

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church
Church Conference
September 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Presiding: Conference Superintendent Rev. Dr. Aleze M. Fulbright

Recording Secretary: Anne Atzinger

Ballots were provided to members only, as they entered the courts. A ballot was provided by Dr. Fulbright after confirmation of membership from a master list.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02.

An opening prayer was given by Rev. Dr. Fulbright.

Context for Disaffiliation & Voting Instructions were provided. Rev. Dr. Fulbright explained that the meeting was for a vote, not for discussion.

The motion for Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church was read by Mark Rich, Chairperson of the Mt. Auburn Leadership Council. The motion was as follows:

“The Leadership Council moves that Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, per paragraph #2553 of The United Methodist Book of Discipline, due to a change of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals, and pending approval of Annual Conference, on December 1, 2022.”

Rev. Dr. Fulbright explained to vote “Yes” to disaffiliate, “no” to not disaffiliate and to write “abstain” to abstain from voting.

Members voted and passed the completed ballots to volunteers. The volunteers collected the ballots and took them to a table at the front of the courts where they were counted. Counters were Kathy Heistand, Kim Peters, Jerry McRoberts, Jeremy Van Deman, Susan Porter, Mike Womack, Kathy Heistand and Anne Atzinger. Wesley hymns were sung during the counting process. All counts were confirmed by Rev. Dr. Fulbright.

Rev. Dr. Fulbright announced the result of the vote which was:

225 In favor of disaffiliation
16 Opposing disaffiliation
3 Abstaining

The motion passed, having exceeded the 2/3 requirement.

Rev. Dr. Fulbright explained the next steps in the Indiana UMC disaffiliation process. The tally was signed by the necessary persons.

Rev. Jeff Buck led the congregation in prayer.

The church conference chaired by Rev. Dr. Fulbright was concluded at 6:31. Rev. Dr. Fulbright departed.