

### **Dodson Chapel United Methodist Church Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Dodson Chapel United Methodist Church, a church of the Cumberland District of the Tennessee Annual Conference (“Conference”); has a long and proud history of ministry in its local community and has served God faithfully for many years and

**WHEREAS**, On March 10, 2020, a devastating tornado roared through the Nashville area destroying Dodson United Methodist Church’s structures and severely damaging property in the community it served and

**WHEREAS**, the members of Dodson Chapel have continued serve their community by worshiping and partnering with Hermitage United Methodist Church, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of Dodson Chapel have decided that they can best continue their legacy by closing Dodson Chapel UMC as a separate congregation, and continuing to serve their community through ensuring that the childcare ministry of Dodson Chapel UMC continues at Hermitage UMC, and have established an endowment fund for that purpose.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Dodson Chapel United Methodist be closed as of the date this resolution is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tennessee Conference Board of Trustees be authorized to take possession of the Dodson Chapel UMC real property and be authorized to sell the property with the proceeds to be divided as follows: (1) Proceeds up to the appraised value of the property shall be used as directed by the Conference Trustees consistent with the provisions of the *Book of Discipline*. (2) Should the proceeds exceed the appraised value, proceeds over and above the appraised value, up to \$1,500,000 shall be deposited into the Dodson Chapel @HUMC Childcare Endowment Fund for the continued ministry of providing childcare in the local community. (3) Should proceeds of the sale exceed the appraised value plus \$1,500,000, any additional proceeds shall be used as directed by the conference Trustees.

Submitted by: Rev. Scott Aleridge, Cumberland River District Superintendent  
Date: May 20, 2021