DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF NORTH MERRITT ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of NORTH MERRITT ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (“North Merritt Island UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of North Merritt Island UMC, Rev. Gary A. Spencer, District Superintendent of the Atlantic Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“Atlantic Central District”) found that North Merritt Island UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Spencer reported his findings to the duly called charge conference of North Merritt Island UMC held on June 1, 2017 (the “Charge Conference”); and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the North Merritt Island UMC Charge Conference in attendance voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of North Merritt Island UMC and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of North Merritt Island UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of the trustees of North Merritt Island UMC or its corporate entity, NORTH MERRITT ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were executed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Gary A. Spencer, District Superintendent of the Atlantic Central District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) North Merritt Island UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and (ii) the memberships of North Merritt Island UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF PALM BAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of PALM BAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (“Palm Bay UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Palm Bay UMC, Rev. Gary A. Spencer, District Superintendent of the Atlantic Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“Atlantic Central District”) found that Palm Bay UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Spencer reported his findings to the duly called charge conference of Palm Bay UMC held on May 31, 2017 (the “Charge Conference”), and recommended to the Charge Conference that Palm Bay UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Palm Bay UMC Charge Conference in attendance voted against the closure and discontinuance of Palm Bay UMC; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Palm Bay UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the Atlantic Central District; and

WHEREAS, all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with and, notwithstanding the Charge Conference vote, Rev. Spencer recommends the closure and discontinuance of Palm Bay UMC pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Gary A. Spencer, District Superintendent of the Atlantic Central District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Palm Bay UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all of the real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Palm Bay UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of Palm Bay UMC, the Trustees of Palm Bay UMC, or its corporate entity, PALM BAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, shall immediately vest in THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and (ii) the memberships of Palm Bay UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF SHINGLE CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of SHINGLE CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Kissimmee, Florida ("Shingle Creek UMC") and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Shingle Creek UMC, Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bushong, District Superintendent of the East Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church ("East Central District") found that Shingle Creek UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bushong reported his findings to the duly called church conference of Shingle Creek UMC held on March 28, 2017 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Shingle Creek UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to First United Methodist Church, Kissimmee, Florida, or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Shingle Creek UMC in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Shingle Creek UMC as of May 28, 2017 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Shingle Creek UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of the trustees of Shingle Creek UMC or its corporate entity, Shingle Creek United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to Shingle Creek UMC for execution; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Shingle Creek UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the East Central District, and all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bushong, District Superintendent of the East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Shingle Creek UMC be declared formally closed pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of Shingle Creek UMC shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of Shingle Creek UMC be transferred to First United Methodist Church, Kissimmee, Florida, or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE
OF FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH OF CLEARWATER, Clearwater, Florida (“Friendship UMC”) and extensive
study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Friendship UMC,
Rev. Dr. Candace M. Lewis, District Superintendent of the Gulf Central District of the Florida Conference of
The United Methodist Church (“Gulf Central District”) found that Friendship UMC had struggled financially
for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The
United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis reported her findings to the duly called church conference of Friendship held
on December 15, 2016 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that
Friendship UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships
transferred to Sylvan Abbey UMC or Skycrest UMC (both of Clearwater, Florida), or to such other United
Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Friendship UMC in attendance at the Church Conference
voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Friendship UMC as of December 31, 2016 and (ii)
voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of
Friendship UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of the trustees of Friendship UMC
or its corporate entity, Friendship United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation
(collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United
Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the
Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to Friendship UMC for execution; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Friendship UMC has been granted by the
presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and
Building of the East Central District, and all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United
Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Dr. Candace M. Lewis, District Superintendent of the Gulf Central
District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Friendship UMC be declared formally closed pursuant
to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of
Friendship UMC shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of
Friendship UMC be transferred to Sylvan Abbey UMC or Skycrest UMC (both of Clearwater, Florida), or
to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF FORT McCoy UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of Fort McCoy United Methodist Church (“Fort McCoy UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Fort McCoy UMC, Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent of the North Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North Central District”) found that Fort McCoy UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Edwards reported her findings to the duly called charge conference of Fort McCoy UMC held on October 13, 2016 (the “Charge Conference”), and recommended to the Charge Conference that Fort McCoy UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Fort McCoy UMC Charge Conference in attendance voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Fort McCoy UMC as of October 13, 2016 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Fort McCoy UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the trustees of Fort McCoy UMC or its corporate entity, Fort McCoy United Methodist Church, Incorporated, a Florida not for profit corporation (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, the officers and trustees of Fort McCoy UMC executed and delivered appropriate documentation to transfer the Assets to the Conference Board of Trustees.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent of the North Central District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Fort McCoy UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and (ii) the memberships of Fort McCoy UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF ST. JOHN’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ALACHUA, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of St. John’s United Methodist Church, Alachua, Florida (“St. John’s UMC-Alachua”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of St. John’s UMC-Alachua, Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent of the North Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North Central District”) found that St. John’s UMC-Alachua had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue St. John’s UMC-Alachua has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the North Central District; and

