

CHARGE LINE CHANGES – MERGERS & DISCONTINUANCES

Charge Line Changes

Metro District

NEED FROM HARRY re: Shiloh-Whiteville

Mississippi River District

Dissolve the Alamo First Charge and the Bells First-Cypress Charge and form the Alamo First-Cypress Charge and the Bells First Charge.

Dissolve the McCabe Charge and the Sharon-Freeman's Chapel Charge and form the McCabe-Freeman's Chapel Charge and the Sharon Charge.

Dissolve the Griffins Chapel Charge and the Rutherford-Salem (N.) Charge and form the Griffins Chapel-Salem (N.) Charge. (Rutherford closing)

Dissolve the Finley Charge and the Fowlkes-Sorrells-Palestine Charge and form the Finley-Fowlkes Charge and the Palestine-Sorrells Chapel Charge.

Dissolve the Gleason First-New Valley Charge and form the Gleason First Charge. (New Valley closing)

Dissolve the Whiteville-Mt. Pleasant Charge and form the Mt. Pleasant Charge (Whiteville UMC will be moved to the Metro District)

Rev. Kevin Conrad, District Superintendent

Purchase District

Whereas, Shiloh Church requested and was approved to be discontinued, the Oakton-Shiloh Charge is dissolved and the Oakton Charge is created.

Be It Resolved that the Corinth and Owens Chapel Charges be dissolved and that the Corinth-Owens Chapel Charge be established.

Be It Resolved that the Dexter Hardin and Palestine (Calloway) Charges be dissolved and that the Dexter Hardin-Palestine (Calloway) Charge be established.

Rev. Sky McCracken, District Superintendent

Tennessee River District

WHEREAS, the Tennessee River District charge lines were reviewed to determine the best way to provide the most effective pastoral leadership for every congregation in the district, full and part time, several charge line changes are needed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Decaturville First/Yellow Springs Ext Ministry and Parsons First/Oak Grove Ext Ministry Charges be dissolved and the following charges be established:

Decaturville/Parsons
Oak Grove/Yellow Springs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lebanon/Shiloh/Stantonville Charge, the Bethlehem/Crump/Hickory Flat Charge, and the New Hope Charge be dissolved and the following charges be established:

Lebanon/New Hope/Stantonville
Crump/Shiloh

Bethlehem/Hickory Flatt

Dr. Richard W. Clark, District Superintendent

Discontinuance

Mississippi River District

Discontinuance of New Valley United Methodist Church

Whereas, the New Valley 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 26, 2017, to approve details for discontinuing ministry, and will hold their final worship service on Sunday, June 18, 2017; 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 New Valley United Methodist Church property,

Therefore, be it resolved that by action of Charge Conference, April 26, 2017, and the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 4-6, 2017, the ministry of New Valley United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2017.

Be it further resolved that pursuant to paragraph 2540 of the 2016 *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, that the Chairperson of the Mississippi River District Trustees, along with one representative designated by the committee, be authorized and empowered to take the following actions:

- A.) Transfer and convey by title and/or deed all real assets of New Valley United Methodist Church to an available buyer, when a suitable buyer is available either **before or after the 2017 session of Annual Conference**;
- B.) Distribute proceeds from the sale of New Valley United Methodist Church in accordance to the standing rules of the Memphis Annual Conference after all 2016 and 2017 bills, apportionments and expenses are paid in full.

And, be it resolved that the deed, historic records, membership records, legal papers, official signage, and sacred objects be turned over to the Mississippi River District Superintendent who will transfer them for permanent safe keeping to the Mississippi River District and/or 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, 2017 will be transferred to Gleason First United Methodist Church.

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

Discontinuance of Rutherford United Methodist Church

Whereas, the Rutherford 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 22, 2017, to approve details for discontinuing ministry, and held their final worship service on Sunday, March 26th, 2017; 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 Rutherford United Methodist Church property,

Therefore, be it resolved that by action of Charge Conference, March 22, 2017, and the Memphis Annual Conference in session June 4-6, 2017, the ministry of Rutherford United Methodist Church be discontinued effective March 30, 2017, with the Chair of the Mississippi River District Trustees and one other representative of the committee designated to transact all remaining legal financial and/or obligations of the church.

Be it further resolved that pursuant to paragraph 2540 of the 2016 *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, that the Chairperson of the Mississippi River District Trustees, along with one representative designated by the committee, be authorized and empowered to take the following actions:

A.) Transfer and convey by title and/or deed all real assets of Rutherford United Methodist Church to an available buyer, when a suitable buyer is available either **before or after the 2017 session of Annual Conference**;

B.) Distribute proceeds from the sale of Rutherford United Methodist Church as follows (in accordance with the 2016 Book of Discipline, para. 2549):

1.) A ten percent title of the sale price as stipulated in the sale contract be designated for Reelfoot Rural Ministries (pursuant to para. 2549.7 in the 2016 Book of Discipline).

2.) The remaining amount from the sale of the property shall be designated by the Memphis Annual Conference Standing Rules, after all 2016 and 2017 bills, apportionments and expenses are paid in full.

c.) Transfer the one half portion of Rutherford United Methodist Church's ownership of the church parsonage at 111 Heritage Drive in Rutherford, Tennessee to Salem United Methodist Church, by July 30, 2017, with the understanding that all lease agreements for the use of the parsonage will be honored for one year.

And, be it resolved that the deed, historic records, membership records, legal papers, official signage, and sacred objects be turned over to the Mississippi River District Superintendent who will transfer them for permanent safe keeping to the Mississippi River District and/or 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, 2017 will be transferred to Salem United Methodist Church.

Rev. Kevin Conrad, District Superintendent

Purchase District

Discontinuance of Shiloh United Methodist Church

Whereas, the worshipping community known as Shiloh United Methodist Church in Hickman County, Kentucky in the Purchase District of the Memphis Conference has served faithfully in various church entities since 1843; and

Whereas, the active membership and church facilities have declined to the point that the congregation can no longer sustain its mission and ministry; and,

Whereas, at a worship service on February 5, 2017, the church membership chose to discontinue and hold their last worship service;

Therefore be it resolved that the Memphis Conference give thanks for the ministry of Shiloh United Methodist Church and declare the church discontinued effective February 5, 2017.

Be it further resolved that the assets and liabilities of the church be directed to the Purchase District, and the real, tangible and intangible property be directed to the Purchase District.

Rev. Sky McCracken, District Superintendent