

TPC Way Forward

What are apportionments and what do they fund?

What is the UMC “Trust Clause?”

Could we disaffiliate from the UMC and retain the TPC building?

What are the questions we will need to answer?

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Three Forums

- How does the Methodist Church work? 8/11 ✓
- **What is TPC doing so far? 9/8**
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Immediate Actions by TPC

- Approved open statement of dissent
- Authorized same-sex marriage in the sanctuary
- Withheld apportionments to Rio Texas Conference
- Authorized re-branding to Travis Park Church
- Moved to seek re-affiliation (*continuing discussion*)

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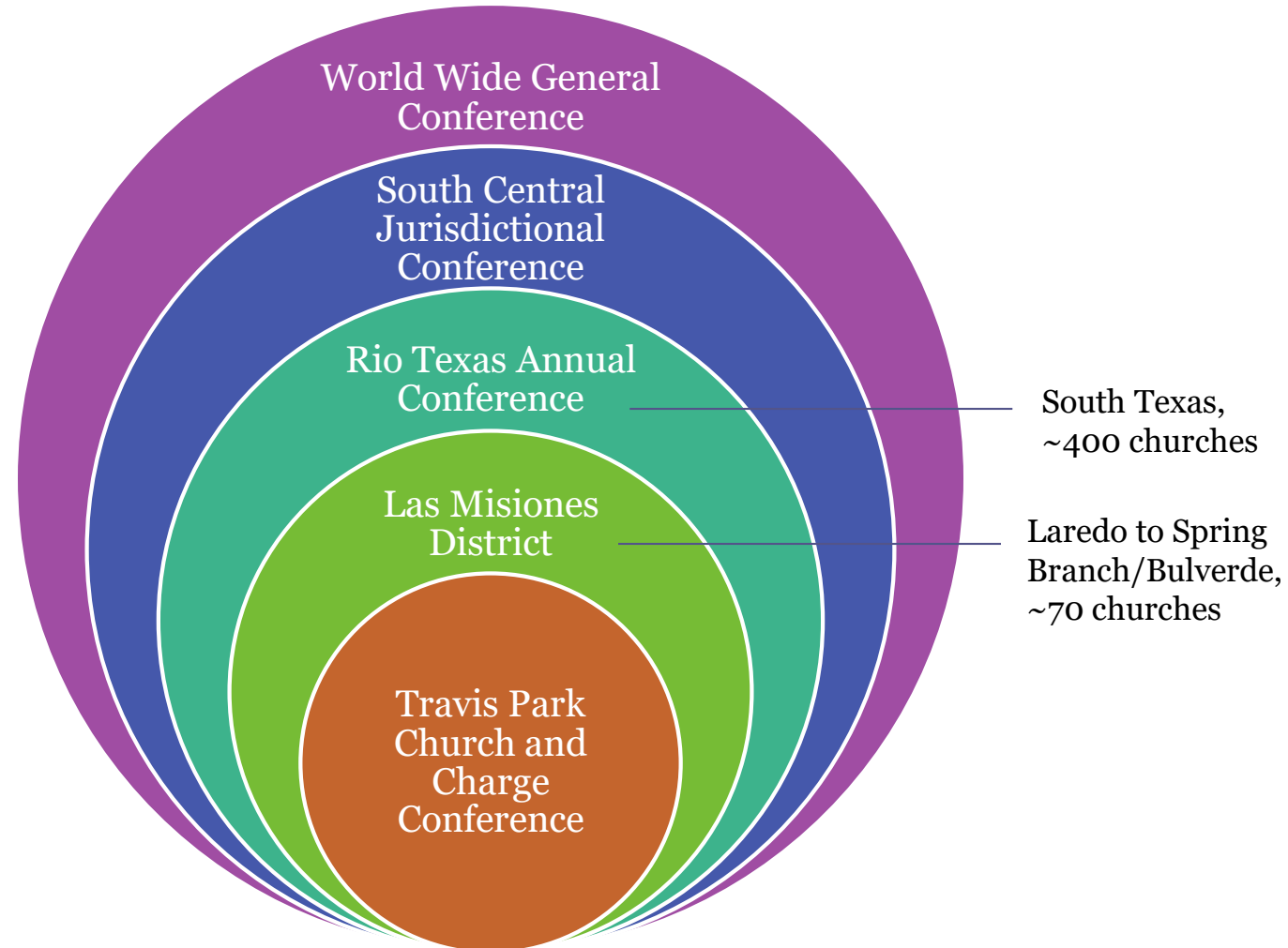
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- **What would disaffiliation mean for the TPC building?**
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Apportionments

Sonya Erb, Member
TPC Council

How does the Methodist Church work?



