



Offices of the Conference Secretary & Clergy Services

The United Methodist Church | South Carolina Conference

(FORM 200-LP) Local Pastor Notification of Intent to Withdraw to Unite With Another Denomination

Full Name: _____ Email address: _____
(non-conference)

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Appointment: _____ District: _____
(current)

Status: _____ Year of Status Granted: _____ Effective Date of Withdrawal: _____
(current) (year) (Month Day, Year)

Statements of Agreement

(Please initial each statement)

After prayer thought and discernment, I have decided that I wish to withdraw from The United Methodist Church to unite with the denomination named below.

___ I have researched and understand the implications and impact of this decision on my health insurance (and that of my family), death and disability insurance and my pension.

___ I understand that when I become a local pastor, I become a member of the annual conference and ceased to have membership within a local church as long as I was appointed. Since I am withdrawing/discontinuing from ministry as a United Methodist Local Pastor I will cease to be a minister and will be classified and recognized as a lay person. I will have to designate a church (United Methodist or other) to which my membership will be transferred. If I join another denomination it will be with a lay status, not a clergy status. Your clergy status is tied to your license to preach, which you have relinquished.

___ I understand that the License for Pastoral Ministry that was issued to me, belongs to the Conference and is only valid while appointed. Since I am withdrawing/discontinuing my ministry as a United Methodist Local Pastor I must return my License for Pastoral Ministry to the District Superintendent or the Coordinator of Clergy Services. If I choose to not to comply with this procedure, my official record will indicate that I was not in "Good Standing" at the time of my withdrawal/discontinuance.

___ I understand that upon completion and submission of all required documents and, assuming I am in good standing with the South Carolina Conference, that if I request I will be given a letter from the Office of the Clergy Services indicating that I was, at the time of my withdrawal/discontinuance, a Licensed Local Pastor in good standing with the annual conference.

___ I understand that I may no longer refer to myself as a United Methodist minister as of the effective date of my withdrawal.

___ I understand that the Bishop and Cabinet have approved a set of information that will be shared with the denomination to which I seek to unite. In order for that information to be shared, I will need to complete a **Release of Information form**.

___ I understand that this is not a simple reversible process, but that I would have to reapply to serve in South Carolina Conference under the provisions of The Book of Discipline in place at the time I might seek to re-enter the annual conference.

Signature

Having conversed with and received this application from the above-named pastor, I now pass the required documents to the Annual Conference Secretary for the processing of this withdrawal/discontinuance effective as of the date indicated above. (Note: My district's dCOM will officially vote on my withdrawal/discontinuance at their next meeting and submit an Action Report.)

Signature

Printed name

Today's Date

The Local Congregation/denomination to which I wish to have my membership transferred: _____

Coordinator of Clergy Services or District Superintendent Section

I have conversed with and received this application from the above-named pastor. The checked documents below have been submitted to the Coordinator of Clergy Services and Secretary of the Annual Conference for the processing of this withdrawal effective as of the date indicated above.

Coordinator of Clergy Services or DS Signature

Printed name

Date

Documents to send to Annual Conference Secretary (ConferenceSecretary@umcsc.org)

- Form 200-LP: Notification of Intent to Withdraw/Discontinue as a Licensed United Methodist Pastor.
- License for Pastoral Ministry
 - License for Pastoral Ministry
 - Substitute Credential Certificate(s) Form
- Release of Information Form (if necessary)

Supervisory files and Administrative Files should scanned on to a flash drive and sent to the Secretary of the Conference for deposit along with the actual paper files after the effective date.