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**Letter of Withdrawal to Unite with Another Denomination (¶360.1, 2016 BOD)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Current District:      CE            NW            NE            SE            SW

Current Status:      Full Connection Elder      Full Connection Deacon     Year of Ordination: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk's Office where my ministry credentials are recorded: County: \_\_\_\_\_, Book: \_\_\_\_\_, Page: \_\_\_\_\_

**Withdrawing from the United Methodist Church under ¶360.1 has the following implications:**

- Withdrawal becomes effective the date this letter is received (Judicial Council Decision 1055).
- Withdrawal from the UMC to unite with another denomination will have pension implications.
- This action will rescind membership in the Arkansas Annual Conference. Persons withdrawing under ¶360.1 will no longer be members of the annual conference or credentialed clergypersons in The United Methodist Church, and they will have to surrender their conference membership certificate.
- Persons withdrawing under ¶360.1 may retain their ordination, but must still submit their ordination certificate to be stamped with the following: *"The Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church recognizes that (name of clergy member) has withdrawn from conference membership and altogether from the ministry of The United Methodist Church."*
- Upon submission of this letter of withdrawal and assuming good standing with the Arkansas Annual Conference at the time of withdrawal, persons withdrawing under ¶360.1 may given a letter from the Board of Ordained Ministry indicating that at the time of their withdrawal and surrender of conference membership they were ordained members in good standing of the annual conference. If they received seminary financial aid from the BOM, they may have a repayment obligation.
- Persons withdrawing under ¶360.1 may no longer refer to themselves as a United Methodist minister as of the effective date of their withdrawal.
- If in the future persons who have withdrawn desire to re-enter the annual conference, they will have to reapply under the provisions of The Book of Discipline and the Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in place at the time they seek to re-enter the annual conference.
- Upon withdrawal, the Center for Administrative Services will be notified concerning benefit implications, the person's arumc.org email address will be deactivated, and the county clerk's office will be notified of their change in clergy status.

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**Signature:**

I hereby withdraw, under ¶ 360.1, from the Arkansas Annual Conference and United Methodist Church and surrender to my District Superintendent my Arkansas Conference Membership Certificate.

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Signature

Printed name

Date

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**Documents to be scanned and placed in Annual Conference permanent clergy digital files:**

Letter of Withdrawal to Unite With Another Denomination.

Conference Membership Certificate

Ordination Certificate, to be stamped and returned

Permission to Release Information to Another Denomination (optional)