



## Notification of Intent to Withdraw to Unite with Another Denomination

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Status:  Active  Retired

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Current District:  Bay  Dem  Dot  M/PC  Mob  MT-OP  MT-PT  PNS

Current Status:  Full Connection Elder  Full Connection Deacon.

Provisional Elder  Provisional Deacon

Year of Ordination: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date of Withdrawal: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Month Day, Year

### Statements of Agreement

*(Please initial each statement)*

**“Withdrawal to Unite With Another Denomination- When ordained members in good standing withdraw to unite with another denomination or to terminate their membership in the denomination, their certification of conference membership, and their written request to withdraw shall be deposited with the conference secretary.”** (¶360.1 of the 2016 Book of Discipline)

After prayer, thought and discernment, I have decided that I wish to withdraw from the United Methodist Church to unite with the denomination named below.

\_\_\_ I have researched and understand the implications and impact of this decision on my health insurance (and that of my family), death and disability insurance and my pension.

\_\_\_ I understand that in withdrawing, this action will rescind my membership in the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference and that I will no longer be a member of the annual conference or a credentialed clergy person in The United Methodist Church.

\_\_\_ I understand that conference membership was granted to me by the clergy session and that I will be required to surrender my Certificate of Conference Membership. (This was supplied to all pastors that became members of the annual conference from 2005 forward.) (Those who came into conference membership prior to 2005 will need to supply a notarized copy of **Substitute Annual Conference Membership Form**)

- \_\_\_ I understand that upon completion and submission of all required documents and, assuming I am in good standing with the Alabama-West Florida Conference, that I will be given a letter from the Office of Ministerial Services indicating that I was, at the time of my withdrawal, an ordained member in good standing of the annual conference upon request.
- \_\_\_ I understand that I may no longer refer to myself as a United Methodist minister as of the effective date of my withdrawal.
- \_\_\_ I understand that the Bishop and Cabinet have approved a set of information that will be shared with the denomination to which I seek to unite. In order for that information to be shared, I will need to complete the **Permission to Release Information to Another Denomination** form.
- \_\_\_ I understand that this is not a simple reversible process, but that I would have to reapply to serve in the Alabama – West Florida Conference under the provisions of *The Book of Discipline* in place at the time I might seek to re-enter the annual conference.

**Signature:**

Having read and understood the above items, I formally declare my desire to withdraw from the Alabama – West Florida Conference and to unite with another denomination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Printed name Date

The denomination with which I seek to unite is: \_\_\_\_\_

**District Superintendent Section**

**Signature:**

Having conversed with and received this application from the above-named pastor, I now pass the required documents to the Annual Conference Director of Ministerial Services for the processing of this withdrawal effective as of the date indicated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DS Signature Printed name Date

Documents to send to Annual Conference Director of Ministerial Services via email ([jenni@awfumc.org](mailto:jenni@awfumc.org)):

- Notification of Intent to Withdraw from the United Methodist Church
- Membership:
  - Certificate of Conference Membership or  Substitute Annual Conference Membership Form
- Form: Permission to Release Information to Another Denomination
- Supervisory files (after effective date) for deposit in the Assistant to the Bishop’s office via Secretary’s email at [ashley@awfumc.org](mailto:ashley@awfumc.org).
- Administrative Files (after effective date) for deposit in the Director of Ministerial Services office via email at [jenni@awfumc.org](mailto:jenni@awfumc.org)