

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA (“Trinity UMC, Winter Haven”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven, the undersigned, Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bushong, District Superintendent of the East Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, found that Trinity UMC, Winter Haven was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and no longer served the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned reported his findings to a duly called church conference of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven held on March 28, 2018 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Trinity UMC, Winter Haven be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven as of April 29, 2018 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all of the property and assets of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven, however titled, including without limitation, in the name of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven, the Trustees of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven, or its corporate entity, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OF WINTER HAVEN, 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 the trustees of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven executed and delivered documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees pursuant to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (“The Book of Discipline”).

THEREFORE, the undersigned, Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bushong, District Superintendent of the East Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, moves that (i) Trinity UMC, Winter Haven be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline* and (ii) the memberships of Trinity UMC, Winter Haven be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.

Dated June 5, 2018.

Submitted by:

Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bushong, District Superintendent