

Resolution to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church
(to be presented for a vote of Grandview United Methodist Church leading up to and including
February 9, 2021)

Whereas, the Bible teaches us to welcome the stranger (Exodus 22:21), to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:39), to be ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20), and to do justice (Micah 6:8);

Whereas, Jesus Christ calls Grandview United Methodist Church to be a fully inclusive church, recognizing the sacred worth of all people, including those of every sexual orientation and gender identity;

Whereas, the severe proscriptions, prohibitions, and penalties enacted by General Conference 2019 that went into effect as of January 1, 2020 have increased the hostility that Grandview United Methodist Church encounters from The United Methodist Church when attempting to fulfill the aforementioned teachings and calling;

Whereas, Grandview United Methodist Church cannot uphold or abide by laws of The United Methodist Church prohibiting ordination of gay and lesbian pastors nor the prohibition against same-gender weddings; and we consider these laws unjust, discriminatory, and a detriment to our professed mission to embrace those who are marginalized for any reason;

Whereas, [paragraph 2553.1](#) of *The Book of Discipline* allows churches to disaffiliate for reasons of conscience regarding homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of homosexual people or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues;

Whereas, on February 10, 2020, by a 96% affirmative vote, Grandview United Methodist Church reaffirmed its biblical commitments and calling, including ministry with LGBTQ persons without discrimination; recommitted itself to do justice to our neighbors and members who are marginalized for any reason; and redoubled its intention to cultivate respectful discussion of differences among all who seek to love their neighbors;

Whereas, on October 13, 2020, the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference decided by a 76% affirmative vote to approve Resolution #2020-05, allowing Grandview United Methodist Church to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Grandview United Methodist Church hereby disaffiliates itself from The United Methodist Church [according to the agreement signed with the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, September 14, 2020.](#)

Therefore, be it further resolved, that Grandview United Methodist Church will hereby be known as Grandview Church and will continue its mission and ministry as an independent entity.