WHEREAS, all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with and Rev. Edwards recommends the closure and discontinuance of St. John’s UMC-Alachua pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent of the North Central District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) St. John’s UMC-Alachua be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, effective as of June 30, 2017, whereupon title to all the real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of St. John’s UMC-Alachua, however titled, shall immediately vest in THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and (ii) the memberships of St. John’s UMC-Alachua be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Jacksonville, Florida (“Asbury UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Asbury UMC, Rev. James J. Therrell, Jr. District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”) found that Asbury UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Asbury UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the North East District; and

WHEREAS, all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with and Rev. Therrell recommends the closure and discontinuance of Asbury UMC pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Asbury UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of Asbury UMC shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of Asbury UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF BOWDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the congregation of BOWDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH formerly known as Bowden Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida (“Bowden UMC”) ceased operating as a United Methodist church in June of 2010, and the local church property of Bowden UMC is no longer used, kept, or maintained by the membership of Bowden UMC as a place of divine worship of The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, there is no congregation of Bowden UMC to be guided in an assessment of its potential as outlined in ¶213 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”); and

WHEREAS, all applicable proper requirements of The Book of Discipline have been complied with and Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”) recommends the formal closure and discontinuance of Bowden UMC pursuant to ¶2549.1 and ¶2549.2 of The Book of Discipline; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Bowden UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the North East District.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Bowden UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to ¶2549.1 and ¶2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Bowden UMC, however titled, shall immediately vest in THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF GLYNLEA GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of GLYNLEA GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Jacksonville, Florida (“Glynlea Grace UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Glynlea Grace UMC, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”) found that Glynlea Grace UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Therrell reported his findings to the duly called charge conference of Glynlea Grace UMC held on March 26, 2017 (the “Charge Conference”), and recommended to the Charge Conference that Glynlea Grace UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Glynlea Grace UMC Charge Conference in attendance voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Glynlea Grace UMC and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Glynlea Grace UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of the trustees of Glynlea Grace UMC or its corporate entity, Glynlea Grace United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (collectively, the “Assets”) to THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to Glynlea Grace UMC for execution, but such documentation has not been signed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Glynlea Grace UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the North East District, and all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Glynlea Grace UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of Glynlea Grace UMC shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of Glynlea Grace UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE AND DISCONTINUANCE OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE BUTLER

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of First United Methodist Church of Lake Butler (“First UMC of Lake Butler”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of First UMC of Lake Butler, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”) found that First UMC of Lake Butler had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Therrell reported his findings to the duly called church conference of First UMC of Lake Butler held on September 26, 2016 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that First UMC of Lake Butler be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to First United Methodist Church of Starke or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of First UMC of Lake Butler in attendance at the church conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of First UMC of Lake Butler as of December 31, 2016 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of First UMC of Lake Butler, however titled (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to First UMC of Lake Butler for execution, but such documentation has not been signed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue First UMC of Lake Butler has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the North East District, and all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) First UMC of Lake Butler be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of First UMC of Lake Butler shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of First UMC of Lake Butler be transferred to First United Methodist Church of Starke or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE
OF MT. MORIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida (“Mt. Moriah UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Mt. Moriah UMC, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”) found that Mt. Moriah UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Therrell reported his findings to the duly called charge conference of Mt. Moriah UMC held on November 7, 2016 (the “Charge Conference”), and recommended to the Charge Conference that Mt. Moriah UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Mt. Moriah UMC Charge Conference in attendance voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Mt. Moriah UMC as of January 29, 2017 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Mt. Moriah UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of the trustees of Mt. Moriah UMC or its corporate entity, Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to Mt. Moriah UMC for execution, but such documentation has not been signed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Mt. Moriah UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the North East District, and all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) Mt. Moriah UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of Mt. Moriah UMC shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of Mt. Moriah UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE
OF TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of Trinity United Methodist Church, St. Augustine, Florida (“Trinity UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Trinity UMC, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”) found that Trinity UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Therrell reported his findings to the duly called church conference of Trinity UMC held on December 4, 2016 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Trinity UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Trinity UMC in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Trinity UMC, and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Trinity UMC, however titled (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”) pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”);

WHEREAS, the trustees of Trinity UMC executed and delivered appropriate documentation to transfer the Assets to the Conference Board of Trustees.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. James J Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, move that Trinity UMC be formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline, and that the memberships of Trinity UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF
BAYSHORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TAMPA

