

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S) – United Methodist Church (UMC) TOOLKIT

Updated: August 16, 2022

- Q.** Will the MCC accept the affiliation agreement from a UMC?
A. No, the Michigan Crossroads Council Executive Board determined the agreement was not legal in the State of Michigan and was not in the best interest of the units. Instead, units will need to find a new charter partner and if the UMC is willing, sign a facility use agreement with the UMC to allow meeting in the facility going forward.
- Q.** Is the Methodist Affiliation agreement available for us to read?
A. Yes. www.Michiganscouting.org/umc-toolkit
- Q.** Has National had any response to these concerns?
A. National has given every Council the authority to address the UMC dropping their units in the way that best meets the needs of the local council.
- Q.** Do we know if most or all other Councils are severing ties w/ UMC?
A. We are not severing ties with the UMC. They dropped their responsibilities as a Charter Partner. With that said units can still meet there and participate in the awards of their church if the church will allow it using the Facility Use Agreement.
- Q.** Our unit is not chartered by the church, but rather the United Methodist Men do we still need to find a new charter organization?
A. That is a question you will need to ask the United Methodist Men. I believe they will need to review their liability concerns and make that decision.
- Q.** If a congregation wants to continue, what is the process?
A. If a UMC wants to continue to charter a unit and renews their unit's charter, we will accept it.
- Q.** Does this also apply to the units currently chartered by UMC Men's groups etc.?
A. Yes
- Q.** What is the deadline you are asking us to get a new charter partner by?
A. Prior to December 31, 2022
- Q.** Do our insurance coverages carry until we get a new Charter Org?
A. Yes, they have been in place and will continue to be in place through this process.
- Q.** Our Pack/Troop/Ship assets being transferred to the new charter partner?
A. Assets would be transferred to the New Charter Partner
- Q.** How can the Church Congregation say they will charter the troop, how does this NOT go against the UMC decision?
A. The congregation cannot say they will charter a unit. The Church must recharter the unit if they desire.
- Q.** Are we still considered Chartered thru December 31, 2022
A. Yes
- Q.** So, the units currently sponsored by the UMC who have not paid their 2022 \$75 Charter Fee are responsible to pay those \$75 fees to the MCC? When is the due date?
A. Either the unit or the new Charter Partner can pay the \$75 Charter Fee. This is due at the time of transfer of charter and assets to the new Charter Partner and prior to October 30, 2022.

- Q.** What is the exact role of the charter org? When I'm approaching non-profits in my town, how do I best describe the role of the charter org?
- A.** Use the Annual Unit Charter Agreement found at www.Michiganscouting.org/umc-toolkit
- Q.** Is there a link for the facilities use agreement?
- A.** www.Michiganscouting.org/umc-toolkit
- Q.** Will the council help the units locate willing charter partners and when can we expect assistance?
- A.** Yes, through the Commissioner team and Field Executives. Assistance will begin as each unit establishes the details of their participation outlined during the webinar.
- Q.** When will churches receive information about building use agreement?
- A.** www.Michiganscouting.org/umc-toolkit
- Q.** So, the local church can go against what the bigger UMC says?
- A.** That is not for us to determine.
- Q.** We need to separate the current charter agreement from the new affiliation agreement and what the church feels they can do. Current charter agreement continue as is - Affiliation agreement, need to change Chartered Org. As I understand it, it is the Church's choice.
- A.** The UMC Conference has stated they will not support Chartering Units after June 30, 2022. They presented an Affiliation Agreement not suitable for the Council Board to accept. The MCC solution in the best interest for the units and the MCC is to identify a new charter partner. If the Church chooses to ignore the UMC Conference and recharter the unit it is entirely their decision.
- Q.** Is the UMC aware, and understand, the stance of the MCC on the agreement?
- A.** Yes
- Q.** If my local Methodist Church agrees to sponsor the troop, do we need to then sign this Affiliation Agreement?
- A.** There would be no need for the Affiliation Agreement. The Affiliation Agreement is only if the Council is going to own the units and we are not.
- Q.** What reason did UMC cite for not chartering and would we expect other religions to follow suit.
- A.** They did not publicly cite one. We can't answer if others will follow, we do not know.
- Q.** Will the units be required to have the current UMC Church, and the new chartered partner complete the paperwork or will the DEs drive that as part of setting up the new partner?
- A.** The Field Executives and Commissioners will help identify and connect the unit with the Charter Partner but the unit will need assist with the execution of the transfer paperwork.
- Q.** What is an email address I can send questions to?
- A.** communications@michiganscouting.org
- Q.** If the church still wants to charter the unit but if we want to find a new charter organization is That ok?
- A.** Yes, the church will need to sign the transfer paperwork
- Q.** Is mcc the only state that is taking this stand?
- A.** MCC is not the only council taking this stand