

# “What’s Next”

## Q&A for Kingwood Methodist Church

### What will be the name of the church?

Our name will be Kingwood Methodist Church (KMC), effective 1/1/23. We are no longer allowed to use the “cross and flame” logo or the word “United.” We will also be updating our webpage, social media presence, and emails in January 2023. There is no requirement to include the name Global Methodist in our church name.

### Will my contributions to KMC still be tax-exempt?

Yes. KMC is a legally incorporated 501.c.3. To be clear, all contributions in 2022 and 2023 will qualify as tax-exempt contributions.

### What about membership?

Everyone on the current membership roll will become a member of Kingwood Methodist Church.

### Will I have to re-enroll in online giving when we go GMC?

No, your giving has been to this local church, and it will continue to this local church. Beginning 01/01/2023, we ask that all contributions be made to Kingwood Methodist Church.

### What about Pastors and staff?

All five pastors are transferring membership to the Global Methodist Church denomination and intend to remain with us as pastors. We have had some part-time staff leave their positions because of our vote to align with the GMC.

### Does this effect the School for Little Children?

No. The only change in the SLC is to update the name in legal documentation to reflect the church’s name change.

### Will we be able to continue to participate in UMARMY?

Yes. Plans are already being made for the 2023 summer UM Army camp. We have historically written curriculum for UMARMY and will continue to do so.

### Will money that I'm giving to the church go to the UMC?

No. We made our full and final financial obligation to the UMC on November 28, 2022. On December 2, 2022, the Texas Annual Conference approved our meeting all obligations necessary to disaffiliate from the UMC.

### Will we need to replace the hymnals?

No. Hymnals are the property of the local church that purchased them.

### Are we keeping our "K Leaf" logo?

Yes, the logo belongs to our local church that we commissioned.

### What about our church's assets? (revenue, designated funds, endowment)

As of January 1, 2023, all buildings, and all funds of any kind are the property of Kingwood Methodist Church. We will own our properties without any claim of the "trust clause" because there is no trust clause in the Global Methodist Church. The GMC will have no claim on our assets, they are wholly owned by our local church.

### Have people left our church since the vote, and what is the impact on the financial position of the church?

Yes, 76 of our 2,319 families have chosen to find a new church. We pray God's blessing on those who are faithfully following Christ and worshipping in a different church. Overall, we expect to end the year with a healthy level of reserves, albeit lower than previous years. Experienced financial leadership is in place to help navigate the transition and respond to the challenges as they appear. Your continued support will be essential moving forward.

## Who else is in the Global Methodist Church?

We are in the Eastern Texas Conference of the GMC, and there are over 250 churches currently. In the state of Texas, there are over 530 churches in the GMC, and nationwide there are over 1,700 churches. All of this just seven months after the forming of the Global Methodist Church as a denomination.

*“We will continue to be a church that welcomes everyone to worship and grow in the transforming love of Jesus Christ, rooted in Scripture and grounded in the traditional Wesleyan Methodist expression of faith. Everybody needs the touch of Grace that Christ alone can provide and a community in which to grow.”*

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