

Resolution for Discontinuance of Big Sandy United Methodist Church

Whereas, the worshipping community known as Big Sandy United Methodist Church at 95 Main Street, Big Sandy, Tennessee 38221 in the Tennessee River District of the Memphis Annual Conference has served faithfully since 1902,

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 at a church conference on Sunday, February 11, 2018, voted discontinuance effective Sunday, February 25, 2018,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-5, 2018, at the Carson Center in Paducah, KY recognize the faithful ministry of the Big Sandy United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued.

And, be it further resolved, that members of Big Sandy United Methodist Church move their membership to another United Methodist Church of their choice and that the disposition of the real property be determined by the Memphis Conference Trustees in their normal process.

Dr. Richard W. Clark, District Superintendent, TN River District UMC

Resolution for Discontinuance of Bradford UMC

Whereas, the Bradford United Methodist Church has reached a point of decline where the congregation can no longer sustain an active, vital ministry of worship and service, and

Whereas, the remaining members, in consultation with the District Superintendent, met for a called Charge Conference on April 30, 2018 to approve details for discontinuing ministry, and held their final worship service on Sunday, April 29, 2018; and

Whereas, the legal opinion of legal counsel, to wit: Kevin Floyd, Chancellor of the Memphis Annual Conference, has been obtained and that no reversion, possibility of reverter, right of reacquisition, or similar restrictions to the benefit of any party exist for the Bradford United Methodist Church property,

Whereas, the MS River District Committee on Buildings, Locations and Church Extension has given attention and affirmation to the opinion that no other uses or needs for said building and property for any other United Methodist or pan Methodist organizations or ministries are needed for the specific area that cannot be covered by neighboring churches,

Therefore, be it resolved that by action of Charge Conference, April 30, 2018 and the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-5th, 2018, the ministry of Bradford United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2018.

Be it resolved that the church sanctuary building and the fellowship hall building along with a portion of the adjoining parking lot be transferred to the Bradford Special School District with the Chairperson of the MS River District Trustees and one other representative from the Committee given the power and authority to transfer and convey the property by title and/or deed to the Bradford Special School District.

And, be it resolved, that the historic records, membership records, legal papers, official signage, and sacred objects be turned over to the Memphis Annual Conference who will transfer them for permanent safe keeping to the Commission on Archives and History of the Memphis Annual Conference.

And, be it further resolved, that any remaining members on the roll after June 30, 2018 be transferred either to Greenfield UMC, Salem E. UMC, or Walnut Grove UMC in Gibson County.

Rev. Kevin Conrad, District Superintendent, MS River District UMC

Resolution for Discontinuance of Brock's Chapel UMC

Whereas, the Brock's Chapel United Methodist Church has reached a point of decline where the congregation can no longer sustain an active, vital ministry of worship and service, and

Whereas, the remaining members, in consultation with the District Superintendent, met for a called Charge Conference on March 4, 2018 to approve details for discontinuing ministry, and held their final worship service on Sunday, April 1, 2018; and

Whereas, the legal opinion of legal counsel, to wit: Kevin Floyd, Chancellor of the Memphis Annual Conference, has been obtained and that no reversion, possibility of reverter, right of reacquisition, or similar restrictions to the benefit of any party exist for the Brock's Chapel United Methodist Church property,

Whereas, the MS River District Committee on Buildings, Locations and Church Extension has given attention and affirmation to the opinion that no other uses or needs for said building and property for any other United Methodist or pan Methodist organizations or ministries are needed for the specific area that cannot be covered by neighboring churches,

Therefore, be it resolved that by action of Charge Conference, March 4, 2018, and the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-5th, 2018 the ministry of Brock's Chapel United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2018, with the church building, property, and remaining assets going to the Brock's Cemetery Association with the Chairperson of the MS River District Trustees and one other representative from the Committee given the power and authority to transfer and convey the property by title and/or deed to the Cemetery Association.

And, be it resolved, that the historic records, membership records, legal papers, official signage, and sacred objects be turned over to the Memphis Annual Conference who will transfer them for permanent safe keeping to the Commission on Archives and History of the Memphis Annual Conference.

And, be it further resolved, that any remaining members on the roll after June 30, 2018 be transferred to Greenfield UMC.

