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Dear Christ Church Family,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, risen and reigning.

It is time to make a decision. The United Methodist Church has been divided over theological, doctrinal, and governance issues for more than 50 years. This divide is often described as a conflict about human sexuality, but our divisions run much deeper than that one presenting issue.

Whole segments of the United Methodist Church – the Council of Bishops, Jurisdictions, Annual Conferences, Pastors and Boards and Agencies are already violating our agreed upon doctrines and rules by openly violating the statutes in The Book of Discipline (our book of church law). We cannot trust leadership that openly and arbitrarily violates the very rules that they are supposed to uphold.

Within the United Methodist Church we have Bishops, Pastors, and Seminary leaders openly challenging the divinity and lordship of Jesus Christ, denying the authority of Scripture, and questioning the singular salvific value of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Hundreds of United Methodist Churches (including more than 200 in our Conference) have already taken steps to leave the United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church. As these traditional congregations leave, the United Methodist Church will become more progressive. This is openly discussed within current UMC leadership.

Finally, we must be realistic about the context in which we serve. The vast majority of our mission field is traditional in their Christian faith. A significant majority of our membership, too, align this way. Christ Church will lose a substantial number of members if we stay with the United Methodist Church, and we will struggle to grow in a community whose values do not align with the post-separation UMC. These losses and the lack for growth potential could make future ministry at Christ Church unsustainable.

For Christ Church to remain the same in terms of our theology, doctrinal standards, respect for scripture, and our inclusive stance towards all people, we must change. The Global Methodist Church retains our current teachings – the same teachings that have been true for Christ Church for more than 30 years.

As the Senior Pastor of Christ Church, and as the Founding Pastor at Christ Church, we endorse voting to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and joining the Global Methodist Church. This change will keep our church in the mainstream of Christian orthodoxy and sustain us as a viable ministry for the Kingdom of God in South Montgomery County.



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Sincerely,

Rev. Jeff Powers
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Dan Hannon
Founding Pastor (Pastor Emeritus)

We 11 members of Christ Church Leadership Board (11 out of 15 voting members) endorse leaving the United Methodist denomination and affiliating in the Global Methodist Church:

Royce Blackburn
Marla Gregg
Jim Thatcher

Gary L. Brown
Bob Kinnear
Suretha Vilojen

Bob Cooper
Mike Lacy
Mark Walton

Doug Gage
Connie Miller