

DISCERNMENT DOCUMENT

LEAVING UMC

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.

Reasons to Disaffiliate: The following articles are written from the viewpoint of those saying it is time to leave the United Methodist Church:

1. Discernment Task Force note: This was written in 2021 and is a general historical overview on why conservatives feel marginalized in the Methodist Church. [Why the United Methodist Church is REALLY Splitting: The Big-Picture History - Juicy Ecumenism](#)
2. Discernment Task Force note: This was written in by the Paster of the UMC church in the Woodlands, TZ on why they are leaving the UMC. [Why I Believe We Must Leave the UMC | Affiliation \(thewoodlandsumc.org\)](#)
3. Discernment Task Force note: This was written in 2021 and presents reasons to disaffiliate. [What StayUMC is Not Telling You | New Methodist Movement](#)
4. Discernment Task Force note: This was written by the Wesley Covenant Association, and is a mainly Traditionalist viewpoint of what is happening in the UMC. [Major Challenges Facing The United Methodist Church - Wesleyan \(wesleyancovenant.org\)](#)
5. Discernment Task Force note: This article primarily traditionalist in viewpoint and describes the changes ahead for the UMC as seen by traditionalists. [Timothy Tennent](#)