

Poll Results from Second Church Wide Meeting

On November 6, 2022 we conducted a Church wide meeting for the purposes of updating, educating, seeking commentary and answering questions from our congregation. Approximately 200 persons were in attendance. At the end of the meeting we conducted a poll and asked participants to answer two questions. Ballots could be completed either electronically or on paper. After the meeting we also provided a “link” to the poll for those who were unable to attend. We collected 155 paper ballots, had approximately 50 ballots cast electronically at the meeting and subsequently received about 40 ballots electronically from those who could not attend and had requested a link to the ballot.

These were the poll questions.

Which of the following statements most closely represents your opinion about what our church should do regarding the decision to disaffiliate?

- I think we should REMAIN UMC. If we choose to disaffiliate now, I will no longer attend our church.
- I think we should REMAIN UMC for now, but I will stay with our church even if we decide to disaffiliate.
- I think we should DISAFFILIATE NOW, but I will stay with our church even if we decide to remain UMC.
- I think we should DISAFFILIATE NOW. If we choose to remain UMC, I will no longer attend our church.

What do you think our Administrative Board should decide about the future of our church?

- NO VOTE should be taken. We remain UMC for now and our discernment process ends. We can revisit after 2024 if needed.
- VOTE should be taken. The Administrative Board should request a CHURCH CONFERENCE for the purpose of holding a church-wide vote for a decision about disaffiliation.

The results of the poll are as follows:

Statements of Opinion

	<u># Ballots</u>	<u>% of Ballots</u>
Remain UMC or leave	23	10%
Remain UMC but stay	51	22%
Disaffiliate but stay	88	37%
Disaffiliate or leave	<u>73</u>	<u>31%</u>
	235	100%

Vote/No Vote

	<u># Ballots</u>	<u>% of Ballots</u>
No Vote	65	27%
Vote	<u>176</u>	<u>73%</u>
	241	100%