

First Listening Session Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Prayer and Introductory Remarks**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Introduction of the DS
- 2. Why We Are Here**
 - a. Words of greeting
 - b. Discuss the importance of a fair, open and transparent process for all
- 3. Our Current Landscape - An Overview Powerpoint**
- 4. Disaffiliation Details**
 - a. [Conference Web Page Resource](https://arumc.org/current-landscape/) - <https://arumc.org/current-landscape/>
 - b. Major Steps in the Disaffiliation Process
 - c. Church Liability Calculation
 - d. Questions and Answers about process
- 5. Options Going Forward**
- 6. Discussion**
 - a. Do you think it is important for your church to consider disaffiliation? Why or why not?
 - b. How like-minded is your congregation concerning the possibility of disaffiliation?
 - c. What do you want your fellow congregation members to know as your church goes through this process?
 - d. What do you want me to communicate to Annual Conference leaders?
- 7. Next Steps**
 - a. Review of Discernment Plan
 - b. Listening Session #2 and #3 dates
 - c. Straw Poll Date
- 8. Adjourn**
 - a. Closing Remarks and Thank-you
 - b. Prayer