Rev. Kevin Conrad, District Superintendent, MS River District UMC

Resolution for Discontinuance of Calvary Longview UMC

Whereas, the active membership of New Generation Empowerment Center at Calvary Longview United Methodist Church has reached a point of decline where the congregation can no longer sustain an active, vital ministry of worship and service, and

Whereas, the current pastor, in consultation with the District Superintendent, and the Memphis Conference Strategist for Strengthening Black Churches, affirmed details for discontinuing ministry, and

Whereas, the legal opinion of legal counsel, to wit: Kevin Floyd, Chancellor of the Memphis Annual Conference, has been obtained and that no reversion, possibility of reverter, right of reacquisition, or similar restrictions to the benefit of any party exist for the Calvary Longview United Methodist Church property, and

Whereas, the Metro District Committee on Buildings, Locations and Church Extension has given attention and affirmation to the opinion that no other uses or needs for said building and property for any other United Methodist or pan Methodist organizations or ministries are needed for the specific area that cannot be covered by neighboring churches,

Therefore, be it resolved that by action of the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-5th, 2018, the ministry of New Generation Empowerment Center at Calvary Longview United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2018,

And be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference shall take title and possession of this property by virtue of this resolution, and shall dispose of said property in accordance with Conference Policy with proceeds distributed per Conference standing rules.

And, be it further resolved, that the historic records, membership records, legal papers, official signage, and sacred objects be turned over to the Memphis Annual Conference who will transfer them for permanent safe keeping to the Commission on Archives and History of the Memphis Annual Conference.

And, be it further resolved, that any remaining members of New Generation Empowerment Center at Calvary Longview United Methodist Church on the roll after June 30, 2018 be encouraged to transfer their membership to other United Methodist Churches or local church of choice.

Rev. Dr. Deborah B. Smith, District Superintendent, Metro District UMC

Resolution for Discontinuance of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church

Whereas the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church located in Calloway County, KY has dropped below a sustainable membership; and

Whereas Lynn Grove United Methodist Church is no longer able to fulfill the mission of the United Methodist Church or the mission of the Memphis Annual Conference; and

Whereas the membership of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church passed a resolution to discontinue as a United Methodist Church at a called church conference on April 29, 2018; and

Whereas the District Superintendent of the Purchase District has recommended discontinuance of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church: and

Whereas the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and all disciplinary requirements have been fulfilled;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church be discontinued effective May 31, 2018 and the disposition of the property be at the discretion of the Memphis Conference Trustees and the remaining members shall be transferred to a church of their choice.

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Martin, District Superintendent, Purchase District UMC

Resolution for Discontinuance of Spirit of Truth UMC

Whereas, the active membership Spirit of Truth United Methodist Church has reached a point of decline where the congregation has a membership of four and can no longer sustain an active, vital ministry of worship and service, and

Whereas, the current pastor, in consultation with the District Superintendent, and the Memphis Conference Strategist for Strengthening Black Churches, affirmed details for discontinuing ministry, and

Whereas, the legal opinion of legal counsel, to wit: Kevin Floyd, Chancellor of the Memphis Annual Conference, has been obtained and that no reversion, possibility of reverter, right of reacquisition, or similar restrictions to the benefit of any party exist for the Spirit of Truth United Methodist Church property, and

Whereas, the Metro District Committee on Buildings, Locations and Church Extension has given attention and affirmation to the opinion that no other uses or needs for said building and property for any other United Methodist or pan Methodist organizations or ministries are needed for the specific area that cannot be covered by neighboring churches,

Therefore, be it resolved that by action of the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 3-5th, 2018 the ministry of Spirit of Truth United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2018,

And be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Memphis Annual Conference shall take title and possession of this property by virtue of this resolution, and shall dispose of said property in accordance with Conference Policy with proceeds distributed per Conference standing rules.

And, be it further resolved, that the historic records, membership records, legal papers, official signage, and sacred objects be turned over to the Memphis Annual Conference who will transfer them for permanent safe keeping to the Commission on Archives and History of the Memphis Annual Conference.

And, be it further resolved, that any remaining members of Spirit of Truth United Methodist Church on the roll after June 30, 2018 be encouraged to transfer their membership to other United Methodist Churches or local church of choice.

Rev. Dr. Deborah B. Smith, District Superintendent, Metro District UMC

Resolution for Discontinuance of Temple Hill UMC as a United Methodist Congregation

Whereas the Charge Conference of Temple Hill United Methodist Church at a called meeting September 24, 2017 voted to discontinue as a United Methodist Congregation in order to become Temple Hill Community Church and seek the consent of the Memphis Annual Conference of the same; and

Whereas the church property shall be dispersed as directed by the deed of the Temple Hill Methodist Church filed with Calloway County, Kentucky and as directed by correspondence with the Purchase District Superintendent in a letter dated May 31, 2017; and

Whereas the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop and a majority of the district superintendents; and

Whereas all Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Temple Hill United Methodist Church, in the Purchase District, Memphis Annual Conference, be discontinued as a United Methodist congregation effective September 24, 2017.

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Martin, District Superintendent, Purchase District UMC