Apportionments - What Are They?

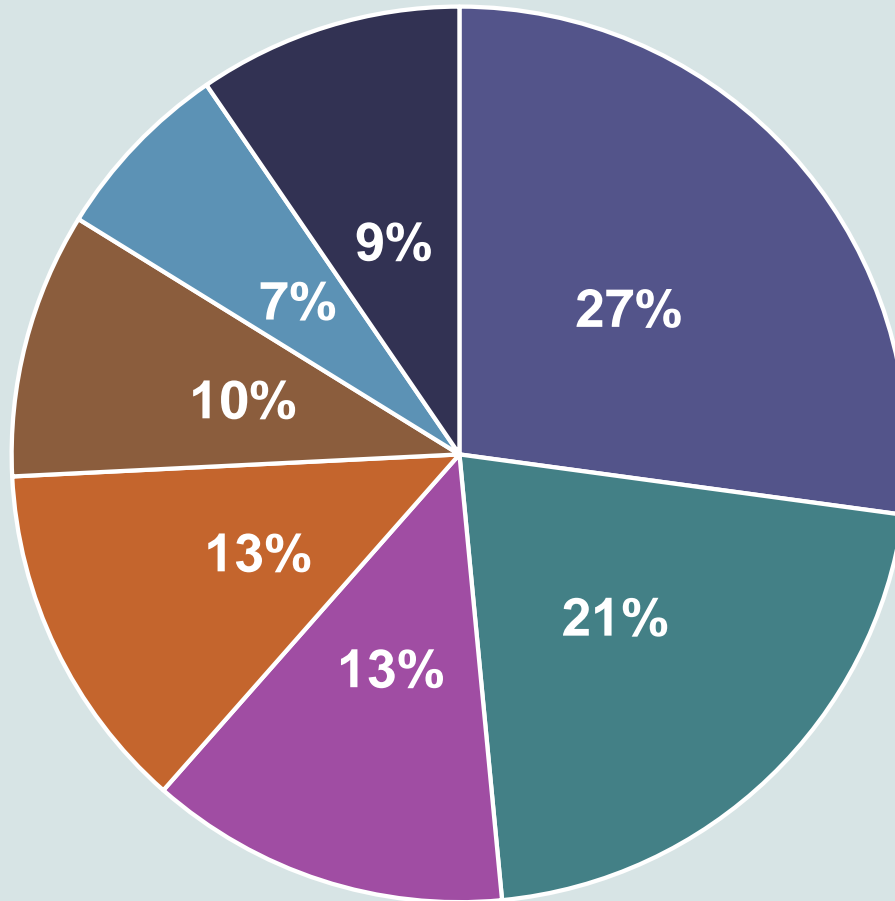
- The main way we support the ministries of the United Methodist Church
- A method of giving that proportionally allocates the churchwide budget to conferences and local churches
- Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, family, and congregation gives a fair share for the church's work.

Apportionments: What Do They Pay For?

- Part of **our pastors' salaries & benefits** (via grants from different parts of Methodist church)
- Part of our **pastors' pension**
- **Ministries** at all levels of the United Methodist Church (local to global)
- Part of the **administrative expenses** for all levels of the United Methodist Church (local to global)

