

Dear Fellow St.Paul's Members;

After the informational meeting about the Global Methodist Church (GMC) the Administrative Board met to discuss the meeting, previous recommendations and the UMC's requirements for disaffiliation. Results were the recommendation that we will vote on joining the GMC on Monday May 15th at 7:00 PM. Members that are in attendance only will be able to vote on a paper ballot similar to the method used during the disaffiliation vote. There will also be the opportunity to vote after church Sunday May 14th. Members will be able to vote with the same paper ballot but the ballots will be stored in the churches safe until counting at the 7:00 PM meeting on the 15th. This will allow the members voting on the 15th to not be influenced by the results from the previous day. That is, if it fails or passes they may decide their vote does not count.

As discussed previously, the GMC seems to be our style and belief as compared to all other possibilities. The GMC also will be the smoothest transition to the future St. Paul's family.

Upon the counting of the votes we will then vote on the name of the church. The Board believes it should be "St. Paul's Methodist Church of Montpelier Ohio". This name will be unique enough for any legal title issues for the property and search parameters for on-line searches and include the churches rich Methodist history. We realize that after the way the United Methodist Church has changed that many would want nothing to do with that name. We still however use it in the more generic ways that Wesley would have felt.

I hope that all of you can attend the vote on the 15th and support the Board in the very hard decisions that have taken place.

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