Allyson George - L  
Carlee George - L

Lindsay Pollock - L  
Collin Powell - C  
Jimmy Principe - L  
Kate Principe - L  
Eric Pugh - C  
Evelyn Pugh - L  
Luis Ramirez - C  
Debbie Ramsey - L  
Mike Ramsey - L  
Jan Randolph - L  
George Redd - L  
Jacques Richard - L  
Lance Richards - C  
Karyn Richards-Kuan - C  
Paul Richards-Kuan - C  
Katie Richey - L  
Ricky Ricks - C  
Cindy Riddick - C  
Julia Riley - C  
Alyn Risley - L  
Cliff Ritter - C  
Barbara Robberson - C  
Markley Rogers - C  
Michelle Rogers - L  
Jaye Lynne Rooney - L  
Ashlee Ross - L  
Teresa Rossy - L  
Lani Rousseau - C  
Charles Ruehl - C  
Matt Russell - C  
Katy Sabayrac - C  
Carl Sandlin - L  
Judy Sandlin - L  
William Paul Schneider - L  
Gary Scoggin - L  
Elaine Scott - L  
Lisa Michelle Shafer - C  
Hal Sharp - L  
Jeff Simmons - L  
Jennifer Simons - L  
Johnnie Simpson, Jr. - C  
Lataya Simpson - C  
Shuler Sitsch - C  
Gail Ford Smith - C  
Lindsay Smith - C  
Sandra Smith - C

Michael Gienger – C  
Rick Goodrich - C  
Dick Graves - L  
Norma Graves – L  
Carroll Greenwaldt - L  
Preston Greenwaldt – C  
Stephanie Griffin – L  
Ginny Griggs – C  
Bob Guffey – L  
Sarah Guffey – L  
Wayne D. Haglund - L  
Christie Hale – C  
Ellie Hale – L  
Josh Hale – C  
Russell Hall - C  
Vicky Harris – L  
Brian Hawboldt - L  
Deborah Hawboldt - C  
Tammy Heinrich – C  
Jim Henderson – L  
Nancy Hinshaw – L  
Amy Hodge – C  
Nathan Hodge - C  
Dan Hoge - L  
Andrew Hook - C  
Brandi Horton - C  
David Horton – C  
Chuck Huffman – C  
Kathy Huffman – L  
Stephanie Hughes - C  
Tara Hunsucker – L  
Jay Jackson – C  
LeAnn Jackson - L  
Michael Jarboe - C  
Keith Jenkins - C  
Bryan Jody - C  
DeAndre Johnson – C  
Kelsey Johnson - L  
LyAnna Johnson – C  
Hiram “Doc” Jones - C  
Jennifer Jordan - C  
Todd Jordan – C  
Diane Kelder - L  
Amy Kelley – L  
Sherri Kelley - L  
Bill Kerley - C

Steve Smith – L  
T. Randall Smith – C  
Robin Snoek - L  
Garry Solmonson - L  
Le’Ann Solmonson – L  
Keith Somerville - C  
Kathleen Spangler - L  
Marilyn Sparks - L  
Pat Sparks – C  
John Stephens - C  
Stacy Stepler – L  
Jon Stouffer - C  
Wick Stuckey - C  
Bill Taylor – C  
Collin Taylor - C  
Renee Teel - L  
Hannah Terry – C  
Terry Thompson - C  
Ellen Thornburg – L  
Debbie Tipps - C  
Kay Towns - C  
Kyle Tremblay – C  
Kristen Tropeano - L  
Carol Turner – C  
Dan Usher - L  
Sergio Van Dusen - L  
Valerie VanNatta – L  
Harry Vein – C  
Heather Velez - C  
Jennifer Veres-Schrecengost – C  
Amy Vogel - L  
Don Waddleton – C  
Chris Waks – C  
Hyral “Buddy” Walker Jr. - C  
Kate Walker - C  
Diedra Walters - C  
Larry Ward - L  
Lacey Warner – C  
John Warren – C  
Christian Washington - C  
Gregory Way - L  
Chuck Weber – C  
Emily Weir - L  
Madison Wentworth – C  
Jennifer West - L  
Jeremy Wester – C

T. Paul Kethley – C  
Joy Killam - L  
Steve Killam – C  
Kandice Kirby - L  
Lindsay Kirkpatrick – C  
Josef Klam - C  
Bill Koerner – L  
JT LaRue - C  
Carrie Leader – C  
Rahel Lee-Yoo – C  
Sandy Leffler - L  
Tom Leffler – L  
Lou LeFevre - L  
Sandra Londa - C  
Celeste Long - L  
Judy Long – L  
Meghan Lutschg – L  
Melissa Maher – C  
Bill Mallett - L  
Roberta Maltas - C  
Michelle Manuel – C  
Becky Marsh - L  
E. Mireya Martinez – C

Sallie Wester – L  
Keith Whitaker – C  
Stephanie Whitaker - L  
Richard L. White – C  
B.T. Williamson - C  
Sarah Wilson – L  
Sheryl Wittenbach - L  
Andrew Wolfe - C  
Jack Womack – C  
Kathy Womack – L  
Leah Won – L  
Margaret Wood - L  
Christy Wussow - L  
Tom Wussow – L  
Danny Yang - C  
Deanna Young – C  
Kay Young - L  
Kevin Young – C  
Laura Young - L  
Lawrence Young – C  
Randy Zercher - C  
Richard Zey – L  
Mindy Faith Zwirn - C