TPC Apportionment by Category

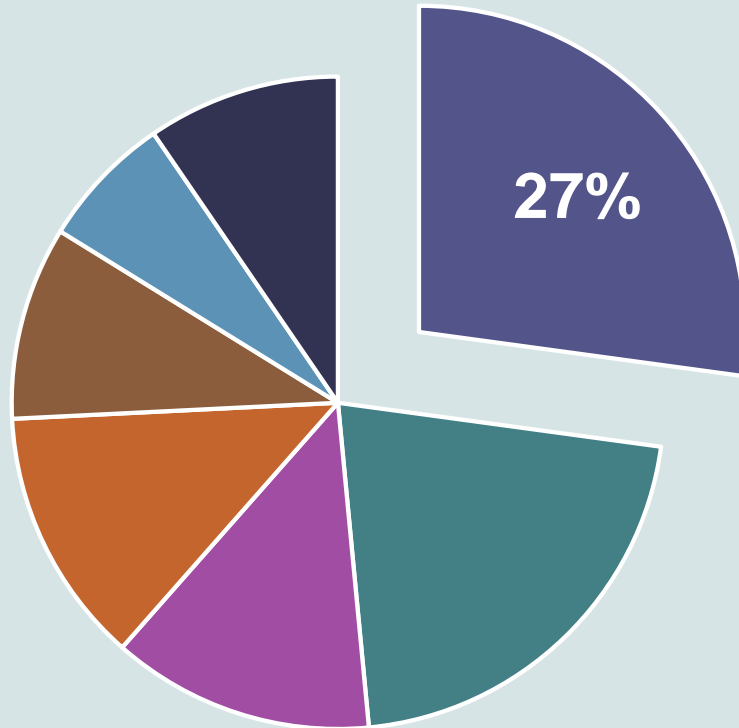
Travis Park Church 2019 Annual Apportionment: \$93,417



- General and Jurisdictional Causes: \$25,365
- Conference Benevolences: \$19,926
- Ministerial Support: \$12,160
- Conference Administration: \$11,879
- Pension and Benefits Apportionment: \$8,958
- District Ministries: \$6,203
- Las Misiones District Causes: \$8,926

TPC's 2019 Apportionment to Rio Texas Conference: \$93,417

■ General and Jurisdictional Causes: \$25,365



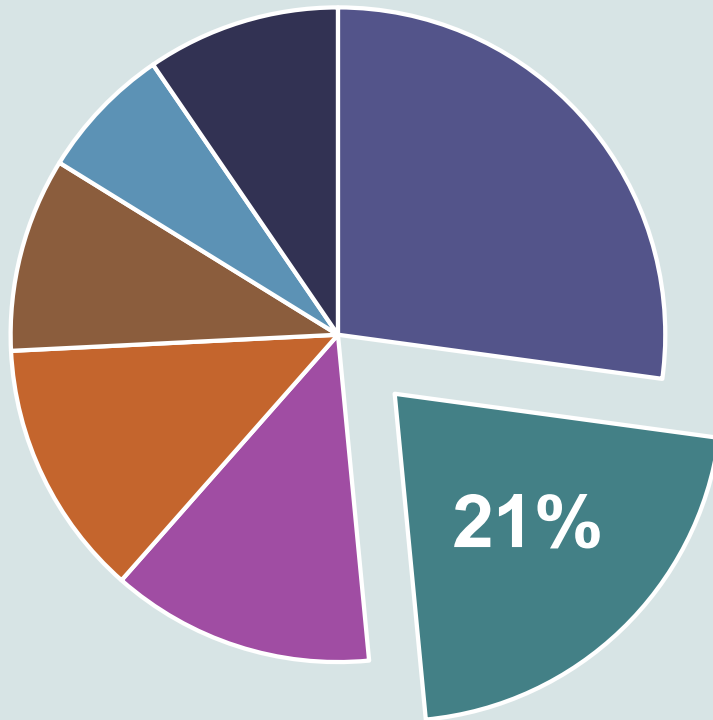
Source: Rio Texas Conference staff and 2018 Rio Conference Journal

General & Jurisdictional Causes

- World Service
- Ministerial Educational Fund
- General Episcopal Fund
- Black College Fund
- General Administration Fund
- Africa University
- Interdenominational Cooperation
- Lydia Patterson Institute
- Mission and Administration Fund
- SMU Campus Ministry / Reserves

