

## DISCERNMENT DOCUMENT INFORMATIONAL

Presented below are a number of document links gathered by the Discernment Task Force to aid the members of Spanish Fort UMC in forming their opinion of the conflict within our denomination. These are broken down into categories to explain the perspective of the writer. Comments are added by our Task Force to further explain this.

### Informational:

1. Discernment Task Force note: This is a brief article in a UMC Magazine from June 2022 giving the status of the conflict within the UMC. [Staying Stuck in UMC Conflict - United Methodist Insight \(um-insight.net\)](#)
2. Discernment Task Force note: This is a general, mainly neutral article on why churches of both traditionalists and churches of progressives are leaving the UMC. [Why Congregations Aren't Waiting to Leave the United Metho | News & Reporting | Christianity Today](#)
3. Discernment Task Force note: This is an article from a Texas newspaper which explains why some UMC churches are disaffiliating and some are staying UMC. [Why are some churches leaving - and others staying with - the United Methodist Church? | Religion | dentonrc.com](#)
4. Discernment Task Force notes: This is the disaffiliation process under the UMC Book of Discipline, adopted in 2019 at General Conference. [Book of Discipline: ¶2553. Disaffiliation over Human Sexuality \(umc.org\)](#)
5. Discernment Task Force note: This is an article from Yahoo.com which is a general overview of the conflict, from Dec. 2022. [With a historic number of churches leaving, why 2022 was so dramatic for United Methodists \(yahoo.com\)](#)
6. Discernment Task Force note: This is from Cornerstone UMC in Texas and give links to wide variety of discernment documents, both Stay UMC and pro-disaffiliation. [Discernment Resources - Cornerstone Methodist Church \(cornerstoneumc.org\)](#)
7. Discernment Task Force note: This is from a magazine article about the UMC Bishop blocking North Georgia UMC churches from disaffiliating. [UMC's North Georgia Conference blocks church departures \(religionnews.com\)](#)
8. Discernment Task Force note: This is an article from Good News Magazine and a UMC Clergyman. This article was written as the chances for a Protocol compromise slipped away. [Good News Magazine: A Momentous Year](#)