

WHEREAS, St. Andrew Methodist Church is committed to above all things maintaining its mission of making passionate servants of Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, St. Andrew is grateful for its participation in The United Methodist Church and will continue to pray for the future of the denomination that gave it birth even as it no longer believes that the best path for this congregation is to remain in the system, and

WHEREAS, St. Andrew has witnessed a decline of the denomination's membership and vitality, and

WHEREAS, St. Andrew believes that extended conflicts over a variety of issues have for too long mired The United Methodist Church in internal debates that are distracting and counter-productive to the United Methodist mission of "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ,"

WHEREAS, due to reasons of conscience related to these continual conflicts, to structural and bureaucratic issues that seem to impede resolution of the conflicts, and membership decline – not to be construed or interpreted as St. Andrew's having voted in favor of or against any particular perspective, position, or policy concerning human sexuality issues or any other social issues, and

WHEREAS, St. Andrew can be most effective in furthering its mission outside of the structure of The United Methodist Church,

NOW THEREFORE,

The Executive Committee of St. Andrew Methodist Church moves that the members of St. Andrew Methodist Church approve terms of settlement with the United Methodist Church and the North Texas Annual Conference, which shall include the payment of various funds to the North Texas Annual Conference and the formal disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2016), as amended by the General Conference in 2019, with an effective date of March 31, 2023.