

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF
IGLESIA CRISTIANA “JUAN WESLEY” METHODISTA UNIDA**

WHEREAS, Iglesia Cristiana UMC was originally formed in 1979 as IGLESIA CRISTIANA “JUAN WESLEY”, a non-United Methodist Church congregation, and joined The United Methodist Church in 1991, changing its name to IGLESIA CRISTIANA “JUAN WESLEY” METHODISTA UNIDA;

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of IGLESIA CRISTIANA “JUAN WESLEY” METHODISTA UNIDA (“Juan Wesley UMC”) and study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Iglesia Cristiana UMC the undersigned, Rev. Dr. Cynthia D. Weems, District Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, found that Juan Wesley 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, a majority of the members of Juan Wesley UMC in attendance at a church conference voted to approve the closure and discontinuance of Juan Wesley UMC as a United Methodist Church as of June 1, 2018 and thereafter changed the name of its corporate entity back to IGLESIA CRISTIANA “JUAN WESLEY”, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation and a non-United Methodist Church congregation (“Iglesia Cristiana Juan Wesley”), and further requested that title to all of the property and assets of Iglesia Cristiana Juan Wesley UMC (the “Assets”) be vested in Iglesia Cristiana Juan Wesley and discharged from the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church pursuant to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (“The Book of Discipline”); and

WHEREAS, the consent to close and discontinue Juan Wesley UMC as a United Methodist Church congregation and to the release and discharge of the Assets from the Trust Clause, has been granted by the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the District Board of Church Location and Building of the South East District;

THEREFORE, the undersigned, Rev. Dr. Cynthia D. Weems, District Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, moves that (i) Iglesia Cristiana Juan Wesley UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation pursuant to Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline* and (ii) the memberships of Iglesia Cristiana Juan Wesley UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select and (iii) the release and discharge of the Assets from the Trust Clause be confirmed and ratified in all respects.

Dated June 5, 2018.

Submitted by:

Rev. Dr. Cynthia D. Weems, District Superintendent