

Red River District Closing Resolutions

Resolution for the Closing of Barth Vernon

Whereas, the Barth Vernon United Methodist Church has had a long and proud history and has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years, and

Whereas in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership such that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational as a church; and

Whereas the district superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to St. John's United Methodist Church or a congregation of their choosing;

Be it resolved, that the Barth Vernon United Methodist Church be closed effective July 31, 2020;

Be it further resolved that the Conference Trustees be authorized to take possession of the property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, that they be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees, consistent with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*.

Submitted by:

Name: Rev. Pat Freudenthal

Church/Conference Ministry: Red River District

Date:

Resolution for the Closing of Cedar Valley

Whereas, a majority of the members of Cedar Valley United Methodist church, a church located in the Red River District of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, expressed the congregation's desire to no longer be a congregation of the United Methodist Church, and ceased to use, keep, or maintain the church property as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents and the Red River District Board of Church Location and Building recommend that the Church be closed and that all real and personal, tangible, and intangible property be vested in the Conference Board of Trustees pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016); and

Whereas, the district superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to a congregation of their choosing;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee Conference does hereby declare Cedar Valley United Methodist church formally closed as a United Methodist Church effective September 19, 2020, and be it further resolved that the Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to take control of the real and personal property of Cedar Valley United Methodist Church and to determine how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, they shall be authorized to sell the property and the contents, with net proceeds to be used at the discretion of the Tennessee Conference Board of Trustees, subject to the provisions of the *Discipline* and the Standing Rules of the Annual Conference.

Submitted by:

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Date:

Resolution for the Closing of Cumberland City

Whereas, the leaders of Cumberland City United Methodist church, a church located in the Red River District of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, expressed the congregation's desire to no longer be a congregation of the United Methodist Church, and cease to use, keep, or maintain the church property as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents and the Red River District Board of Church Location and Building determined on November 23, 2019, that exigent circumstances as defined in Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) existed requiring immediate protection of the local church's property for the benefit of the denomination; and

Whereas, by operation of Church law, title to all real and personal, tangible, and intangible property of the local church vested in the Conference Board of Trustees pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) at that time, and said Conference Trustees, within their authority as outlined in the *Discipline*, provided for disposition of such property in the following manner: By conveying it to the departing group for continued use as a house of worship based upon a negotiated price; and

Whereas, the district superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to a congregation of their choosing;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee Conference does hereby declare Cumberland City United Methodist church formally closed as a United Methodist Church effective September 19, 2020, and ratifies all actions of the Conference Trustees with regard to disposition of the subject property pursuant to the ad interim process outlined in the *Discipline*.

Submitted by:

Name: Rev. Pat Freudenthal

Church/Conference Ministry: Red River District

Date:

Resolution for the Closing of Leatherwood Asbury

Whereas, a majority of the members of Leatherwood Asbury United Methodist church, a church located in the Red River District of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, expressed the congregation's desire to no longer be a congregation of the United Methodist Church, and ceased to use, keep, or maintain the church property as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents and the Red River District Board of Church Location and Building recommend that the Church be closed and that all real and personal, tangible, and intangible property be vested in the Conference Board of Trustees pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016); and

Whereas, the district superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to a congregation of their choosing;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee Conference does hereby declare Leatherwood Asbury United Methodist church formally closed as a United Methodist Church effective September 19, 2020, and be it further resolved that the Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to take control of the real and personal property of Leatherwood Asbury United Methodist Church and to determine how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, they shall be authorized to sell the property and the contents, with net proceeds to be used at the discretion of the Tennessee Conference Board of Trustees, subject to the provisions of the *Discipline* and the Standing Rules of the Annual Conference.

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Resolution for the Closing of Spring Hill

Whereas, the leaders of Spring Hill United Methodist church, a church located in the Red River District of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, expressed the congregation's desire to no longer be a congregation of the United Methodist Church, and cease to use, keep, or maintain the church property as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents and the Red River District Board of Church Location and Building determined on November 7, 2019 and November 14, 2019, that exigent circumstances as defined in Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) existed requiring immediate protection of the local church's property for the benefit of the denomination; and

Whereas, by operation of Church law, title to all real and personal, tangible, and intangible property of the local church vested in the Conference Board of Trustees pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) at that time, and said Conference Trustees, within their authority as outlined in the *Discipline*, provided for disposition of such property in the following manner: By conveying it to the departing group for continued use as a house of worship based upon a negotiated price; and

Whereas, the district superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to a congregation of their choosing;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee Conference does hereby declare Spring Hill United Methodist church formally closed as a United Methodist Church effective September 19, 2020, and ratifies all actions of the Conference Trustees with regard to disposition of the subject property pursuant to the ad interim process outlined in the *Discipline*.

Submitted by:

Name: Rev. Pat Freudenthal

Church/Conference Ministry: Red River District

Date: