

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE
OF DRUID HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent of the North Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North Central District”), has previously guided the congregation of DRUID HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH formerly known as DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH (“Druid Hills UMC”), currently located at 1712 S. E. Lake Weir Avenue, Marion County, Ocala, Florida, in an assessment of its potential as outlined in Section 213 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (“The Book of Discipline”), and

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of Druid Hills UMC, and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Druid Hills UMC, the undersigned found that Druid Hills UMC 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 her findings to a duly called church conference of Druid Hills UMC held on April 18, 2018 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Druid Hills UMC be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation; however, a majority of the members in attendance voted against the voluntary closure and discontinuance of Druid Hills UMC; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Druid Hills 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 Central District; and

WHEREAS, all proper requirements of *The Book of Discipline* have been complied with and, notwithstanding the Church Conference vote not to voluntarily close and discontinue Druid Hills UMC, the undersigned recommends the closure and discontinuance of Druid Hills UMC pursuant to Section 2549.1 and Section 2549.2 of *The Book of Discipline*.

THEREFORE, the undersigned, Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent of the North Central District of the Florida Conference, moves that (i) Druid Hills 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 Druid Hills UMC, however titled, including but not limited to in the name of Druid Hills UMC, the Trustees of Druid Hills UMC, or its corporate entity, DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, also known as Druid Hills United Methodist Church, Inc., 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, pursuant to Section 2549.2.b) of *The Book of Discipline* and (ii) the memberships of Druid Hills UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.

Dated the June 5, 2018.

Submitted by:

Rev. June P. Edwards, District Superintendent