

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

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of INMAN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH formerly known as INMAN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH (“Inman Memorial UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Inman Memorial 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 Inman Memorial 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 Inman Memorial UMC held on May ____, 2018 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Inman Memorial UMC be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Inman Memorial UMC in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Inman Memorial UMC as of May ____, 2018 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all of the property and assets of Inman Memorial UMC, however titled, including without limitation, in the name of Inman Memorial United Methodist Church, Inman Memorial Methodist Church or the Trustees of Inman Memorial 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”); and a deed and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were prepared and delivered to Inman Memorial UMC for execution; and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Inman Memorial 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 Inman Memorial 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 Inman Memorial 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