

## **STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.**

### **PREAMBLE**

The United Methodist Church has a history of Christian responsibility for service to people through the arm of its social welfare agencies, as evidenced in the ministry of this Home.

Since its founding in 1908 by the Florida Methodist Conference, three central values have driven this ministry:

1. God in Jesus Christ proclaims that every human being is of infinite value in God's sight; and therefore, those who know God respect the value of every person.
2. It is the plan of God's creation that human life come forth and receive nurture in families.
3. Children need an atmosphere of love, acceptance, and guidance, that they may come to know God's purpose and joy.

Out of these values arise our mission and the cooperative ministry between this Home and the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### **FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowering children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through (w)holistic care.

### **VALUES**

**Family** – We value relationships and therefore, we seek to provide a safe family oriented environment that promotes positive change.

**Unconditional Love** – We love, accept and value everyone unconditionally as unique creations of God.

**Making Disciples** – We create opportunities for children, youth and families to encounter Jesus Christ in a way that inspires a committed life of faith, love of neighbor, and a desire to welcome others into the body of Christ.

**Christ Centered** – We believe in Jesus Christ, who ministers to all so that each may come to know the restorative power in the reconciling love of God.

**(W)Holistic Healing** – In the services we provide, we consider the whole person, (mental, emotional, physical and spiritual) in our efforts to bring about healing.

## **PROGRAM STATEMENT**

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc., an agency of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, provides Christian nurture to troubled and/or dependent children, youth, and their families through a variety of ministries. Such facilities and programs include family life education, counseling, child and family advocacy programs, spiritual life programs, music, health and physical fitness, education, vocational, foster family services, career development, a nonprofit community mental health provider offering trauma-focused services to children and families, an Early Childhood Education and Development Program designed to serve families, independent living, higher education, and other therapeutic activities, to the end that the worth of the individual shall be affirmed, families shall be assured, and God shall be worshipped and served in our time.

## **STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP**

"Here we propose, by the help of God and the cooperation of all good people, to found a noble institution for the relief, education and training of destitute, fatherless and motherless children, who may look to us for help." (From 1908 Journal Florida Annual Conference). Thus began the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. With the creation of The United Methodist Church, in union with the Sarah Hunt Home, came the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc., whose not-for-profit 501©(3) corporate office is located at 51 Children's Way, Enterprise, (Volusia County) Florida.

With such a heritage blessed by God, and faithfully supported by God's people, we now seek to clarify and strengthen the relationship between the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc. and the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

### **The Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church agrees to:**

1. receive nominations and elect members to the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, in keeping with the charter and by-laws of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home;
2. continue to provide benevolent support to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home through channels such as the Fifth Sunday and Christmas offerings, encouraging its people to make special gifts, and be supportive of the Home's programs of planned giving;

3. make available opportunities and resources for financial support, in keeping with the policies of the Council on Finance and Administration and in offering Florida United Methodist Foundation, Inc. assistance with planned giving;
4. permit the Florida United Methodist Children's Home to use elements of the name and logo of The United Methodist Church and/or the Annual Conference, including a reference to the relationship;
5. cooperate with the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in furthering the promotion and interpretation of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home's mission and programs;
6. communicate with the Florida United Methodist Children's Home any changes in the rules and actions of the Annual Conference and of the General Conference which may affect the Florida United Methodist Children's Home;
7. receive an annual audited financial report from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home;
8. maintain for its own benefit liability insurance against direct human service liability.

**The Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc., agrees to:**

1. continue its tradition of offering quality services to children, youth, and families, to develop innovative concepts to help with their changing needs with guidance from the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church;
2. submit an annual audited financial report to the Annual Conference;
3. advise the Annual Conference of any major changes in program or direction;
4. follow guidelines as approved by the Annual Conference, in matters of funding;
5. maintain membership in the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries;
6. maintain EAGLE accreditation as an independent affirmation of a quality, faith-based ministry;
7. submit to the Annual Conference for approval any changes in the Florida United Methodist Children's Home's Articles of Incorporation;
8. furnish an annual report to the Annual Conference;
9. provide ex-officio membership on the Board of Trustees for the following: the Bishop of the Florida Annual Conference; the District Superintendents of the districts in which the campuses of the Children's Home are located,
10. maintain for its own benefit liability insurance against direct human service liability.

Neither the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc., nor the Annual Conference, accepts any legal or financial responsibility for the operations of the other. The Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc. and the Annual Conference mutually agree to hold each other harmless for any liabilities arising out of their relationship.

This Statement of Relationship shall be subject to review and amendment at least once during each quadrennium.

By action of the Board of Trustees of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Inc., meeting on March 10, 2020.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scott Davidson, Board Chair

By action of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meeting in session in Lakeland, Florida, June 4-6, 2020.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.