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# Miss. Conference Statement on Judicial Council Decision No. 1512

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You may be aware that the Judicial Council—The United Methodist Church's highest judicial body—recently released [Decision No. 1512](#) regarding the meaning, application and effect of paragraph 2549 of *The 2016 Book of Discipline* as it relates to a policy, process or method for United Methodist Churches to exit or separate from the denomination.

The Mississippi Conference entered the process of disaffiliations under paragraph 2553, and later entered the process of church closures under paragraph 2549 3(a). The contracts entered into under paragraphs 2553 and 2549 3(a) were not affected by Judicial Council Decision No. 1512, are valid and will be honored as planned.

The Bishop, the Cabinet, the Director of Finance and Administration and the conference trustees did their due diligence by reviewing the conference's closure processes in light of the recent decision, and have been in consultation with the conference's and the Council of Bishop's legal counsel. **After careful consideration, research and review, we trust the Mississippi Conference has been and continues to be in compliance with *The Book of Discipline*.** Furthermore, there are no financial ramifications to the Mississippi Conference as a result of Judicial Council Decision No. 1512.

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