

Provisional Member Letter of Discontinuance and Withdrawal from the UMC (¶327.6, 2016 BOD)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Personal Email address: _____

Current Appointment: _____

Current District: CE NW NE SE SW

Current Status: Provisional Elder Provisional Deacon Year of Commissioning: _____

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

Withdrawing from the United Methodist Church under ¶327.6 has the following implications:

- Discontinuance and withdrawal become effective the date this letter is received (Judicial Council Decision 1055).
- Withdrawal from the Ministerial Office may have pension implications.
- This action will rescind membership in the Arkansas Annual Conference. Persons withdrawing under ¶327.6 will no longer be members of the annual conference or credentialed clergypersons in The United Methodist Church, and will have to surrender their provisional membership certificate and their License for Pastoral Ministry.
- Persons leaving the UMC under ¶327.6 to serve as a pastor of a disaffiliated church will need to meet the new denomination's or church's standards for credentialing.
- Upon submission of this letter of withdrawal and assuming good standing with the Arkansas Annual Conference at the time of withdrawal, persons withdrawing under ¶327.6 may given a letter from the Board of Ordained Ministry indicating that at the time of their withdrawal and surrender of license they were commissioned pastors 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 ¶327.6 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- If in the future persons who have withdrawn desire to re-enter the annual conference, they will have to reapply under the provisions of The Book of Discipline and the Arkansas Conference Board of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 declare my desire to discontinue provisional membership and I hereby withdraw under ¶1327.6 from the Arkansas Annual Conference and United Methodist Church and surrender to my District Superintendent my Arkansas Conference Membership Certificate and United Methodist ministerial credentials.

Signature

Printed name

Date

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

Letter of Discontinuance and Withdrawal from the UMC

License for Pastoral Ministry

Conference Membership Certificate

Commissioning Certificate