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of ¶2549.3.b) of The Book of Discipline of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”), the District Board of Church Location and Building of the South Central District (“District Board”), the Presiding Bishop of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“Florida Conference”), and a majority of the District Superintendents of the Florida Conference (“District Superintendents”) found, consented and declared that exigent circumstances existed as of March 12, 2017 which required immediate protection of the property and assets of Bayshore United Methodist Church of Tampa (“Bayshore UMC”), however titled, including without limitation, in the name of Bayshore UMC or its corporate entity, BAYSHORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TAMPA, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, for the benefit of The United Methodist Church denomination; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2549.3.b) of The Book of Discipline title to all of the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Bayshore UMC, however titled, vested in THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, for the benefit of the Florida Conference, effective as of May 8, 2017, the date when the last one of the District Board, the Presiding and a majority of the District Superintendents gave the consent and declaration required by ¶2549.3.b) (“Effective Date”).

THEREFORE, I, Dr. Walter E. Monroe, Jr., District Superintendent of the South Central District of the Florida Conference, move that Bayshore UMC be formally closed and that the memberships of Bayshore UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF LAKEWOOD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of Lakewood Park United Methodist Church of Lakeland, Florida ("Lakewood Park UMC") and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Lakewood Park UMC, Dr. Walter E. Monroe, Jr., District Superintendent of the South Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church ("South Central District") found that Lakewood Park UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Monroe reported his findings to the duly called charge conference of Lakewood Park UMC held on April 4, 2017 (the "Charge Conference"), and recommended to the Charge Conference that Lakewood Park UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to College Heights United Methodist Church or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select, and further confirmed his intent to report his findings and recommendations to the District Board of Church Location and Building of the South Central District, the Presiding Bishop of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, and the District Superintendents of the Florida Conference for action under the provisions of if 2549.3.b of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church ("The Book of Discipline"); and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Lakewood Park UMC in attendance at the Charge Conference voted to voluntarily transfer title to all real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Lakewood Park UMC, however titled (collectively, the "Assets"), to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation ("Conference Board of Trustees"), pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline, whereupon, the required officers and trustees of Lakewood Park UMC executed and delivered appropriate documentation to transfer the Assets to the Conference Board of Trustees effective as of April 4, 2017.

THEREFORE, I, Dr. Walter E. Monroe, Jr., District Superintendent of the South Central District of the Florida Conference, move that Lakewood Park UMC be formally closed pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline, and that the memberships of Lakewood Park UMC be transferred to College Heights United Methodist Church or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of Trinity United Methodist Church of Plant City, Florida ("Trinity UMC") and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of Trinity UMC, Dr. Walter E. Monroe, Jr., District Superintendent of the South Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church ("South Central District") found that Trinity UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Monroe reported his findings to the duly called charge conference of Trinity UMC held on April 18, 2017 (the "Charge Conference"), and recommended to the Charge Conference that Trinity UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to Grace United Methodist Church of Plant City or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select, and further confirmed his intent to report his findings and recommendations to the District Board of Church Location and Building of the South Central District, the Presiding Bishop of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, and the District Superintendents of the Florida Conference for action under the provisions of 2549.3.b of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church ("The Book of Discipline"); and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Trinity UMC in attendance at the Charge Conference voted to voluntarily transfer title to all real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Trinity UMC, however titled (collectively, the "Assets"), to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation ("Conference Board of Trustees"), pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline, whereupon, the required officers and trustees of Trinity UMC executed and delivered appropriate documentation to transfer the Assets to the Conference Board of Trustees effective as of April 18, 2017.

THEREFORE, I, Dr. Walter E. Monroe, Jr., District Superintendent of the South Central District of the Florida Conference, move that Trinity UMC be formally closed pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of The Book of Discipline, and that the memberships of Trinity UMC be transferred to Grace United Methodist Church of Plant City or to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH MIAMI

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of First United Methodist Church of South Miami, Miami, Florida (“South Miami UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential financial condition and ministry of South Miami UMC, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems, District Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“South East District”) found that South Miami UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Weems reported her findings to the duly called charge conference of South Miami UMC held on October 16, 2016 (the “Charge Conference”), and recommended to the Charge Conference that South Miami UMC be closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation and its memberships transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the South Miami UMC Charge Conference in attendance voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of South Miami UMC as of June 30, 2017 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of South Miami UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of the trustees of South Miami UMC or its corporate entity, The First United Methodist Church of South Miami, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (collectively, the “Assets”) to The Board of Trustees of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Conference Board of Trustees”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to South Miami UMC for execution, but such documentation has not yet been signed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue South Miami UMC has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the South East District, and all proper requirements of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (“The Book of Discipline”) have been complied with.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems, District Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference, move that (i) South Miami UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued effective as of June 30, 2017 pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of The Book of Discipline, whereupon title to all the Assets of South Miami UMC shall immediately vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of South Miami UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.