



# Upper New York Conference

The United Methodist Church

*To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.*

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Dear Pastor and Chair of Trustees:

As a follow-up to the letter you received last week, we want you to know that the denomination's UMC Ad Hoc Committee, which is working to negotiate a release for UMC congregations and Conferences from future lawsuits pertaining to any Boy Scouts of America (BSA) related abuse injuries, has informed us that the BSA's reorganization plan will be released this month. As interested parties to this plan, UM congregations who are or have been a chartered organization and those who filed a proof of claim in November 2020 will likely receive a ballot to approve the adoption of the plan. These same UM congregations may receive an opt out form relating to various options for chartered organizations in the bankruptcy.

If your congregation receives such a ballot and/or opt out form, we ask you to hold on to it until further instructions are received. Once the conference has received information and recommendations from the UMC Ad Hoc Committee, we will provide you with guidance on how to proceed. We anticipate offering Zoom webinar sessions to equip congregations to complete their ballots and/or other forms.

We are grateful for your patience as we navigate this complex situation together.

In Christ,

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