

Is Oak Ridge United Methodist Church holding a vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church?

No vote is scheduled at this time. A vote would need to be called by the Church Council and held by the District Superintendent. The Discernment team is currently gathering and sharing information to keep everyone informed of what is happening in the life of our church and denomination.

If we do vote, what will we be voting on?

The vote would be whether we want to stay a United Methodist Church or leave the denomination. The vote would be held at a Church Conference called by the District Superintendent at the request of the Church Council and would be held at ORUMC. Disaffiliation requires a 2/3 vote for disaffiliation by the congregational members present at the conference.

If ORUMC disaffiliates from the United Methodist Church, what denomination will we be a part of?

That decision would only be made if and when the ORUMC membership voted to disaffiliate. There would be several options, including other Methodist denominations, non-denominational, independent, or others.

Can the ORUMC clergy, church leadership, discernment team, or any administrative team decide to disaffiliate for ORUMC? No. Disaffiliation could only be decided by a 2/3 congregational vote.