

Collierville United Methodist Church
Discernment Survey Results

October 17, 2022 – October 31, 2022

1. How long have you been attending Collierville United Methodist Church? PLURALITY

< 1 year	10 votes 1.24%
1-5 years	58 votes 7.20%
5-10 years	138 votes 17.14%
10-25 years	297 votes 36.89%
>25 years	299 votes 37.14%
I prefer not to answer	3 votes 0.37%
	805 votes tallied

2. Are you a member of Collierville United Methodist Church? PLURALITY

Yes	795 votes 98.76%
No	7 votes 0.87%
I'm not sure	3 votes 0.37%
	805 votes tallied

3. What is the frequency of your attendance in any church-sponsored activity, such as Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Wednesday Night Dinner/Group, etc.?

PLURALITY

Weekly	541 votes 67.20%
Monthly	97 votes 12.05%
Occasionally	167 votes 20.75%
	805 votes tallied

4. What is your age? PLURALITY

18 or younger	43 votes 5.34%
19 - 30	34 votes 4.22%
31 - 40	56 votes 6.96%
41 - 50	113 votes 14.04%
51 - 60	138 votes 17.14%
61 or older	421 votes 52.30%
	805 votes tallied

5. On a Scale of 1 to 5, do you feel you understand the current issues around church governance as it relates to human sexuality within the United Methodist denomination? PLURALITY

1 - No understanding	6 votes 0.75%
2 - Somewhat	76 votes 9.44%
3 - I think so	110 votes 13.66%
4 - More than likely	180 votes 22.36%
5 - Full understanding	433 votes 53.79%
	805 votes tallied

6. On a Scale of 1 to 5, do you feel you understand the reason why Collierville United Methodist Church is in discernment? PLURALITY

1 - No understanding	23 votes 2.86%
2 - Somewhat	67 votes 8.32%
3 - I think so	108 votes 13.42%
4 - More than likely	166 votes 20.62%
5 - Full understanding	441 votes 54.78%
	805 votes tallied

7. Did you attend or access any of the following? Check all that apply: APPROVAL

Discernment Team Webpage	375 votes 23.66%
Education Session held on August 28th	263 votes 16.59%
Listening Sessions	346 votes 21.83%
Self-Study	424 votes 26.75%
None	177 votes 11.17%
	1585 votes tallied

8. Paragraph 304.3 of the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline states “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.” Which of the following statements best describes your position? PLURALITY

I agree – practicing homosexuals should not be ordained ministers	553 votes 68.70%
I disagree – practicing homosexuals should be ordained into ministry	174 votes 21.61%
I do not have an opinion/Undecided	78 votes 9.69%
	805 votes tallied

9. Paragraph 161.C of the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline defines marriage, “as the union of one man and one woman.” Which of the following statements best describes your position? PLURALITY

I agree – marriage should only be between a man and a woman	556 votes 69.07%
I disagree – same sex persons, in addition to heterosexual persons, should be allowed to be married in the church	189 votes 23.48%
I do not have an opinion/Undecided	60 votes 7.45%
	805 votes tallied

10. Paragraph 341.6 of the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline states, “Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions (weddings) shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches.” Which of the following statements best describes your position? PLURALITY

I agree – ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and should not be conducted in our churches	540 votes 67.08%
I disagree – our ministers should be allowed to conduct homosexual unions inside and outside of our churches	197 votes 24.47%
I do not have an opinion/Undecided	68 votes 8.45%
	805 votes tallied

11. If Collierville United Methodist Church does NOT hold a vote to disaffiliate (leave) the United Methodist denomination, which of the following statements best describes your position? PLURALITY

Continue membership in Collierville United Methodist Church	217 votes 26.96%
Continue membership in Collierville United Methodist Church and wait to see what legislation is approved at the 2024 General Conference	260 votes 32.30%
Leave Collierville United Methodist Church	238 votes 29.57%
I do not have an opinion/Undecided	90 votes 11.18%
	805 votes tallied

12. If the United Methodist denomination amends the Book of Discipline at the 2024 General Conference and allows LGBT+ marriage and/or ordination, which of the following statements best describes your likely response? PLURALITY

I would likely remain a member with the United Methodist Church	273 votes 33.91%
I would likely leave the United Methodist Church	427 votes 53.04%
Undecided	105 votes 13.04%
	805 votes tallied

13. If Collierville United Methodist Church calls a church-wide vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination today, you would vote to: PLURALITY

Remain affiliated with the United Methodist denomination	258 votes 32.05%
Disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination	393 votes 48.82%
Undecided	154 votes 19.13%
	805 votes tallied

14. Will you be physically able to attend an in-person, church-wide meeting at Collierville United Methodist Church should a disaffiliation vote take place? PLURALITY

Yes	637 votes 79.13%
No	34 votes 4.22%
Unsure	134 votes 16.65%
	805 votes tallied

15. On a scale of 1 to 5, if a church-wide vote is held and disaffiliation PASSES, what is the likelihood of you remaining with the independent church congregation? PLURALITY

1 – I will leave the church	79 votes 9.81%
2 – I will most likely leave the church	50 votes 6.21%
3 – Undecided	131 votes 16.27%
4 – I will most likely stay to see the next steps	243 votes 30.19%
5 – I will stay to see the next steps	302 votes 37.52%
	805 votes tallied

16. On a scale of 1 to 5, if a church-wide vote is held and disaffiliation FAILS, what is the likelihood of you remaining with the congregation to see which direction the United Methodist denomination takes at the 2024 General Conference? PLURALITY

1 – I will leave the church	170 votes 21.12%
2 – I will most likely leave the church	86 votes 10.68%
3 – Undecided	125 votes 15.53%
4 – I will most likely stay to see the next steps	220 votes 27.33%
5 – I will stay to see the next steps	204 votes 25.34%
	805 votes tallied

17. Is there anything else you would like the Discernment Team to know? PLURALITY

Yes	189 votes 23.48%
No	616 votes 76.52%
	805 votes tallied