

Report of the Alabama-West Florida Cabinet
June 10, 2025

Closure Resolutions

WHEREAS the **Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church** (15199), located in Choctaw County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church** (12300), located in Hale County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church** (12290), located in Hale County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **Ramey's Chapel United Methodist Church** (12380), located in Hale County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Ramey's Chapel United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ramey's Chapel United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Ramey's Chapel United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **Liberty United Methodist Church** (12235), located in Hale County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Liberty United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Liberty United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Liberty United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church** (12365), located in Hale County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **China Grove United Methodist Church** (12080), located in Hale County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the China Grove United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that China Grove United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of China Grove United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees, who shall transfer the property to the cemetery association.

WHEREAS the **Morris Chapel United Methodist Church** (26260), located in Lee County, Alabama, has had a long and proud history and has been declining in membership and attendance for years;

and WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended closing the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church and recommended transfer of membership to the church of their choice;

and WHEREAS the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of district superintendents, and the district board of church location and building, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.2.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Morris Chapel United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025, and that all real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Morris Chapel United Methodist Church immediately shall vest in the annual conference board of trustees.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Irvington United Methodist Church** (35155), located in Mobile County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Irvington United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on November 11, 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Irvington United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Aldersgate United Methodist Church** (16015), located in Montgomery County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Aldersgate United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Aldersgate United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Minerva Memorial United Methodist Church** (35180), located in Washington County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Minerva Memorial United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minerva Memorial United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Center Ridge United Methodist Church** (23060), located in Geneva County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Center Ridge United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Center Ridge United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Sardis United Methodist Church** (23350), located in Geneva County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Sardis United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sardis United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Trinity Weoka United Methodist Church** (17485), located in Elmore County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Trinity Weoka United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trinity Weoka United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Epworth United Methodist Church** (23137), located in Barbour County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Epworth United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Epworth United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Greenville First United Methodist Church** (17175), located in Butler County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Greenville First United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 15, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville First United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Trinity United Methodist Church** (26455), located in Russell County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Trinity United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trinity United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Williams Chapel United Methodist Church** (26515), located in Pike County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Williams Chapel United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Williams Chapel United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Guy's Chapel United Methodist Church** (31155), located in Baldwin County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Guy's Chapel United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Guy's Chapel United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Flomaton United Methodist Church** (31125), located in Escambia County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Flomaton United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on January 7, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Flomaton United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Memorial United Methodist Church** (31235), located in Covington County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Memorial United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on March 26, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Memorial United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **McRae Street United Methodist Church** (31225), located in Escambia County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of McRae Street United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on April 23, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that McRae Steet United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Fitzpatrick United Methodist Church** (26150), located in Bullock County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Fitzpatrick United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on May 22, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fitzpatrick United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Loachapoka United Methodist Church** (26240), located in Lee County, Alabama, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Loachapoka United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on May 22, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Loachapoka United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the presiding bishop, the majority of the district superintendents, and the appropriate district board of locations and building declared, in their sole discretion, that exigent circumstances existed at **Friendship United Methodist Church** (24135), located in Jackson County, Florida, that required immediate protection of the local church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with Paragraph 2549.4.b of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline*;

and WHEREAS title to all the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Friendship United Methodist Church immediately vested in the annual conference board of trustees on May 22, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Friendship United Methodist Church be closed effective June 10, 2025.

Charge Lines Changes

- The Georgiana-Oak Grove Charge in the West Central District is dissolved, and both churches become station churches.
- With the closing of Loachapoka UMC, the Armstrong/Loachapoka Charge in the Southeast District is dissolved, and Armstrong becomes a station church.
- With the closing of Morris Chapel, The Lee Circuit in the Southeast District continues and consists of Hopewell and Pierce Chapel.
- With the closing of Flomaton UMC, the Flomaton/Baggett's Chapel Charge in the Southwest District is dissolved and Baggett's Chapel becomes a station church.
- With the closing of Irvington UMC, the Theodore/ Irvington Charge in the Southwest District is dissolved and Theodore becomes a station church.