

If no, what further information or format might be helpful for you to make a decision?

I feel I have adequate information to make an informed decision.

I know what the main issue is, but I am not sure other church members would have enough information about this. I hope our pastors speak about this during worship service. It wouldn't take a long time to tell about it since the main issue is basically one or a couple. The information could be added to the Sunday bulletin or newsletters. I believe the issue overturns the will of God. I believe God's word shouldn't change over generations. I strongly suggest that our pastors teach what the Bible says about the issue. I even do not know what our pastors think about it.

While I have read what both the United Methodist and Global Methodist churches would be about, there are many members being misinformed about what the vote means, and what each Methodist Church is or will be.

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Speaking openly about what the bible says about homosexuality (seems our pastors or either not allowed to speak on the subject or choose not to), along with all sins that are mentioned in the bible (including forgiveness of sins), and what our current church doctrine upholds. Next we should update everyone on truthful violations that are currently occurring against our church doctrine and bible presently occurring in the Methodist Church. How can we change them in the future by staying within the FUMC if the violations are escalating on all fronts. thanks

However, I may not have all the information and I would like to see some open and frank discussion about this. There's been so much whispered and said that I think it would be important to know the following: Core values and belief changes for us as a church Deadline of when we need to make a decision Financial implication of leaving and stay. The real numbers.

I have done research and feel like I have sufficient information. However I do not feel like FUMC has been forthcoming and given its members sufficient information to make this decision.

I absolutely do but only because a few of us have taken the initiative to gather the real facts

There seems to be a lot of information going both ways. It would be nice to have something we can read through that gives pros and cons for both points of view.

Without a vote, the decision to stay is made solely by the council ONLY!!! We will leave the church if there is no vote due to a lack of leadership and say in the future of the church.

Don't know what I am supposed to say here.

How will the new "Respect for Marriage Act" from the US effect the split or is the split even necessary if the Federal Government will sue for violating civil rights of "Trans" and "Homo" marriages and the possible loss of the tax-free status of the church?

Could use more insight into how things would change for us as a congregation.

What are all the details related to FUMC Lubbock disaffiliating from the UMC, and how does that affect the congregation?

I want to know how staying United Methodist or disaffiliation and remaining independent or going Global Methodist (the 3 options) would affect the ownership aspect of our church facility.

I have enough information to decide. Not sure the church body is that well informed

I'm confused about our choices.

What would our next steps be?

Need people on both sides of the issue to present their opinions.

Consequences for our church whether disaffiliate or not

I've already decided to disassociate myself.

Because church council has refused to provide specific information regarding consequences for our church if we disaffiliate or not - members have not been educated

Church council needs to move forward and appoint committee to give report to members regarding pros and cons of disaffiliation

Why other churches have already disaffiliated

Need a committee to report to members what financial cost if do not disaffiliate - should have already happened

Again don't need a survey to have open discussions with membership - stop stalling

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I am hoping the meeting being planned for December will clarify the issues for me.

For one, the bishops are who has destroyed our churches. No one with in the church is telling us the theology of the new bishops. The information we have gathered ON OUR OWN is that they all support the. LGBTQA+ movement. There are gays and lesbians who have been elected bishops and married couples who are same sex as bishops. There are resolutions just waiting to be passed that are ALL INCLUSIVE supporting gay bishops. THIS IS AGAINST BIBLICAL DOCTRINE! These bishops are not preaching the teachings of Christ! UMC IS DOOMED!

Need report from committee

Well, currently nothing is being done to stop the process of going toward accepting beliefs that are not biblical so I disagree with the direction that we are heading.

Have committee report to members all issues with disaffiliation or not to disaffiliate

All aspects regarding disaffiliation

Information has not been forthcoming from our clergy/church council. It is almost as if we're being kept in the dark. Don't make me ask questions.....tell me EVERYTHING I need to know, in order to make an informed decision.

Yes, but the issues should be discussed from the pulpit.

I just need to know more....

A format that would show the pro and cons for our church on this issue. And what the future of the church would look like with either a yes vote or a no vote.

Reasoning for consideration of breaking away from the main organization

none

I actually have researched as time has been passing for a two or more years. Therefore, I am aware and chose to see the ugly, the truth and the positive(at this point not much). That being said. I answer the question NO not enough information because it seems like our church is sweeping this under the rug. This is not going to go away. Honesty is the best policy. Our church needs to know the actuality of this decision and vote/non vote. Leaders are being vague. Like a parent who keeps saying, " it will be ok". When a child has a wound, in reality the wound festers. As the parent ignores that it isn't ok.

