

Appendix A: *Good Faith and Fair Process Form*Good Faith and Fair Process Certification Form

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify and agree that, to the best of our knowledge, the discernment process as outlined in *AWFUMC Procedures and Processes for Local Churches Seeking to Disaffiliate under ¶12553 of the Book of Discipline* has been followed fairly and in good faith. The discernment period has not included any of the following:

1. Information that does not apply to the church's eligibility statement (eligibility statement should be attached to this form).
2. References to seeking disaffiliation because it is a financial opportunity to "own" your building and get out of the historic trust clause.
3. Presentations by any groups or individuals discussing or sharing information regarding alternatives to remaining United Methodist Church

We attest to the truth and validity of the attached eligibility statement. Also to the best of our knowledge, the actions and communications of our local church leaders evidenced a fair process with accurate information that reflects a good faith effort to satisfy this procedures and process document as opposed to false, misleading statements and/or coordinated efforts likely to harm or disrupt the ministry of the church.

Signed by:

Lay Leader

Church Council/Admin Board Chair

Trustee Chair

SPRC Chair

Finance Chair

Appointed Clergyperson

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_____ Appointed Clergyperson

_____ Notary Public

_____ Date of Notarization

*If any of these persons cannot in good faith sign the document, they must attach a signed statement to this form explaining the reason(s).

I, the undersigned District Superintendent, do hereby certify and agree that, to our knowledge, the discernment process as outlined in *AWFUMC Procedures and Processes for Local Churches Seeking to Disaffiliate under 2553 of the Book of Discipline* has been followed fairly and in good faith. The discernment period has not included any of the following:

- 1. Information that does not apply to the church’s eligibility statement.
- 2. References to seeking disaffiliation because it is a financial opportunity to “own” your building and get out of the historic trust clause.
- 3. Presentations by any groups or individuals discussing or sharing information regarding alternatives to remaining United Methodist Church

Also to the best of my knowledge, the actions and communications of the leaders of this local church leaders evidenced a fair process with accurate information that reflects a good faith effort to satisfy this procedures and process document as opposed to false, misleading statements and/or coordinated efforts likely to harm or disrupt the ministry of the church.

_____ District Superintendent

_____ Date

*If the District Superintendent cannot in good faith sign the document, he or she must attach a signed statement to this form explaining the reason(s).