



## **RESOLUTION TO DISAFFILIATE FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND BECOME AN INDEPENDENT CONGREGATION**

**Whereas**, the membership of First United Methodist Church – Wharton, TX has completed an approved season of prayerful discernment in line with the disaffiliation policies of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church;

**Whereas**, the congregation has hosted multiple information sessions and provided many opportunities for questions to be raised and answered;

**Whereas**, the congregation has participated in a process of discovery with regard to options for the future of First United Methodist Church; and

**Whereas**, members of the congregation have taken the time both to speak to each other and to listen to each other at Town Hall Meetings;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that First United Methodist Church – Wharton, TX shall disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church to become an independent congregation on or after December 31, 2022.

Be it further resolved that the Trustees of First United Methodist Church – Wharton, TX, including the Trustee Co-Chairs and the Church Council as a whole, be authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Respectfully submitted to the Church Conference to be held on September 11, 2022 by the duly elected Church Council of First United Methodist Church.