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Special Session of North Georgia Conference on Disaffiliation

A Message from our NGBMCR Chairperson

November 18, 2023, was indeed a “solemn day” as reported by the North Georgia Annual Conference. For, it was the day that 261 churches officially disaffiliated from our conference—from our United Methodist family, including the historically Black church St. James United Methodist Church in Alpharetta. The North Georgia Caucus of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (NGBMCR) extends a loving and welcoming hand to all Black United Methodists in the North Georgia Conference who are feeling disenfranchised from their worship community.

Furthermore, NGBMCR calls upon all Black United Methodist churches to understand this latest exodus as a clarion call to work towards unity with each other, as well as with all United Methodist churches in the North Georgia Conference. What lessons have we learned from this experience that will aid us in meeting the needs of the Black Church in North Georgia because this is not over? There are substantial downstream effects of having fewer churches in our conference—from a reduction in the number of districts to identifying viable positions for ordained clergy to a reduction in conference resources available to local churches and more to be determined.

NGBMCR invites you to join us in ensuring that Black United Methodist churches in the North Georgia Conference are spiritually, socially, and economically equipped to empower our congregations, strengthen our families and communities, and carry out the call of our collective mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our time under God is now!

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