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# Report & Recommendation to Church Council

Trinity on the Hill UMC  
Fact Finding Committee  
May 17, 2022

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# Education/Communication Recap

- Presentation as approved by Church Council (Jan. 4) shared with small groups, Sunday School classes, and one congregational meeting with DS
- Approximately 600 people at these presentations
- Presentation has 4600+ views on Trinity's YouTube channel and has been requested for use by churches around the country
- Presentations are ongoing in an effort to reach as many church members as possible

# Education/Communication Recap

- Response to the presentation has been overwhelmingly positive and appreciated
- Feedback has indicated strong support for disaffiliating from the UMC
- The Education Committee has received concerns from 4 people, including one non-member; efforts were and continue to be made to address these concerns



**Financial**

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# Cost Comparison – Independent vs GMC

	<i>Current Budget</i>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>GMC</b>
Estimated Initial Legal Costs for 501(c)3, Incorporation, Title Search, Transfer of Property Deeds, Fees, etc.			
Apportionments			
Survey Costs (may not need)			
Clergy Pension			
Employer Paid Staff Retirement Plans			
Employer Paid Health Insurance			
<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>			
Initial Cost vs. Current Budget			

Cost was presented to Church Council and is available upon request by Trinity on the Hill members. Numbers were removed for public posting on our website.

**Rebranding / Changing Logo Estimate: \$XXX**

# Disaffiliation Financial Considerations

<b>Unfunded Pension (Pension Withdrawal Payment)</b>	\$ [REDACTED] As of 4/1/2022 and until 6/30/22  (varies quarterly, based on market performance; likely to increase based on current economy)
<b>Remainder of Current Year's Apportionments</b>	\$ [REDACTED] annually
<b>Additional Year Apportionments</b>	\$ [REDACTED] annually
<b>Additional Costs determined by NGUMC</b>	?
<b>Branding/Logo (Removal of UMC logo from all signage, forms, etc.)</b>	\$ [REDACTED] - \$ [REDACTED] (estimated amount)

# Why now?

- Proposed Resolution to add an additional Annual Conference Fall 2022 (To be voted on at June 2022 NGUMC AC)
- If resolution is approved, there would be only 2 - 4 months to complete the labor intensive process
- Financial costs are time sensitive; delaying action could result in additional apportionments & possible increases in the unfunded pension liability



# Recommendation of the Fact Finding Committee

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# Recommendation of FFC

The Fact Finding Committee recommends that: Trinity on the Hill UMC disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church with the intention of transitioning to The Global Methodist Church, and the disaffiliation process, as outlined and instructed in ¶2553 of the *Book of Discipline* be started to target a congregational vote on or before June 30, 2022.

# Why this Recommendation?

After a full year of research, study, and prayer, the FFC has come to the unanimous decision that the UMC has fundamentally changed over time, and is continuing to evolve in ways that do not reflect the heart of Trinity on the Hill. The FFC feels strongly that disaffiliation will not be because Trinity is leaving the UMC, but more that the UMC left Trinity some time ago. If Trinity remains in the UMC, then Trinity will change along with the denomination.

# What will Trinity look like apart from the UMC?

Trinity will not change who we are as a church by leaving the UMC. If you joined Trinity because your beliefs aligned with what is taught here, and if you love the church Trinity is today, then a vote to leave the UMC will allow Trinity to remain the church you know and cherish.