No

Even after Dr. Salzwedel came to our class and explained everything, so many were taking their version of interpretation and carving in "stone", so to speak.

This survey is intended to accommodate people that don't want their position known. There are many that want to way in. The song goes Stand up Stand up for Jesus this anonymous survey prevents our congregation from doing that. We also need to hear from speakers in our Church and have the opportunity to ask unrestricted questions. We haven't had that. If Todd and Stan don't think that's important then they can just provide a link to Todd's sermons because they don't need a Church building either

do not know the exact reason we are voting

Have had it explained many tomes

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP PRAYER MEETINGS START DECEMBER, REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP RE LEGAL, FINANCIAL ISSUES INCLUDING WHAT HAPPENS IF STAY UMC - NEW RESOLUTION BY JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE, WHAT HAPPENS IF DISAFFILIATE AND OPTIONS FOR INDEPENDENT, GMC - DIVISION IS OCCURRING BECAUSE TODD AND STAN REFUSE TO HOLD MEETTINGS TO DISCUSS ISSUES

I truly feel the vast majority of people in this church don't really have a clue what it going on with the UMC as a whole.

I personally do because I have been involved and reading but not sure others do from what I hear.

Only by doing my own research have I learned about the disfunction within the UMC. It is frustrating to have this survey before FUMC has had an open discussion about the pros and cons for disaffiliation. If survey results are given to church council to make a decision about voting, congregation members only know what Todd has presented to their Sunday School class so they have an incomplete view of the current status of the UMC. We don't need more meetings about the "process" of disaffiliation. We need several meetings with open discussion about the pro and cons of leaving the UMC and the full reasons why. Don't use money on a survey but instead pay a professional arbitrator and use Robert's Rule of Order for productive and informative meetings.

They never explain the reason why people are leaving. They just say what to do if you want to leave.

A brochure explaining the pros & cons, and the consequences of either direction, like the LWV does before each election.

Open meeting allowing open, civil discussion about WHY 90% of churches are leaving NWTX Conference, not just the process

I want to know the different options the church has before deciding whether to vote or not. I don't know enough about the pros and cons of any of those positions

It's unclear to me what some of how one decision or the other might affect our typical church experience. I understand the politics of it all, but will it affect the preaching? The programs that the church offers?

None. I keep up daily with news on the schism.

Need more information on alternatives to how we might affiliate if we leave the current United Methodist organization. Where we would secure our pastors and their related personnel benefits, our literature, etc. I do not identify as being ultra-conservative. I am a "big tent" person, and gender is only one aspect. From what I have read to date, and review of some of the "Wesleyan" literature on the market promoted by the Global Methodist Church, I would not be comfortable in that.

I just need to do more research

I would like an explanation in writing of what the options are and why we are having to make any changes.

What are the issues? Choices?

Why can't those unhappy with FUMC and United Methodists leave

I would like for everything to be spelled out, black & white to the entire church family.

I believe the question is evolving. If there is a vote I would like the information sent again and another session held so all data and sensitive emotions and positions will be fresh in our minds.

I was out of town for the informational meeting on October 4. I feel like no other information has been provided. It's been up to each individual to do the research

I want to know where I am landing before I jump out of a current situation. We really don't know / understand where we would be landing. We have just heard the history behind the decision to separate, we have not heard info about how a change would effect us. We don't know the full story and effects of this decision would be. I understand we DO NOT want a debate, because people can get ugly when they are passionate. I need more info.

NA

I need no further information. I don't feel the church's job was to educate me on any of this.

Perhaps just coming forth with why the Methodist church is splitting. I do not routinely watch the news as it tends to make me anxious and or depressed. I did do a google search and found some brief articles on what is happening.

It's my understanding if we vote to disaffiliate, then we still will not know the direction of the church upon disaffiliation. If there is indeed a direction planned in the event of of disaffiliation, then that information will likely influence how I choose to vote.

Pastor Todd, Church Council, Mike Shafer, Jeff Fisher -- all have been up front with presenting information on BOTH sides of issue in a non-editorial form.

I have filled out surveys for high school freshmen that we structured better.

