



Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

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Members of Duncan Memorial,

Our Finance Committee and our Church Council held special meetings last night (November 4, 2024). The purpose of these meetings was to consider the implications of Decision 1512 of The United Methodist Church's Judiciary Council and the subsequent statement released by Bishop Fairley of the South Carolina Annual Conference.

After prayerful consideration of the impact these decisions will have upon Duncan Memorial, our Finance Committee recommended all future payments of apportionments and the direct bill be suspended. Church Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Church Council, also, voted in favor of holding a "straw poll" so that our membership can express their voice regarding the future ministry of Duncan Memorial. The "straw poll" will provide our membership with two options: 1) Stay UMC or 2) Seek independence through separation.

The "straw poll" will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. It will take place from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center (the gym). Every Full Member (i.e. – Adult member, or youth who have been through confirmation) are eligible to cast a vote in this poll. If a member is unable to drive to the church (i.e. – homebound member, college student, etc.), they may place a call to 843.214.0616. Two designated people will verify the vote of the member and cast the vote. **If you intend to cast a vote by way of a phone call, please notify the church office in advance so preparations can be made.**

To the glory of God,

Linda Evans, Chair of Council

Dwight Ford, Lay Leader