

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

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of FRANKLINTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FERNANDINA BEACH known as FRANKLINTOWN METHODIST CHURCH (“Franklinton UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Franklinton 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 Franklinton 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 at several church meetings (the “Church Conference”), and recommended that Franklinton UMC be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Franklinton UMC agree to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Franklinton UMC as of June 30, 2018 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all of the property and assets of Franklinton UMC, however titled, including without limitation, in the name of Franklinton United Methodist Church, Franklinton Methodist Church or the Trustees of Franklinton UMC (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 Franklinton 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 Franklinton 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 Franklinton 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