



Manning United Methodist Church

Bishop Leonard E. Fairley
South Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church
4908 Colonial Drive
Columbia, SC 29203

October 29, 2024

Dear Bishop Fairley,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We write to inform you that due to Judicial Council decision 1512 and the ending of the Closure and Separation process, the Church Council of Manning United Methodist Church has determined that Manning UMC will no longer make apportionment payments.

Our Church Council held on faithfully, deciding to await a decision by the General Conference instead of rushing to enter the Closure and Separation process when it was announced in December of 2022. In 2023, we made the same decision to be faithful and wait. We acknowledge that the Conference Board of Trustees informed us that this decision was possible. Still, we are disappointed that there is now no possible way to preserve our congregation by exiting The UMC. We now anticipate that we will suffer significant loss in worship attendance, membership, and financial support.

As such, we will no longer send apportionment payments.

Ken Sexton
Chair of Church Council

Charlie Gavin
Lay Leader

Cc: Rev. Terry Fleming
District Superintendent, The Florence District of The UMC