

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT’S MOTION TO  
THE FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FOR FORMAL CLOSURE OF  
PINE RIDGE FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
DELTONA, FLORIDA**

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WHEREAS, after numerous discussions with the leadership of PINE RIDGE FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (“Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC”), and extensive study and evaluation of the past, present and potential ministry and financial condition of Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC, Rev. Dr. Bob Bushong, District Superintendent of the East Central District of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church (“East Central District”), found that Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC had struggled financially for some time and was no longer a vital, viable or self-sustaining congregation able to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church and the purposes for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bushong, reported his finding to a duly called church conference of Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC held on May 5, 2021 (the “Church Conference”), and recommended to the Church Conference that Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC be voluntarily closed and discontinued as a United Methodist Church congregation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC in attendance at the Church Conference voted to (i) approve the closure and discontinuance of Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC as of May 5, 2021 and (ii) voluntarily transfer title to all real, personal, tangible and intangible property and assets of Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC , however titled, including without limitation, in the name PINE RIDGE FELLOWSHIP 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”) pursuant to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (“The Book of Discipline”); and

WHEREAS, deeds and other documentation necessary to transfer and vest title to the Assets of the Conference Board of Trustees were executed and delivered to the Conference Board of Trustees.

THEREFORE, I, Rev. Dr. Bob Bushong, District Superintendent of the East Central District, move that (i) Pine Ridge Fellowship 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 Pine Ridge Fellowship UMC be transferred to such other United Methodist congregations as the members may select.

Submitted by:

Rev. Dr. Bob Bushong, District Superintendent