

~Closure/Discontinuance and Merger Resolutions~  
Memphis Annual Conference, September 26, 2020

Purchase District

**Resolution to Merge Hazel UMC with Masons Chapel UMC**

**WHEREAS** the congregation of Hazel United Methodist Church in Calloway County, KY dropped below a sustainable membership; and

**WHEREAS** the congregation was no longer able to fulfill the mission of the United Methodist Church or the Memphis Conference; and

**WHEREAS** the Hazel United Methodist Church and the Masons Chapel United Methodist Church co-own a parsonage; and

**WHEREAS** the Called Charge Conference of Hazel United Methodist Church on August 25, 2019 and the Called Charge Conference of Masons Chapel United Methodist Church on September 22, 2019 unanimously voted to merge the two congregations; and

**WHEREAS** the Purchase District Superintendent recommended and approved the merger between Hazel United Methodist Church and Masons Chapel United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon approval by the Memphis Conference at its annual gathering, September 25-26, 2020, at Germantown United Methodist Church, and in accordance with ¶12546, the Hazel United Methodist Church and the Masons Chapel United Methodist Church will merge and be known as Masons Chapel United Methodist Church.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all assets—property and finances—of Hazel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Masons Chapel United Methodist Church by appropriate means; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all remaining members of Hazel United Methodist Church shall become members of Masons Chapel United Methodist Church or will be transferred to a church of their choice upon request.

**Respectfully submitted, Rev. Dr. Ben Boone, District Superintendent**

Tennessee River District

**Resolution to Close Liberty United Methodist Church**

**Whereas**, the worshipping community known as Liberty United Methodist Church at 5585 Hilliard Rd., McKenzie, Tennessee 38201 in the Tennessee River District of the Memphis Conference has served faithfully in the Memphis Conference,

**And Whereas**, the congregation in recent years has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer continue to fulfill its mission,

**And Whereas,** the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent have set Sunday, January 5, 2019 as the final worship service with discontinuance to take effect at the close of worship on that day;

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Memphis Annual Conference in session September 25-26, 2020 at Germantown United Methodist Church, Germantown, TN recognize the faithful ministry of the Liberty United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

**And, be it further resolved,** that the disposition of the real property be determined by the Memphis Conference Trustees in their normal process and that the proceeds of disposition be distributed in accordance with Memphis Conference standing rule 21.

**Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dan Camp, District Superintendent**

### **Resolution to Close Finger United Methodist Church**

**Whereas,** the worshipping community known as Finger United Methodist Church located in Finger, TN 38334 in the Tennessee River District of the Memphis Conference has served faithfully in the Memphis Conference,

**And Whereas,** the congregation in recent years has declined to the point that the congregation can no longer continue to fulfill its mission,

**And Whereas,** the congregation in consultation with the District Superintendent set Sunday, January 5, 2019 as the final worship service with discontinuance to take effect at the close of worship on that day;

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Memphis Annual Conference in session September 25-26, 2020 at Germantown United Methodist Church, Germantown, TN recognize the faithful ministry of the Liberty United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

**And, be it further resolved,** that the disposition of the real property be determined by the Memphis Conference Trustees in their normal process and that the proceeds of disposition be distributed in accordance with Memphis Conference standing rule 21.

**Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dan Camp, District Superintendent**

### **Resolution to Close Northside United Methodist Church**

**WHEREAS,** Northside United Methodist Church has been a part of the United Methodist Church ("Denomination") connection, through its long-time membership in the Memphis Annual Conference; and

**WHEREAS,** A majority of the members of Northside wish to disaffiliate from the Denomination, such that Northside UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized as a United Methodist Church pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of the *Book of Discipline* ("the *Discipline*"), and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Paragraph 2501.1 of the *Discipline*, Northside UMC holds its real and personal, tangible and intangible property "in trust for the United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of its *Discipline*", which property can be released from the trust only to the extent authority is given by the *Discipline*; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the *Discipline* the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference are authorized to negotiate with a successor organization to finalize an appropriate agreement that honors the trust clause of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Northside United Methodist Church is closed pursuant to Para. 2549 of the *Discipline*;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees is authorized to finalize an appropriate agreement that honors the trust clause of the United Methodist Church; and is hereby directed and authorized to take all necessary steps to carry out the action and to cause to be executed any necessary written instrument for purposes of accomplishing the objectives contemplated by this resolution and authorized by the *Discipline*.

**Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dan Camp, District Superintendent**

### **Resolution to Close Buena Vista United Methodist Church**

**WHEREAS**, Buena Vista United Methodist Church has been a part of the United Methodist Church (“Denomination”) connection, through its long-time membership in the Memphis Annual Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, A majority of the members of Buena Vista wish to disaffiliate from the Denomination, such that Buena Vista UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized as a United Methodist Church pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of the *Book of Discipline* (“the *Discipline*”), and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Paragraph 2501.1 of the *Discipline*, Buena Vista UMC holds its real and personal, tangible and intangible property “in trust for the United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of its *Discipline*”, which property can be released from the trust only to the extent authority is given by the *Discipline*; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the *Discipline* the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference are authorized to negotiate with a successor organization to finalize an appropriate agreement that honors the trust clause of the United Methodist Church;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Buena Vista United Methodist Church is closed pursuant to Para. 2549 of the *Discipline*;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees is authorized to finalize an appropriate agreement that honors the trust clause of the United Methodist Church; and is hereby directed and authorized to take all necessary steps to carry out the action and to cause to be executed any necessary written instrument for purposes of accomplishing the objectives contemplated by this resolution and authorized by the *Discipline*.

**Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dan Camp, District Superintendent**