

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF
COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE COMO**

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE COMO known as COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH (“Community UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Community UMC, the undersigned Rev. James J. Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, found that Community 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 his findings to a duly called church conference of Community UMC held May 10, 2018 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Community UMC be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Community UMC in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Community UMC as of June 30, 2018 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all of the property and assets of Community UMC, however titled, including without limitation, in the name of Community United Methodist Church, Community Methodist Church or the Trustees of Community UMC, Community United Methodist Church of Lake Como, Inc. (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”);

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Community 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, the undersigned, Rev. James J. Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference, moves that (i) that Community UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline*, whereupon title to all of the Assets shall vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) that the memberships of Community UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.

Dated June 5, 2018.

Submitted by:

Rev. James J. Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent