

September 24, 2024

Re: Update on Discernment Process

From: MUMC Discernment Committee

We write to make you aware of the following updates to the discernment process for MUMC:

1. On August 7, the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Annual Conference released a document entitled "Checklist for Closure and Separation for 2025." That document governs the process we are in. This information was not available when the church council set the dates for the discernment process.
2. On a second review, it was discovered that the new Checklist for 2025 requires that the church send a letter to the District Superintendent on January 1, 2025, to request a Church Conference for the purpose of voting on separation. The vote is now required to take place between January 15, 2025, and March 1, 2025. **We will not be voting until at least January 15, 2025.**
3. Given this information, the discernment committee has met and decided to proceed with selecting a date for the Final Town Hall meeting. That meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary**. The format will be the same as indicated in the announcement from July 14 (available on the website).


Please continue to be patient and to pray for one another as we continue to seek God's will together. There is nothing any of us can do to speed this process. We can work to be certain that we are prepared to vote when the time comes. Keep in mind that Rev. McManus is available to you to answer any questions you may have prior to our church conference vote.


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