

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

WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of DINSMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (“Dinsmore UMC”) and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Dinsmore UMC, the undersigned Rev. Dr. James J. Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“North East District”), found that Dinsmore 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 Dinsmore UMC held December 16, 2018 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Dinsmore UMC be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation as of June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Dinsmore UMC in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Dinsmore UMC as of June 30, 2019 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all of the real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Dinsmore UMC, however titled, including without limitation, in the name of its corporate entity, DINSMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (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, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets in the Conference Board of Trustees were executed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Dr. James J. Therrell, Jr., District Superintendent of the North East District, move that (i) Dinsmore UMC be declared formally closed and discontinued pursuant to Section 2549.3.a) of *The Book of Discipline*, whereupon title to any Assets not previously conveyed shall vest in the Conference Board of Trustees, and (ii) the memberships of Dinsmore UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.

Submitted by:

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