I simply need more information on both sides. I need to know how each decision would impact our church not only for right now, but in 5 years, 10 years and beyond.

Question and answer in small groups

I do not think our congregation has received enough information regarding both sides of the issue. I think "town hall" meetings need to be scheduled to provide more details about the issues. This would allow questions to be answered in person .

However, I have spent countless hours researching this on my own. I believe we need to have face to face meetings once a week or twice a month with all sides being represented. I feel what little information we have received as a church has been skewed towards staying with UMC.

A public q&a

We need open discussions about the options available, including the financial concerns for staying or leaving.

Yes I have the information but have had to study it on my own. The lead Paster has not led by giving us critical information

Who definitely gets the buildings? Will ministers marry same sex couples in Independent and Global church? Everyone needs to know exactly how each denomination will be \$\$ funded.

I would like a format where church members can ask candid questions. It was disappointing at the last church meeting that questions were so limited. unfortunately we mostly have had to dig it out ourselves. very little help from lay leaders or clergy.

Need more discussion

I believe I have been given enough information. I appreciate the leadership of the council and staff for helping us all stay informed.

This church has not informed us of a lot of stuff since they smelled me a couple years ago, I have not felt like it was a home for me

Additional written explanation of what things would look like for FUMC if we remain in the UMC or choose to disaffiliate.

The play on words such as "discernment " rather than split.

A vote to leave the United Methodist church means we affiliate with a conservative Methodist organization Correct?.

I searched for information on my own (didn't get it from FUMC). I think I understand the issue well enough to make an informed decision.

n/a

I'd like to know what happens either way

I'm a delegate to annual conference, so I have been able to most of the relevant information on this issue.

NO meetings have been held to discuss all the ways the UMC has strayed from the Book of Discipline and, more importantly, God's word

Everything

The administration and staff are doing a great job of getting the information out .

I do, but many others do not. I have spoken to some people who have had Todd talk to their class, and they had no idea what was really going on. There needs to be a lot more information available and that isn't going to happen until we let all sides present their argument without being held back. It's the most fair way to truly get all the information.

As a church, we have had exactly ZERO meetings to discuss the reasons all these churches are leaving. Only discussions of the process to leave.

None

So many stories going around. I change my mind all the time

N/A

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I'm just not sure what exactly happens if we stay United Methodists. I would prefer that UNLESS the rumor I hear is true that there is a faction in the United Methodist that wants to teach that the bible isn't the truth and that Jesus was not a virgin birth. I could not . agree to that, but I don't know if that rumor is true or just that - a rumor..

I study what I have available but feel I do not have documents nor time to be fully educated

I have studied this issue from both sides and am confident in my no vote decision.

There is no 'NO.'

small groups need to discuss and have input we need to do what God says and HE never changes

I do not need more information at this time.

I have information, but none of it is from the church. Because of this, I don't think most people know what's going on.

I answered "No". By this answer I mean FUMC has failed to fully inform the congregation of this issue. Many attempts have been made, but the same information has been repeated each time and it is clear that average members remain confused and are unaware of the serious examples of disobedience and challenges to orthodox beliefs. I have discovered this information by my own research. Ironically, I found resources for my study from other UMC churches as they undertook a more honest, complete, and fair examination of the issues. I am dumbfounded as to the reason FUMC continues to avoid this educational process. One explanation put forth is that it would be divisive for our church. UMC congregations around the globe are facing the same issues and tackling the challenging questions with courage and integrity and by prayerfully seeking God's wisdom and guidance. Our faith should be stronger than "fear of hurt feelings." Our relationships with friends and family are either strong enough to allow for disagreement, or they are weak relationships to begin with.

The gay issue seems to be the tip of the iceberg. What is the underlying theology of both sides? How does each side interpret scripture?

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I need to watch the videos

er those rules or is frr

Na

Sufficient information has been presented for both views. Unless you force people to take in the information, the issue will still be voted upon in ignorance. People don't read their Bible or the Sunday School assignment, so to get them to read/listen/watch corporate legalistic information is not a hopeful endeavor. - Will Boyles

The piecemeal process used was limiting and inefficient and allowed too much misinformation to be put out. Too much conflicting information from different sources, sources that SHOULD be trustworthy but aren't even giving the same info to different groups. IMO the truth about the various options has been muddled or obfuscated by this process. We have a weekly newsletter that is a perfect opportunity to spread the information to the entire congregation, but that option has been ignored.

