

Objectives of the Discernment Team

To create intentional opportunities for individual and concerted prayer regarding God's will for our church; specifically asking God to guide our church in making the decision to remain UM or pursue disaffiliation.

To design intentional opportunities for our congregation to ask the question (in several ways), "Should we/I disaffiliate from the UMC?" **see the Ignatian Way worksheet "What will we gain and lose by disaffiliating or remaining?, etc."*

To create a Covenant Statement as recommended/required by our Conference leadership.

To ensure that all membership has the opportunity to consider the question of and rationale for disaffiliation (both individually and collectively).

To recommend to the Council a course of action after 90 days of discernment. This could be: a) to continue to discern, b) to call for the vote regarding disaffiliation, or c) to recommend the dissolution of the Discernment Team and continuance in the UMC

To seek answers for the congregation regarding tangible impacts of both remaining with or disaffiliating from the UMC, **i.e. questions about pastoral leadership, cost impact, buildings and assets, etc.*