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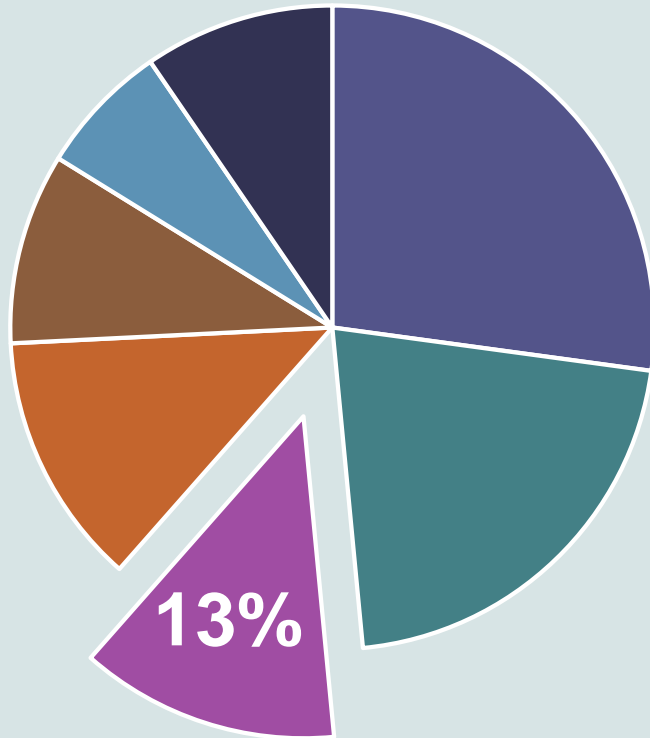


Conference Benevolences

- Staffing
- Congregational Excellence
- Clergy and Lay Leadership
- Connectional Ministries
- Transforming Communities
- Mission Vitality Operations
- Administration Team
- Lydia Patterson Institute Capital Campaign
- Contingency General

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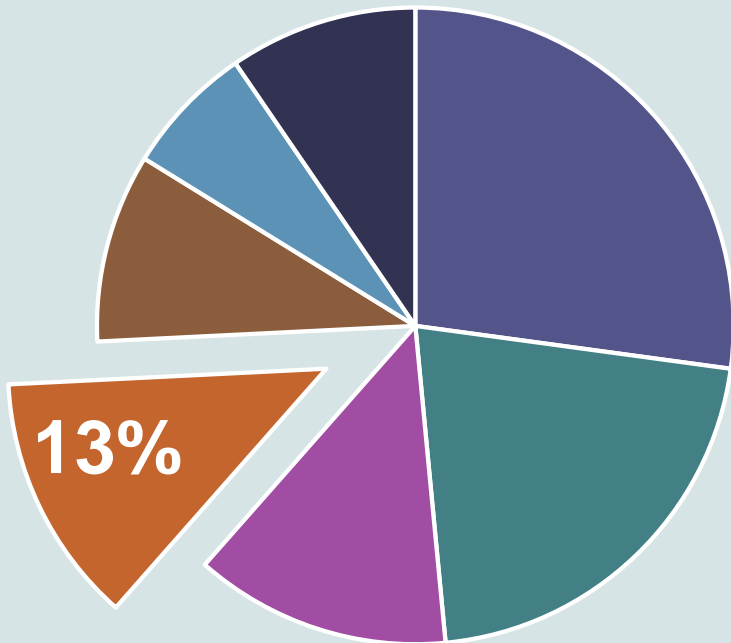


Ministerial Support

- District Superintendents / Cabinet Support
- Episcopal Support / Executive Fund
- Equitable Compensation
- Moving Expense
- Golden Cross
- Investigations / Emergency Response

