



June 5, 2023

**Special Announcement to the Congregation of Church of the Servant:**

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, Rev. Randy Shrauner formally withdrew his membership from the Oklahoma United Conference of the United Methodist Church and surrendered his ordination credentials as an Elder in the denomination. The Board of Governance extended an offer of employment as Executive Director of the Church. This position will commence Monday, June 5, 2023. We are thrilled and gratified to inform the congregation of his acceptance of the offer. His retention, in conjunction with the appointed Senior Clergy, will continue the demonstrated financial acumen and stable congregational support he has shown in his seventeen years with Church of the Servant.

In additional action, the Board directed the Executive Director to make a formal request for approval to hold a congregational vote pursuant to the Oklahoma Annual Conference Trustee Disaffiliation Agreement on the question of disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, the result of which can be considered at the Special Called Annual Conference of the Oklahoma United Conference currently scheduled for October 13, 2023. If this request for a vote pursuant to the Disaffiliation Agreement is denied, the Board authorized Church of the Servant to pursue all potential avenues, including pursuit of legal action, to secure the right to hold a second vote which we believe is granted in the Disaffiliation Agreement.

Best regards,

**Jill Walker, Chair**

Church of the Servant Board of Governance

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