

Dear WIUMC Congregation,

This Sunday, April 30, we will have our usual fifth Sunday combined worship service at **10:00 a.m.** with a covered dish lunch afterward. Also following the 10 a.m. service, we will have a vote to determine our church's future denominational affiliation. Below is important information you need to know regarding this important decision.

- You must be a current member of the church to vote. You must sign the membership roster to receive a ballot.
- There will be two options on the ballot: (1) join the Global Methodist Church or (2) become an independent, non-denominational church.
- A sample ballot is attached. The wording regarding the Global Methodist Church in simple terms means we agree to abide by the GMC's doctrine and by-laws and is similar to wording required for membership in any denomination.
- A simple majority of ballots cast is required for approval.
- Absentee ballots will be accepted in the church office this week Wednesday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Proxy ballots will be accepted. You must sign the membership roster for the individual on whose behalf you are voting.
- If you have questions regarding this vote, members of the “What’s Next” committee will be available to answer questions Sunday morning beginning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Please review the information about this vote on our website at www.islandmethodist.com/affiliation-discernment so you can make an informed decision.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our congregation's future.

On behalf of the WIUMC Council,

Bill Long

Chair