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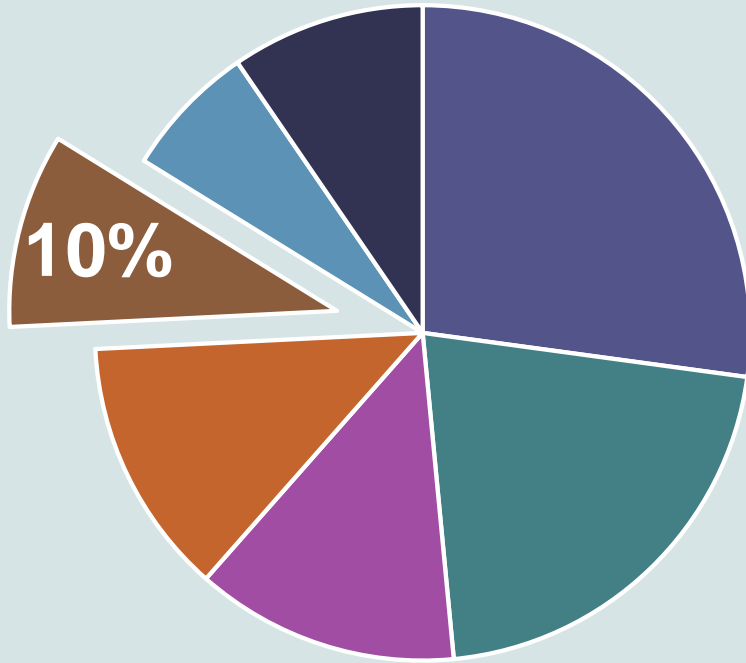


Conference Administration

- United Methodist Center Maintenance
- Commission on Archives & History
- Auditing
- Journal
- Mt. Wesley Conference Center
- Administrative Ministries Staffing
- Administrative Ministries Team Support

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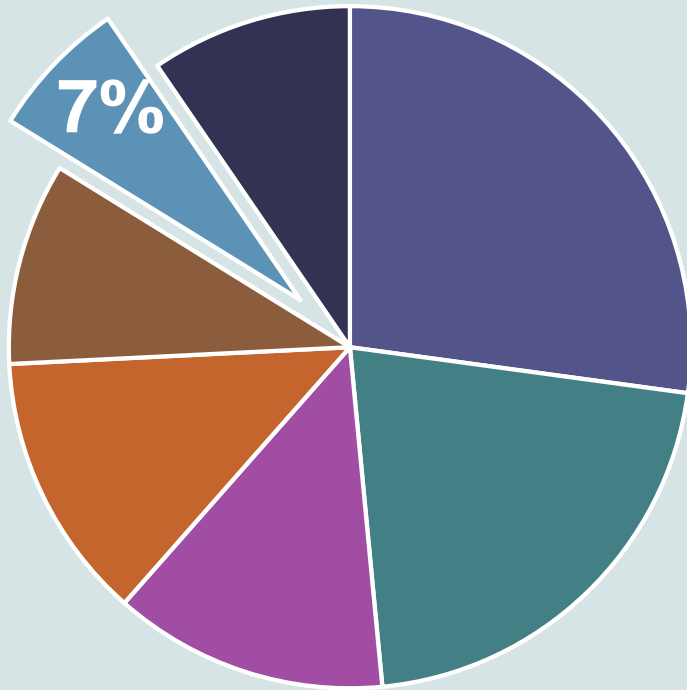


Pension & Benefits

- 20% of senior pastor's health insurance cost

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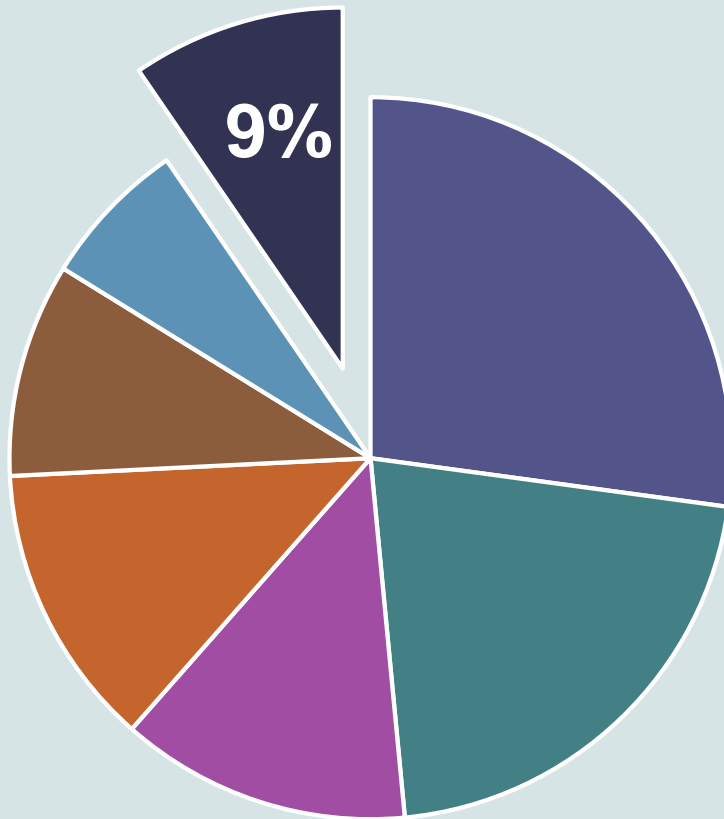


