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**Local Pastor/Associate Member Letter of Discontinuance and Withdrawal from the ARUMC
(¶320.1, 2016 BOD)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Current Appointment: _____

Current District: CE NW NE SE SW

Current Status: Licensed Local Pastor Associate Member Year of Licensure: _____

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

Withdrawing from the United Methodist Church under ¶320.1 has the following implications:

- Discontinuance and withdrawal become effective the date this letter is received (Judicial Council Decision 1055).
- Persons withdrawing under ¶320.1 may no longer refer to themselves as a United Methodist minister as of the effective date of their withdrawal.
- Withdrawal from the Ministerial Office may have pension implications. (if applicable)
- This action will rescind membership in the Arkansas Annual Conference. Persons withdrawing under ¶320.1 will have to surrender their License for Pastoral Ministry certificate (and/or Associate Membership Certificate) and will no longer be clergy members of the Arkansas Annual Conference. They will resume lay status and will be free to place their church membership in the local church of their choice.
- Persons withdrawing under ¶320.1 to serve as a pastor of a disaffiliated church will need to meet the new denomination's or church's standards for credentialing. If they received seminary financial aid from the BOM, they may have a repayment obligation.
- If in the future persons who have withdrawn desire to re-enter the annual conference, they will have to reapply under the provisions of The Book of Discipline and the Arkansas Conference Board of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 my appointment. I hereby withdraw under ¶320.1 from the Arkansas Annual Conference and United Methodist Church and surrender to my District Superintendent my Arkansas Conference Membership Certificate.

Signature

Printed name

Date

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

Letter of Discontinuance and Withdrawal

Local Pastor License

Associate Membership Certificate (if applicable)