



Leesville UMC  
510 E. Columbia Ave.  
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January 8, 2024

Dear Leesville UMC Member,

Over the past several months, our congregation has been involved in the process of educating our members about the concerns within the United Methodist Church. There have been several opportunities to view the presentation created by the Way Forward committee in September. In October and November, Town Hall meetings were held to allow members an opportunity to hear answers to questions posed by members and to have an opportunity to speak openly during this session. A presentation was given about the ramifications of separation to Leesville UMC in November. A listening session was held in December for members to meet in small groups and share their thoughts and opinions. You may visit the church's website to view the presentations at [www.leesvilleumc.com](http://www.leesvilleumc.com).

Our church entered into a 30-day discernment period which encouraged members to pray, read scripture, and continue to seek wisdom and guidance with regard to the way forward for Leesville. This period was held from November 15, 2023 through December 15, 2023.

For churches considering separation, the South Carolina UMC Trustee's presented a timeline in September with tasks that must be completed with specific deadlines. Our church has completed all of the requirements thus far.

The LUMC Church Council requested a church conference date for a vote as to whether to separate from or remain with the UMC denomination. A date has been given by District Superintendent Dr. Stephen Love of Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 12:30pm. The vote by professing members will be held in the fellowship hall on that day. Please plan to be in attendance early to sign in and take a seat. Votes will be cast by paper ballot. The District Superintendent and representatives from our church will count the vote and report the results that day. Please make plans to join us for this important decision about Leesville UMC's future.

Sincerely,

Michael Edwards  
Church Council Chairperson