District Ministries

- Apportioned amount split out among all churches in the District, in order to fund the seven District Superintendents and their expenses.

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■ Las Misiones District Causes:
\$8,926



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Las Misiones District Causes

- Funds held by the District, and used for office expenses and to fund any benevolent and mission causes. These funds are directly used & controlled by the District.
- Examples:
 - helping local pastors & their course of study expenses
 - Metro Mission board (grants up to \$8k to churches doing creative/high impact work)
 - youth camps, campus ministries @ UTSA, SAC, Trinity, etc.

Apportionments: Things to Consider

- Adverse affects of not paying apportionments
 - To Travis Park Church
 - To the conference
 - To many ministries, local to global
- In case of disaffiliation
 - Potential requirement to pay 2 years' worth of apportionments
- Deliberate / intentional ways to pay apportionments
- Downward trend for Rio Texas Conference apportionments

Building Committee

Brock Curry, Chair
TPC Council

UMC “Trust Clause”

- “Premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the UMC...”
- “Ownership” of TPC building would revert to Rio Texas Annual Conference if TPC ceased to be UMC congregation
- Trust clause found in original TPC deeds
- Legal challenge?

2503. Trust Clauses in Deeds—1. Except in conveyances that require that the real property so conveyed shall revert to the grantor if and when its use as a place of divine worship has been terminated, all written instruments of conveyance by which premises are held or hereafter acquired for use as a place of divine worship or other activities for members of The United Methodist Church shall contain the following trust clause:

In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist ministry and members of The United Methodist Church; subject to the Discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the annual conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises.

UMC “Trust Clause” - continued

6. However, the absence of a trust clause stipulated in §§ 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 above in deeds and conveyances executed previously or in the future shall in no way exclude a local church ... from or relieve it of its connectional responsibilities to The United Methodist Church.

Taylor Disaffiliation Plan

- New Section 2553 deemed “constitutional”
- Exit must be complete by December 31, 2023.
- Requires two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the congregation present at church conference.
- “Terms and conditions for disaffiliation shall be established by the board of trustees of the applicable annual conference, with the advice of the cabinet, the annual conference treasurer, the annual conference benefits officer, the director of connectional ministries, and the annual conference chancellor.”
- Requires simple majority vote of annual conference delegates

Taylor Disaffiliation Plan – continued

Disaffiliation Agreement:	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
• <i>Apportionments</i> for the 12 months prior to disaffiliation, as well as an additional 12 months	<i>\$200,000</i>
• <i>Property</i> TPC would retain its real and personal, tangible and intangible property. TPC would bear all costs for transfer of title or other legal work	<i>\$10,000</i>
• <i>Pension Liabilities</i> TPC's pro rata share of any aggregate unfunded pension obligations	
• <i>Payment Terms</i> Payment shall occur prior to the effective date of departure.	<u><i>\$600,000</i></u>
	<i>\$810,000</i>

Next Steps

- TPC delegation preliminary meeting with Rio Texas Cabinet – 9/11
- “Pitch” meeting seeking amicable disaffiliation with Cabinet – TBD

Questions to Answer

- Is withholding all 2019 apportionments an appropriate response?
- How important is this location (230 E Travis)?
- Do we have the energy/resources to establish a new home?
- Would TPC have the same meaning if not located in downtown San Antonio?
- Is immediate disaffiliation worth the potential cost to keep our building?

Next:

- Look at the church website <https://travispark.org/way-forward>
- Last class in this series: September 22
- Read Bard-Jones proposal; copies available on the Hospitality desk
- All church meeting: October 6
- Pray for our church and our sibling churches

Questions?