

Disaffiliation Timeline / Procedure Brief

Note: See “Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant to 2553” and the Q&A from The Conference Board of Trustees on the NGUMC.org website for additional details. (Visit www.ngumc.org/disaffiliation-process-and-information.)

November 18, 2023 - Called Annual Conference to vote/ratify Disaffiliation Agreement(s)

November 30, 2023 - Effective date of disaffiliation(s), subject to the completion of all obligations required of Local Church, and all terms/conditions as outlined in the Disaffiliation Agreement. Note that the Disaffiliation Agreement must be signed by the Local Church’s authorized laity signers, per the type of Local Church organization:

- The Chairperson of a ‘**One Board**’ organization and the Trustee Representative on the One Board.
- The Administrative Board Chairperson of an ‘**Administrative Board**’ organization and the Trustee Chairperson.
- The Church Council Chairperson and the Board of Trustees Chairperson of a ‘**Church Council**’ organization
- The Local Church’s District Superintendent should be consulted if **another type of organization** is in place, or if there are any questions about authorized signers.

November 19 – December 30, 2023 – Local Church(s) that are eligible to disaffiliate must complete ALL financial and non-financial obligations, per the Disaffiliation Agreement.

After December 30, 2023 – If ALL obligations per the Disaffiliation Agreement are not satisfied by the Local Church, the Agreement is null and void. The Local Church is responsible for returning any/all financial and non-financial documents back to The United Methodist Church designation, if all obligations are not satisfied by this date.

January 2024 – The District and Conference office(s) will confirm when all obligations within the Disaffiliation Agreement are satisfied by the church, and the church will be formally notified. At the point that a church has completed its obligations to the Annual Conference and receives a confirmation sign off from the Conference Treasurer or Controller that all payments have been received, and from the CBOT chair that all non-financial obligations have been completed, the church will have its attorney prepare and record a properly executed deed to release the property from the trust clause.

The language to be inserted in the deed by the local church’s attorney can be found in the Q&A Document on the NGUMC website. (This notification and preparation of deed can occur earlier than January 2024 during the November 19 to December 30 window as the church completes the terms of the agreement and receives the formal acknowledgement from the Conference.) It is the responsibility of the local church to have the new deed recorded with the appropriate government entity for their county.