I have done extensive research and have enough information. I don't think the. Entire congregation has. Sending out info and videos 3 days before the survey is bush. This should have been done weeks ago. Council has not met since July, yet we're supposed to lead?

What will it be in years to come?

Na

The advantages and disadvantages of a vote. The consequences associated with a yes/no vote.

I have taken the time to get educated even though our church has been very quiet and not as open about the process and choices we are facing. It appears we are comfortable just waiting to see what happens. The window is down to less than a year to make the selection to disaffiliate.





N/a

Yes.

No

N/a

No further information is needed. My father is helping start the GMC.

I only got rumor that something was happening in service. I did look it up and get more information from there.

I haven't seen a clear cut comparison of how the church will look after the split happens and what may be the issues besides homosexuality

Responded yes.

We have not truly explored all of the options for the church.

N/A

NA

None

We have been able to gather information on our own but feel like the church should be providing more information.

More info is always better

How all the churches in our territory are doing this now What choices have they made National response in multiple denominations results

No other information - thank you for the efforts.

I have plenty of information.

NA I've made my decision to stay in UMC

I would like an open forum for discussion to address everyone's concerns, and to discuss the differing views and options of the UMC, GMC, & independent

N/A

I have been provided sufficient information.

I have studied this issue and am confident that no vote should be taken.

To have a revival.

I answered yes

We as a family are attempting online research.....much of the propaganda previously furnished is confusing.

No

I appreciate all of the information that has been sent for education of the church members.

I said yes in having a vote.

Great deal of information and disinformation online and printed from other churches.

N/A

How does either decision affect the foundation of our beliefs.

I do not need further information.

I need no further information. May I thank the pastors for their belief in their congregants' intelligence in making their own decisions?

we have opinions both positive and negative for both sides. lots of info we have found ourselves, little lay leadership.

We have the information we need.

We have not really been sent much information about what each choice would mean for our church.

I do not need further information.

I have enough info

N/A

I marked "yes" and do not have further information

I don't need further information.

Most members are confused. I would like a complete breakdown of issues, history, timelines, all of it

nO INFORMATION IS NEEDED

We need to hear from leadership, not only in our congregation, but from the DS and Bishop, what their convictions are about the issues argued.

none

N/A

I don't feel the church leadership has addressed the reasons so many churches are disaffiliating - only the process.

I think we have been well informed by church and district officials.

Quite honestly, I don't really know.

Exactly what set all this in motion

I believe FUMC has always and will always

N/A

I did not answer no!

No further information is required.

Not sure about all the issues

Not sure that any amount of information would make me feel qualified. Need to be able to project the futures of UMC v GMC to decide.

I feel that in time we'll be better equipped to make this important decision. Not now.

I've heard the umc leadership has flown the coop. Is it true bishops are voicing opinions that they don't believe in the virgin birth, resurrection eg

I need no more information. May I request that no more literature be circulated by members regarding this issue?

No questions.

I know all I need to know.

Exactly what will happen as far as pastors, etc. if we disaffiliate.

No

None

AS CHRISTIANS WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE SCRIPTURE IN THE BIBLE AND FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST, STANDING UP FOR WHAT WE KNOW IS RIGHT.

I have not heard one word of this situation from the church, I have researched the info myself. Most members need more information.

Tell all the ways UMC is violating and and changing the Book of Discipline

None

I said yes

Our church leadership has lied to us and withheld information. Information from Global Methodist!!

none

NA

Only a strong personal conviction would enable us to make that decision without having some future regrets.

NA

None needed.

What is the position of FUMC clergy??

I have sought external information, carefully considering the options. I did not get sufficient information from FUMC staff or from the Conference.

I want more specifics communicated to our members regarding what the Bible says about these matters.

There has been a little talk about the process, but almost nothing on the reasons to disaffiliate.

NA

N/A

Done

An email of talking points for and against the move to disaffiliate.

I know enough to make a decision

My answer was yes ??

Understanding & faith in what this "new" church would be that we would be joining. Has it really been fleshed out? And do we agree? Is it good for us?

N/A

Nothing

Church and NW District of Texas have been good about disseminating information.

I marked yes.

Test

I understand the decision but not sure everyone does. let's publish a narrative that describes the decision